BEFORE ORIENTATION DAY

Checklist:

_____ **Become familiar with Testudo** (testudo.umd.edu), specifically the Registration (Drop/Add) page. This is the page you will be using to add your Fall 2020 course to your schedule. There is a helpful Drop/Add and Waitlist How-to video tutorial available (upper right hand side of page after you log in).

_____ **ENSP Homepage** – read all the links associated with "Advising:" http://www.ensp.umd.edu/advising. This will give you an overview of your academic responsibilities.

_____ Take the **Math Placement Exam** – Everyone EXCEPT for students who have completed Calculus either via AP exam OR at another college MUST take the Math Placement Exam. If it's been awhile since you've taken a Math course, use some of the materials on the link provided to do some basic review, prepare for, and take the exam: http://www-math.umd.edu/placement-test-information.html

_____ Please spend time exploring possible **areas of concentration** http://www.ensp.umd.edu/concentrations , their related careers http://www.ensp.umd.edu/careers/what-can-i-do-ensp-degree , and what ENSP alumni have done who majored in this concentration: http://www.ensp.umd.edu/careers/ensp-alumni-careers Which concentration(s) interest you the most? Our goal in advising will be to help you explore your interests and choose courses that keep your options open while deciding.

_____ Note each concentration requires slightly different kinds and numbers of **Calculus** courses. Find the "Math Tracks" link here: http://ensp.umd.edu/advising/advising-policies/benchmarks. Plan to take Math every semester until you have completed the requirements in your concentration.

_____ Learn about **Benchmarks**. It's important to get Math squared away soon, because success in many lab sciences depends on Math. https://ensp.umd.edu/advising/ensp-benchmark-requirements

_____ Pick a "**Directory ID**" and password, then activate your UMD e-mail account: http://www.it.umd.edu/new/student.html Once you have a "Directory ID" and password, you will be able to access the many academic features on TESTUDO: http://www.testudo.umd.edu/

_____ To determine which of your courses (including AP credits) came in as which Maryland courses, you can print your "UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT" here: http://www.testudo.umd.edu/ (see right-hand column, gray box).

_____ You should also see your **AP credits** and/or transfer courses, how many credits have been posted, and whether/not there is an exact equivalent at Maryland. http://www.transfercredit.umd.edu/plc.html

_____ If your AP scores or last semester's courses at your other transfer institution have not yet been reported, **please write a list of the AP exams you've taken (or transfer courses missing) so we may reference that during Orientation.** We will avoid signing up for any courses that you may have earned.

_____ Light-blue letters on your transcript show which **General Education requirements** your previous coursework has completed. GenEd requirements are explained here: http://www.gened.umd.edu/for-students/student_gened.html

_____ If you are coming from an **out-of-state university**, please bring a course catalog, syllabi, and/or a list of links to course descriptions with you to Orientation.

_____ Print the attached "**Picking Classes**" worksheet to pick 6-8 possible classes, according to your University requirements, academic interests (possible concentrations) and previous coursework.

_____ You can **check times/days of intended classes** here: https://app.testudo.umd.edu/soc/ If lots of classes look closed, check back again the night before Orientation… often, many class sections will be re-opened for Orientation.

_____ Double-check the **instructions** given by the Orientation Office about the day of Orientation; did you forget anything? http://www.orientation.umd.edu/

_____ Complete the attached **ENSP New Student Survey**

_____ Finally, figure out where you're going to **park** and give yourself at least an extra half-hour to find your way to campus and a parking spot.

AFTER YOU READ ALL THAT – LIST YOUR QUESTIONS FOR ME!

If you have changed your mind about ENSP – it's OK, it happens :) - try to learn as much as you can about your new major here: http://www.umd.edu/acad_dir.cfm I am very comfortable helping students get settled on campus, and we'll still make sure you get a good class schedule.

Many thanks in advance for your hard work to help us get off on the right foot! I look forward to meeting each of you personally.