Checklist for New Graduate Students in the Department of Food Science and Technology

Before you arrive on campus:

___ Notify the department of your intention to attend UGA.
Dr. Koushik Adhikari, Graduate Coordinator
(770) 412-4736 or e-mail: koushik7@uga.edu

___ Set up your UGA MyID and UGAMail password and profile. Your UGA MyID is a unique username assigned for you to access many University services, including applying for housing and registering for classes and orientation. When you applied to UGA, you should have received an important email titled “UGA Account Information — Please Keep,” which contains information about your UGA MyID. If you haven’t already done so, click on the link in that email to set up your MyID password and create your MyID profile. You must complete your MyID profile before you can access your UGAMail. If the link in the email you received has expired, or you haven’t received this email, please check your spam folder or contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106.

___ Make housing arrangements.
   ___ For off-campus housing:
   http://flagpole.com/
   Athens Apartment Guide
   https://www.rentathens.com/
   ___ For on-campus family housing contact:
   Family and Graduate Housing Office
   (706) 542-1421 email: housing@uga.edu

___ Contact parking services for parking permits, if needed - https://tps.uga.edu/parking or call (706)-542-7275.

___ International students - contact Office of Global Engagement concerning status of student visa and I-20 forms https://globalengagement.uga.edu/international-students or call (706) 542-2900.

___ International students should visit the website of International Student Life (https://isl.uga.edu/) for information that would facilitate a smooth transition. E-mail isl@uga.edu Tel: (706) 542-5867.

___ Review UGA bulletin for list of food science (FDST) courses available. Students with a major professor should confer with that person for suggested courses. If you do not have a major professor yet, Dr. Harrison will assist you in selecting courses for the first semester.

When you arrive:

___ Check-in with Ms. Karen Simmons (Rm 206, Food Science Bldg.).

___ Attend the Graduate School Orientation – notices should be sent by the Graduate School prior to your arrival.
____ Attend the departmental Graduate Student Orientation which is typically held a few days before the start of Fall semester.

____ International students – check with Office of Global Engagement about requirements for incoming international students. The Global Engagement Building is located at 1324 S. Lumpkin St., Athens.

____ International students should visit University Health Center if vaccinations are needed.

____ If on assistantship:
  o See Jessica Davis (Rm 211, Food Science Bldg, Athens) if working for an Athens faculty member.
  o See or contact Donna Brown (Rm 198, Melton Bldg., Griffin) or Brenda Banister (Rm 188, Melton Bldg., Griffin) if working for a Griffin faculty member.
  o Must also complete employee training/orientation online – ask Jessica Davis for website.

____ Meet with major professor or Dr. Adhikari for academic advisement.

____ Complete online course registration form at https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_898eJNNPvCYElfl and submit to your major professor or Dr. Adhikari for approval. Once the approval has been submitted by the major professor, Karen Simmons will remove the advisement hold in Athena, and you’ll be able to register if no other holds exist. Use UGA email addresses to complete the form.

____ Register for courses through Athena.

____ Get a UGACard at Tate Student Center. The UGACard is the official University of Georgia identification card for students, faculty, staff, official campus visitors, and their dependents. The UGACard is your key to accessing many facilities and services throughout campus. You must be registered for the semester in order to purchase and use the UGACard.

____ Pay fees (student activity, transportation, other fees) in Athena. Fees may be paid by automatic payroll deduction if on assistantship, by credit/debit card online through the UGA Student Account System or in person at the Bursar’s Office on 424 E Broad St (https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/) or call (706) 542-2965.

____ You will be added to the Food Science email listserv – Most notices and communications concerning the program are posted on the departmental email listserv.

Important Websites
- The Graduate School: https://grad.uga.edu/
- Graduate School Bulletin
- Academic calendar: http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/Bulletin_Files/Univ/calendar_Link.html
- Department of Food Science and Technology: https://foodscience.caes.uga.edu/
- City websites for general information –
  - Athens-Clarke County information: https://www.libs.uga.edu/athens/
  - Athens-Clarke County information: https://www.visitathensga.com/
- UGA Quick Links: https://www.uga.edu/students.html
- Online Athens: https://www.onlineathens.com/

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