Student “Preps” Before the Start of Your First Semester

Get Campus Username and Password: Retrieve your campus username and initial password for Cal U's computer network. You will need your Campus Wide ID Number (CWID) located at the bottom of your acceptance letter.

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/it-services/get-username/

Start Checking Campus Email Account: Your student campus email account is the primary vehicle used for campus announcements and other timely information; it is important to check it regularly. To begin, you will first need your username and password (See above.)

Log into Student VIP: Student VIP (Vulcan Information Portal) offers secure online access to register for classes, review a tuition bill, to check on financial aid, and access your campus e-mail account. To log into Student VIP, you must first retrieve your username and password. See above “Get Username and Password” (Note: The same username and password is used for your student email account). Using your username and password you can then login to VIP from Cal U's mainpage. Become familiar with all of the features that Student VIP offers.

https://vip.calu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin

Get Your CalCard: The CalCard is a student’s official University identification card. Most students obtain a CalCard during New Student Registration. CalCards are available at the Information Desk located in Natali Student Center. A student must bring a photo ID and $5.00 for the card to be issued.

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/student-services/calcard/
Sign-Up for **Peer Mentor**: The Peer Mentoring Program helps new students during their first year at by matching them with upperclassmen, typically in the same major. Peer mentors help to ease the transition to college by serving as a support and resource person who provides information, encouragement and guidance. To enroll:

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/get-involved/peer-mentoring/peer-mentoring-faqs-training-for-upperclass-students/protege-application/index.jsp

Enroll in **Career Advantage Program**: The CAP program is a 4-year plan to help you choose a major, explore career options, gain “real job” experience, and launch your career.

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/career-services/career-advising/enrollment/index.jsp

**Begin Working with a Career Counselor**: New students who are undecided about an academic major can begin working with a Career Counselor during the summer months, even before the start of a first semester. Whether you are trying to choose a major, find an internship or land your first job after college, Career Services and the Internship Center have resources and professionals to help you.

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/career-services/career-services/index.htm

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/career-services/internships/index.htm

**Submit Cal U 4 You Four-Year Graduation Plan Agreement**: The Four-Year Graduation Plan offers students the unique combination of advising, course scheduling and individual attention, ensuring efficient and steady progress toward graduation in four years. Students eligible for the no-cost program will receive a letter of invitation as well as an enrollment form (sent to a student’s permanent address) from the Office of Student Retention and Success.

http://www.calu.edu/current-students/academic-resources/index.htm

**Sign-Up for Activities Transcript**: The Activities Transcript is an official record of your extracurricular activities, accomplishments and learning experiences outside the University classroom. It is used to complement your resume and academic transcript when applying to professional and graduate schools or prospective employers.

http://calyou.calu.edu/activitiestranscript/
Register for Parking: Students who wish to park at Cal U must register and obtain a parking permit. All incoming freshmen have an opportunity to purchase a Lot 24 parking permit. **To register and purchase a permit, you must log into your parking account using your calu.edu e-mail username and password.** Permits will be mailed to the address provided in your student account. Permits will be available as long as inventory is available. Lot changes can also be made if spaces are available.

http://www.calu.edu/parking/index.htm

Purchase Textbooks: Students have options to buy or rent textbooks (if available) from the Cal U Bookstore. This can be done in person beginning June 25 in the Campus Bookstore or conveniently online beginning August 3. If you choose to schedule books for pick-up, the bookstore will gather all textbooks and have them ready for you when you arrive on campus.

http://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?languageId=-1&storeId=10422&catalogId=10001

D2L (Desire to Learn)
D2L is the online platform used for web courses. It is prudent for all students to become familiar with D2L whether they are enrolled in an online courses or not; many instructors for “face-to-face” courses also use D2L for posting notes, distributing quizzes, and utilizing discussion boards and Dropbox. Students access D2L through student VIP or from the University mainpage under Quicklinks tab.

http://d2l.calu.edu/d2lvideo/student_tutorial.html

Note: **The same username and password is used** for accessing email, logging into student VIP, logging into D2L, registering for parking, accessing CalCard information, and registering for safety text alerts. If a student experiences any difficulty with a username and/or password, he/she should contact the Helpdesk at UTechRequests@calu.edu or by phone at 724-938-5911.