

Freshman Milestones

Take **15 Credits** & Earn a **Bachelor's Degree** in 4 Years!

First Semester		
<i>The Freshman Milestones assist you in planning your development amid your academic matriculation and help you focus on what matters most in order to successfully complete the freshmen year and prepare for future responsibilities. Each milestone you meet will bring you closer to achieving your academic and career goals.</i>	Recommended Timeline	Completed Y/N
Introduce yourself to your department academic advisor or academic advisor/coach in the Center for Access and Academic Success	Before Midterm	
Register your Hawk Card with the Library at the Circulation desk	Before the 2 nd week of class	
Review the Undergraduate Catalog	Regularly	
Get a copy of your program of study	Online or academic departmental	
Successfully complete 15 credits	Every Semester	
Take first Year Experience (FYE) course	1 st Semester	
Complete your immunization forms – Make sure you have no Health Holds	Before the start of classes	
Utilize the tutoring services within CAAS, and the University Writing Center to help you remain in good academic standing and meet academic goals	Regularly	
Successfully complete English 101 and Math 101 (placement only) and 102 or 109 based on your major	1 st Semester	
Get a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)	At the end of first semester	
Second Semester		
Meet with an academic advisor and register for fifteen credits	Every semester	
Declare a major	Before you complete 30 credits	
Visit the career & Professional Development Center, complete the FOCUS-2 online career self-assessment at https://www.umes.edu/Careers/Pages/Focus-2-Career-and-Education-Planning-Solutions/ <i>Login to Focus 2 Portal (Access Code: "hawks")</i>	By the 2 nd week of classes	
Create a resume	By the 4 th week of classes	
Take English 102	Immediately after English 101	
Successfully complete 24 -30 credits	By the end of your first year	
Get 3.0 Grade Point Average	At the end of the 1 st semester	
Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for financial Aid – complete 66.67% of attempted credits	By the end of every semester	
Apply for Financial Aid by OCT. 1	Every Year	