

Congratulations and Welcome to your journey as a Heartland Hawk!

During your visit today, you set up your myHeartland account. Be sure to check your myHeartland email daily so you never miss important messages from Financial Aid, the Business Office, instructors, Advisement, and other campus offices. You've also met with your advisor. Seeing them every semester will help you stay on track, whether you're planning on transferring or heading straight to the workforce after graduation.

Here are some next steps to complete. First, sign up for HCC emergency text alerts. Go ahead and pause the video while you grab your phone. Now, text the message "hccalerts" to the number 292929. These are only sent in the event of a campus emergency or weather closure.

Got social media? You can find us on Facebook and Instagram. Follow us to keep up with what's happening on campus with clubs and organizations, campus celebrations, civic engagement opportunities, and special events.

If you are completing your New Student Appointment on the Normal campus, it's a good idea to head to the library in the Student Commons Building after you're finished with your session. That's where you get your free student ID. If you are at a regional center, ask your advisor how to obtain your ID. The Heartland ID serves as your library card, provides access to the Fitness and Recreation Center on the Normal campus, and is good for free rides on Bloomington-Normal's Connect Transit system.

At Heartland, your success is our priority, so take time to get connected and check out other free resources such as student access and accommodations, tutoring services, counseling services, and more. Support is available to all Heartland students, so be sure to ask your advisor how to access the services you need.

Just past the library on the Normal campus, you'll find the bookstore. Bring a copy of your class schedule so you can purchase or rent your books, and remember, you can also buy your books online. If you are at a regional center, ask your advisor how you can order books to be delivered directly to your campus.

If you've applied for financial aid, watch your Heartland email for important notices regarding the disbursement of funds. If you are not receiving financial aid, refer to the copy of your schedule/bill that you will receive when upon making your follow-up appointment today for the tuition due and information on ways pay.

In a moment you will schedule your follow-up advisement appointment to set up your second semester. If you have any questions before then, feel free to see your advisor as an appointment or a walk-in.

Remember, we're here to help you throughout your Heartland journey, and we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!