1. Read the Graduate Catalog. It is important to read the Graduate Catalog and familiarize yourself with the rules, policies, procedures, and requirements of the Graduate College and your degree program. The Graduate Catalog can be found at unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduatecatalog.

2. Know your graduate coordinator. Graduate coordinators are the primary point of contact for graduate education and graduate students in academic departments.

3. Submit mandatory forms. Follow the graduate study timeline to advance through your graduate program in the proper sequence. Using this timeline will help ensure that you meet the necessary requirements for graduation. The process begins after you are admitted to the Graduate College. View the timeline and applicable forms at unlv.edu/graduatecollege/study-timeline.

4. Become familiar with MyUNLV. MyUNLV is the place to access and update your personal data, register for classes, check grades, apply for financial aid, make payments, and much more. To access MyUNLV, visit my.unlv.nevada.edu.

5. Activate and use Rebelmail. Your Rebelmail account is the primary way you will receive official university communications. To activate or login to your account, visit rebelmail.unlv.edu.

6. Connect with the GPSA. The Graduate & Professional Student Association serves as the student government for all graduate and professional students, providing a voice in important matters concerning graduate students, offering funding opportunities, and holding social events for graduate students. The GPSA is located in the Graduate Student Commons on the second floor of Lied Library (LLB 2141). For more information, visit unlv.edu/gpsa.

7. Learn about graduate assistantships. Graduate assistants, or GAs, have a unique dual role: they are both graduate students and research or teaching assistants who contribute to the academic mission of the university. Graduate students awarded these competitive positions receive a stipend and benefits package for their work in university classrooms, offices, and laboratories. For more information about graduate assistantships, visit unlv.edu/graduatecollege/ga.

8. Explore your financing options. Important information regarding financial aid, scholarships, fellowships, costs, tuition, fees, and external funding can be found at unlv.edu/graduatecollege/financing. In order to qualify for federal student loans, financial aid packages, graduate assistantships and scholarships/fellowships, you must submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Apply online at fafsa.ed.gov.

9. Establish Nevada residency. The Board of Regents establishes Nevada residency for tuition purposes. If you have been assessed out-of-state tuition, information regarding Nevada residency qualifications and how to apply for residency can be found at unlv.edu/graduatecollege/residency.

10. Get your RebelCard. Your RebelCard is your official university-issued identification. Information about the RebelCard can be found at unlv.edu/rebelcard. RebelCard Services is located on the first floor of the Student Union next to Starbucks.

11. Apply for graduation. You may apply for graduation approximately two semesters before your anticipated graduation term. Visit unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduation-application for instructions, application deadlines, and fee information.

12. Are you an international student? For questions regarding your I-20, call (702) 895-8003 or email internationalgrad@unlv.edu.