Commuter Issues
Key Questions For New Students Living Off-Campus To Consider

**Issues & Questions To Ask Yourself**

**Transportation Issues**
- How am I getting to campus? Is there one than one way for me to get here other than driving?
- If driving, where will I park? Can I afford to pay for parking? Can I afford gas and tolls? Should I carpool? What should I do if my car is towed? What should I do in case of emergency?
- If biking to campus, where will I park my bike? How will I carry everything I need on my bike? What happens if it rains?
- If walking to campus what are the safest routes? When does the Police Aide Escort Service run?
- If busing, what routes do I need to know and where can I get schedules?

**Daily Concerns**
- Where am I going to eat each day? Can I afford to eat on campus? Can I bring food with me to campus? Where can I heat up a meal?
- I have too many books to carry – are there lockers I can rent?
- Does my schedule have holes in it? What am I going to do during times when I am not in class but on campus?
- Are there any student organizations I am interested in? Where can I meet people? Is there anything to do on campus at night and on the weekends?

**Academic Issues**
- What is the most important to me at UMCP? What are my priorities? How can I most effectively spend my time? Where can I meet other students who share my interests?
- Where can I study? Where can I find a tutor or other forms of academic help? Where can I learn how to manage stress?

**Issues at home**
- Is my family supportive of my decision to go to college? Where and when do I get the most support?
- Is my home life conducive to studying? Is there a special place at home specifically for me to work on schoolwork?
- Do I need a job?
- If I have a job currently, is it convenient to my class schedule? Is it adding stress to my life? Could I find a better job?
- If I need a job, would it be better for me to work on or off campus? How much do I need to make per hour? When would it be best for me to work? Where is the Career Center?
- What are my other responsibilities besides school and myself? How can I better prioritize those responsibilities?
- If I’m living at home, do I want to live closer to school next year? How can I afford an apartment? Can I live with other people? How many people? What types of people? Where is the Off-Campus Housing Services Office?
- Am I eating right?
- Am I taking care of myself?
- Am I getting enough sleep?
- Am I happy?