

SECRETS TO SOAR

Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

WELCOME WEEK

Mark your Calendar for these Dates To Remember

August 10: eBill due and class schedules are subject to cancellation for non-payment after the due date.

Aug 16-24: Welcome Week

Through August 17: Register for the preferred parking drawing through the My Campus tab of AU Access. The random drawing will be held on August 18th and you will be informed which lot you are assigned shortly after the drawing.

Aug 19 @ 5pm: New Student Convocation in the Auburn Arena. **All first-year students (including transfer students) are required to attend.**

Aug 20: Fall Classes Begin

Aug 27 - Sept 10: Drop Course Penalty Days. Dropping a class during this time will result in a \$100 fee per course dropped.

Sept 3: Labor Day (no school)

Sept 7: Second eBill due. Statements should be posted to your eBill on August 16.

Sept 10: 15th Class Day: Last day to drop from a course with no grade assignment.

The Auburn Family embraces Auburn students back with open arms each fall with Welcome Week, August 16th-24th. Usually from move in through the first week of classes, Welcome Week is a great way to have fun, meet new people, and of course, indulge in free food. Not only are the events entertaining, but they can be informative and help you get to know some people on campus.

A common misconception is that Welcome Week is just for freshmen and that is *NOT* true! The events are for all new students and many events also invite the whole student body. You can find the full Welcome Week schedule by downloading "Auburn Guides" from your App Store. Keep checking back because events are still being added. All 100+ events with times and locations will be posted there!

Some of these activities include Aubie Fest, Magician Nash Fung, Gameday Experience Tailgate, Pizza and Popsicles with President Leath, movie showings like Avengers: Infinity War, and so much more. Welcome Week also gives opportunities to get plugged in with a variety of religious groups in Auburn, Greek organizations, and academic departments. There are even events for students to get better acquainted with Auburn's beautiful campus and all the resources here to help you, like Get Rec'd at the Recreation and Wellness Center.



Are you worried about finding your classes that first day?

The Orientation Leaders are here to help you find your specific classrooms so you know exactly where to go that first day! Make sure to check out Class Schedule Tours on Sunday, August 19th from 12:15- 2:15pm. Come to the 2nd floor of the Student Center where you checked in for SOS.

As a transfer student we have a social specifically for you! Come to the Transfer Student Dessert Social on Thursday, August 23rd from 4-5pm in Foy 189. Enjoy a sweet treat and meet other transfer students like you.

Don't miss out on all of these great opportunities to meet new people, and get tons of free stuff!

Transfer Student Spotlight

When I decided to make the transition to Auburn, many fears entered my brain. The one that stuck out the most though, was the fear that I had made the wrong decision and that I should just stay where I was. However, once I started my first days of classes, I could not have been happier with my choice to join the Auburn community. Being able to live in an intentional community that fosters social, emotional, and educational achievement the way Auburn does, has allowed me to truly live into the college lifestyle

that I had always envisioned for myself.

If I had any advice for a student transferring to Auburn, it would have to be to try new things and really buy into the Auburn experience and resources. Joining new clubs, and getting to know your fellow peers in your classes, has done leaps and bounds for me as I enter into my second year of Auburn. When I started here, I wasn't a part of anything, but now I am an officer of a club, have joined on in a research project, and have an on-campus job. All of

the opportunities that Auburn offers allows any student to discover what they want to do with their life, and also the best way to get there. I could not be more thankful for my time at Auburn, and I am overjoyed to spend my last years of college in the Most Beautiful Village on the Plains!



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Campus Connection - Office of Student Involvement (Service)

The Office of Student Involvement has many great and easy ways for incoming transfer students to get involved both in the local community and abroad.

One organization is [IMPACT](#), a student led volunteer organization. IMPACT works with 16 different community partners and has over 50 weekly opportunities to volunteer that can work around your schedule. You just have to show up to the intramural fields at the designated time. There is truly a volunteer project for all interests; from opportunities to help children with their homework to

outdoor projects such as the Louise Kreher Ecology Preserve.

[Beat Bama Food Drive](#) is a yearly canned food drive and fundraiser in the fall that benefits the Food Bank of East Alabama.

[Alternative Student Breaks \(ASB\)](#) offers you a unique opportunity of spending Fall Break, Winter Break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, or Spring Break engaging in an affordable service learning project. ASB takes both domestic and international trips. This is a great way to go on a trip, meet new people, and understand a pressing social issue in a unique way.

[Dance Marathon \(AUDM\)](#) is an organization that fundraises for Children's Miracle Network. AUDM hosts events throughout the year for students to participate in and fundraise. The year culminates each

February with a 14-hour Main Event that includes games, guest speakers, live music, fundraising, and dancing. AUDM offers a variety of ways for students to get involved.

[The Big Event](#) is a giant community service day hosted in the spring. Each year 1,500 students volunteer around the Auburn-Opelika area to thank the community for being a great place to live and learn. Students can volunteer on a team, with an organization, or as an individual.

For more information on each of these organizations and how to get involved, check out their pages on [AUinvolve](#).



Starting Strong at Auburn

- **Read your syllabus.** This is your guiding document for your class and will contain a lot of important information like your professor's office hours, textbook information, course objectives, test and assignment dates and details. If you have a question about a class, it is always a good practice to see if the professor mentioned it in the syllabus first. Make sure to put all of your assignments, readings and test dates on your calendar ASAP so you can plan in advance for busier weeks.
- **Visit professor's office hours.** You might not have needed to visit your professor in office hours before, but you want to make sure you do it here. Visiting your professor's office hours will not only allow you to get clarification on any information you are confused about, but begin to establish a relationship with your professor. The professors here really want to help you and are glad to provide you that extra one-on-one attention if you are willing to make the effort to come to their office hours.
- **Seek academic resources early.** Identify if there are any services offered to help you succeed in your courses, such as Supplemental Instruction, Study Partners, or free tutoring. If you do not have these tutoring groups for your class, talk with your professor or start a study group with people in your class. Since course materials often builds on itself each class session, you do not want to wait if you are even the tiniest bit confused. It can be hard to ask for help, but by asking early you can make sure you have a solid foundation and stay on top of everything.
- **Stay Organized.** Auburn academics are known for being challenging, so be sure to keep on top of all deadlines or assignments you have. Use a planner or smart phone apps, and watch yourself so you do not procrastinate or overburden yourself with too many activities. Staying on top of these things will help you be successful with the increased workload.
- **Make a good impression.** Attend class, do the readings, participate in the discussions, allow yourself enough time to study before your tests, and prepare for each class. Professors expect students to be independent and self-motivated so do your best to put your best foot forward in class.
- **Breathe!** Take things slow. As a transfer student, you may feel rushed because your time is limited, but make sure to take a breath and take things day-by-day. Focus on doing your best and acclimating to your new environment. Your first semester may be more difficult than your previous institution academically or socially, but like anything new, it takes time to adjust. You may not have to learn things like you did your freshman year, but you may still have to learn how to adapt to new study techniques and a new academic environment.



Transfer Tips:

As you are finishing up your final semester at your previous college, make sure to submit your final transcripts to:

Admission Processing

1550 East Glenn Ave, Suite 1210
Auburn, AL 36849

Don't forget to your Orientation Leader is here to help! They have a sincere and genuine desire to help you transition into Auburn, help you when you do not know who to go to, and be a friend past your SOS session.

Reach out if you need something, because they want to be there for you.



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