Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

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’ed 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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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 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 AUinvolves.

**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.