Dates To Remember

Jan 12: Another eBill will post and will be due on February 2nd.

Jan 11: Spring Classes Begin

Jan 16: MLK Jr Day (No School)

Jan 19-Feb 1: Drop Course Penalty Days. Dropping a class during this time will result in a $100 Drop Fee per course dropped.

Feb 1: 15th Class Day: Last day to drop from a course with no grade assignment. Last day for potential tuition refund for dropped classes.

Transfer Student Spotlight

I’m from the small town of Wetumpka, Alabama. My close-knit graduating class consisted of 35 people so when I chose my first college I was looking to stay small and inside my comfort zone. After one year at that university, I longed to challenge myself more and get out of my comfort zone. I had always liked Auburn but the idea of a large university intimidated me. Despite being nervous, my heart drew me to Auburn, and I’m so glad it did. It is larger than my last college but every day I’m amazed by the warm feeling of community Auburn gives. I initially worried about meeting people, but immediately found friends and study partners in each class and through a few organizations I participated in. Though I found the classes more difficult than at my previous school, I was able to plan out a study schedule based off of the syllabus given at the beginning of the semester and worked on projects farther ahead of time. There will be new challenges as there are with any change of scene, but as long as you plan ahead, get involved, give yourself time to adjust, and embrace the change you will make the most of your Auburn experience. By transferring to Auburn, I have found a family away from home and a deeper sense of pride in my education that I hope every transfer student also comes to know.

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Volunteer organization. IMPACT has Service is IMPACT, a student led organization within Leadership & Community and abroad. One involved both in the local incoming transfer students to get many great easy ways for the Office of Involvement The Leadership & Service Branch of the intramural fields at the designated time. “There is truly a volunteer project for all interests. From opportunities to play with children and help them with their homework to outdoor projects such as the Louise Kreher Ecology Preserve,” said Andrew Holman, a past IMPACT Executive Vice President.

Within Leadership & Service, there is also Beat Bama Food Drive, Alternative Student Breaks, and Auburn University Dance Marathon. 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 Auburn students with the unique opportunity of spending their winter or spring breaks on a service-oriented trip focused on a particular issue. Dance Marathon (AUDM) is a large fundraiser held in the spring for Children’s Miracle Network hospitals, and participants spend 12 hours on their feet playing games and dancing “For The Kids”. For more information on each of these organizations and how to get involved, check out their AU Involve pages.

Academic Spotlight– How to be Successful at AU

- **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, 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 Tip:**

Check your Tigermail frequently! You will be receiving emails to your Tigermail account (the official method of communication for the university) from your professors, advisors, university staff, and other students. Go to auburn.edu/oit/mobile/ for instructions on setting up Tigermail on your phone to help you stay up to date with your Tigermail account.