

SECRETS TO SOAR

Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

A Letter from First Year Experience

We would like to take this opportunity to again welcome you to Auburn University! We are glad you are continuing your education at our great university. We know transferring to another school can be hard and we hope that this newsletter will serve as a resource to help smooth the transition and help you stay connected with the university throughout your first semester here! We enjoyed having you join us at SOS orientation this

past spring, and please know that the First Year Experience office is here for so much more than just your orientation session. We are here for questions, advice, or when you don't know where to go throughout your time here at Auburn. In this

newsletter, you will receive reminders, tips and information by Auburn's transfer students in the Transfer Student Organization (TSO), Tau Sigma the Transfer Student Honor Society, SOS Orientation Leaders, and staff in the First Year Experience office.

We look forward to having you join us here on campus soon, and please do not hesitate to contact the First Year Experience office at (334) 844-4501 or fyedesk@auburn.edu.

War Eagle!



Mark your Calendar for these Dates To Remember

June 7 – July 18 (11:59pm CST): Register for the football ticket lottery. See the next page for more details.

July 10 – July 31: Register for the preferred parking drawing through the My Campus tab of AU Access. The random drawing will be held on August 1st and you will be informed which lot you are assigned shortly after the drawing.

July 14: Your eBill for Fall 2017 will be posted on AU Access. Payment will be due August 11th and class schedules are subject to cancellation for non-payment after the due date.

July 19-20: Course Registration for Fall 2017 reopens. See AU Access (My Campus Tab) for your specific time ticket

Aug 20 @ 5pm: New Student Convocation in the Auburn Arena. All first-year students (including transfer students) are required to attend.

Aug 21: Fall Classes Begin

Transfer Student Spotlight

Picking up your life, and moving to a completely new place is not easy especially if you are moving for the second time in your college career. You now have to navigate a new institution and chances are you don't know anybody, or you only know a few people. **Don't worry you're not alone.** I was raised in Las Vegas and when I went to college I started off at a small university in Montgomery, AL. I remember being so nervous because I knew the culture in Alabama was different then it was back home and I was anxious about fitting in and making friends. At the end of my freshman year, I had made the best friends and loved college however, I knew it was time to transfer once again. I knew Auburn was exactly where I wanted to be, but now I had to go through the process of getting settled all over again, and to be honest it scared me.

Now, three years later I am getting ready to graduate in August. Leaving Auburn is a thought I usually push out of my mind because I don't want to

leave. A big reason I don't want to leave is because I have made the most incredible friends here. These people helped me get through hard days, whether it was because I did poorly on a test, or because I had something going on in my personal life. My friends are also my biggest fans and celebrate my successes with me. This incredible group of people has shaped me more than I could have possibly imagined.

My tip for transfer students is to get involved because that is where I found this great group of friends. It is never too late to get involved here and find people who will have a similar positive influence. I know it is super awkward to meet new people (*I am the most awkward person to ever exist*), but it is so worth the incredible friendships that will develop from it. If you don't know where to start, use the Involvement Ambassadors, and Organization Days. Both of these things exist to help students get involved and find their place. Being an SOS Orientation Leader my senior year was one of my

favorite things I did here at Auburn.

If finding an organization isn't your thing, another good way to put yourself out there is to ask someone to go grab food, go to a Supplemental Instruction Session together, hit up a professor's office hours with some classmates, or even ask people to go to a football game. Nothing bonds students more than sitting through an Auburn football game together. Plus, you never know when you will witness a Miracle in Jordan-Hare or the 2013 Iron Bowl game after all!

You only have a limited time on The Plains, and with the right people by your side, it will be the best time of your life, thus far.



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Football on the Plains

Who is ready for some Auburn football? Fall is coming fast and the Tigers are getting ready to take the field at Jordan-Hare Stadium once again! As an Auburn student you get the opportunity to cheer on your favorite team from the best student section in college football.

The Athletic Ticket Office and SGA has recently released some updated information about Football Tickets. You will still need to register for the lottery between **June 7th** and before **July 18th (11:59pm CST)** through AU Access. Once logged in, click the My Campus tab, and then click the "Register for Lottery" in the Student Athletic Ticket Order box. As a reminder, you will be unable to order tickets until you have a schedule in place. The lottery will run on **July 19th** and you will be emailed with the results of the lottery the same day. You will have until **August 21st (11:59pm CST)** to cancel your ticket package.

In order to give more students an opportunity to get tickets, incoming students will not have the option for a full home season. Instead, you can select a partial season package.



The 2017 packages are:

6-Game Package (2 options) \$120

- **ORANGE** – Georgia Southern, Mercer, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, UL-Monroe, Alabama
- **BLUE** – Georgia Southern, Mercer, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Georgia, UL-Monroe

4-Game Package (2 options) \$80

- **SILVER**- Georgia Southern, Mercer, Mississippi State, UL-Monroe
- **WHITE**- Georgia Southern, Mercer, Ole Miss, UL-Monroe

3-Game Package \$60

- Georgia Southern, Mercer, UL-Monroe

Away Games:

- You must purchase a ticket package in order to be eligible to purchase away game tickets. Limit one per student and they are subject to availability.
- The ticket prices are: Clemson \$110, Missouri \$80, LSU \$110, Arkansas \$85, Texas A&M \$90

If your desired ticket package sells out, periodically check the site for cancellations. When someone cancels his or her tickets, those tickets are immediately available in the system for purchase. You can do this through **August 21st**.

The Student Government Association and the Athletic Ticket Office have worked together to develop new Student Ticket Policies to help make more tickets available to students, and limit the number of nonstudent fans in the student section. Be sure to check out the new policies here: wp.auburn.edu/sga/programs/athletics/ticketing/

New this year, Students can no longer transfer games. Students can

request a **free** ticket for a game they do not have from the ticket pool. You can begin requesting a ticket on **August 24th** and they are first come, first serve. Students are able to request a guest pass after the lottery on **July 19th**. Guest passes will be \$20 for all games except for Georgia & Alabama which will cost \$30.

There is also a penalty system for students who do not use their tickets. The best way to prevent a penalty if you are unable to go to a game is to return the unwanted ticket to the pool before midnight the Sunday night prior to the game.

More information about the Student Tickets can also be found online at: auburntigers.com/aubtix/students_new.html or you can contact the Athletics Ticket Office at (855) 282-2010, option 3, or email them at tickets@auburn.edu.

Remember your tickets are held on your Ignited Card which you can get at the Auburn Arena Box Office when you get here in the fall. Be sure to have your Ignited Card with you when you rush into the stadium for the first football game of 2017!



Tips for Preparing to Move to Auburn

- Talk with your apartment complex prior to move-in and ask if there's anything that doesn't come with the apartment that you might need to purchase or set up ahead of time like utilities, internet routers, shower rods, etc.
- Make a Google Doc with your roommates to document who's bringing what so you don't all move in with duplicate items. No one really needs 4 toasters!
- Set ground rules for you and your roommates early. Communicate how and when bills will be paid, how the apartment will be cleaned, what the expectations everyone has in regards to quiet times, visitors, and shared spaces.

Make sure to revisit these agreements to keep conflicts at a minimum, and talk to

your roommates when problems start to arise. Also look into Venmo or Splitwise; both are free apps to help split costs like utilities.

- Learn your living community's rules. Are there specific rules for noise, visitors, parking, or items you can't have in the apartment that you will be expected to follow?
- Make the move easier by seeing what you can send directly to the store in Auburn/Opelika or mail directly to your new place. Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Target often allow you to ship items directly to the store and sometimes it can be convenient to ship some items directly to your apartment through online stores or if you have an Amazon Prime Student Account. This can leave valuable

space in your car when moving here.

- Don't forget to update your local address with any banks, magazines or groups that typically send mail to you and update your information in AU Access too.
- Once you get here, make sure to thoroughly inspect the place before moving in. Document anything that is wrong, broken, or missing and talk with the landlord ASAP so you are not charged for the damage when it is time for you to leave.

