Successfully Orienting Students

Schedule

Please note, Auburn is in the CENTRAL time zone. All times listed are CENTRAL.

9:00-9:45
**Small Group Session 1**
Meet the rest of your group and your Orientation Leader! Students will receive your specific Zoom link to your Auburn email a few days before your virtual session.

10:00-10:45
**Blue Breakout Session**
See the session descriptions on the next pages.

11:00-11:45
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12:00-2:00
**Break for Students**
Lunch will be on your own.

12:00-1:00
**UNIV 101 for Families**
Students aren’t the only ones that experience transition. In this informative session, families will learn tips to help ease the transition when transferring that will aid both students and their families. This presentation includes stories from past families to help illustrate the ever-changing relationship with your student as they begin this new stage of college. Topics include setting expectations, understanding boundaries, and learning about the resources available for parents and families.

2:00-2:45
**Small Group Session 2**
You’ll hear about the university’s resources with your group.

3:00-3:45
**Orange Breakout Session**
See the session descriptions on the next pages.

4:00-4:45
**Orange Breakout Session**
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Fostering Student Success with Academic Support
Learn from Academic Support staff about the available resources and how to engage in self-directed learning at Auburn University. Connect with programs such as Academic Coaching, Plainsmen's Prep, Study Partners, and Supplemental Instruction (SI). Come prepared with any questions about study habits or academics in general so we can help ease your transition to Auburn.

Parking and Transit Services at Auburn
Learn how to bring your personal vehicle to campus and how the transit system works in addition to several resources available for Auburn University students such as bike share programs, and late night safe resources.

We Believe in Work. And Want to Help You Prepare.
The University Career Center works with students on all aspects of career development including major exploration, gaining needed experiences including part-time work and co-ops, and preparing for the job market. Let us tell you more about how we can help you prepare for your success. Weagle Workers will join us to discuss part-time jobs on and off campus as well.

AU Choirs
This session will share information on how to participate in the AU Choirs. Includes information about each of the seven different choirs, the audition process, class meeting schedule, expectations, and other helpful information.

Student Financial Services - Financial Aid
This session will provide information on the process of applying for and receiving federal financial aid through the filing of the FAFSA. We will discuss types of federal student aid, options for additional financial assistance and cost of attendance.

Textbooks, Technology, and Tiger Gear: How the Auburn University Bookstore Supports Student Success
Join the Auburn University Bookstore team as they give you tips and tricks to navigate purchasing the textbooks and technology you will need to be successful at Auburn. This session will highlight essential Bookstore services like textbook price comparison shopping, contract billings and scholarships, inclusive access course materials, education pricing and repair services for technology products, and much more!

LGBTQ+ Resources and Initiatives
This session will go over the various resources for members of the LGBTQ+ community at Auburn, as well as initiatives aiming to ensure that all students feel welcomed into the Auburn family. These include Spectrum, oSTEM, the Campus Pride Initiative, and the Critical Studies Working Group. We encourage you all to attend, whether you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community, an ally, or just want to learn more!

Auburn Abroad: 10 Facts About Studying Abroad
We'll share answers to 10 common questions to help you learn more about Auburn Abroad.

Housing Highlights: Welcome to Your New Home
Welcome to on-campus living! In this session you will hear from Housing staff about what to expect as an on-campus resident. We will share everything from the move-in process to tips on living with your roommate to information regarding your assigned community. Living on campus is a special experience and we want to make sure you are prepared as you get ready to call your residence hall home.

AU NROTC Informational Session
This session is designed to provide a brief overview of the NROTC program at Auburn University and to answer any questions that you may have.

Army ROTC
Army ROTC is a program designed to attract, motivate, and prepare students with high potential to serve as commissioned officers in the active Army, the U.S. Army Reserve or the Army National Guard. Come hear more about Auburn’s Army ROTC program.

Office of Accessibility: Information for Students with Disabilities and Learning Differences
The Office of Accessibility provides accommodations for students with disabilities and learning differences. In our session, we will discuss basic information for how to contact our office and provide supporting medical documentation.

Tiger Dining: Eating Made Easy - Study Hard, Eat Well
Join us to learn about the variety, convenience and fresh food options with Tiger Dining. We will discuss how we are meeting the needs of all students with quality food and dining plans that fit every schedule.

Greek Life 101
Learn about the Auburn Greek Community. In this session students and families will learn about Auburn’s fraternities and sororities and their involvement on campus. Members of fraternities and sororities represent over 30% of the Auburn undergraduate population. There is a home for you at Auburn; come learn about what we have to offer!

Engineering Academic Excellence Program (AEP)
Engineering Academic Excellence Program (AEP) welcomes all students with an aim to enhance the recruitment and retention of underrepresented engineering students. AEP supports participants from pre-college through graduation by focusing on expanding academic preparation, professional readiness, and exploration of career paths. This program also hosts the following: Summer Engineering Enrichment Program, an Engineering Success Strategies Course, collaborative learning groups, and interactive professional development opportunities.

A Sound Mind: Mental Health Resources for Personal, Academic, and Social Success at Auburn
This presentation provides information on the campus offices of Auburn Cares, Health Promotion & Wellness Services and Student Counseling & Psychological Services, and how all assist with practical questions of students, such as how to help a friend in distress, how to get connected for academic help when your life is turned upside down, or how to practice self-care when you are busy with school. It will take you through the A Sound Mind website to learn about the many mental health resources available for helping you be successful in your academic, social, and personal lives. The presentation will also share what junior and senior students wish they knew about mental health self-care when they were just starting out at Auburn.

Get Ingrained: Get Plugged in at Auburn by Joining the Largest Student Organization
The Auburn Student Alumni Association (SAA) provides students with the opportunity to interact with other students as well as Auburn University alumni and friends. Members of the organization receive free swag and can choose from one-year or four-year memberships. A number of events are hosted by SAA throughout the year, such as our annual Welcome Week event, BEAT Parties in the fall and spring, holiday themed events and many more opportunities to connect with other members.
Introduction to Academic and Professional Support Services
Join this session to gain an overview of available support services and programs that can help you succeed and thrive both academically and professionally at the University. Staff from Academic Support, AU Libraries, University Writing (Miller Writing Center), SKILL Academic Coaching (for students with disabilities), and University Career Center will share brief summaries of services and provide time for questions through both live and chat features.

Student Financial Services - Billing
This session concentrates on the student’s eBill. We will go over where to access eBill, important dates, payment plans, financial release of information, how to set up parents as authorized users, making payments, direct deposit information, prepaid tuition notification plans (such as AL PACT, FL Prepaid), along with other miscellaneous billing topics.

Auburn Bands
This session is an opportunity for incoming students to interact with directors and student leaders of the Auburn University Marching Band, and to have additional questions answered about how to join the marching band and other ensembles at the university. Auburn Bands has produced a video that will answer most questions related to membership in the AUMB, and provides information about the basketball pep bands and concert ensembles. The video is posted on the homepage of the band’s website: band.auburn.edu. It is highly recommended that you watch the video before attending the breakout session. One of the band directors will be available during the first session only; band student leaders will be available at all sessions.

Tiger Card
This session will discuss several different functions of the Tiger Card (the official University-issued student identification card).

Student Media Blitz
This breakout session is to inform students and parents on what student media is, how to join their student organizations, and to have additional questions answered about membership in the student media organizations.

Find Your Fit – Campus Recreation and the Recreation and Wellness Center
Get the 411 on Campus Recreation resources including a virtual facility tour, fees and pricing, sports, group fitness, personal training, Olympic/Poweflifting, outdoor recreation, and more. Watch a quick video presentation, participate in a Q&A with our team, and get access to digital resources to help you successfully navigate “The Rec.” Students will also receive a special “coupon” to redeem for an AUsome freebie, upon their arrival to campus in the fall.

How to use Tiger Scheduler - Auburn’s Class Planning Tool
This session will show you the ins and outs of using Tiger Scheduler and how to register for classes. This session will not provide academic advising information or clear you to register for classes.

Get Involved on Campus with Student Involvement
Did you know that Auburn has more than 550 student-led organizations on campus that you can join? Whether you are interested in giving back through community service, saving the bees, building robots or growing as a leader, Student Involvement has a community for everyone. Getting involved with a student organization provides students with a social outlet, hands-on learning and resume building. Learn how you can get connected at Auburn as the Student Involvement staff and Involvement Ambassadors lead this virtual session.

Connecting with Religious Student Organizations and Campus Ministries
This is the first and very important step in connecting with Religious Student Organizations and Campus Ministries around Auburn! Only takes about 3 minutes. Inclusive of all denominations, religious backgrounds, and faiths, you will only be contacted by the ministries of your choice. If you’re short on time, connect via https://forms.gle/YyvyrAifJqMCLC77.

First Time Tigers
Are you nervous about sending a student to college for the first time? First Time Tigers will discuss a range of topics to help you feel comfortable with your student’s transition to Auburn. Topics range from what to expect from a collegiate experience, ways to navigate critical conversations to have with your student before move-in, and resources from fellow Auburn families.

Diversity 101
Are you looking to build a diverse community during your time at Auburn? Not sure where to start to find those resources? Join the Office of Inclusion and Diversity and learn about the student experiences, resources and initiatives, and opportunities to engage with a diverse community of student leaders during your Auburn journey. You’ll hear more about the Tiger Excellence Scholars Program (TESP), the Cross Cultural Center for Excellence, and our student experiences designed specifically for incoming students to thrive at Auburn.

Safety & Accountability On and Off Campus
Join Campus Safety & Security, Auburn Police, Student Conduct and Title IX to hear what you can do to prepare for a safe college experience. Learn about safety and security services, emergency preparedness, signing up for AU ALERT, and educational opportunities, as well as how the university keeps our campus safe and educates our students when addressing reports of student misconduct, including sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Get your safety, security & conduct-related questions answered.

Office of Information Technology – Service Desk
The Office of Information Technology (OIT) supports and maintains a large number of IT resources on campus, including many that you will use as a student at Auburn University. One part of OIT is our Service Desk, which is available to assist students with IT questions, reporting problems, and requests for assistance. The IT Service Desk is located on the 3rd floor of Ralph Brown Draughon (RBD) Library and is available through a variety of convenient methods including phone (334-844-4944), email (itservicedesk@auburn.edu), chat, and others. From computing questions, Office365, Duo – Multi-factor Authentication, and Adobe Creative Cloud, to account information, email, WiFi, and cable tv, we are here to answer IT questions that you may have regarding your Auburn account.

VA Education Benefits
Representatives from the Veterans Resource Center will address all students utilizing a VA Education Benefit at AU. We will help to answer questions about Federal and State education benefits, including but not limited to, Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill® (MGBI), Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR&E), Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill®, Chapter 35: Dependents Education Assistance (DEA), Chapter 1808: Montgomery GI Bill®-Select Reserve (MGBI-SR), the Fry Scholarship, the Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship (ALGI), and the Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program (ANGEAP).

Additionally, we will also assist students to determine if they qualify for resident tuition rates under Section 702 of The Choice & Accountability Act (Choice Act), the Alabama House Bill 424 (HB424), and the National Guard Waiver (NG Waiver). Auburn University also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP), offering 75 slots a year.

For information on how to use VA Education benefits here at Auburn, and for a list of resources for military-affiliated students, please visit our website veterans.auburn.edu.

Medical Clinic and Student Pharmacy Services
Come take a look inside the Auburn University Medical Clinic! This presentation will give you live and still images of our state-of-the-art facility and review the services offered at the AU Medical Clinic. Our Medical Director, Dr. Fred Kam, will discuss insurance and billing and how to become independent users of healthcare. He will share information about the New Student Medical Information form, the deadline change, and the requirements going forward. Dr. Kam will also be discussing the expectations of our students in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, this presentation will review the services offered by the Student Pharmacy which is located inside the AU Medical Clinic on campus. It will also discuss how to start using the pharmacy and the process of having your prescriptions transferred from your hometown.