



Dear Incoming Transfer Student,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for Successfully Orienting Students (SOS) registration to open. We are happy to announce an update to your orientation process.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the plans for SOS have changed. Out of concern for the health and wellbeing of you and the entire Auburn community, much of your orientation will be conducted online. Please carefully read the following information about your orientation. This information is also posted on the SOS website, fye.auburn.edu/sos.

First Year Experience will be providing three virtual SOS sessions on June 17, June 24, and July 1. Throughout this one-day orientation, you will have the opportunity to meet other transfer students, learn about Auburn's resources, attend presentations from university offices and get an overall view of life at Auburn.

If you are unable to attend one of these virtual sessions, please plan to attend the August 12 in-person SOS session. Registration for that session will open in mid-July. We highly recommend attending a virtual SOS session over waiting to attend the August SOS session. **You must attend either a virtual SOS or the in-person SOS session in order to keep your fall schedule.**

Academic advising and orientation will operate independently, and no advising will be available during the virtual sessions. You do not have to complete one prior to the other. In order to register for classes, you must have submitted your enrollment deposit, have completed the [pre-orientation modules](#), which includes the transfer plan of study, and have an open registration time ticket.

Below is an overview of the SOS schedule. All times listed are Central Time. These virtual sessions will utilize Zoom. As an Auburn student, you automatically have a licensed account. More specific details including how to access your Zoom account and where to log in for these presentations will be provided closer to your SOS session.

9:00-9:45 AM	Small Group Session 1
10:00-10:45 AM	Blue Breakout Session 1
11:00-11:45 AM	Blue Breakout Session 2
12:00-2:00 PM	Break
2:00-2:45 PM	Small Group Session 2
3:00-3:45 PM	Orange Breakout Session 1
4:00-4:45 PM	Orange Breakout Session 2

Registration for SOS will open Thursday, June 4 at 11:00 AM CT. To access the registration system, log into AU Access and navigate to the My Academics tab, then select the Student Menu icon at the top of that page, then click on the SOS Registration link. If you were previously registered for a SOS session, your registration has been reset. You will need to register again to select your new session date.

In consideration of the transition to online orientation, the SOS fee has been decreased by half to \$50 for the virtual sessions. The fee will be applied to your fall semester bill, so no payment is required when you sign up for your session. To be able to register for SOS, you must have submitted your \$250 enrollment deposit.

We are also waiving all fees for parents and family members to participate. We invite you to register any family members who may want to participate in your session. They are encouraged to attend the breakout sessions either with you or on their own to learn more about the university. The Small Group Sessions are meetings with other incoming transfer students led by current students (Orientation Leaders). Small Group Sessions are designed as student-to-student communication, so family members do not need to plan to attend those presentations.

As you are likely aware, Auburn requires that you complete the process of submitting your medical documentation through Clearwave. In response to COVID-19, the Auburn University Medical Clinic has extended the deadline for medical form submission to 12 noon on Thursday, September 3. The clinic will also require you to complete your TB test onsite. More information is available at the [Medical Clinic's website](#).

If you need any assistance, please email fyedesk@auburn.edu from your Auburn email and one of our staff will be happy to help you. Response times to our phone number and voicemail may be slower.

We look forward to seeing your completed registration very soon.

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