

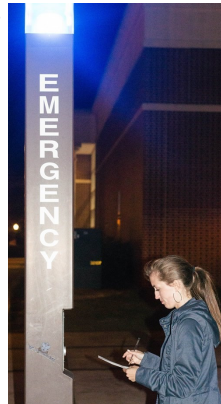
SECRETS TO SOAR

Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

A Welcome from SGA

Welcome to Auburn! We are so excited to have you on campus and begin working towards a better student experience for you and those around you. Student Government Association (SGA) represents the Auburn student body to the university administration and the community. SGA advocates for the interests of Auburn students and works to better the student experience through community events and initiatives.

SGA is made up of six different branches: Senate, Programs, Initiatives, Communications and Marketing, and Outreach. All of these branches are in place to serve, promote and unify the student body here on Auburn's campus. From Hey Day to On-Campus Safety, SGA wants to work on the students' behalf. To do that, we want to hear your comments, concerns and questions. The best way to have your opinion heard is to talk to your college designated senator (visit our [Senate Directory](#) for contact information) or go to the [AuburnAnswers](#) portal. We would love to hear any feedback you may have!



As we start getting into the swing of the fall semester, we would love to tell you about some things coming up soon! Football season is underway and to make sure you stay up to date with all the information you need about ticketing go to [Football Student Ticketing Center](#). To ensure you don't acquire penalty points, make sure to turn in your home game tickets on the Sunday before the game at 11:59 p.m. if you don't plan on attending. You can also request guest passes starting at noon on Sunday before home games if you didn't receive them during the first distribution of guest passes.

Another exciting event that happens the first Friday of every month is Family Fridays. We partner with different organizations and campus partners from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to host an event

dedicated to bringing together the Auburn Family. We would love to see you at the next one, this **Friday, September 7 on Cater Lawn**. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date about the locations of each Family Friday.

If you want to get involved with all that SGA is doing, you can go to our [website](#) for more information. We would love to see you at Shaker Distribution, Aubie Committee, or volunteering for Hey Day! Welcome to Auburn and let us know if there is anything we can do for you.



War Eagle!



Dates To Remember

Aug 27 - Sept 10: Drop Course Penalty Days. Dropping a class during this time will result in a \$100 fee per course dropped.

Sept 7: Second eBill due. Statements should be posted to your eBill on August 16.

Sept 8 @ 6:30pm: First home football game of the season against Alabama State.

Sept 10: 15th Class Day: Last day to drop from a course with no grade assignment.

Sept 28-30: Family Weekend

Oct 8: Deadline for Professors to submit Early Alert/Mid-Term Grades for all students in Core and First Year Seminar Classes. This is a great time to evaluate how you are doing in each of your classes and seek help if needed.

Oct 11-12: Fall Break (No Classes)

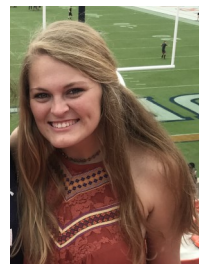
Oct 18: Deadline to request to move finals if you have more than two scheduled on the same day. You should request this through your Associate Dean.

Nov 2: Last Day to Withdraw from a course with no grade penalty. "W" assigned.

Transfer Student Spotlight

When I transferred to Auburn, I was worried that I would have a hard time getting into a rhythm of my classes and adjusting to a new school. It felt like I never knew where I was going and I was all by myself. It wasn't as instant as I initially thought, but after the first few weeks of school, I was able to find that rhythm. I began to get the feel of my new campus, see familiar faces, and see that I didn't have to do this all on my own. In hindsight, this rhythm came because I was patient and gave myself time to adjust and explore. I want to encourage you to get out there and explore all that Auburn

has to offer. The first way I did this was going to O-days on the concourse (Wednesdays 10-2pm) and seeing what kind of opportunities there were. It was nice being able to talk to someone in the organizations so I could see what they do instead of trying to navigate all of the options on AU Involve by myself. I was able to find found some great organizations that have led to me to some of my closet friends and made this big place feel smaller. Before you know it, you too will find your rhythm here and this place will feel like home. War Eagle!



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Writing Tips from the Miller Writing Center

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Since moving to The Loveliest Village on the Plains, you've probably noticed that Auburn has a lot of traditions. Drink Toomer's Lemonade, say War Eagle, don't step on the seal, visit the Miller Writing Center. It's true; Auburn students always come to the Miller Writing Center to get help with their papers, projects, and posters. Drinking lemonade might make you a better Auburn fan, but following these writing tips will definitely make you a better writer.

Tip #1: Start your assignment early. Fall semester at Auburn is busy, busy, busy. Your Saturdays will disappear quicker than Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits on Monday mornings.

Tip #2: Understand your prompt. It's so much easier to navigate Haley Center if you understand that it's laid out in quadrants. In the same way, you will arrive at the end of your paper faster,

and less frustrated, if you know where you're supposed to be going. Read carefully and don't be afraid to ask questions!

Tip #3: Remember your audience. You wouldn't yell *Roll Tide* or wear crimson and white at an Auburn football game because you'd be appealing to the wrong audience. You yell *War Eagle* and wear orange and blue because that's appropriate for the audience. Similarly, you should use more formal language in an academic essay than you do in



a text to a friend or a Facebook post. Do what's appropriate for your audience.

Tip #4: Let *your* voice be heard. It's your writing—not anyone else's! If your paper requires an argument or central thesis, you want it to be assertive. Rather than writing: *I think Aubie is a pretty good mascot because he's a tiger*, write: *Aubie deserves the title of best mascot because of his child-like playfulness and adorable stripes*. Using action verbs and strong diction can help you make your thesis strong and clear.

Tip #5: Come to the Miller Writing Center! We can help you with any writing at any part of the process at any of our seven wonderful locations. So if you need help with anything from biology labs to ePortfolios, make an appointment with one of our writing consultants at auburn.mywconline.com!

How to Email and Impress your Professors

It can be hard to find the balance between being too professional and too casual. Check out some of *The Young Hopeful's* tips on writing great emails to your professors.

Start with the Syllabus: Often your answer will be in there. Plus, you don't want to ask something that has already been answered.

Use your Auburn Email Address: This is the more professional way to communicate and the university's official form of communication.

The Greeting: If your professor has stated what he or she prefers to be called, then you can address them accordingly in your email. But, if they haven't made it so clear, it's always better to go with the more formal option. If you don't know their title (Dr., etc.) a

neutral "Professor _____" can do the trick. However, if you know for sure your professor does not have a doctorate, it is probably best not to address them as such.

The Good Stuff: Professors don't want to read through paragraphs and paragraphs of explanation, so do them a favor and keep your emails short and sweet. Get to the point of your email and include any necessary details so they can answer your questions. Be sure to use full sentences. This is an email after all and not a text message or a tweet. It can also be helpful to include which class you are in since many teach multiple classes or sections.

Tone: It's important to let your professor know that you appreciate everything that they do for you and your class. Your professor is going to be more

likely to help you out if he or she feels empowered and respected instead of them feeling like you are demanding something from them.

Be reasonable: Professors often have other responsibilities in addition to teaching, so they may not be able to reply back to you instantly. It is a good idea to give someone at least 24 hours before you expect a response. Try to be proactive when emailing with a problem or question so you can allow enough time for them to respond. You want to avoid the common saying: "Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part."

Check out the full blog post here: <https://theyounghopeful.wordpress.com/2015/07/06/how-to-email-your-professors/>

Transfer Tip:

Did you know the Career Center has drop in hours? You can get immediate assistance Tuesday through Thursday from 9-4pm in Mary Martin Hall (room 303). If additional help is needed, they'll help you make an appointment with a Career Counselor. The Auburn Career Center can help you explore majors and career paths, find opportunities to gain experience (through jobs and internships), market yourself through a strong resume and cover letter, practice for a job interview, and help land a job through Handshake (Auburn's job posting platform).



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