

SECRETS TO SOAR

Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

Advisors are here to help! Top Tips from an Academic Advisor

Dates To Remember

Sept 28-30: Family Weekend

Oct 5: eBill Due. It was posted on September 13.

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.

Nov 5: Spring Registration Begins. Be sure to check AU Access in late October for your specific registration time.

Nov 19-23: Thanksgiving Break

- 1. Learn your college's advising center or advisor's advising procedures and schedule.** Each college is different, so you will need to learn what to do for your specific major/minor. One of the best ways to find this information is by visiting the homepage of your college.
- 2. Schedule meetings to check in with your advisor throughout the semester and year.** We want to get to know you better! If you have multiple advisors (i.e. college, minor, honors, athletic), it's important to check in with each of them once a semester/year to make sure you are getting all of the information you need to successfully complete all of your programs.
- 3. Show up to your advising appointment on time and prepared.** If you need to make a list of questions on paper or on your phone to make sure you ask everything you need to, please do it! Be an active participant during your advising



session by contributing to the conversation and taking notes of what was discussed so you can reference them later.

- 4. Familiarize yourself with the AU Bulletin.** It can be a great tool when it comes to looking for pre-requisites for a course. This can be especially helpful as you start to get into your upper level major coursework.
- 5. Don't be afraid to seek help if you need it.** There are wonderful academic, emotional, professional, and support resources available to students. If you're ever unsure where to go to get the help you need, your advisor can help refer you to the appropriate resources.
- 6. Be honest when we ask how things are going.** When we ask, it's because we truly want to know how you're doing. We are here to help and we want to help but are unable to do so if we don't know there is a problem.
- 7. Advisors will not tell you what to do.** We can talk to you about your options and discuss the pros and cons but it will ultimately be up to you to make the decision.

- 8. If your college has peer advisors, use them!** They are one of the best resources available to learn about classes for your major and tricks of the trade when it comes to balancing academics with a social life in your specific college.
- 9. Be aware of important academic dates and deadlines.** One of the best places to go to find this information is the [academic calendar](#), which can be found on the Auburn website.
- 10. Don't feel like you have to follow the curriculum model for your major exactly as it is shown.** As a transfer student, your academic path may look different, which is completely okay. Regular meetings with your advisor will help ensure you are on the right path to graduate.
- 11. If something is not clear, ask for clarification.** We sometimes assume that you may already understand something but if you don't, speak up!

Special thanks to Anna Burchett an Academic Advisor in the College of Sciences and Mathematics for writing this piece.

Transfer Student Spotlight

During my first semester at Auburn last fall, one of the most beneficial things that I did was to begin to make a solid connection with my advisor. Within a few months of starting school here, I was still acclimating to living on my own for the first time, adjusting to more challenging courses, and rethinking my major, so I know exactly what some new transfer students are feeling when they become a little overwhelmed. In retrospect, I am so thankful for my academic advisor and the guidance that she gave me during that time. From advising me through my major change, counseling me academically, helping me to

sharpen my professional resume, and assisting in my securing of a prominent legal internship this past summer, my relationship with my advisor is something that proved to be extremely fruitful for me. If there is any advice I could give to a new transfer student, it would be to take full advantage of the Auburn experience and all of the incredible resources made available to us as students here. At any point where you may feel overwhelmed or unsure, there are a myriad of individuals here for you to reach out to who can help you find your way just like my advisor did for me! War Eagle!



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Career Fair Preparation from a Student's Perspective

By: Ellen Ormond, Career Center Graduate Assistant

Going to a Career Fair for the first time can be overwhelming. Even seasoned career fair attendees experience nerves and uncertainty before a big event. However, with the proper preparation, you can successfully navigate a Career Fair whether it's your first time or fifth time.

Plan Ahead: It is crucial that you plan ahead for a career fair. You should at least research the basics: who, what, and where. Visit

[Handshake](#) for this information for Auburn Career Fairs. Finding out who will be attending the career fair will help you plan how to best navigate the space. Make a list of

companies and organizations you'd like to talk to, and make sure you meet them. While making a list of companies to meet, it's also recommended that you do some research on what they do. By demonstrating knowledge of an organization, its mission,

product, or purpose, you're sure to stand out and have something to talk about. Be sure to plan for travel time and parking since these events will draw a crowd.

Bring Your Resume: Bring plenty of copies of your resume printed on nice resume paper. Trust me, resume paper makes a difference. You can purchase a pack of resume paper in the AU Bookstore or any big box store. Be prepared to hand your resume out to

potential employers as you meet with them at the fair.

Prepare Your Elevator Pitch: An elevator pitch is a brief, succinct conversation starter that leaves the

listener with a meaningful impression of you. The point of an elevator pitch is to quickly and efficiently spark interest in you as a professional and potential employee. Reflect on your skills and experiences to aid in creating

your elevator pitch, then practice your pitch with friends before attending the fair.

Dress Professional: I cannot stress enough the importance of professional dress. If you are unsure of what to wear for a career fair, visit [our website](#) or our office in 303 Mary Martin Hall. If you need professional attire, schedule a Campus Career Closet appointment at your earliest convenience. You'll be able to take up to 4 individual apparel items per academic year.

Follow-Up: As you meet with professionals at the career fair, collect business cards. This gives you the information you need to send a follow-up email thanking the professional for their time and a way to stay in touch. Sending a follow-up email is great way to remind them of your interaction and stand out from your peers.



A Word from the Office of the Registrar about Transfer Credit

By: Cary Curtiss, University Transcript Evaluator

Now that you are here at Auburn and classes have begun, it would be a good time to check your unofficial transcript on AU Access and see how your incoming transfer coursework is listed. Hopefully, all your transfer courses are there, and you can see the corresponding Auburn equivalents. However, it is possible you still have a couple of temporary indicators on your transfer work showing that it is still in process. If so, here is a reminder of what those indicators mean, and what is needed to clear them up.

PEND 1111 "Pending Trnsfr Equiv" – This should only remain on your transcript for 2-3 weeks for any one class. After that

point, check with your Academic Advisor to see if they can help you check on the progress of those courses.

EVAL HOL1 "Syllabus Needed for Evaluation" – This is somewhat self-explanatory! We just need more information than what we have available in order to evaluate this class. Turn in your syllabus to your academic advisor who will get it evaluated and updated on your transcript.

EVAL HOL2 "Co-Req/ Conditional Evaluation" – This means we need to manually check something about this class in order to award you credit. For instance, often two classes from another school need to be taken in conjunction for us to award credit (like a

science lecture and lab). Regardless, again just check with your Academic Advisor about getting the correct credits applied to your record.

If you see a notation that simply says "EVAL HOLD" without specifying one of the two types listed above, that just means that it is one of these two, and your Advisor can help figure out what is needed. Ultimately, your Academic Advisor is there to help you make sure your academic records are correct. Additionally, we here in the Registrar's Office are happy to help you if you have questions. We are in the lower level of Langdon Hall, off the courtyard to the side of the building. Come see us anytime, or feel free to email us if you have any questions at transfer@auburn.edu!

Transfer Tip:

Not sure how to put together your resume? Check out the [Career Center's website](#) for more information. They have lots of helpful tips and sample documents, so you can build a great resume. Then once it is put together, you can submit your resume for an electronic review to gain more feedback.



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