



SECRETS TO SOAR


Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students Finishing Strong


As we turn the calendar to November it is hard to believe in just a few short weeks the semester will be over. This time more than ever it is important to be focused. Check out these tips to help you stay motivated so you can finish strong.

 **Do a status check for each class:** It has been weeks since you were given your syllabus and it is important to take the time to review it and other course materials so you know where you stand in each class. Were there any class expectations like attendance or grading policies or details about assignments that were shared the first day of class that you should refresh yourself on now? It can be helpful to make a cumulative list of everything you have left to do so you can prioritize what needs to be done when and map out a plan so everything can get done.


 **Know where you stand on your grades and the remaining assignments:** Will your final exam be cumulative or just the last chapters? Is there anything you can get a jump start on now before all of your classes get busier? Is your grade lower than you were hoping? It can often be challenging to change your letter grade in a class if you only have your final exam left. However, if you know now, you can put in that extra


effort in your remaining assignments to help raise your final grade. By taking action early, you can be in a better place for your final exam. If you are unsure on where you stand, ask to meet with your professor during office hours.

 **Go to class:** It can be tempting as you become more familiar with the professor or the material to feel like you can skip class. **DON'T!** Even if your grades are in a good place, the last several weeks of the semester are often make or break for your final grade. Don't let your high grades give you an invitation to slack off. You don't want to waste all of your earlier hard work. If you have been guilty of skipping classes in the past, you still have the chance to get back on track by attending every class, and participating in the class.

 **Take care of yourself both physically and mentally:** Because there is so much going on at the end of the semester, it is easy to let it build up. Many students find themselves sick during this time because they are cutting back on what they need to be healthy (both mentally and physically). Make sure to allow yourself time to sleep, eat healthy and manage the stress that may be building. Your health is important and it

will help you accomplish what you need to do.

 **Prepare for Finals:** I know you are thinking **ALREADY?** But yes! The hardest part about finals is that you will have a lot of tests in a short amount of time. The earlier start you can get the better. Starting thinking about when your exams fall and make a plan for how you will study. Reviewing your past notes throughout the month of November will help you avoid cramming right before your tests. You want to be in the situation where you just have to refresh yourself on the information during finals week and not relearn the material then. By starting early, you will be able to better retain the information.

 **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** Your professor's office hours are there for a reason. Go see them if you do not understand a topic, grade, or assignment. They want to help you, but they can't help if you don't see them.

It can be daunting to think of all you have to do before the semester ends, but if you take each day at a time and stay focused, you can succeed through this challenge. And remember at the end of this semester you will have a month to relax!

Dates To Remember

Nov 4: Spring Registration Begins. Be sure to check AU Access for your specific registration time.

Nov 8: eBill Due. It was posted on October 10.

Nov 14: First eBill of Spring semester posted. It will be due Dec 6. Schedules are subject to cancellation for non-payment.

Nov 25-29: Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

Dec 6: Last Day of Fall classes

Dec 9-13: Finals

Dec 21-Jan 5: University Closed

Jan 8: Spring Classes Begin



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Debit/Credit Card Fees Assessed Starting Dec 1

Students who previously used a credit or debit card to pay e-bills, including tuition, should consider alternative methods of payment to avoid a fee that will be assessed to cover the third-party cost of processing those payments. This **2.85% fee**, effective December 1, 2019, is initiated by a third-party payment processor, and Auburn does not receive any portion of the fee. Auburn continues to offer several

user-friendly methods of paying tuition for those who choose not to use a credit or debit card, which include check, e-check and cash. These payments carry no additional fees. Auburn University also continues to offer easy alternative ways to pay e-bills in installments.

If you have questions about the credit card convenience fee or any of the

payment options available, please visit the Student Financial Services website, visit them in 203 Mary Martin Hall, or call them at 334-844-4634.

Additional Information: <http://www.auburn.edu/administration/business-finance/sfs/ccc-fee.html>



Transfer Student Spotlight

November is one of the most exciting months of the school year! The weather is beginning to cool off, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and let's not forget, The Iron Bowl. Unfortunately, this time of year can be difficult academically. As the semester draws to a close, term papers need final revisions, professors give their final tests of the semester and in the near future, final exams. All these events occurring simultaneously cause many students to feel nervous and anxious. These feelings should not be seen as negative but as a sign you care about succeeding. The key to being successful at this time of year is making sure these emotions don't get the best of you, and take time and energy away that needs to be devoted to succeeding.

As a transfer student who was in your shoes last year, I felt many of the same emotions you all may be feeling now. Fortunately, I was able to achieve the desired results by learning to study smarter, staying on top of my work, maintaining a supportive friend group and taking care of

myself. The points I have noted may seem obvious but in the busyness these simple rules often get forgotten.

The first point is studying smarter. It may not be as fun to study alone but you can retain more information when you put away all distractions and give yourself blocks of time when you can give one hundred percent. Number two, when you are stressed it is tempting to hole up and tell everyone you are too busy. I frequently did this until one night I realized that after going to dinner with my friends for an hour I studied much more efficiently and I felt better too. Finally, the simplest one of all but most often forgotten is take care of yourself. While it may be tempting to pull an all-nighter studying it is better to get some rest. All of the points above can be largely avoided if you simply don't procrastinate. When people procrastinate, it results in feeling the need to do the things I mentioned above. Start studying and preparing before your think you should so if you get a little behind you will still be on track. Fight on and WAR EAGLE!



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NOV. 18 – DEC. 12*

*Office closure during Thanksgiving Break



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Drop-in to **Academic Support (0176 RBD Library)** to meet with an Academic Coach for final exam success strategies. No appointment necessary!

MONDAYS

10:00am – 11:00am

TUESDAYS

4:00pm – 5:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

11:00am – 12:00pm

THURSDAYS

12:30pm – 1:30pm &
2:00pm – 3:00pm

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