

SECRETS TO SOAR

Insider Tips for Auburn's Transfer Students

A Welcome from SGA

Welcome to the Auburn family! Student Government Association (SGA) is thrilled to see so many new faces on campus, and we cannot wait to bring to life the exciting and creative ideas we know your class has to offer. Our main purpose as SGA is to advocate your concerns and suggestions to the Auburn administration and community, while presenting various events and initiatives to help make student life at Auburn the best it can be!

SGA consists of three branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. These branches work together to serve and unify the Auburn family. In order to accomplish this, we gather and utilize student feedback on all aspects of life at Auburn. The [AuburnAnswers](#) portal was designed by students for students, and is an easy and effective way to voice your concerns directly. Throughout the year, stay in touch with your college designated



senator by using the [Senate Directory](#). The Fall season on campus is full of exciting events, to keep up-to-date on what SGA is doing follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@auburnsga).

Football season is underway, and it is imperative that you utilize the [Football Student Ticketing Center](#). If you plan on missing a home game, turn in your ticket by 11:59p.m. of the Sunday before gameday to avoid penalty points. Throughout the season, utilize the ticketing center to request guest passes if you missed out on the original guest pass lottery.

We would also like to encourage every student to take part in Family Fridays, where SGA

partners with Auburn organizations to further unify and explore our wonderfully diverse campus! We would love to see you at our first Family Friday event on September 6, located on the Cater Lawn from 11 a.m. until 1p.m. - where we are partnering with Alternative Student Breaks.

Through our mission of serving and promoting the individual student; unifying all that is Auburn-we strive to advocate for the student body. Through that mission, there is always room for improvement and new perspectives at Auburn, and it is very important to us that your ideas are heard. For more information on Student Government Association, please visit our [website](#). SGA is here in this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to your feedback and involvement!



War Eagle!



Dates To Remember

Aug 26 - Sept 9: Drop Course Penalty Days. Dropping a class during this time will result in a \$100 fee per course dropped.

Sept 6: Second eBill due. Statements were posted to your eBill on August 15.

Sept 7 @ 6:30pm: First home football game of the season against Tulane. Be sure to check out the [Guide to Gameday](#).

Sept 9: 15th Class Day: Last day to drop from a course with no grade assignment.

Sept 9: Deadline to set up Duo (2-factor authentication). Go here to set it up: auburn.edu/2factor

Sept 13-15: Fall Family Weekend

Oct 7: 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 10-11: Fall Break (No Classes)

Oct 17: 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.



Transfer Student Spotlight

Beginning my senior year at Auburn last month was surreal. How was it that I was a transfer student just last year? I remember transferring in I was so nervous about all of the changes. Would my professors be approachable, can I handle the work-load, how will I find my place? I felt all of these feelings from the moment I was accepted, and to be honest, I do not remember when those overwhelming feelings left me, but they did. In hindsight, I realized that being a transfer student DID define me. At times being a transfer student made me feel like a freshman again like I was the new kid again. Here I was, 19 years old feeling like I could not find my place. If that describes you, that is NORMAL and trust me that feeling does go away with time. But, being a transfer student also allowed me to see this institution in a different way than traditional students. I felt like I had a fresh

start, and was thankful for the opportunity to be an Auburn student and what future opportunities that experience would bring. The best thing that I did for myself was getting involved. I know you hear this from your family, professors, and probably your orientation leader, but these people are right. For me, getting involved meant finding my place and my people. I enjoyed being a part of my organization because it not only pushed me outside of my comfort zone, but it immersed me in a group of students and faculty that are here to help me and be a part of my Auburn journey. It even led me to a clearer vision of myself and what my passion is. My involvement was the moment where I finally felt like an Auburn student, and when you experience your moment, you will never forget it. Before you know it, a year will pass by and you will forget that you were just transferring in, too.



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Visit the Miller Writing Center for One-on-One Writing Support

The Miller Writing Center invites all Auburn University students to work with its highly-trained staff of student peer consultants (undergraduate and graduate) to develop their writing skills. Whatever you're writing and wherever you are in the writing process, our consultants are ready and able to help you succeed.

What Do You Need to Know About the Miller Writing Center?

1. We work with all writers and all kinds of writing. We offer face-to-face and online consultations on any writing task. We can help you with an essay for English composition, a lab report for chemistry, a PowerPoint presentation for economics — any kind of writing for any class from any department. We can also help with writing not connected to courses, like resumes, personal emails or letters, or any other writing project you would like assistance with.

2. We help writers at any stage in the writing process. We can help you think through your ideas and plan strategies when you first get an assignment, give you

feedback on your draft and help you revise a piece of writing based on comments from your professor, work with you on specific writing issues (grammar, style, citations, punctuation, organization, etc.), and even help you with proofreading and editing. You can schedule multiple visits, up to two appointments per week.

3. It's easy to make appointments via AU Access. You can plan ahead and schedule appointments at any time in the semester. Walk-in sessions are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you can't get to one of our campus locations, we also offer online consultations.

4. We are open six days a week when classes are in session. Our main location in the RBD Library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. During the summer, we operate on a reduced schedule. We also offer appointments at satellite locations on a limited basis.

5. We offer workshops to help with both big picture and sentence-level writing concerns. Our WoW (Working on Writing) Wednesdays workshop series offers 12 opportunities each semester to learn about a specific writing skill and apply strategies learned to your own projects. For information on this series, visit aub.ie/wowwednesdays.

6. All of our services are free.

Visit our website at auburn.edu/writingcenter to access information on how to make an in-person or online appointment or go to our events page to learn about other programs we offer to support your writing needs.



Campus Connection- Student Involvement (Service)

Student Involvement has many great and easy ways for incoming transfer students to get involved both in the local community and abroad.



One organization is **IMPACT**, a student led volunteer organization. IMPACT works with 16

different community partners and has over 50 weekly opportunities to volunteer that can work around your schedule. You just have to show up to the intramural fields at the designated time. There is truly a volunteer project for all interests; from opportunities to help children with their homework to outdoor projects such as the Louise Kreher Ecology Preserve.

Beat Bama Food Drive is a yearly canned food drive and fundraiser in the fall that benefits the Food Bank of East Alabama.

Alternative Student Breaks (ASB) offers you a unique opportunity of spending Fall Break, Winter Break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, or Spring Break engaging in an affordable service learning project. ASB takes both domestic and international trips. This is a great way to go on a trip, meet new people, and understand a pressing social issue in a unique way.

Dance Marathon (AUDM) is an organization that fundraises for Children's Miracle Network. AUDM hosts events throughout the year for students to participate in and fundraise. The year culminates each February with a 14-hour Main Event that includes games, guest speakers, live music, fundraising, and dancing. AUDM offers a variety of ways for students to get involved.



The Big Event is a giant community service day hosted in the spring. Each year over 1,200 students volunteer around the Auburn-Opelika area to thank the community for being a great place to live and learn. Students can volunteer on a team, with an organization, or as an individual.

Give Your 10 is an initiative that encourages Auburn students to engage with the hundreds of service opportunities offered across campus. Here at Auburn we "believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all." Give Your 10 encourages Auburn students to give 10 hours of their time to serve others!

For more information on each of these organizations and how to get involved, check out their pages on AUinvolve.

Transfer Tip:

Did you know the University Career Center has drop in hours? You can get immediate assistance Monday through Friday from 10-3p.m. in Mary Martin Hall (room 303). If additional help is needed, they'll help you make an appointment with a Career Counselor. The University 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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