



FRANKLIN COLLEGE  
OF ARTS & SCIENCES

# OFFICE OF TRANSFER ACADEMIC SERVICES

## OUR OFFICE PROVIDES:

- Resources, guidance and advocacy for UGA's Franklin College transfer students.
- Retention counseling for students facing academic difficulty

**COME SEE US!**  
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"Transfer Shock" is  
the tendency for a  
student's grades to  
fall during their first  
semester at a new  
institution.

*we can help!*



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### LOGISTICAL TIPS

- Locate your classes in advance so you know where you are going on your first day.
- Practice bus routes. Install the UGA app on your phone, which provides routes for campus and city buses.
- Arrive early on the first day. Traffic and parking are typically more challenging during drop/add.
- Keep important contacts so you can access them easily: Advising, Registrar, Financial Aid, Office of Transfer Academic Services.

### SOCIAL TIPS

Research indicates that the more engaged a transfer student becomes on a new campus, the better s/he will perform academically.

Join clubs and/or organizations. Search through over 600 campus organizations:

<https://uga.campuslabs.com/engage>

Find Volunteer or community service activities:

[http://cls.uga.edu/content\\_page/volunteer-uga](http://cls.uga.edu/content_page/volunteer-uga)

### ACADEMIC TIPS

- Take a balanced course load during your first semester. Begin with only one or two major courses, if applicable.
- Use a paper or electronic planner to record relevant dates in the planner in advance so you can see your overall workload for the semester. Use the course syllabi for this process.
- UGA's Division of Academic Enhancement (DAE) offers classes in study skills and time management, as well as tutoring in many subjects. <http://dae.uga.edu>
- Talk to your instructors and professors. Take advantage of office hours. Personal contact with a professor can offset large class size and help you build academic relationships.
- Are you certain you're in the right major? Use the Career Center to explore majors and careers. UGA offers over 140 majors, 70 minors, and a number of certificate programs. Clear focus on a goal can enhance academic performance. <http://www.career.uga.edu/>
- Have questions? Consult your advisor during walk-in times <https://sage.uga.edu/> or email [otas@uga.edu](mailto:otas@uga.edu) to connect with our office.

