



OFFICE OF TRANSFER ACADEMIC SERVICES

OUR OFFICE

- Advocates for the transfer population in the Franklin College and across UGA
- Provides resources and guidance
- Fosters community
- Provides academic coaching for students facing academic difficulty

“Transfer Shock” is the tendency for a student’s grades to drop during their first semester at a new institution.

We can help!

COME SEE US!

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LOGISTICAL TIPS

- Locate your classes in advance so you know where you are going on your first day. Consider signing up for one of our Transfer Ambassador-led campus tours.
- Practice bus routes. The UGA app 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 they will perform academically.
- Join clubs and/or organizations. Search through over 600 campus organizations: <https://uga.campuslabs.com/engage/ORGANIZATIONS>
- Find volunteer or community service activities: <https://els.uga.edu/>
- Follow #transferdawgs to find programs and events where you can meet Transfer Ambassadors and other new transfer students!

ACADEMIC TIPS

- Take a balanced course load during your first semester. Consider UNIV2302/Success for Transfer Students.
- Use a paper or electronic planner to record relevant dates in advance so you can see your overall workload for the semester. Use the course syllabi for this process.
- UGA's Office for Student Success and Achievement (OSSA) offers classes in study skills and time management, as well as tutoring in many subjects. ossa.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 goal enhancement academic performance.
- www.career.uga.edu
- Have questions? Email your academic advisor or visit them during walk-in times (sage.uga.edu).
- Reach out to the Office of Transfer Academic Services (otas@uga.edu)

TRANSFER AMBASSADOR TIPS

"Get to know your professors and TAs."

"I wish I had known a little bit more about the bus system."

"Download the UGA App."

"Be smart about how you spend your time."

"Get involved on campus. Try new things."

"Be ready for a fun, yet challenging experience!"