

Welcome! We know you've worked hard to get here, and we're glad you chose UGA!

The Franklin College Transfer Ambassadors have compiled a list of recommendations for your first semester here. We hope these tips will help you prepare for a great experience at UGA.

- **Familiarize yourself with campus:** Try to get a feel for campus prior to the first day of classes. Practice your route to campus and find your classrooms before the first day. Get the UGA App, which has an interactive campus map, bus routes, and more.
- **Form relationships:** Your relationships at UGA are important for your success.
 - Stay in touch with your advisor. UGA may have different major and degree requirements than your previous institution did. Your advisor can answer your questions and help you prepare for graduation and beyond.
 - Initiate conversation with classmates. This could turn into a study group or a friendship!
 - Plan to visit instructors during office hours. Introducing yourself and pursuing individual assistance helps personalize the class for you and the instructor, giving you an opportunity to more effectively connect with the class material, your major, and UGA.
- **Find your niche.** One of the most important things you can do to feel at home here is to find a campus organization that interests you. Most organizations are eager to welcome new members, especially in the first few weeks of school. So don't be afraid to try something new! Take the time to browse through this list of organizations: <https://uga.campuslabs.com/engage/>
- **Pace yourself.** You worked hard to get here. Stay ahead of the game so as not to get behind. It's better to study consistently in smaller increments than to try to cram it all in right before a test.
- **Enjoy!** UGA's campus and the surrounding Athens area are fun and interesting. There is always something to do and somewhere to explore. Don't forget to reward yourself every once in a while for all your hard work.
- **Find your study spot:** Popular spots include the Miller Learning Center, Science Library, Main Library, North Campus lawn, and Jittery Joe's. Find a study environment that works for you.
- **Ask questions!** Remember that every student, professor, and staff member once had their first day here, too. The Transfer Ambassadors and the Office of Transfer Academic Services are also available to answer questions. Contact us!
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