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What advice do you have for future transfer students?

Live on campus! It may be more expensive to live on campus, but it is worth every penny. Besides being conveniently located near your classes, living in the dorms catalyzes your involvement on campus. If you decide living on campus is not for you, you can live off campus the following year.

Get a meal plan. I bought the commuter meal plan my second semester on campus because carrying enough food to get me from breakfast through late night studying got old fast. As for taste, the food is always on point.

Don’t underestimate the challenges that moving to a new place will throw at you. I came in with sky high expectations about becoming a big dawg on campus by the end of my first semester. I completely started over socially, academically, and professionally when I moved the 4 hours north to attend UGA. I was prepared for the academic challenge at UGA, but I was not prepared for the draining effects of homesickness. Your best bet is to jump into campus activities that interest you (there are a dizzying number of activities from day to day), so you can find people who share those interests. You can’t be shy about making friends because the student population is too large to count on chance encounters. Carpe Diem, my friends! With that said, teachers at UGA expect a higher degree of independent study. They will hit the highlights and expand upon difficult concepts, but you are responsible for your own education. If that means skimming the chapter once, great for you! If that means drawing the glycolysis mechanism for the hundredth time to ensure you understand it, then, as Nike says, just do it. Despite missing football games (gasp) or chilling with friends, you will rejoice come graduation day knowing that you are among an elite group of people to pass through that sacred arch into bulldog nation history.