

WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | 2024

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 | Happy Move In Day! Welcome to AU! We are glad you're here!

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

New Resident Student Move In

Residence Halls

Welcome to AU! We cannot wait to see you on campus. Please be sure to arrive at your scheduled move-in time – you should have an email from Residence Life with all the details!

Please note that all cars will need to be moved from Main Campus to the Athletic Campus as soon as possible.

The Trojan Transit is available to give you a ride back to your residence hall!

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch

Student Center

Head to the Culinary Center or to a local spot (there's a guide to some of our favorites in your folder!) to grab a bite to eat.

New Student Commuter Student Check-In

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

New Commuter Student Check-In

Student Center

Welcome to AU! All first-year AU students who are commuting will check in with Student Life. At check-in, you will have the opportunity to connect with the Office of Commuter Engagement.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

New Student Commuter Meeting & Panel Discussion

Student Center

New commuting students will learn some tricks of the trade from current commuter students, all while meeting your fellow classmates. You will also learn about where to eat on campus, where to park on campus, and how to navigate this transition.

All Student Evening Activities

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner

Student Center

Head to the Culinary Center or to a local spot (there's a guide to some of our favorites in your folder!) to grab a bite to eat.

6:00 pm

Matriculation | 1st Service

Abney Athletic Center

Bring your family and join us for an unforgettable time of worship as we celebrate this AU tradition at the start of your journey! **This service is for students that arrived on campus on Friday morning and for August Base Camp students.**

7:00 pm

Archway Walk

The Front Lawn

We love a tradition around here. Incoming students symbolically begin their AU journey with the archway walk prior to their first year, and then, on graduation day, they will once again participate in the archway walk as they finish their time at Anderson University. **Families and guests attending the second matriculation service should gather on the Front Lawn. Students attending the second service should gather at Thrift Library no later than 6:45 p.m.** We can't wait to celebrate with you.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Classes start tomorrow, woohoo! AU Outfitters is open if you need to grab any last-minute supplies, and the Student Center is open too if you've got something to print (head to the 3rd floor!). If we can do anything to help you prepare, please email us at studentlife@andersonuniversity.edu.

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Breakfast** **Culinary Center**

The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your student ID.

10:00 am – 11:30 am **Athletic Orientation** **Henderson Auditorium**

All athletes must attend this session - you'll hear from your biggest fans and learn more about AU requirements.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Department of Theatre and Dance Meeting** **Belk Theatre**

All theatre and dance majors must attend this department meeting for announcements, updates, and breakout meetings by major discipline. We can't wait to see you there!

11:00 am – 2:00 pm **Lunch** **Student Center**

The Culinary Center is open, grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.

11:45 am – 12:30 pm **International Student Orientation** **The International House**

The Center for Global Engagement advises the international student community, and we cannot wait to welcome you to campus. All international students are required to attend this session. This includes F1 students, transfers, and exchange students! *The International House is located at 302 Williamston Road, which is easily accessible by Trojan Transit – just ask to be dropped off there!*

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Music Major & Music Ensemble Auditions** **Daniel Recital Hall Lobby**

If you are interested in participating in instrumental, choral, or commercial music ensembles and have not yet auditioned, please sign up for auditions during this time. Choral auditions do not require a prepared song, though instrumental auditions require a short, prepared piece of your choice. All prospective music majors who have not yet auditioned must audition for the Music Department at this time with two contrasting pieces of your choice. Contact Dr. David L. Perry at dperry@andersonuniversity.edu to schedule your audition.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **South Carolina School of the Arts Dance Auditions** **Athletic Campus Dance Studios**

Anyone is welcome to audition! Possible ensembles include: jazz, tap, modern, and ballet. Come dressed to dance, and bring shoes appropriate for the ensembles for which you desire to audition. Please show up a few minutes early to fill out paperwork.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Residence Hall Meeting | New Students** **Henderson Auditorium**

All new students who are living on campus are **required** to attend this mandatory Residence Hall meeting. **This meeting is required for all first-year students and transfer students.**

5:00 pm **First Year: Find Your Way** **Various Locations**

Not sure where to find that classroom on your schedule? Alpha and TAG Group leaders would love to help you find your way! Group leaders will be in touch about where to meet for a campus classroom tour. Bring your schedule along and have all your questions answered!

5:00 pm – 8:30 pm **Dinner** **Student Center**
Head to the Culinary Center to grab a bite to eat. Don't forget your student ID.

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Trojan Tradition** **The Front Lawn**
Join us as new and returning students mark their place in the lineage of the AU family.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 | HAPPY FIRST DAY OF CLASS!

10:10 am **Residence Hall Meeting | Returning Students** **Henderson Auditorium**
All returning students who are living on campus are **required** to attend their mandatory Residence Hall meeting. See your RA or look for signage on your hall to confirm the meeting location.

7:00 pm **West Fest** **Vandiver Lot**
Dust off your cowboy boots and join us for some western fun – animals, activities, and good eats!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm **BCM** **Henderson Auditorium**
BCM is a diverse group of students who join together every Thursday night to celebrate Jesus and his work in our lives. As the semester kicks off, come worship the Lord with us through music, studying God's word, and fellowship.

9:00 pm **Silent Disco** **TBD**
It's time for one of our classic favorites – Silent Disco! The playlists are ready, and the headphones are charged up.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

10:10 am – 11:00 am **Campus Worship** **Henderson Auditorium**
Kick off the first day of classes with Campus Worship, a time of worship, teaching, and prayer.

5:00 pm **Beach Bash** **Student Center Front Plaza**
Enjoy a special tropical-themed meal in the Culinary Center from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. After dinner, join Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker on the Quad starting at 6:00 pm for dancing, dessert, games, and fun! Be sure to sport your best Hawaiian shirt!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

The afternoon is yours! The pool and sand volleyball court are open. Also, the Athletic Campus Gym is open if you would like to play some pickup basketball. At any of these places, you can check out what intramurals or fitness classes you can sign up for this year.

7:30 pm

Big Welcome Event

Spero Financial Field

Whether it's your first semester here or last semester here, we'll celebrate with fireworks and dessert! Come over to hang out and grab some dessert, then enjoy an incredible firework show!