

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 – check your inbox for 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 – 1:00 pm **Meet & Greet with Coach Lamb** **Culinary Center Plaza**
Get ready for football game day! On your way to lunch, stop by the lower plaza (right outside the Culinary Center) to meet Coach Lamb and some of his coaching staff.

11:00 am – 2:00 pm **Lunch** **Student Center**
Head to the Culinary Center or to a nearby spot (check out the Local Eats handout if you need a suggestion!) to grab a bite to eat.

New Commuter Student Check-In

5:00 pm – 5:30 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.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **New Commuter Student 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 nearby spot (check out the Local Eats handout if you need a suggestion!) 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.

8:00 pm **Matriculation | 2nd 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 afternoon and for commuter students.**

THIS CONCLUDES SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND GUESTS.

*Don't forget that all cars 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!*

9:30 pm **Late Night Mixer** **Student Center Plaza**

Welcome home! Come hang out for some late-night treats and making new friends on your first night!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

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

9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Returning Student Move In** **Athletic Campus**

Welcome home! We're so glad to have you back! Be sure to sign up for your move-in time via your email from Residence Life.

9:00 am – 10:30 am **First Year: Meet Your Alpha Group or TAG Group** **The Quad**

Alpha Groups and TAG Groups are an important part of the First Year Experience! Your Alpha Group or TAG (Transfer Alpha Group) Group will be led by an upperclassman student leader who will help you transition to life at Anderson. Meet us for this **required** session to connect with your group and get to know your fellow classmates!

10:30 am – 3:00 pm **First Year: Checklist** **Various Locations**

Your Alpha or TAG Leader will guide you through important First Year required checklist items, like getting your iPad, picking up your textbooks, and completing a CEP credit. You'll enjoy lunch with your group during this time, too! This session is **required**.

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

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

The afternoon is yours! The pool is open from 2:00 – 6:00 pm, and the sand volleyball court is open all day. 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.

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Dinner** **Student Center**

Head to the Student Center to grab a bite to eat, the Culinary Center and Chick-fil-A are open! Don't forget your student ID.

5:00 pm **Picnics on the Lawn** **The Front Lawn**
Bring your dinner to the Front Lawn, and come hang out with Student Activities! We'll have the picnic blankets, lawn games, and dessert!

7:00 pm **Opening Ceremony** **Henderson Auditorium**
Join the incoming class for this fun and memorable kick-off to your time as an Anderson University student!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Be sure to check out one of the many local churches in Anderson. If you need suggestions, check with your AU101 classmates, your Alpha or TAG Group Leader, or your RA!

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Breakfast** **Culinary Center**
The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your student ID.

11:00 am – 2:00 pm **Lunch** **Student Center**
The Culinary Center is open, grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.

The pool is open from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, and the Athletic Campus Gym and the sand volleyball court are open all day. Or head to the Student Center to enjoy some video games, ping pong, and more. Have fun!

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Tacos & Tapas Dinner** **Culinary Center**
The Culinary Center is throwing a fiesta night with tacos and tapas! Think street tacos, tostados, taco sliders, churros, and more. Enjoy! Don't forget your student ID!

8:00 pm **Grocery Bingo** **The Quad**
Bring your luck for some old-fashioned bingo with grocery prizes!

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast** **Culinary Center**
The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your student ID.

9:00 am – 9:35 am **Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting | Main Campus** **Henderson Auditorium**
All students who are living on campus are **required** to attend this mandatory meeting. This meeting is for all residential students living in Pratt, Denmark, Lawton, Rouse, Village, Kingsley, Boulevard Halls, and Stringer.

9:45 am – 11:30 am **First Year: Rotating Sessions** **Henderson Auditorium**
As with any college campus, there are specific policies and requirements you must know for your time at Anderson University. These sessions will ensure you have everything you need for success! Your Alpha or TAG Group Leader will keep you updated on when and where to meet with your group. This session is **required**.

11:45 am **First Year: Class Picture** **Student Center Plaza**
Head to the Student Center Plaza with your Group for the class photo!

11:00 am – 2:00 pm **Lunch** **Various Dining Options**

Grab some lunch! The Culinary Center and Chick-fil-A are open. Don't forget your student ID.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **First Year: Group Huddle** **Various Locations**
Meet up with your Alpha or TAG Group leader for a time of getting to know one another and discussing your journey thus far! Be ready to share some of your story and how you got to Anderson.

3:00 pm – 5:00pm **First Year: CEP Credits** **Various Locations**
Your Alpha or TAG Group leader will guide you through two **required** First Year CEP credits.

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

7:00 pm **The Block Party** **Vandiver Lot**
Join us for our annual Block Party! Live music, foodtrucks, and all the fun – what could be better?

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 for your first day of class, please email us at studentlife@andersonuniversity.edu.

7:00 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 – 2:30 pm **Lunch** **Various Dining Options**
All the dining options are 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 worship 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 students participating in commercial music ensembles are required to audition. 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.

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 your 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** **Various Dining Options**

All the dining options are open (with the exception of P. Whitty's – they are not open for dinner), grab some dinner! 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 | Extended Campus** **Henderson Auditorium**

All students who are living on campus are **required** to attend this mandatory meeting. This meeting is for all residential students living in theme houses, College Parke, and Townhomes.

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** **Athletic Campus Gym**

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**

Happy Friday! Start the day with Campus Worship – a time of worship, teaching, and prayer.

5:00 – 8:30 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 Student Center Front Plaza starting at 6:00 pm for dancing, dessert, games, and fun! Be sure to sport your best Hawaiian shirt!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Happy Saturday! The pool is open from 2:00 – 6:00 pm, and the sand volleyball court is open all day. Also, the Athletic Campus Gym is open if you would like to play some pickup basketball.

10:30 am

Dedication Ceremony and Fan Day

Spero Financial Field

Join us for the Dedication Ceremony of the Melvin and Dollie Younts Stadium, Trojan Fieldhouse, and Spero Financial Field. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this special occasion! Plus, you're invited to the Fan Day after the Dedication! Here, you will be able to meet and greet players (as well as get their autographs) and tour the Fieldhouse.

6:00 pm

Women's Soccer Scrimmage

Spero Financial Field

Come cheer on the Trojans as women's soccer takes on Bob Jones University!

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! Come over to hang out and grab some dessert, then enjoy the incredible firework show!