

**AURORA
UNIVERSITY**



GUIDE FOR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



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WELCOME

It's a great day to be a Spartan! We are excited to welcome new students and families joining the Aurora University community this year. All of us — faculty, staff, and coaches — are committed to student success and look forward to our time together.

This booklet provides an overview of information that will help students succeed and stay on course for graduation. AU has numerous services to support students and activities that help develop lifelong skills and friendships. We encourage you to read more in the pages that follow.



SPARTAN LINGO

Below are some common phrases and abbreviations students may hear around campus.



A-BOOK

The A-Book is every student's guide to AU's services and policies pertaining to conduct and behavior.



AUSA

AUSA is the Aurora University Students' Association, the student government body.



ASC

The Academic Support Center provides students with academic coaching, tutoring, and writing support. Appointments can be scheduled through the Academic SupportNet platform.



CPS

Campus Public Safety provides police services and promotes a safe and secure living and learning environment.



CROUSE CENTER

The Crouse Center for Academic Advising provides students with advising and mentoring services.



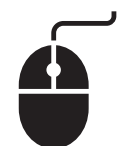
FYE

First Year Experience is a semester-long program that helps students make a successful transition to college through workshops, self-assessments, and participation in various campus events.



HANDSHAKE

Handshake is a digital platform that students can use to make appointments with academic advising and career services staff members. It can also be used to look for jobs and internships, including on-campus employment.



MOODLE

This online platform is used primarily for academic courses and includes class schedules and course information. Students use Moodle to submit course assignments.



PA

A peer advisor is an undergraduate who serves as a mentor to first year students.



THE QUAD

The Quad is the outdoor space in the center of campus where commencement ceremonies and many other events are held.



RA

Resident assistants are undergraduates who live and work in the residence halls, helping to create a comfortable, safe, and supportive atmosphere for fellow residents.



SELF-SERVICE

Students use Self-Service, an online portal, to register for classes, view course schedules, access financial aid information, review academic progress, and view final grades.



THE SPOT

The Spartan Spot is a place for students to hang out and play ping pong or pool, use computer stations, watch TV, and order grilled menu items and salads.



SYLLABUS, SYLLABI

A syllabus is a specific outline of an academic class in which the professor details course expectations and deadlines.



TIMELYCARE

TimelyCare is AU's telehealth program available to all students. The program provides 24/7 access to medical and mental telehealth services.



WELCOME U

Welcome U is AU's orientation series designed to assist students in the transition to college. Sessions are either in person or virtual and represent a wide range of topics.

TOP 10 WAYS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE STUDENT

10. Buy or rent textbooks for each course and USE them.

5. Don't procrastinate. No one does their best work at the last minute.

9. Access and review course materials (on Moodle) and come to class prepared.

4. Develop and practice time management.

8. Show up to class on time, actively listen, and take notes.

3. Learn from your mistakes.

7. Avoid distractions. Students should silence cell phones in class and sit where they feel the most attentive.

2. Plan to be successful. Seek help when struggling with a course.

6. Meet with the instructor, a tutor, or classmates to review class material or to clarify course information.

1. Put in the effort — consistently and in every way.

2023-2024 ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL CALENDAR

The highlighted dates below reflect important financial-related deadlines.

AUGUST

7-10	Welcome U: First Year Student Orientation virtual sessions
15	Health and immunization records due to Health Services
15	Fall 2023 tuition due
	First installment of fall semester Monthly Payment Plan due (if enrolled in the monthly payment plan)
14-17	Welcome U: First Year Student Orientation virtual sessions
22 or 24	Welcome U: First Year Commuter Student Orientation
25	Move-in for first year students
26	Welcome U: First Year Resident Student Orientation
	Move-in for transfer and returning students
28	Fall semester classes begin

SEPTEMBER

3	Last day to add fall semester 16-week daytime classes
	End of 100% tuition refund period
4	Labor Day (no day or evening classes)
6	\$100 late fee tuition payment deadline
10	End of 90% tuition refund period
14	Last day to change residential meal plans
17	End of 50% tuition refund period
29	Founders Convocation (no classes after 1:05 p.m.)

OCTOBER

4	\$200 late fee tuition payment deadline
8	Last day to withdraw from Module 1 fall semester classes
19-22	Fall Weekend (no traditional day classes)

NOVEMBER

1	\$300 late fee tuition payment deadline
12	Last day to drop fall semester classes with an automatic "W"
22-26	Thanksgiving holiday (no day or evening classes)

DECEMBER

- 3 Last day to withdraw from Module 2 fall semester classes
- 11–16 Final examinations
- 14 Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

JANUARY

- 7 Residence halls open at 10 a.m.
- 8 Spring semester classes begin
- 14 Spring 2023 tuition due
End of 100% tuition refund period
Last day to add spring semester 16-week daytime classes
First installment of spring semester Monthly Payment Plan due
(if enrolled in the monthly payment plan)
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no day or evening classes)
- 21 End of 90% tuition refund period
- 25 Last day to change residential meal plans
- 28 End of 50% tuition refund period
- 31 \$100 late fee tuition payment deadline

FEBRUARY

- 17 Last day to withdraw from Module 1 spring semester classes

MARCH

- 1 \$200 late fee tuition payment deadline
- 3 Residence halls close at 5 p.m.
- 4–10 Spring Break
- 12 Residence halls open at 10 a.m.
- 28–31 Easter weekend (no traditional day classes)
- 31 Last day to drop spring semester classes with an automatic “W”

APRIL

- 5 \$300 late fee tuition payment deadline
- 12 Honors Convocation (no classes after 1:05 p.m.)
- 20 Last day to withdraw from Module 2 spring semester classes
- 29–May 4 Final examinations

MAY

- 4–5 Commencement
- 5 Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

ACADEMICS

SUCCEEDING AT AU

AU students are solely responsible for managing their time, whether for class, studying, working, eating, exercise, or sleeping. College classes are far more rigorous than high school courses and require more time for studying and completing assignments.

Each course syllabus outlines deadlines, assignments, exam dates, and class expectations. Student schedules often reflect an average of 12-17 hours of class time per week. Often, there are breaks between classes, sometimes for an hour or more. Some classes meet three times per week, some twice a week, and some only once a week.

Attending and participating in class are the most important steps to academic success. For each class, students can expect substantial reading and writing assignments. It is recommended that students study at least two to three hours outside of class for each hour in class. For example, 15 credit hours results in 30 to 45 hours a week for studying.



At AU, students are responsible for purchasing or renting all required textbooks and other related course materials. For each class, the list of required textbooks and materials is available at the AU Bookstore (online and in person) and through the Self-Service portal.

Instructors are encouraged to send an “academic alert” when they are concerned about a student’s academic performance. The alert will detail the specific reason(s) for concern. Students will benefit from working directly with faculty members about academic performance in a specific course. Faculty members share office hours and contact information on the course syllabus.

Students are responsible for reporting any absence or illness to a faculty member. When a concern about an academic course arises, students should contact their professor first, if appropriate. The chair of the academic department or the dean of the specific college are also resources for resolving concerns about an academic course.



AU EMAIL

Every student receives an AU email account, which the university uses as the official mode of communication. Students are expected to check their AU email regularly.

Students can add their AU email account to their mobile device by following the instructions at **its.aurora.edu**.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Aurora University offers more than 60 academic programs organized into three colleges that each include specific schools of study. Each college is overseen by a dean and each major has an academic chair. These individuals are resources for students who have academic concerns.



CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A community of learners, Aurora University students and faculty share responsibility for academic honesty and integrity. The university expects students to do their own academic work. In addition, it expects active participation and equitable contributions of students involved in group assignments. Aurora University's Code of Academic Integrity prohibits dishonest and unethical behaviors, regardless of intent.



CODE OF CONDUCT

The university's Code of Conduct is detailed in the A-Book. The most recent version is located on the university's website. Policies and procedures in the handbook are designed to promote fairness for all.



ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Crouse Center for Academic Advising is home to AU's centralized academic advising program. Professional staff guide undergraduate students on their academic path from orientation to graduation.



PHILLIPS LIBRARY

Phillips Library provides printed and online resources for research and study. Staff librarians are available to assist students with assignments and projects. The library includes a science area with different anatomical models, study rooms, and a computer lab with free printers. A 'relaxation station' is available, too, to help students decompress.

Laptops, chargers, and digital video cameras are also available for checkout. Through the interlibrary loan system, library staff can access materials and resources not available on site.



CAMPUS STUDY AREAS

Whether studying alone or in groups, AU students have several options for studying on campus. Listed below are key areas.

- » Dunham Atrium (Farmer's Fridge vending machine available)
- » Hill Center for Student Success (popcorn and hot beverages always available)
- » John C. Dunham Hall
- » Phillips Library (individual and group study rooms)
- » Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action (beverages and snacks available)



FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal privacy law that protects education records at a higher education institution. Information collected and maintained about students is private and cannot be shared, although there are some exceptions under the law.

Students who wish to have someone advocate for them and receive information from their education records will need to first submit an Authorization to Release Information form through Okta. AU will only provide the authorized individual with the information approved for release by the student.



FINANCES

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid counselors are committed to helping students successfully navigate the financial responsibilities of pursuing a college degree. To ensure a student receives the maximum aid possible, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be filed through **fafsa.gov** each year. Students will need to include AU's school code (001634) when completing the form; doing so allows AU to receive a student's FAFSA information.

Financial aid counselors can direct students to outside scholarship opportunities. Throughout the year, the Office of Financial Aid sends emails about additional scholarship opportunities through the university and other sources.

To schedule an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid, visit **aurora.edu/finaiddailyappt**.



The State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant is a need-based grant available to Illinois residents who filed the FAFSA and meet the criteria. Parents of a dependent student must be a legal resident of the state at the time of application. Awards and deadlines are subject to change based on state funding.

Federal Pell Grants are awarded based on financial need (using FAFSA information) to undergraduates who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree. Congress annually determines the funding level available.

All students are eligible for Federal Direct Stafford Loans. These low-interest federal loans provide an option for additional funds to cover tuition and related educational costs. Students may access some, all, or none of the loan dollars, using the AU Self-Service portal.

Loans that are subsidized do not accrue interest during the time a student is enrolled at least part time at the university; unsubsidized loans accrue interest as soon as any portion of the loan has been distributed.



STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office provides several services for students, including receipt of tuition billing, payments, and refunds. Other services include distribution of student worker paychecks, check cashing, and bookstore vouchers.

AU billing statements are electronic; students (and any designated authorized user) receive an email notification when statements are available. The university does not mail billing statements to students or parents. Financial statements are available through Self-Service, which students and authorized users can access.



SELF-SERVICE

Self-Service is an online tool that allows students to register, drop and add classes, make online payments, and access information in their student records (e.g., grades, class schedule). Students can also check the status of financial aid, view or print a class schedule, and check progress toward their degree requirements. Self-Service can be accessed via Okta.



TUITION PAYMENT

Students may make tuition payments online by Automated Clearing House (ACH) or credit card, or drop off payments by check, money order, cash, cashier's check, or credit card at Student Accounts in Eckhart Hall. AU also accepts credit card payments by phone at 630-844-5470.

Students may enroll each semester in an interest-free monthly payment plan that will cover their balance due for each semester.

- » The five-month payment plan for fall semester begins August 15 and ends December 15.
- » The five-month payment plan for spring semester begins January 15 and ends May 15.
- » The three-month plan for summer begins May 15 and ends July 15.

Payments are due by the 15th of every month. Failure to make two or more payments will result in the cancellation of the monthly payment plan.



ON-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

AU students have an option to work part time on campus in an academic, administrative, or athletic department. Campus employment positions are listed on Handshake, AU's career portal.

Students working on campus earn the State of Illinois minimum wage and may only work for a maximum of 15 hours per week when classes are in session. Students are paid biweekly and required to file a federal Form I-9 as well as state and federal W-4 forms. For assistance with on-campus employment, students should email studentjobs@aurora.edu.



1893 FUND

The 1893 Fund provides short-term financial assistance to students when unforeseen emergencies arise. Monies distributed from the 1893 Fund do not require repayment. Receiving assistance from the fund may affect a student's financial aid package.



STUDENT SUCCESS



ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

The Academic Support Center (ASC), located in Phillips Library, offers free tutoring, study skills training, academic coaching, writing assistance workshops, and one-on-one sessions. To schedule an appointment, visit Academic SupportNet in Okta.

For several courses, the ASC offers content-specific tutoring services. Weekly recitations, peer-led study sessions, and small group or one-on-one appointments reinforce classroom and textbook material.

Writing support is available for students, too. Through one-on-one, in-person, or Zoom appointments, AU's professional staff members are available to guide students through the writing process, from brainstorming, researching, writing, and revising to final draft.



CROUSE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Crouse Center for Academic Advising is home to AU's centralized academic advising program. Academic advisors provide assistance and guidance as students select classes, declare majors, and prepare for graduation.

Incoming freshmen are required to meet with their academic advisor a minimum of three times during their first year, including:

- 1.** AU4U orientation to register for fall classes.
- 2.** Fall semester to register for spring semester.
- 3.** Spring semester to register for fall and spring semesters of their sophomore year.

Incoming transfer students are required to meet with their academic advisor to register for their first semester at AU.

Of course, these are not the only times that a student can meet with their academic advisor. Students can schedule an appointment with their advisor at any time to discuss their academic path, register for subsequent semesters, or receive other guidance.

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, visit Handshake, call 630-844-6870, or email advise@aurora.edu.

ACADEMIC ADVISING LOCATIONS

LOCATION	SERVICING
Alumni Hall 136	Students in the School of Nursing
Dunham Hall 103	Students in the Dunham School of Business
Eckhart Hall 310	Students in the School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Humanities, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and School of Social Work
Institute 106	Students in the School of Education
Stephens Hall 118	Students in the School of Health Sciences and School of Natural Sciences, Technology, and Math





DISABILITY RESOURCES

Through a collaborative effort with AU faculty and staff, the Disability Resource Office works to provide an educational experience and environment that are accessible, equitable, and inclusive.

Students who need accommodations with their academic program should self-identify and submit a request as early as possible after acceptance into the university. Documentation, which is required to ensure adequate services are provided, should verify the disability, the functional limitations resulting from the disability, and the requested accommodation(s) and service(s). For more information, visit aurora.edu/dro.



VETERAN SERVICES

AU is committed to making sure that military veterans thrive as students. The university participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program as well as other federal GI Bill benefits. The first step in utilizing veteran benefits is to apply through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

Each veteran student receiving benefits is required to submit a copy of their DD214 to the Office of Financial Aid, the certifying office for veteran benefits. Because Aurora University is a private institution, students attending do not qualify for the Illinois Veteran Grant or the Illinois National Guard Grant.



CAREER SERVICES

Career Services staff members are passionate about helping students achieve professional goals after graduation. The office offers a variety of virtual and in-person programs, including workshops, conversations with employers, alumni networking events, interview preparation, on-campus career fairs, and hands-on job search assistance. Staff also assist with graduate school preparation and application.



SPARTAN ATTIC

The Spartan Attic, which offers students a wide selection of free, new and gently used professional clothing and accessories, is located alongside the Career Services office. In addition to suits, dress shirts, dresses, belts, and ties, shoes are also available.

STUDENT WELLNESS



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Illinois state law requires all full-time freshmen to submit the following records to Health Services:

- » MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) — Two doses
- » Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis — Three doses of any combination (DPT, DTaP, Td, Tdap). One dose must be a Tdap and the last dose must be dated within the last 10 years.
- » Meningitis (Meningococcal Conjugate) — One dose on or after 16th birthday for all students under age 22.

Note: Serogroup B meningococcal vaccine is optional and does not satisfy this requirement.

If these records are required by another campus department (e.g., Athletics, Nursing), students are required to submit a separate copy to Health Services.

Students can upload their immunization records by visiting the Spartan Health portal in Okta. For questions, contact Health Services at 630-844-5434.



HEALTH SERVICES

The Wellness Center provides nursing care and promotes health, wellness, and preventative care for students. Care received in the Wellness Center is nurse-directed and based on physician-approved protocols. Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled via the Spartan Health portal in Okta.



COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling services are free and confidential for all AU students. In addition to individual counseling, group and relationship-focused counseling are also available. Staff also offer seminars/workshops on a variety of topics related to mental health and well-being. Counseling staff does not prescribe medication; however, some students may qualify for psychiatric services through TimelyCare.



TIMELYCARE

In addition to on-campus services for student health and counseling, students have 24/7 access to medical and mental telehealth services at no cost through a student's smartphone or any other web-enabled device. Licensed-providers are available to diagnose non-emergent conditions, prescribe medications, and offer mental health support via phone or secure video visits. Students can access TimelyCare at timelycare.com/AU.

There are four services available 24/7 to students through TimelyCare:

TalkNow: On-demand access to a mental health professional to talk about anything at any time.

Scheduled Counseling: Scheduled options to speak to a licensed counselor (12 times per academic year, per student).

Health Coaching: Unlimited virtual visits can be scheduled with a nutrition specialist to empower students to live healthier and help prevent chronic diseases.



BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

Staff members of the Aurora University Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) work together to provide a systematic and supportive response when a student exhibits disturbing, dangerous, or disruptive behaviors that put themselves, others, or the learning community at risk.

The "Report It!" form, available on the AU intranet, should be used for concerns about disturbing behavior when the safety risk or threat of violence is not immediate. Reports are directed to the appropriate AU staff members for response and intervention.

Students may report concerns to the dean of students, a resident assistant or residence hall director, or any university employee. If the concern is urgent, Campus Public Safety should be notified immediately.



TITLE IX COORDINATOR

The Title IX Coordinator oversees AU's policies prohibiting sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and interpersonal violence.

CAMPUS SAFETY



CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY

Campus Public Safety (CPS) provides safety and security services on campus at all times — 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Staffed by sworn police officers, CPS protects the campus through its proactive efforts and responds to any report of possible criminal or otherwise unsafe behavior. In addition to patrolling the campus, CPS officers monitor parking areas, issue student IDs, and offer community education programs.



AU ALERT (EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM)

AU maintains an emergency messaging system that will notify users of severe weather or other emergency situations affecting campus. Students are automatically subscribed to the emergency alert system using their contact information listed in Self-Service. Parents and friends of the university who want to receive notifications may sign up at aurora.edu/alerts.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

AU strives to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Drills, training, tabletop exercises, and relationships with other local emergency responders are some examples of this planning. As members of the AU campus community, students will participate in several preparedness drills throughout their enrollment at AU and will typically receive notice in advance in order to help prepare and increase awareness.



IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARD

An AU ID card is issued to every student and is valid during each term the student is enrolled. The ID card is necessary to obtain a parking permit, check out books from the library, access campus dining, cash a check on campus, or access FERPA-protected information.

A replacement for a lost or damaged ID card is issued by Campus Public Safety; there is a replacement charge for each card.



PARKING

Students who park on campus are required to register their vehicle with CPS and obtain a parking permit. There is NO cost for the parking permit. Campus Public Safety officers monitor all campus parking lots and the parking garage. Using the garage also protects vehicles from inclement weather.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Information Technology Services (ITS) offers one-on-one assistance with technology issues (itshelp@aurora.edu) and provides technology resources and information on its website. ITS also ensures that access to the AU network is available and secure.



AU EMAIL ACCOUNT

Every student receives an AU email account, which the university uses as the official form of communication. Students should check this account often.



WI-FI ON CAMPUS

Wi-Fi is available throughout campus through three networks:

- » “AuroraUniversity” is the primary wireless network for academic buildings. The username and password is the same as a student’s email.
- » “AU-ResNet” is the primary wireless network for residence halls. The username and password is the same as a student’s email.
- » “ResHall-Devices” is the residence hall wireless network for entertainment devices such as gaming consoles and wireless speakers. Please contact ITS or a residence hall director for the password.



COMPUTER LABS

There are six computer labs available on campus, located in Dunham Hall, Phillips Library, and John C. Dunham Hall. There also are computers available for general use in the Spartan Spot and at Tru Blu Coffee.



ON-CAMPUS PRINTING

Printing is free for AU students when using their Okta account. Printers are available in each of the computer labs, in the Spartan Spot, at Tru Blu Coffee in the Hill Center for Student Success, and on the third floor of the Institute for Collaboration. Printers also are available in each of the residence halls.

GETTING INVOLVED AT AU



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With more than 50 on-campus organizations to choose from, students have the opportunity to engage in social and professional efforts that help develop leadership skills. Joining student organizations helps students build lifelong friendships and prepare for their professional career after graduation.

Student organizations are grouped into eight areas: academic and professional, cultural, faith-based, general interest, Greek, honorary, service, and student governance.

Each semester an involvement fair is held to introduce students to campus organizations. Students can create a new organization once 10 or more students demonstrate interest and a full-time staff or faculty member has agreed to serve as the advisor.



CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

The Office of Campus Life enriches the AU experience through meaningful interactions and engaging events that foster a welcoming environment. Each week during the semester, students will have the opportunity to attend events on and off campus, during the day and evening. Events include intramurals, comedy shows, trivia, karaoke, bingo, movies, craft nights, and dances.



WACKERLIN CENTER FOR FAITH AND ACTION

The Wackerlin Center offers spaces and experiences that promote belonging and flourishing, solidarity and service, and reflection and purpose. The center sponsors monthly programs, retreats, and service opportunities, including Spring Break Social Impact Trips.

The following offices are housed in the Wackerlin Center:

Office of Black Student Initiatives: The Office of Black Student Initiatives supports the experiences of Black students by promoting academic excellence through mentorship and advising, creating programming that promotes cultural awareness, and offering trainings that develop campus cultural competency.

Office of Latino/a Student Initiatives: The Office of Latino/a Student Initiatives provides students with educational, social, and leadership opportunities. These opportunities promote self-awareness, celebrate the Latino/a experience, and help students develop individual success plans and connect to resources on and off campus.

Libby's Place: Libby's Place is AU's on-campus free food pantry available to students. Students in need of food or toiletries may visit the pantry once a week. Online ordering is available.



UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

The university chaplain helps students grow in their faith and take part in experiences that will help them cultivate their beliefs as well as see and value the perspectives of other spiritual traditions. The chaplain is available to all students who might find it helpful to meet when needing emotional or spiritual support.

Lowry Chapel, located on the third floor of Eckhart Hall, is used for religious services and other faith-based events, and is available for quiet reflection.

There are several faith-based student organizations at AU, including Delight Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Encounter, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Resurge Campus Ministries.



ATHLETICS

AU fields 24 athletic teams and has a rich history and tradition of intercollegiate athletics. Spartan home athletic games are free for fans and do not require a student ID or a ticket. Conference tournament and NCAA contests hosted by AU may have an NCAA-required admission fee. Admission costs for regular season contests vary by the host institution.

Aurora University colors are royal blue and white; our mascot is the Spartan, which is represented by Sammy Spartan.

Nearly all AU home athletic contests are streamed live at **athletics.aurora.edu** with video and stats. When available, away contests streaming options are also linked on the AU Athletics website and team schedule pages.

LIVING ON CAMPUS



RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Residence Life helps to foster community, plans social and educational activities in the residence halls, and provides resource assistance. The primary goal of each Residence Life staff member is to aid residential students in every phase of their adjustment to university life.

Room and board (meal plan) and free laundry facilities are included in the on-campus housing contract. Students living on campus complete a Roommate Agreement, which sets general expectations for students sharing the same residence hall space.

Non-AU friends and family members can visit resident halls as registered guests. See the A-Book for the specific visitation policy.



ON-CAMPUS DINING



TRU BLU DINING

Tru Blu Dining is AU's all-you-care-to-eat dining facility located in Alumni Hall. Serving as the hub of the campus dining experience, this location features numerous stations, including homestyle menus, soup and salad bars, breakfast nook, and globally inspired cuisine.



TRU BLU COFFEE

Tru Blu Coffee serves a robust menu, including coffee and espresso beverages, teas, and grab-and-go snacks.



SPARTAN SPOT

The Spartan Spot offers a variety of grilled sandwiches and chicken tender combos during lunch hours from its delicious Melt Lab menu, while serving flavorful and customizable Asian-styled meals like power bowls, K-Ramen, and wings for dinner.



FARMER'S FRIDGE

Farmer's Fridge is a smart vending machine that offers salads, bowls, snacks, and other fresh foods. Located in Dunham Hall, the vending fridge offers a quick option for mid-day snacks or a meal.

All dining venues operate on a cashless system. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

KEY OFFICES ON CAMPUS

Office of Financial Aid

Eckhart Hall 324
630-844-6190
finaid@aurora.edu

Campus Public Safety

1405 Prairie St.
630-844-5450, emergency
630-844-6140, non-emergency

Student Accounts Office

Eckhart Hall, First Floor
630-844-5470
student.accts@aurora.edu

Wellness Center

1317 Marseillaise Pl.
630-844-4932

THE SPARTAN FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

GENERAL

- Submit optional FERPA Authorization for Release of Information (available through Self-Service).
- Submit current immunization records.
- Purchase/Rent books for courses.
- Review class schedule.
- Complete parking permit application (for all students with cars).

FINANCIAL AID

- Submit 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA).
- Complete review and acceptance of financial award letter.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

- Determine tuition payment plan; sign up for five-month payment plan, if applicable.
- Confirm tuition due dates for academic year.



AURORA UNIVERSITY MISSION AND CORE VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

Aurora University is an inclusive community dedicated to the transformative power of learning. As a teaching-centered institution, we encourage undergraduate and graduate students to discover what it takes to build meaningful and examined lives. Our singular goal is to empower our students to achieve lasting personal and professional success.

CORE VALUES

Integrity: Aurora University adheres to the highest standards of integrity in every aspect of institutional practice and operation. Through this proven dedication to honesty, fairness, and ethical conduct, we lead by example and inspire our students to do the same.

Citizenship: Aurora University exercises the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in an inclusive educational community, founded upon the principles of mutual respect and open discourse. We live within our means and manage our resources wisely and responsibly, while sustaining an environment that fosters teamwork and promotes services to others.

Continuous Learning: Aurora University works and lives as a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuous learning. We help students achieve their full potential.

Excellence: Aurora University pursues excellence by embracing quality as a way of community life.



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BUILDING ABBREVIATIONS AND NAMES

Abbreviation

Building Name

ALUM	Alumni Hall
DUNH	Dunham Hall
ECKH	Eckhart Hall
HILL	Hill Center for Student Success
INST	Institute for Collaboration
JCDH	John C. Dunham Hall
PARO	Parolini Music Center
STPH	Stephens Hall
WELC	Hill Welcome Center

Aurora University Campus Map Key

1. Alumni Hall	18. Jenks Hall R	31. Stephens Hall
2. (Michael J.) Birck Collaboration Center for Innovation	19. John C. Dunham Hall	32. Thornton Gymnasium V
3. Bookstore	20. Labyrinth	33. Tru Blu Coffee F
4. Business Office	21. Mail Center	34. Tru Blu Dining F
5. Campus Public Safety	22. Memorial Hall R	35. (Don and Betty) Tucker Hall R
6. Centennial Hall R	23. Office of Admission and Office of Financial Aid	36. University Banquet Hall V
7. Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Center for Cultural Enrichment and Perry Theatre V	24. (Roger and Marilyn) Parolini Music Center	37. University Communications
8. Davis Hall R	25. Phillips Library	38. Vago Field V
9. Dunham Hall	26. Quad	
10. Eckhart Hall	27. Schingoethe Center	
11. Fitness Center	28. Spartan Spot F	
12. Founders Annex — Wellness Center (Health Services and Counseling Services)	29. Spartan Statue/Bedrosian Plaza	
13. Founders House — Campus Life (Kimberly and James) Hill Center for Student Success	30. Spartan Terrace	
14. Hill Welcome Center and Tapper Rectal Hall V		
15. Human Resources		
16. Institute for Collaboration and Crimi Auditorium V		
17.		
	39. Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action	
	40. Watkins Hall R	
	41. Wilkinson Hall R	

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F Food and Drink
R Residence Hall
V Event Venue
LOT Parking