

2021 Welcome Weekend Schedule

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

Welcome to Anderson University! We're so excited for you to join our family here in Raven country. As you move to campus and settle in before the start of classes, we've scheduled some activities to help you get acquainted with campus and learn more about what it means to be a Raven.

All incoming freshmen, regardless of whether they are living on campus or commuting, are required to be a part of Welcome Weekend activities, serving as the official start of the year for incoming first-year students. If unable to attend any part of the weekend due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., wedding, family emergency, etc.), let your resident assistant (RA) and peer mentor know during move-in day.

Commuters have the option to either stay on campus for the weekend (space permitting) or commute from home. We will provide meals from Thursday evening through Saturday brunch for commuters who don't have a meal plan (a temporary meal card will be provided on move-in day). If you choose to commute, you'll still be able to use the residence halls to change clothes for activities and rest during free time.

Transfer students will have the option to "opt-in" to Welcome Weekend activities. We strongly encourage all undergraduate transfer students to be a part of the Welcome Weekend activities, especially for those who are coming from an online school or a technical/community college.

You can access the form for commuters and transfer students [here](#).

Early Move-Ins

Tuesday, August 10th	Football 9 a.m. returnees, 10 a.m. freshmen/transfer (more specific details TBA)
Tuesday, August 17th	All Volleyball (10:00 a.m.), All Women's Soccer (10:30 a.m.), Men's Soccer Freshman 11:00am (more specific details TBA)
Saturday, August 21	Men and Women's Cross Country (10:00 a.m.), Women's Golf (10:30 a.m.), and Women's Tennis (11:00 a.m.)
Saturday, August 22	School of Music, Theater, and Dance (questions, email Michelle Holmes at msholmes@anderson.edu)

*For those students arriving early, additional information regarding specific move-in processes will be emailed later this month.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

First-Year Student Move-In

In early August, students will sign up for a designated time to move on the 26th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. While there is no limit to the amount of family that can come help a student move-in, we ask you to be mindful of space. **We will have move-in volunteers to help take luggage and items from cars to students' rooms.**

- **Route:** You will drive west down 5th Street, check in at the Discovery Day Parking Lot (signage will be used), then proceed to your residence hall. The check-in process will ensure that students are “cleared” for move-in. Clearance details TBA.
- **Honors Program Schedule**
(contact Dr. Laura Stull at lgstull@anderson.edu for more details)
 - **9-11 a.m.** Honors Move-In
 - **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** Honors Program Picnic
 - **1-2:30 p.m.** Honors Info Session
- **Alpha Program Schedule**
(contact Dianna Stankiewicz at djstankiewicz@anderson.edu for more details)
 - **9 a.m.** Alpha Students Move-In
 - **11-11:50 a.m.** Alpha Program lunch
 - **12-2 p.m.** Alpha Program Orientation
 - **2 p.m.** EQ Assessment

2-3 p.m.

Down Time

This time is for students and families to rest, to run to the store and buy things missed, but most importantly, to pick up student IDs if not already created.

3-3:45 p.m.

Commuter Gathering (Hartung 101)

This is a mandatory session for commuters and their families to ask questions and learn more about commuting to campus, best practices, the “Adopt-a-Hall” program, and the Welcome Weekend schedule. Commuters are required to participate in all Welcome Weekend activities. You will receive your IDs and meal swipe cards for the weekend during this session.

3-3:45 p.m.

First in the Family/21st Century Celebration (Lobby of Reardon)

This is a time to celebrate both first generation students and 21st century scholars (along with their families). There will be time to connect with other students, ask questions, and learn about campus resources.

4-4:45 p.m.

Family Member Orientation (Reardon)

This is a brief gathering and celebration for family members of new students! Hear from President John Pistole and other Student Life staff. There will be an opportunity to receive information about important AU resources, like the academic calendar, etc.

4:30-6:15 p.m.

Picnic in the Valley

A time for new students and their families to have a meal together in the beautiful AU Valley.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

President's Convocation (Reardon)

The President's Convocation serves as the official introduction to the academic life and traditions at Anderson University. The program features President John Pistole, Provost Joel Shrock, student body President Alexis Franklin, and others.

- 7:30-8:15 p.m.** **Walk To Pioneer Rock/Final Goodbyes**
A long-standing AU tradition followed by a “final goodbye” with students and their families.
- 8:15-8:55 p.m.** **Peer Mentor Group Gathering** (Various Classrooms)
A chance for students to meet their peer mentors for the first time. During this time students will get to connect with their LART 1050 classmates and learn more about what to expect for the weekend.
- 9-9:45 p.m.** **The 3 Rs: RAs, RDs, and Roommates** (Reardon and Byrum)
Another long-standing AU tradition that introduces students to their resident assistants, resident directors, and roommates — as well as rules for living on campus.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- 7:30-8:50 a.m.** **Breakfast with Peer Mentor Groups** (Marketplace)
- 9-10:45 a.m.** **Student Morning Session** (Reardon)
First session for students filled with a variety of great information, and a fun surprise.
- 10:45-11:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 11-11:45 a.m.** **SWAGG: Skills We All Gotta Get** (Byrum Auditorium)
A fun and engaging session on interpersonal skills needed to navigate life and college created and ran by our Psychology department
- 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.** **Lunch/Free Time**
- 1:20-2:10 p.m.** **First-Year Seminar (LART 1050)** (Various Classrooms)
This is the first official class of the semester. Students will meet their LART 1050 professor, learn more about student-teacher relationships in college, and receive important “Day 1” information for navigating the academic experience.
- 2:10-3 p.m.** **Break**
- 3-5:20 p.m.** **Carousel Sessions (3:00-3:40, 3:50-4:30, 4:40-5:20)**
These are conference-style breakout sessions for students to learn more about themselves and/or AU culture. Students will choose three 40-min sessions.
- I’m Not Sure What to Major In... What Now? (Hartung 104)
 - I Have My Questions! An Honest Conversation on Faith, Doubt, and Attending a Christian School (Hartung 167)
 - Be Your Own Boss: The Blueprint (Krannert 168)
 - Gimme the Tea! A Student-Only Panel (Hartung 102)
 - Ravens Fly: Learning about Tri-S Global/Studying Abroad (Krannert 170)
 - Lead at AU: Discover What Student Leadership Looks Like at AU (Krannert 169)
- 5:20-7:45 p.m.** **Dinner/Free Time**
- 8-9:30 p.m.** **Raven Rumble**
Shhh.... It’s a surprise! But don’t worry, incoming students won’t be disappointed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

- 7:30-8:50 a.m.** **Breakfast with Peer Mentor Groups** (Marketplace)
- 9-9:45 a.m.** **Student Morning Session** (Reardon)
Students will gain a deeper understanding of AU's commitment to service and learn more about the community and history of Anderson, Indiana.
- 9:45-10:30 a.m.** **Search Your Schedule**
A designated time for students to "walk their schedule" before the school year starts, as well as visit some favorite spots on campus.
- 10:35-11:15 a.m.** **LINDA: Living In Diverse Association** (Reardon)
An interactive conversation, led by our director of the Cultural Resource Center, on the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion at AU.
- 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 12:45-1 p.m.** **Pre-Service Project Gathering/Travel to Sites**
- 1-3:30 p.m.** **Service Project with Anderson School District**
It's a long-standing tradition at AU to start off the year with serving. This year we're partnering with the Anderson Public School District to do school revitalization at different sites around town.
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.** **Back to Campus/Down Time**
- 4:30-6:30 p.m.** **The 3 Cs Fair: Club, Church, and Community**
An opportunity, college-fair style, for students to interact with student clubs, churches in the area, and local businesses.
- 5:30-7:00 p.m.** **Dinner/Free Time**
- 7-9 p.m.** **Evening Surprise!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** **Sunday Service** (Off Campus)
Time for students to attend a local church. Students are encouraged to carpool with other students in their residence hall.
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** **Brunch at the Marketplace**
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.** **Mentor "Home" Visits**
An opportunity for LART 1050 instructors (or "faculty mentors" as we call them) to host an informal gathering in their home or designated space.
- 7-9:00 p.m.** **Movie on the Lawn**
A time for students to sit back, relax, and enjoy an outdoor movie, sponsored by AU's Campus Activities Board.