

Welcome Week 2022

New Student Schedule - As of May 23rd

Wed, Aug 10:

Time TBD **Football Athletes Arrive**

Thurs, Aug 11:

8am-6pm **International Student Arrive**

Sat, Aug 13:

9am-1pm **International Student Orientation (Prothro 233)**

9am-1pm **Residence Hall Move-In**
[View more information on the Res Life website here](#)

10:30am-
1:30pm **Brunch (Mabee Commons)**

1-2pm **Campus Tours (Meet at Bishops Lounge in the McCombs Campus Center)**
Kick off Welcome Week with a walk around campus. Special attention will be given to the buildings and facilities that will be used throughout Welcome Week. This is a great way to familiarize or re-familiarize yourself with Southwestern.

1-1:15pm **Legacy Photo (Howry Center)**
If you're related to a current or former Southwestern student, stop in for a group photo.

3-3:30pm **Gather with your FYS for Matriculation Convocation (Walzel Court)**
Connect with your FYS professor and classmates to mark the official beginning of your Southwestern journey.

3:30-5pm **Matriculation Convocation (Corbin J. Robertson Center)**
The Matriculation Convocation Ceremony serves as Southwestern's official welcome to new students.

5-5:15pm **New Student Photo (Score Quadrangle outside of Roberston)**
Following the Matriculation Convocation, take a group photo with the Class of '26!

5:30-7pm **First-Year Community Meetings and Dinner with your Hall (Various Locations)**
Get to know your RA and residential community. Community meetings are required.

5-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**

- 7-9pm **Student Engagement Center Block Party (FY Courtyard and Prothro Atrium)**
The Southwestern Experience is more than just attending classes—finding community, making friends, and engaging in co-curricular opportunities are essential to making SU feel like home. Meet your fellow Pirates and start connecting at the Student Engagement Block Party.
- 9-11pm **Programming in the Residence Halls**
Get to know your residential community through RA-led programming. Your RA will provide more information.

Sun, Aug 14:

- 10:30am-2pm **Brunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 11am-12:30pm **Spiritual & Religious Life Student Welcome and Reception (Chapel and Chapel Courtyard)**
Interested in spiritual and religious life at Southwestern? Stop by to meet the Director of Spiritual and Religious Life and learn about the many ways that you can be a part of diverse spiritual and religious communities.
- 1:30-4pm **Pirate Training: Pep Rally (Corbin J. Robertson Center)**
Start off your Pirate Training with a cannon-like bang. Pirate Training teams begin their maiden voyage via a series of upbeat interactions and games sure to shiver your timbers!
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- Various times **Safety Talk (Jones Theater)**
 - *Clark and Ruter Residents and Football (6-7pm)*
 - *Mabee Residents (7-8pm)*
 - *Brown-Cody Residents (8-9pm)*
College life presents many new opportunities, but there are also risks and threats that you may not have considered. Join the Student Life and Southwestern Police Leadership Team to learn what you need to know and where you can turn for help.
- 9-10:30pm **First-Year Community Meetings (Various Locations)**
Meet with your RA to discover what it means to be a part of our residential community. At these meetings, you'll learn about university policy as well as ways to keep yourself and your community safe and healthy.

Mon, Aug 15:

- 8-9:30am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
- 9:15-9:45am **President's Welcome (Alma Thomas Theater)**
Before heading to your First-Year Seminar, hear from Southwestern's 16th president Dr. Laura Skandera Trombley as she welcomes new students.
- 10am-12pm **First-Year Seminar (Various Classrooms)**
- 11:30am-1pm **Lunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 1:15-2:15pm **College Bootcamp with your Advisor (Various Locations)**
Meet with your advisor to set yourself up for success in and out of the classroom! Exploring topics like time management, study skills, and community-building, your advisor will help to prepare you for your rigorous and exciting Southwestern journey!
- 3:45-6pm **Pirate Training Final Challenge (Corbin J. Robertson Center)**
A parley? How 'bout a final challenge? A head-to-head, fun competition pitting teams against one another for all the pirate treasures. Arrg!
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 7:30-9:30pm **Pirate Training Closing Ceremony & Snow Cone Social (McCombs Center Veranda)**
It's time to hand out the booty (both team prizes and individual door prizes). Newly anointed Pirates who conquered the Pirate Training challenge will divide the Southwestern treasure. It's a Pirate's life for me! Meanwhile, we'll be serving up FREE snow cones, which are a Southwestern favorite.
- 9:30-10:30pm **Study Hall with the Peer Academic Mentors (Residence Hall Lounges)**
Establish healthy study habits with the Peer Academic Mentors. These student educators have been where you are now, and are eager to support your transition from high school to college academics. Plus, prepare for tomorrow's FYS!

Tues, Aug 16:

- 7:30am-9am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
- 9am-12pm **First-Year Seminar (Various Classrooms)**
- 11:30am-1pm **Lunch (Mabee Commons)**

- 1:15-2:15pm **College Bootcamp with your Advisor (Various Locations)**
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- 3-5pm **Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships Session (Olin Building)**
During the Sexual Health Session, peer educators, along with the support of the Counseling and Health Center, will be helping students understand what it means to promote a sex-positive environment and safer sex practices. To be a sexually healthy adult, both physical and emotional safety and self-awareness are needed. The goal of this session is to educate students on how clear communication, gender identity and sexual orientation acceptance, and safer sex practices can prepare students for what it means to be a mature, sexually healthy adult.
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 6-7pm **First Lecture (Howry Center)**
Hear a fun and engaging lecture from a Southwestern faculty member. Lecture topics are TBD.
- 6-7pm **Music Theory Placement Test (FAC 166)**
This exam is for all students planning to major or minor in music, or those interested in studying Music Theory (please bring a pencil).
- 6-7pm **Instrument Hearings (FAC 230, Instrument Rehearsal Hall)**
Students interested in playing an instrument at Southwestern should attend this session.
- 6-7pm **Voice and Choir Placement Hearings (FAC 137)**
All students registered or interested in taking private voice lessons or singing in Southwestern Choral or SU Singers should sign up for a time slot. This includes all entering recipients of Sarofim Scholarships and Performance Awards in voice.
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- 7:15-8:15pm **Mix & Mingle with Mosaic (Residence Halls)**
Join the Mosaic Student Ambassadors for an evening of mixing and mingling! With interactive activities designed to foster new friendships and prompt reflection, Mosaic is here to empower your transition to college as you begin to shape your Southwestern experience.
- 8:30-10pm **Entertainment (TBD)**
Stop by for free live entertainment!

Wed, Aug 17

- 8-9:30am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
- 9am-12pm **First-Year Seminar: Required Module on Mental Health and Wellbeing (Various Classrooms)**
This session will give you a crash course about your own mental health, how to identify certain behaviors or trends, and how/when to ask for help. You'll walk away from this session feeling empowered to access the mental health resources offered at SU.
- 11:30am-1pm **Lunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 12-1pm **Language Placement Lunch with Language Faculty (Prothro Atrium)**
Do you have questions about your foreign language placement? Are you interested in exploring other languages? Attend this session for a chance to get your questions answered and meet the language faculty.
- 1:15-2:15pm **College Bootcamp with your Advisor (Various Locations)**
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- 2:30-3:30pm **Language Placement Appointments (Various Locations)**
Make an appointment with language faculty if you are not able to attend the Language Placement Lunch.
- 3:30-5pm **The Return of the JEDI: Learning how to build inclusive environments (TBD)**
Southwestern is home to people of countless cultures and identities. Join the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Center for fun games and critical conversations about building a safe and welcoming campus.
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 6-7pm **First Lecture (Howry Center)**
Hear a fun and engaging lecture from a Southwestern faculty member. Lecture topics are TBD.
- 6-7pm **Mindfulness and Meditation (Prothro Atrium)**
In the midst of a busy and maybe overwhelming Welcome Week, it's important to take time to breathe. Join this student-led mindful meditation to pause and reflect. Plus, learn about mindfulness and meditation resources available to you.
- 7-8:30pm **Study Hall with the Peer Academic Mentors (Residence Hall Lounges)**
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- 8:30-10pm **Tales and Traditions (McCombs Ballrooms)**
Join Student Philanthropy Council and Student Foundation as they take you on a journey through Southwestern's history. Join us to learn about some of our time-honored traditions and things that are unique to Southwestern. There will be free food and chances to win some great door prizes.

Thurs, Aug 18:

- 7:30-9am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
- 9am-12pm **First-Year Seminar (Various Classrooms)**
- 11:30am-1pm **Lunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 1:15-2:15pm **College Bootcamp with your Advisor (Various Locations)**
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- 2:30-3:30pm **Student Life @ SU (Olin 110)**
Southwestern offers countless ways to get engaged and connected beyond the classroom. The Division of Student Life includes Athletics, Dean of Students, Diversity Education, the Health and Counseling Center, Mosaic, Residence Life, Spiritual and Religious Life, Student Activities, Southwestern Intramural and Recreational Activities (SIRA), and SUPD. Come hear about what these departments have to offer, how you can get involved, and have your questions answered.
- 4-5pm **Getting to know S'MORE about JEDI**
Interested in changing the world through diversity and social justice? Want to learn and/or connect with cultural and identity-based organizations? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, come meet the leaders of the Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice (CDSJ) and learn more about support groups for underrepresented students.
- 5-6pm **Yoga (McCombs Ballrooms)**
Take a moment to relax and move your body with a yoga practice focused on breathing, stretching, and flexibility. This session is open to all levels of yoga practice from beginner to experienced

- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 6-7pm **First Lecture (Howry Center)**
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- 6-7pm **SEAK Sustainability Tour (Meet at the Bishops Lounge)**
The SEAK (Students for Environmental Activism and Knowledge) Sustainability Tour is a great way to get more familiar with Southwestern's campus while learning about all of the sustainable features that make our campus so environmentally friendly. The tour will highlight the student-run Southwestern Garden, the Environmental Lounge, and the efforts made by SU students that helped in making the campus run on 100% wind energy. Join us for a fun walk around the campus!
- 7-8:30pm **Study Hall with the Peer Academic Mentors (Residence Hall Lounges)**
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Fri, Aug 19:

- 8-9:30am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
- 10am-7pm **Returning Student Move-In**
- 10am-12pm **First-Year Seminar**
- 11:30am-1pm **Lunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 12-1pm **Lunch with VA Education Benefits Session (Dan Rather Room in Mabee Commons)**
Student veterans and military dependents using VA Education Benefits should attend this session for additional information regarding VA requirements.

- 1:15-2:15pm **College Bootcamp with your Advisor (Various Locations)**
Meet with your advisor to set yourself up for success in and out of the classroom! Exploring topics like time management, study skills, and community-building, your advisor will help to prepare you for your rigorous and exciting Southwestern journey!
- 2:15-3:15pm **Student Employment Orientation (Olin 105)**
Welcome, new SU first-years and transfers! Join us to learn about searching for on-campus and off-campus student employment and how to transition your high school resume to a college employment resume for best results. If you are eligible to work on campus as part of a financial aid package then you SHOULD attend!
- 3:30-5pm **Out of State Mixer (McCombs Ballrooms)**
New to the Lone Star State? This mixer features games, prizes, refreshments and free t-shirts for all. Come over for some fun while meeting other out-of-state and international students!
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 8-9pm **Friday Night Live (TBD)**
Join Student Activities for the first of many FNLs!
- 9-11pm **Entertainment (Bishops Lounge)**
TBD

Sat, Aug 20:

- 9am-3pm **Returning Student Move-In**
- 10:30am-2pm **Brunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 2-3pm **Self-Care Saturday with Mosaic (TBD)**
A holistic approach and mindset to one's health is vital in achieving not only academic success at SU but mental, physical and emotional growth. Join Mosaic for the first of many Self-Care Saturday events!

- 1:30-3pm **Introduction to Theatre Company (Jones Theater)**
 This is an informal workshop for students who want to learn more about the Theatre Department's auditioning process. Auditions for plays and musicals produced by the Theatre Department are open to ALL Southwestern students, regardless of major. Students interested in attending should come with one 1 minute monologue and/or song from a musical with a maximum of 2 minutes per student audition. All students present will receive feedback on their audition. All material should be memorized and rehearsed. If you decide to bring a song, you must supply a taped accompaniment (using your cell phone is a good option). This workshop is strongly suggested for all potential theatre majors and/or students who think that they might want to audition for a production while attending Southwestern University.
- 1:30-3pm **Music Interest Sessions (TBD)**
 Join this session to learn more about the Music department at Southwestern.
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 7:30-10pm **Cinematic Saturday (McCombs Ballrooms)**
 Grab some friends and make your way over to the first Cinematic Saturday of the year. Catch this blockbuster movie for free! Free popcorn will be provided.
- 10pm-
 Midnight **Entertainment (McCombs Ballrooms)**
 Stop by for free live entertainment!

Sun, Aug 21:

- 10:30am-2pm **Brunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 4-5pm **International Student Social (2nd Floor Prothro)**
 All international students are invited to join us for games and socializing on the 2nd floor of Prothro. We will be welcoming back returning students and welcoming new students to Southwestern.
- 5-6pm **"Dessert Before Dinner:" Fine Arts Ice Cream Social (FAC Jones Lobby)**
 Join the Sarofim School of Fine Arts faculty, staff, and current students to learn more about classes, auditions, ensembles, and more. This is your opportunity to meet students, make friendships, relax before classes start, and eat some ice cream. All are welcome, majors and non-majors alike!
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**