

Welcome Week 2022

New Student Schedule

Sat, Aug 13:

- 9am-1pm **International Student Orientation (Prothro 233)**
- 9am-2pm **Residence Hall Move-In by Appointment**
[View more information 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)**
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)**

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 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 **Smooth Sailing with OAR (Various Locations*)**

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- 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 and Monday Wind Down (Brown-Cody Lounge)**
Establish healthy study habits or wind down from a busy day 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. You can prepare for tomorrow FYS or spend some time doing relaxing activities!

Tues, Aug 16:

Fall Athletes Arrive

- 7:30am-9am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**
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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.

- 5-7pm **Instrument Hearings (FAC 230, Instrument Rehearsal Hall)**
Students interested in playing an instrument at Southwestern should attend this session.
- 5-7pm **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.
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 6-7pm **First Lecture: The Way to Wellness with Pythagoras, Plato and Pooh (Howry Center)**
Dr. Vanessa Mikan, Assistant Professor of Instruction in Kinesiology
In this First Lecture, we will exercise the mind and the body through meditation and movement. Professor Mikan will guide you through breathing techniques to reduce anxiety before an exam or presentation. Seated chair stretches to loosen tensing muscles from long study sessions and writing assignments, along with healthy bedtime habits to help relax the mind and the body to aid in more restful, restorative sleep, will be shared. There will be plenty of challenges these next few years; simply focus on what is within your control and you will find your Way.
- 7-8:30pm **Study Hall & First Gen Conversations (Brown-Cody Lounge)**
The Peer Academic Mentors are providing a safe space for first generation college students to come and ask questions, share stories and meet other first gen students. We will also provide quiet spaces and assistance for students to study and prepare for FYS!
- 7:15-8:15pm **Mix & Mingle with Mosaic: Connection (Brown-Cody Lounge)**
Join the Mosaic Student Ambassadors for an evening of mixing and mingling! With interactive activities designed to foster new friendships, Mosaic is here to empower your transition to college and help you make Southwestern your new home.
- 8:30-10pm **Live Music: The Irons (The Cove)**
Stop by The Cove and enjoy a night filled with good music and even better company. The Irons is an Austin-based band best known for their hit song "Goodbye Too Soon"!

Wed, Aug 17:

- 8-9:30am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**

- 9am-12pm **First-Year Seminar: Required Module on Mental Health & Wellbeing (Olin Building)**
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 **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).
- 1:15-2:15pm **Smooth Sailing with OAR (Various Locations*)**
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- 2:30-3:30pm **Language Placement Appointments (Various Locations)**
If you have questions about your language requirements, make an appointment with language faculty.
- 3:30-5pm **The Return of the JEDI: Learning how to build inclusive environments (Robertson)**
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: "But What If...?": Science Fiction, Critical Thinking, and the Power of Radical Imagination (Howry Center)**
Dr. Rebecca Evans, Assistant Professor of English
For centuries, science fiction has probed the boundaries of social and scientific possibility. We'll consider several examples of how different science fiction writers powerfully challenged key beliefs and political structures of their cultural moments. Then we'll engage in some thought experiments of our own, using speculative fiction prompts to practice the critical thinking and creative questioning skills that characterize the Southwestern experience.
- 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 & Time Management (Mabee Atrium)**
Come and begin organizing your life for the new fall semester with the Peer Academic Mentors! Bring your planner, laptop or phone to find what works best for you. We will also provide quiet spaces and assistance for students to study and prepare for FYS!
- 7:15-8:15pm **Mix & Mingle with Mosaic: Communication (Clark Lounge)**
From the simple habit of checking your email daily to setting healthy boundaries with your roommate, as a first-year you'll discover the importance of communication. Join the Mosaic Ambassadors to put your communication skills to the test through interactive games with your new community.
- 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 **Smooth Sailing with OAR (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 the 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 (Bishops Lounge)**
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.
- 5:15pm **The First Ride: Pirate Bike Launch (Flagpoles outside McCombs Campus Center)**
Are you ready for your first ride? We are excited to invite all incoming students to launch the bikes back on campus! Bikes are limited and available to ride on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 5-6pm **Yoga (Mood Atrium)**
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: Calling Different Things the Same Name: How finding similar structures in dissimilar inquiries can yield amazing insights (Howry Center)**
Dr. John Ross, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
What commonalities can be found in the flight of a mosquito, the rise and fall of the stock market, and the art of political districting? Surprisingly, these topics are all governed by the mathematical structure! We will explore how geometric rules undergird much of the natural and modern world, and will see how studying the geometry of one subject can lead us to surprising insights into the nature of another.
- 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 & Talking About Burnout (Clark Lounge)**
The Peer Academic Mentors will be leading conversations on Burnout-what it is, warning signs of burnout and how to recover. We will also provide quiet spaces and assistance for students to study and prepare for FYS!
- 7:15-8:15pm **Mix & Mingle with Mosaic: Change (Mabee Atrium)**
What successes and challenges have you experienced so far? How can you use Mosaic, your community, and your own experiences to support you in your transition to college? As Welcome Week nears its end, join the Mosaic Ambassadors for an interactive chance to

reflect on your first week as a college student—and to ‘pre-flect’ on the upcoming semester.

8:30-10pm **Trivia Night at The Cove (The Cove)**
Bring your crew to The Cove to win some Pirate swag and bragging rights!

Fri, Aug 19:

8-9:30am **Breakfast (Mabee Commons)**

10am-7pm **Returning Student Move-In**

10am-12pm **First-Year Seminar (Various Classrooms)**

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.

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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 (Bishops Lounge)**
 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!
- 5:30-7pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**
- 8-9 pm **Friday Night Live Presents: Magician Ben Seidman (McCombs Center Ballroom)**
 Join Student Activities for the first of many FNLs! Guest starring on Netflix's "Brainchild", Ben is a renowned sleight-of-hand performer, actor, and comedian who has performed for celebrities such as Robin Williams, Carrot Top, Christina Hendricks (*Mad Men*, *Toy Story 4*), and Stephen Merchant (*The Office*). You simply cannot miss this!
- 9-12am **Mini-Golf To-Go (Bishops Lounge)**
 All the fun of mini-golf right on our campus! Come play this 9 hole mini-golf course complete with obstacles and adventures. Bring your friends and see who has the best putting skills.

Sat, Aug 20:

- 9am-3pm **Returning Student Move-In**
- 10:30am-2pm **Brunch (Mabee Commons)**
- 1:30-3pm **Theatre Department Meet & Greet (Dan Rather Room in Mabee Commons)**
 All Theatre Scholarship students and anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the Theatre Department's courses and productions. Join us and meet the faculty and staff and learn more about the upcoming season and how to get involved. We will discuss scholarship expectations, departmental courses and pathways for success, how to prepare for auditions and how to balance production work with academic expectations.
- 1:30-3pm **Music Interest Sessions (Choral Room FAC 137)**
 Please join the Music Department to discuss opportunities to join ensembles and take private lessons. There is still time to sign up for these classes. All count towards your fine arts credit. Come experience music making at its best while forming lasting friendships.
- 2-3pm **Self-Care Saturday: Setting Intentions with Watercolors (Bishops Lounge)**
 Self-care is more than just putting on a face mask and taking a hot bath—join Mosaic's first Self-Care Saturday to relax, reflect, and set intentions for the upcoming semester. Plus, walk away with handmade art to decorate your space!
- 5:30-8pm **Dinner (Mabee Commons)**

- 7:30-10pm **Cinematic Saturday (The Cove)**
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 **Laser Tag (McCombs Ballrooms)**
Ready for some laser tag? Bring your friends and join us for this fast-paced and fun evening event!
- 10pm-
Midnight **SU Bingo (The Cove)**
Looking for something more laid-back to do this weekend? Join us at The Cove for SU Bingo and take some Pirate Swag home!

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)**