Welcome new transfer students! Prior to coming to Tufts a year ago, I lived in Maryland for 10 years. While in Maryland, I earned my Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park, taught undergraduate sociology courses, and was an academic advisor in the Economics Department for 4 years. While at UMD, I frequently worked with transfer students, so I understand some of the concerns you may have regarding transferring to a new institution. I look forward to making your transition to Tufts as successful as possible.

-Kendra

Hi, I am Kerry Benjamin. I’m a rising senior from Westchester, NY and I am a Psychology major. I am a member of Chi Omega and I am very involved in greek life on campus. I am also a proud member of the Tufts Debate Society, and I volunteer at a cat shelter off campus every week. You can often find me in Comp Sci office hours, studying in Ginn, or cooking with the girls in my house.

Hello hello! I’m August, a rising junior from the land far, far away - Norway. I’m majoring in Psychology and minoring in Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies (ELS is the new Tufts craze, trust me). If I’m not 6-hours deep in my psychology textbook in the dungeons of Tisch, chances are you’ll find me either on the Malden River with the crew team or in Dewick downing an entire bowl of peanut butter (no shame(?)). Oh, and please do invite me to have coffee at the Rez, because I’ll probably be out of Jumbo Cash within the first week. Ciao!
Introduction and Welcome

Dear Transfers,

Welcome to Orientation and to Tufts!

We have exciting plans for ways you can learn about your new home. We recognize that you are already familiar with the college experience, but we are eager to show you around Tufts and to tell you some of the unique opportunities you will have here.

Knowing that you will have fewer semesters to learn the ropes than the students entering their first year of college, we have gathered information you will need to know about Tufts policies and culture. You will have a chance to meet currently enrolled transfer students and we have provided plenty of time for you to ask questions. Above all, we want you to let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We will be here for you not just during Orientation, but throughout your years at Tufts.

We look forward to working with you.

Enjoy Orientation!

Sincerely,

Kendra Barber, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

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**Group of Six** - The Group of Six (offices spread across campus) is an umbrella term for the six cultural houses on campus which includes: The Latino Center, the Women’s Center, the Asian American Center, the First Center, the Africana Center, and the LGBT Center. These centers are “resources for all students interested in thinking about social identities; how social identities intersect with one another; and how these identities impact our lives and the world we live in.” Please note that students do not have to identify with one or more of these groups to use the centers as resources.

[http://students.tufts.edu/student-affairs/living-campus/group-six](http://students.tufts.edu/student-affairs/living-campus/group-six)

**IGL** - Institute for Global Leadership - Located at 96 Packard Ave, “The Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University is an incubator of innovative ways to educate learners at all levels to understand and engage with difficult global issues. We develop new generations of effective and ethical leaders who are able and driven to comprehend complexity, reflect cultural and political nuance, and engage as responsible global citizens in anticipating and confronting the world’s most pressing problems.” For more information on IGL and its programs, check out [http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org/](http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org/)

**OCL** - Office for Campus Life, located in Mayer Campus Center “aims to foster a balance for all students between curricular and co-curricular opportunities,” by providing leadership opportunities, education, programming, and customer service. OCL advises 300+ student organizations and manages the Campus Center. They are a great resource for involvement on campus! More info can be found here: [http://ocl.tufts.edu/](http://ocl.tufts.edu/)

**SAS** - Student Accessibility Services, located in Dowling Hall - “The Student Accessibility Services (SAS) office works with students one-on-one to determine what their accommodation needs may be, to implement those accommodations and to help students self-advocate for their needs while at Tufts. SAS collaborates with campus partners and resources to provide timely, comprehensive and appropriate services for students with disabilities. If you have a physical, learning, medical, psychiatric, sensory, or other disability, or have been diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or any other disability that affects one or more of your major life functions, Tufts provides a range of services to accommodate your needs.” More information and contact information is available here: [https://students.tufts.edu/student-accessibility-services](https://students.tufts.edu/student-accessibility-services)

**SOGO** - SOGO is a nickname for the Sophia Gordon residence hall on campus which contains a multipurpose room in which many campus events are held.
Guide to Acronyms at Tufts

As an experienced college student, you may know that colleges use a lot of acronyms! Here’s a quick guide to the most commonly used and pertinent to you acronyms and nicknames at Tufts.

ARC - The Academic Resource Center, located in Dowling Hall provides individual and group tutoring in various topics, time management and study strategies consulting, writing support, and public speaking consultants. Appointments can be made through SIS or by contacting the ARC office. All services are free! Additional info is available here: go.tufts.edu/arc

CC - The Career Center, located in Dowling Hall, “will help you identify your career goals and gain the skills, resources, contacts, and tools necessary to achieve them. Whether you are deciding on a major or career, looking for an internship or job, or considering graduate school, we can help.”
go.tufts.edu/careercenter

DOSA - Dean of Student Affairs Office, located in Dowling Hall: “We are a central resource and can help you out when you’re not sure where to start. We support an inclusive and safe community for all students and promote leadership development in partnership with many other campus offices. Our mission is to help all Tufts students thrive in our living and learning community.” DOSA can help with living on campus, promoting health, wellness, and safety; promoting diversity and equality, and judicial affairs.

To contact DOSA or learn more about their services: https://students.tufts.edu/student-affairs

Ex College - Located at 95 Talbot Ave, “The Experimental College offers small, participation-based courses that engage Tufts undergraduates in ideas shaping the world today. Our range of courses offer critical contexts for thinking about politics, popular culture, world religions, technology, law, communications, social issues, business, health care, ethics and more.” To learn more about the Ex College and its course offerings which are a great complement to any course schedule, visit here:
http://www.excollege.tufts.edu/about

Transfer Specific Orientation Events

Below is a list of Orientation programs specific to transfer students. Please keep in mind that you must attend all mandatory New Student Orientation programs in addition to the transfer programs. The full orientation calendar can be accessed at students.tufts.edu/orientation/calendar.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH**
Transfer Students’ Welcome Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 PM, Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room

Come meet your fellow transfer students and the Advising Deans. Ask any lingering academic questions before classes begin.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH**
Dinner for Transfer Students
5:00 – 6:00 PM, Dewick-MacPhie Dining Center

Share an evening meal with your fellow transfer students. Please bring your student ID to enter the dining hall.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST**
Conversation with Current Transfer Students
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Aidekman Classroom 12

Current transfer students will share their experiences of transitioning to Tufts and will answer your questions.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**
Transfer Student Social Event
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Assembly Row

Enjoy an afternoon bus trip to Assembly Row and Lucky Strike. Each student will receive a gift card to use at Lucky Strike. Bus departs at 1:30pm from lower Mayer Campus Center Patio and then at 5pm from Lucky Strike back to Campus.
New Student Orientation Events

You are in the Transfer (TRSF) Orientation group and you are assigned to the following mandatory programs at the specified times. Questions? Check with your First-Year Assistants (FYAs).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH
Academic Fair
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Academic Quad (Rain location, Aidekman Arts Center)

Mental Health Matters: An Introduction to Tufts Counseling and Mental Health Services (CMHS)
2:15 – 2:45 PM, Distler Auditorium - Granoff Music Center

“Beer Goggles” to Blackouts, “The Munchies” to Memory Problems: The Science of Alcohol and Marijuana, with Dr. Jason Kilmer
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Cohen Theatre - Aidekman Arts Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31TH
Speak About It
3:30 – 5:00 PM, Cohen Theatre - Aidekman Arts Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
Academic Integrity
12:00 – 1:00 PM, Anderson 312

#MYTUFTS
5:00 – 6:30 PM, Olin 116 & 002

Fitness At Tufts

“The Tufts University Department of Athletics features excellent facilities for the entire Tufts University community to use. One of our major functions is to encourage the university community to start a personal program of recreation so that you can experience the benefits and joy of feeling fit and having fun. We try to provide as much free recreational time as possible, given the limitations of space and the demands of intercollegiate athletics, physical education classes, intramural sports, and special events.”

For more information on Tufts athletic facilities:
http://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/facilities/information

Somerville/Medford Communities

Tufts’ main campus is situated in the two cities of Somerville and Medford. As you explore the local areas, you will notice that there are unique neighborhoods and squares to explore. The city websites of Somerville and Medford are great sources of information on surrounding areas:

https://www.somervillema.gov/about
http://www.medfordma.org/about-medford/

SMFA at Tufts

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA) is a part of Tufts. Students can take studio art courses on the SMFA at Tufts campus in Boston, but we advise that you wait until after your first semester to do so if you are not a SMFA or combined degree student. Shuttle buses run frequently between both campuses. For more information on courses and the shuttle service, please visit the following link:

https://smfa.tufts.edu/
http://publicsafety.tufts.edu/adminsvc/shuttle-services/nec-smfa-shuttle/
**Medford/Somerville Campus**

**On-Campus Dining Locations:**
- Carmichael Dining Center
- Commons Marketplace in the Campus Center
- Dewick-MacPhie Dining Center
- Hotung Café in the Campus Center
- Hodgdon Food-on-the-Run on the lower level of Hodgdon Hall
- Kindlevan Café in the Science & Engineering Complex Atrium
- Mugar Café at Fletcher
- Pax Et Lox behind the Campus Center
- The Rez in the Campus Center
- Tower Café in Tisch Library

**Other On-Campus Service locations:**
- Aidekman Arts Center Box Office
- Bookstore
- Campus Center Info Booth
- Copy & Printing (Ginn Library, Tisch Library, Eaton Computer Lab, EPDC, Mugar Computer Lab)
- Laundry Machines
- Jumbo Express Convenience Store in the Campus Center
- Vending Machines
- Public Safety Administrative Services

**Off-Campus Service Locations:**
- Alexander’s Food Store, 781-391-8181
- Blue Fuji, 781-388-1888
- Carroll’s, 781-395-3344
- Campus Mini Mart, 781-396-0005
- Chipotle Davis Square, 617-623-1759
- CVS - Davis Square, 617-629-4156
- Espresso Pizza, 781-396-0062
- Frozen Hoagies, 617-620-6810
- Oasis Brazilian Restaurant, 781-396-8337
- Papa John’s Somerville, 617-627-9100
- Pizza Days, 781-396-7992
- Pranzi’s, 781-395-5005
- Subway, 617-764-2432
- Tufts Convenience Store, 781-391-7111
- Wings Over Arlington, 781-646-9464
- Wings Over Somerville, 617-666-9464

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**Student Information System (SIS)**

You may already be familiar with the Student Information System (SIS) as you have used it to begin the transfer of credit process. SIS is also the place where you register for courses, check your grades and academic progress, make appointments with some campus services (such as the Academic Resource Center), and view your personal and financial aid information.

You can access SIS by going to the tufts.edu home page and clicking “Students” on the taskbar at the top of the screen. You will then see SIS listed as an option to the right of the screen. Click here, and it will take you to the SIS homepage. If you are interested in tutorials on adding/dropping courses, generating an advisement report, or any other function, you can click “Help” at the top right of the screen then “Summary of Student Resources” at the bottom of the next screen. A list of tutorials will be available, and you can choose the one most pertinent to you.

SIS Home Page: [https://sis.uit.tufts.edu](https://sis.uit.tufts.edu)
SIS Student Tutorials: [http://sites.tufts.edu/sisproject/students/](http://sites.tufts.edu/sisproject/students/)

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**Jumbo Cash**

Your Jumbo Cash card is important as you will use it to pay for various services at Tufts: food (on campus and off), laundry, printing, etc. On the next page is a list of places on campus and off campus that accept Jumbo Cash.

Questions? Check out the Jumbo Cash website here: [https://www.jumbocash.net/](https://www.jumbocash.net/)