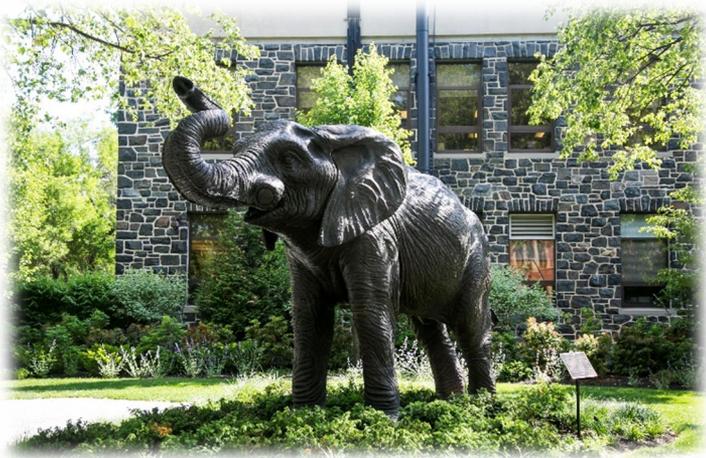


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**UNDERGRADUATE
TRANSFER ORIENTATION**



**A TRANSFER'S GUIDE TO
TUFTS UNIVERSITY**

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Introduction and Welcome

Dear Transfers,

Welcome to Orientation and to Tufts!

We recognize that you are already familiar with the college experience, but we are eager to help you become familiar with the Tufts community and to share with you some of the unique opportunities you will have here. During Orientation, you will have an opportunity to meet other incoming transfer students as well as ask currently enrolled transfer students about their experience.

Knowing that you will have fewer semesters to learn the ropes than the students entering their first year at Tufts, we have gathered information you will need to know about Tufts' policies and culture in this guide. Remember to refer to Academic Essentials for a refresher of the academic policies for your degree program.

This upcoming semester will be a bit different for all of us as we continue to navigate the challenges posed by COVID-19. We will be in communication with you as plans are finalized for the fall semester. It may result in things being done a bit different than we are used to – for example, most of our interactions may be virtual. But we will all do the best we can and adjust as necessary.

I hope you enjoy Orientation and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kendra Barber
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Advising

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Associate Dean of Undergraduate Advising

Transfer Student Orientation Events

The Undergraduate Orientation Office will help you understand the expectations and opportunities that you will encounter as a member of the Tufts community. Undergraduate orientation will generally run from September 3rd through September 7th with some events throughout the summer, and programming will be virtual. The Academic Fair will launch during the first week of August, and the transfer student panel is scheduled for August 21st.

There will be programming and events where your participation is mandatory, while there will be many others that are optional. Events will be scheduled to provide opportunities to meet your fellow Jumbo peers as well as to connect to the larger Tufts academic community. You will also learn about various departments at Tufts and the resources and supports they offer to students.

You can access the full orientation calendar and corresponding event descriptions at students.tufts.edu/orientation/calendar; any updates to orientation programming will be posted to the main calendar at this link. If you have any general questions or concerns, please contact Orientation@tufts.edu.

Getting to Know Tufts

Somerville/Medford Communities

Tufts' main campus is situated in the two cities of Somerville and Medford. The city websites of Somerville and Medford are great sources of information about the unique neighborhoods and squares of these communities:



Somerville: <https://www.somervillema.gov/about>

Medford: <http://www.medfordma.org/about-medford-ma/>

Tufts Mobile

Download the Tufts Mobile App on your Android or iPhone. It's a one-stop-shop for shuttle schedules, a campus map, Tufts news sources, alerts and closings, campus dining hours, campus calendars, and library resources. Please visit the following link: <https://access.tufts.edu/tuftsmobile>.



SMFA at Tufts

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA) is part of Tufts. Students can take studio art courses on the SMFA campus in Boston. Shuttle buses run between both campuses. For more information on courses visit: <https://smfa.tufts.edu/courses>.



Campus Shuttle Buses

While classes are in session, Tufts runs free shuttle buses along the following routes:

Davis Square Shuttle: To Davis Square, around campus, and back. Bus stops across from the Somerville Theater in Davis Square and in front of the Campus Center. Connects to the Red Line.

Boston Avenue: Up and down Boston Ave.; stops include 574 Boston Ave. (classrooms), 4 Colby St., Campus Center (Talbot Ave.), 200 Boston Ave. (Human Resources and Biology labs), Whole Foods, and Dowling Hall.

SMFA Shuttle: Between the Medford campus and the School of Museum of Fine Arts main campus on the Fenway. Stops in front of Granoff Music Building and the SMFA.

Shuttle Bus Schedule:

<http://publicsafety.tufts.edu/adminsvc/shuttle-services/>

Buses are wheelchair accessible, but Tufts does not provide door-to-door service for people with disabilities.

Fitness at Tufts

For Fall 2020, the Tufts athletic facilities will only be open for use by students who have opted to be in person on campus.

For more information about Tufts athletic facilities:

<https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/facilities/information>

For more information about Tufts physical education courses:

https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/information/PE_Classes/PE_Index

Dining at Tufts

For Fall 2020, Tufts dining facilities will only be open for use by students who have opted to be in person on campus. Please refer to your [Return Guide](#) or to the [Dining Services website](#) for more information.

Medford/Somerville Campus

[Carmichael Dining Center](#) (*uphill in the Residential Quad*)

[Commons Marketplace](#) (*Mayer Campus Center, lower level*)

[Hotung Café](#) (*Mayer Campus Center, lower level*)

[Dewick-MacPhie Dining Center](#) (*downhill on Latin Way, diagonally across from the Mayer Campus Center*)

[Hodgdon Food-on-the-Run](#) (*downhill on Talbot Ave., next to Dewick-MacPhie on the lower level of Hodgdon Hall*)

[Mugar Café](#) (*Mugar Hall, Fletcher School*)

[Pax et Lox](#) (*behind the Mayer Campus Center, under the Bookstore*)

[Tower Café](#) (*Tisch Library, inside the tower*)

[Kindlevan Café](#) (*Science & Engineering Complex Atrium*)

SMFA

[SMFA Café](#) (*1st floor, 230 The Fenway*)

JumboCash

JumboCash can be used to pay for various services such as laundry, meals, printing, and supplies. JumboCash is accepted at over 40 locations across all four campuses and off campus. For a full list of locations that accept JumboCash visit: <https://www.jumbocash.net/textpage.php?pageid=442&cid=233&expand=1&>.

Acronym Guide

DoSA: The Dean of Student Affairs Office, located in Dowling Hall, can help students with housing, health, and wellness. Visit: go.tufts.edu/studentaffairs.

ExCollege: The Experimental College offers small, participation-based courses taught by visiting professionals and Tufts students. Topics include politics, law, technology, social issues, business, and more. Visit: <https://excollege.tufts.edu>.

DSDI: Division of Student Diversity and Inclusion is a collective of six cultural houses, which includes: the Africana Center; the Asian American Center; the FIRST Resource Center; the Latino Center; the LGBT Center; and the Women's Center. Students do not have to identify with these groups to use the centers as resources. Visit: <https://students.tufts.edu/division-student-diversity-and-inclusion>

I-Center: The International Center, located at 20 Sawyer Ave., provides immigration services and support for international populations. Visit: go.tufts.edu/icenter.

OCL: The Office for Campus Life in the Mayer Campus Center advises student organizations and manages the Campus Center. Visit: <https://www.ocl.tufts.edu>.

SIS: Student Information System is where you register for courses, check grades, book tutoring appointments, and check bills. Click "Help" at the top right of the screen for tutorials. Visit: go.tufts.edu/sis.

SOGO: Sophia Gordon is a residence hall on campus. It contains a multipurpose room in which many campus events are held.

StAAR: Student Accessibility and Academic Resource Center, which is located in Dowling Hall, provides provides subject tutoring, time management and study strategies consulting, and writing support. Additionally, StAAR staff works with students to provide accommodations. Visit: go.tufts.edu/staarcenter

Taking Care of Your Health

Health Service

Health Service is located at 124 Professors Row (across from Fletcher Field) on the Medford Campus. Office visits are covered for all undergraduate students who have paid a Health Fee. Schedule an appointment by calling 617-627-3350. For hours and more information visit: go.tufts.edu/healthservice.

If you have an acute illness and need to miss class please fill out the Short-Term Illness Notification form in SIS under Student Living (WebCenter). This alerts your instructors and Advising Dean about your illness, but it does not excuse you from work or exams. If you are too ill to take an exam, please contact your Advising Dean if your instructor does not have instructions in their syllabus for missing an exam.

If other circumstances cause you to miss class, such as long-term illness, bereavement days, or other personal matters, please speak to your Advising Dean.

Counseling & Mental Health Service

Counseling and Mental Health Service (CMHS) is located at 120 Curtis Street on the Medford Campus and 230 The Fenway at the SMFA. Services include individual therapy, groups and workshops, psychiatric services, and animal assisted therapy. Services are free for all undergraduates who have paid a Health Fee. Schedule an appointment by calling 617-627-3360. For hours and more information visit: go.tufts.edu/counseling.

To reach the counselor-on-call after hours (5pm-9am) call Tufts University Police at 617-627-3030.

CMHS does not provide notes for students. Please speak to your Advising Dean if you are experiencing academic challenges.