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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, to engage with currently enrolled transfer students, and to learn more about academic life and campus life at Tufts.

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, which will be open and available to you during your entire time at Tufts.

We, your Advising Deans, will be in frequent communication with you throughout your time at Tufts both via Academic Essentials in Canvas as well as via email, so be sure to read through all communications. In the fall and the spring, we will offer many workshops, such as tips and suggestions for being successful in your academic studies, understanding academic policies and processes, and navigating the various academic deadlines throughout the semester: we very strongly recommend you join us for them all.

I hope you enjoy Orientation, and we all look forward to working with you. Go Jumbos!

Sincerely,

Matthew Bellof
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 run from September 2nd through September 6th with some programming throughout the summer. The Academic Fair will launch during the second week of August, and the transfer student panel is scheduled for August 19th.

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. Following are some events specific to transfer students and/or general events that are very popular: events in red are mandatory.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

Donuts with the Deans
9:00-10:30 AM, Tisch Library Roof

Matriculation Ceremony
10:45-11:45 AM, Academic Quad

New Transfer Student Meeting and Dinner
4:30-5:30 PM, Sophia Gordon Multi-Purpose Room

Illumination Ceremony
7:45-8:30 PM, Goddard Chapel Hill Lawn

New Transfer Student Trip to Davis Square
9:00-11:00 PM, Depart from Curtis Hall Lobby Lounge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

Wake up with the Deans
9:00-10:00 AM, Virtual (Zoom)

Financial Aid and Student Employment at Tufts
11:00-12:00 PM, JumboLife/Zoom

Welcome, Transfers! Your Academic Orientation to Tufts
12:00-1:00 PM, Virtual (Zoom)
*Mandatory for Arts & Sciences Students

Mental Health Matters
1:30-2:00 PM, JumboLife/Zoom

Building Inclusive and Equitable Community on Campus
3:00-5:00 PM, JumboLife/Zoom
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**

**StAAR Center Sessions**  
Various sessions offered, JumboLife/Zoom  
Each new student is **required** to take one of these sessions at one of the times offered: *Studying Lab Sciences at Tufts, Studying Languages at Tufts, Writing your First College Paper, Managing Your Time in College, or Study Strategies for College Success*. Several sessions will be offered at 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 1:00 PM. Register for your session of choice and time at [www.tuftstickets.com](http://www.tuftstickets.com).

**Transfer Student Social: Assembly Row & Lucky Strike**  
11:30-3:00 PM, Assembly Row  
Transportation provided. Bus departs 11:30 AM from Mayer Campus Center (Lower Patio).

**Transfer Student Debrief**  
5:00-6:00 PM, Curtis Hall Multipurpose Room

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th**

**New Transfer Student Trip to the Fells**  
10:30-2:30 PM, Depart from Curtis Hall Lobby Lounge

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th**

**Student Organization Fair**  
11:00-2:00 PM, Academic Quad
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/tufts-mobile.

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: [https://access.tufts.edu/davis-square-shuttle](https://access.tufts.edu/davis-square-shuttle)

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

Fitness at Tufts

The Tufts athletic facilities are open for use by the Tufts community.

For more information about Tufts athletic facilities: [https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/facilities/information](https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/facilities/information)

For more information about Tufts physical education courses: [https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/information/PE_Classes/PE_Index](https://www.gotuftsjumbos.com/information/PE_Classes/PE_Index)
Dining at Tufts

For more information, visit https://dining.tufts.edu/where-to-eat.

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](http://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: [excollege.tufts.edu](http://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](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](http://go.tufts.edu/icenter).

**OCL:** The Office for Campus Life in the Mayer Campus Center advises student organizations and manages the Campus Center. Visit: [ocl.tufts.edu](http://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](http://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 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](http://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 reference your course syllabus for missed exam and/or make-up exam policies; it is always best to communicate directly with your professor in advance of any exam (or academic deadline).

If other longer-term circumstances cause you to miss class, such as long-term illness or other ongoing 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.
Get to Know Your Transfer Leaders

**Michael Carpenito-Kronenfeld**

Hi! My name is Michael, and I am a rising junior from Newton, MA. I transferred to Tufts my freshman year and am a current Biopsychology major. I am an avid fan of soccer, and my favourite team is Liverpool FC (go reds!). I spend most of my time in the SEC and frequently visit the Commons Marketplace. I am also a newly licensed EMT, so my weekends will be dedicated to being in an ambulance. I hope to join the Tufts soccer team this upcoming fall as well! *(Pronouns: he/him series)*

**Igor Felipe**

Heyo everyone! My name is Igor and I’m a rising Junior majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Entrepreneurship. I am from Brazil, but have been living in the US since 2016. I am a TA for CS 40, the Vice President of BRASA (Brazilian Student Association), and a member of the CS Student Council. I will be playing club soccer in the Fall, and am really into working out, outdoors activities, video games, and anime. Excited to meet you all, and of course, welcome to Tufts!! *(Pronouns: he/him series)*

**Carolina Lopes**

Hi everyone, welcome to Tufts! My name is Carolina, I am a rising junior from Portugal and I am a Biochemistry major. On campus, I am part of Timmy Global Health, I am a chemistry tutor for the Staar center, and I do cheerleading. *(Pronouns: she/her series)*

**Kate Murphy**

Hey everyone, my name is Kate and I am a rising senior from Rochester, MN! I’m majoring in Child Study and Human Development and minoring in Spanish. I am a Mental Health Rep with CMHS and a member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Group for the CSHD Department. I am an avid reader and love creative writing, so if you need a reading/writing buddy, I am always down to talk books! *(Pronouns: she/her series)*
Olivia Smith
Hi everyone! My name is Olivia, and I am a rising senior majoring in both Community Health and Child Study and Human Development. I grew up near Annapolis, MD, but have come to love my second home here in Boston! I am the ambassador for the Tufts Transfer Student Association and was previously involved with Junior Jumbos and Animal Aid. I love walking with my puppy, Maisie, and exploring new towns in Mass. with her! So excited to meet you all, and welcome to Tufts! (Pronouns: she/her series)

Tait Smith
Hello and welcome to Tufts! My name is Tait and I’m a rising junior from Tulsa, OK, majoring in Economics with a minor in Math. I’m an avid baker and work with our food school’s food magazine, Palmier, to develop recipes for desserts. Besides baking I am also our Transfer Student Association President, so you’ll likely see me hosting events throughout the school year! (Pronouns: he/they series)

Alex Yang
Hi folks! My name is Alex, and I am a rising senior studying Engineering Psychology. I grew up in Beijing and went to middle school and high school in Sydney. I used to be a professional gamer in Australia, and now am involved in the Tufts Gaming Hub (who are recruiting!). I love coffee and am a big fan of the disco ball I just hung up in my room. Please let me know if you need any help at all throughout the semesters, I look forward to getting to know you all! (Pronouns: he/him series)

Nancy Zhou
Hi everyone! I’m Nancy, a rising senior from Shanghai, China. I’m double-majoring in International Relations and Philosophy, and I transferred to Tufts after my sophomore year. My favorite self-care activities after a busy day of studying include cooking, restaurant hopping, thrifting, and journaling. I’m so excited you’re here, and I look forward to meeting you all! (Pronouns: she/her series)