



# SOAR '26

Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration



Tennessee  
TECH

I'm Living at Home

# Who is a Commuter Student?

Any freshman commuting from their parent/legal guardian's main residence.

**At Tech...**

9,187 total undergraduate enrollment (Fall 2023)

2,230 residential

**6,957 commuter**

**Myth:** Commuter students are not able to be as involved and engaged as their residential classmates.

# Who is a Commuter Student?

- Average travel time is 18 minutes
- Most commuters arrive before 11 a.m. (61%)
- Nearly half of commuters spend 3-5 hours on campus per day, and one-third spend 5-7 hours on campus

From the Fall 2023 Commuter Student Survey.

# What are the Expectations of Commuters?

Same as residential students!

- Be on time and attend classes
- Take responsibility for assignments (group & individual)
- Utilize resources and seek assistance when necessary
- Communicate with faculty & advisors

# Some Commuter Challenges

- Getting to campus
- Time management
- Family responsibilities
- Work responsibilities
- What to do between classes
- Feeling connected and engaged with campus



# Getting to Campus

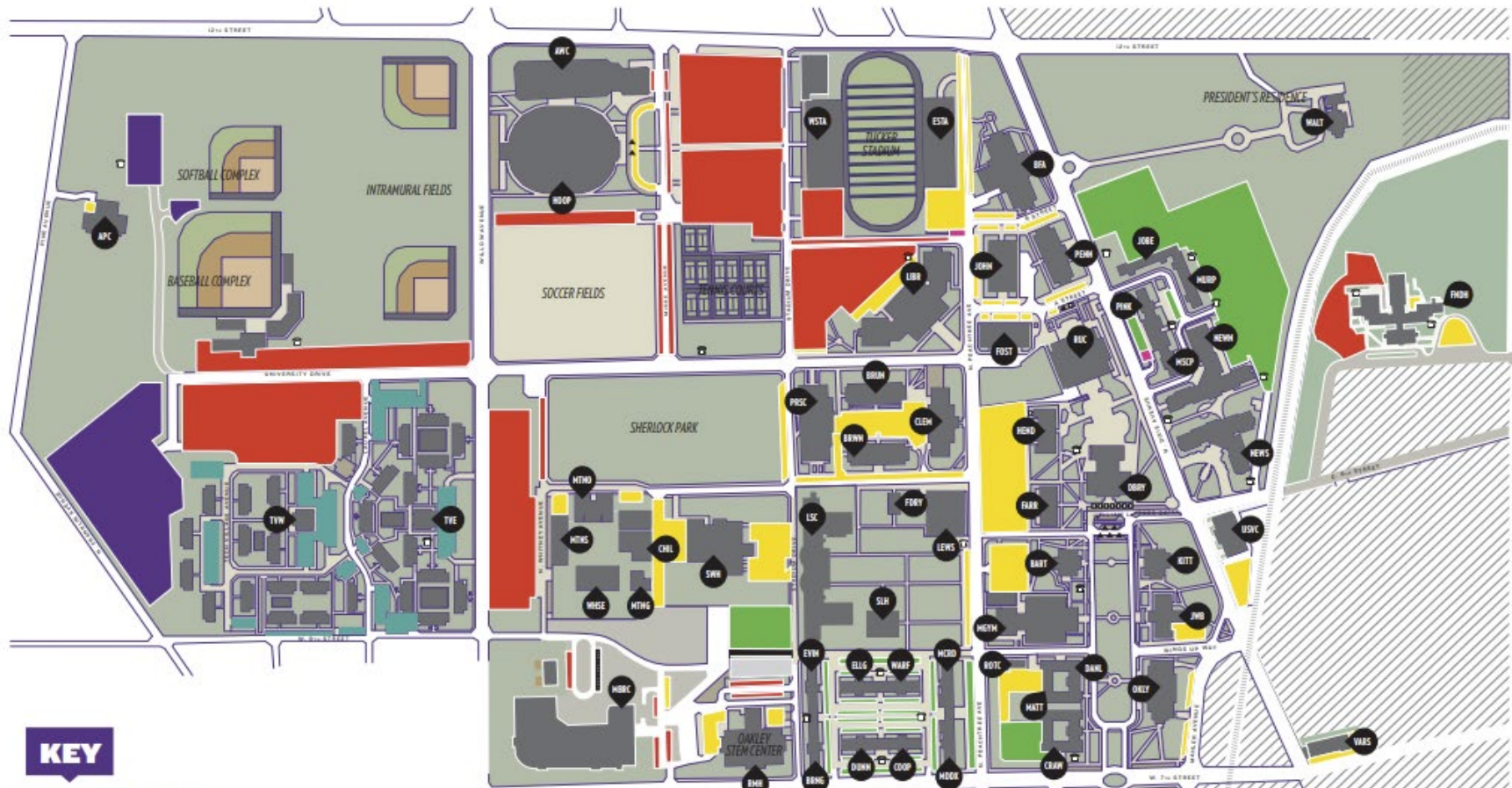
## Arriving to class on time

- What's your commute time?
- Parking



## Inclement Weather & Campus Closings

- Always check your campus email
- Must still complete work if campus is closed



## KEY

### ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE & ATHLETICS

Academic Wellness Center	AWC
Athletic Performance Center	APC
Bartoo Hall	BART
Bell Hall	BELL
Brown Hall	BRWN
Bruner Hall	BRUN
Bryan Fine Arts Bldg.	BFA
Clement Hall	CLEM
Daniel Hall	DANL
Donyberry Hall	DBRY
East Stadium	ESTA
Farr, T.J. Bldg.	FARR
Foster Hall	FOST
Foundation Hall	FNDH
Foundry	FDRY
Health & Physical Education Bldg.	MGYM
Henderson Hall	HEND
Hooper Eblon Center	HOOP
Jere Whitson Bldg.	JWB
Johnson Hall	JOHN
Kitzell Hall	KITT
Laboratory Science Commons	LCS
Lewis Hall	LEWS
Mathews Hall	MATT
Oakley Hall	OKLY
Pennebaker Hall	PENN
Prescott Hall	PRSC
Ray Morris Hall	RMH
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### RESIDENCE HALLS & APARTMENTS

Browning Hall	BRNG
Cooper Hall	COOP
Crawford Hall	CRAW

Dunn Hall	DUNN
Elington Hall	ELLG
Evins Hall	EVIN
Jobe Hall	JOBE
M.S. Cooper Hall	MSCP
Maddux Hall	MDDX
McCord Hall	MCRD
Murphy Hall	MURP
New Hall North	NEWN
New Hall South	NEWS
Pinkerton Hall	PINK
Tech Village East	TVE
Tech Village West	TVW
Warf Hall	WARF

### OPERATIONS

Carr Bldg.	MTNS
Carroll Bldg.	CHIL
Facilities & Business Services Bldg.	MTNO
Maintenance Garage	MTNG
University Police	FNDH
University Services Bldg.	USVC
Warehouse	WHSE

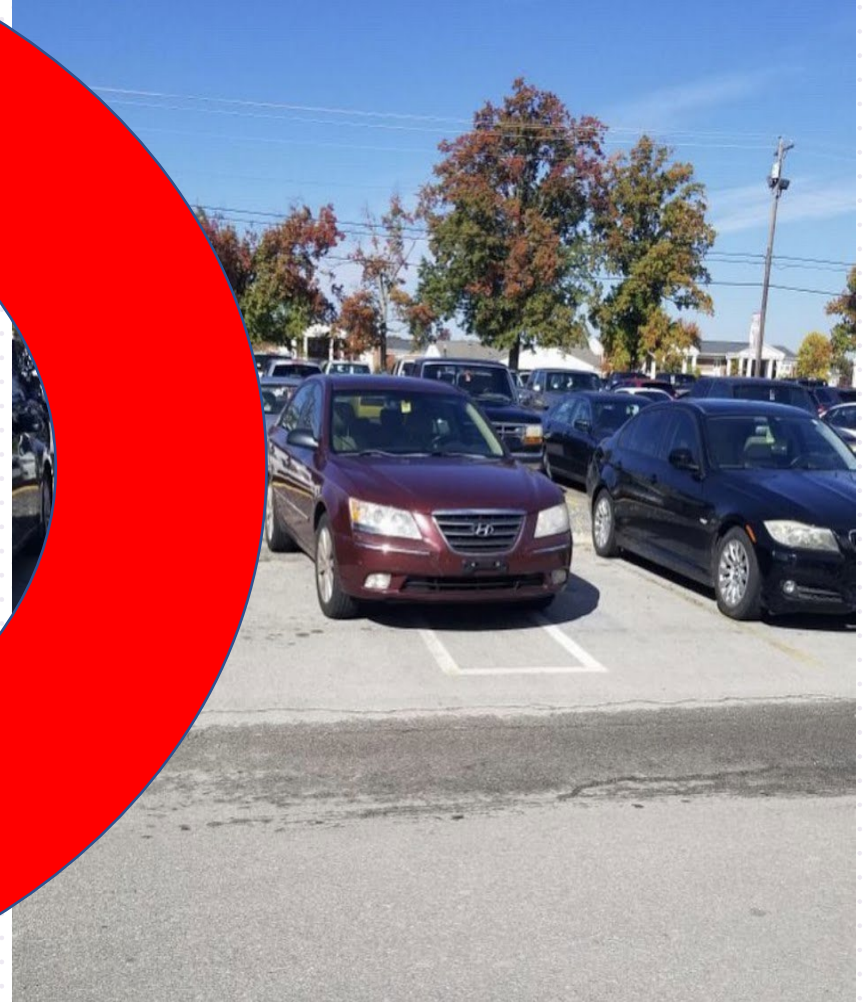


## CAMPUS MAP



- PERIMETER PARKING
- EMPLOYEE PREMIUM PARKING
- TECH VILLAGE PARKING
- RESIDENTIAL PARKING
- STUDENT PREMIUM PARKING
- MOTORCYCLE PARKING
- Fitness Center 2 Hour Parking
- Visitor Parking
- ⚡ Emergency Phones
- ▲ 30 Minute Parking
- + Fire Lanes Are Marked
- + Health Services Parking

# One Last Word on Parking...




# Time Management

## High School Schedule


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Silence/Attendance					8:00
8:15	Advisory			Meeting for Worship	Team Time	8:00
8:45	English	Science	Arts	English	English	8:30
9:30	Social Studies	Break		Social Studies	Social Studies	9:20
10:15	Arts	Chinese	Social Studies	Arts	Arts	10:10
11:00	Lunch/Break				Break	11:00 - 12:00
11:40	Math	Math	English	Math	Lunch 11:30	12:00
12:25	Chinese			Chinese	Math	12:10
1:10	Science	PE	Rehearsal	Science	Chinese	1:00
1:55	PE	Early Out 2:00	PE	PE	Science	1:50
					Assembly	2:40
	Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30		Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30			










## College Schedule








### MY WEEKLY SCHEDULE


♡ Spring Semester ♡



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8:00 – 9:00 AM		 <b>AGR 3200-001</b> 8:00 – 9:15 AM OKLY 212		 <b>AGR 3200-001</b> 8:00 – 9:15 AM OKLY 212	
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10:00 – 11:00 AM					
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2:00 – 3:00 PM					
3:00 – 4:00 PM					
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## LEGEND



- CLASS (COMM)
- CLASS (BMGT)
- CLASS (PHED)
- CLASS (AGR)
- CLASS (HIST)
- WORK
- STUDY
- CLUB / SORORITY
- SOA TRAINING
- WALK
- LUNCH
- LAUNDRY



# Commuter Class Scheduling Strategy

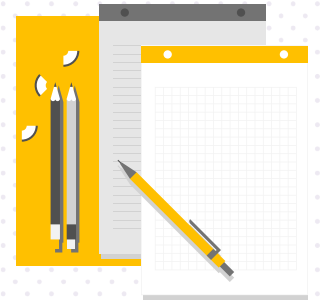
## Cramming classes into two days:

- Makes for really long days
- Mental fatigue (less focused)
- More tempting to skip classes
- Greater impact when you get sick
- Multiple assignments due/exams on the same day



## Spacing classes out:

- Allows more time to complete assignments/prepare for exams
- More peer interactions & engagement on campus
- Eliminates falling out of a routine



\*Remember to designate time and space for online classes.

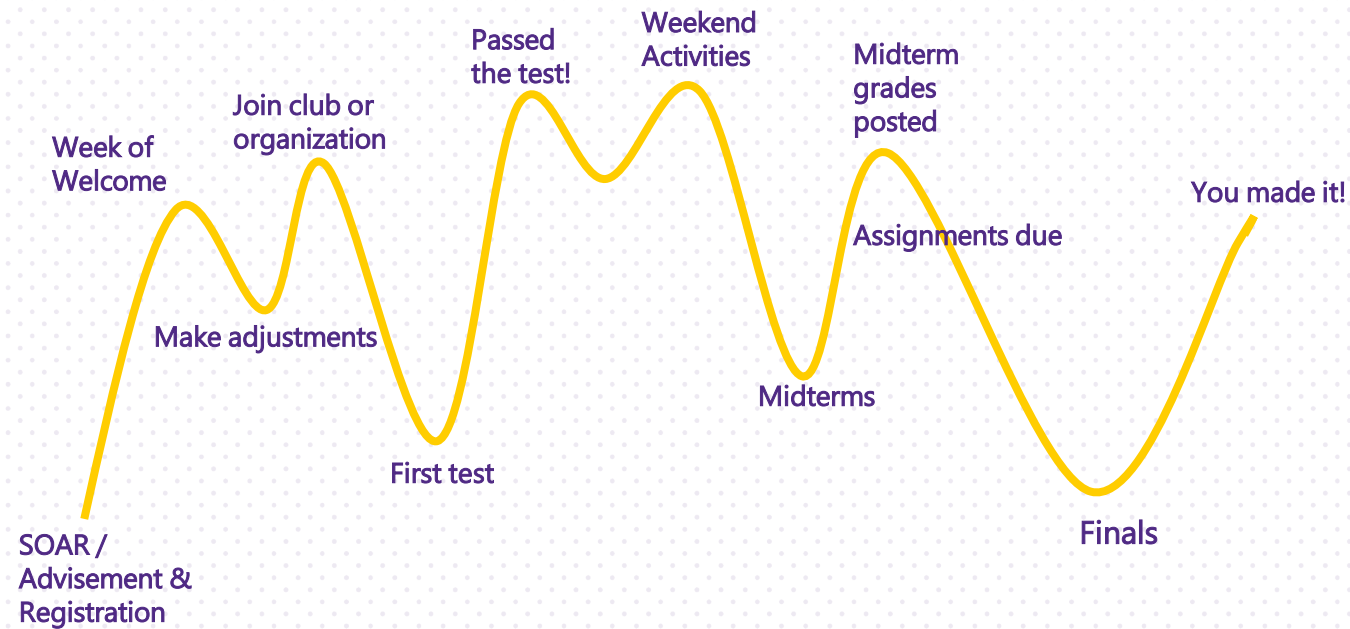
\*Don't be hesitant to take night classes; may impact progression towards degree!

# Know & Prioritize Your Responsibilities

1. Adjusting – Be proactive about possible challenges.
2. Be aware of outside obligations that may conflict with class times.
3. Open communication – with faculty, employers & outside commitments.

NOTE: On-campus students must do these things, too.

# Ebbs & Flows of the Semester



# Getting Involved

Commuter students who join student organizations and/or work on campus are much more likely to be satisfied with their campus engagement and feel connected to others.

	Satisfied with Engagement	Connected To Other Students
All Respondents	44%	79%
Those Involved in a Student Org	62%	87%
Those Who Work On Campus	63%	83%

(Fall 2023 Commuter Student Survey)

# Student Resources

- Campus Dining
- Library
- Fitness Center
- On-campus jobs
- Launch Pad
- Health Services
- Center for
- Counseling & Mental Health Wellness
- Intercultural Affairs
- Off-Campus Housing Consultant



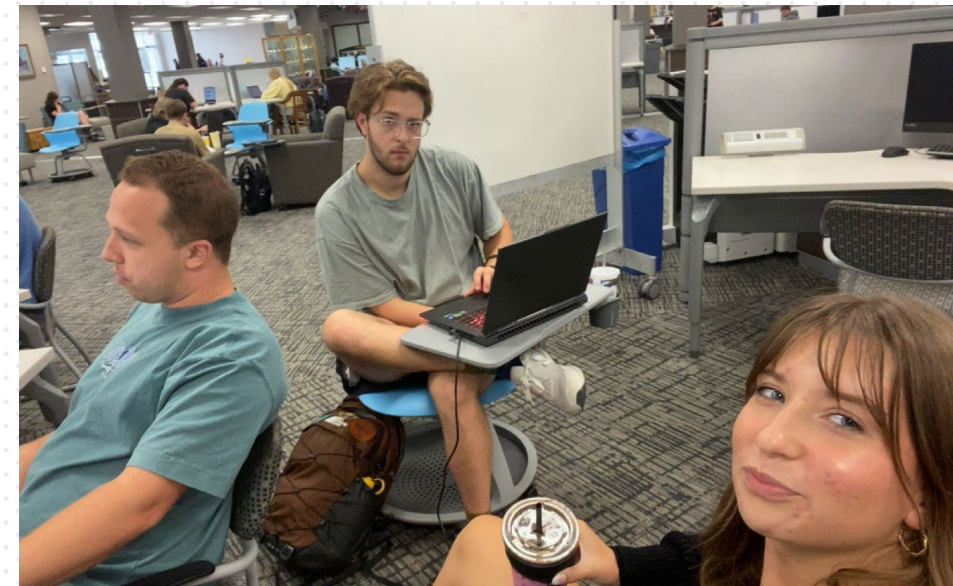
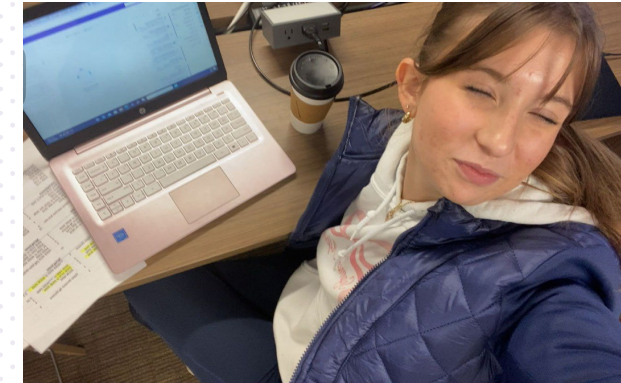
# Student Lounges

- Education – TJ Farr 107 & Foundation Hall (LRC)
- Engineering – Clement Hall 208
- Nursing – Bell Hall 250
- Interdisciplinary Studies – SW Hall 180
- Business – Foundation Hall Lobbies and Hallways
- Roaden University Center – Ground Floor Lounge; Intercultural Lounge (2nd Floor)
- Volpe Library Learning Commons
- Lab Science Commons



# Student Lounging

- Tables outside of LSC
- The study rooms in the library
- Upstairs booth in the RUC over Swoops
- Interview rooms from Career Development
- Tables on the Plaza
- A booth in the Caf
- Walk the indoor track in the Fit



# Week of Welcome 2026

Week of Welcome is the start of the semester. Plan ahead to attend these and other events:

- Tuesday, August 18 – Convocation, Class Photo, and movie at Tucker Stadium.
- Wednesday, August 19 – Mix and Mingle
- Saturday, August 22 – College Town Kick Off



[www.tntech.edu/weekofwelcome](http://www.tntech.edu/weekofwelcome)



**Questions?**