

BRENAU UNIVERSITY

2019 ORIENTATION GUIDE



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to Brenau University and to the next exciting chapter of your life. This semester is also a new adventure for me as I begin my tenure as the 10th president of Brenau University. I am both grateful to be serving in this important role and energized as I meet your professors, staff and coaches, all of whom are committed to supporting you. I look forward to learning more about Brenau together.

I am glad you have chosen Brenau as the place to continue your education. Brenau is a linguistic combination from the German word “brennen,” meaning “to burn” and the Latin word “aurum,” which means “gold.” The name forms the institution’s poetic motto — “As gold refined by fire” — and aptly describes the value we place on you as a student and the rigorousness with which we dedicate ourselves to your education.

In addition to meeting peers, some of whom will become lifelong friends, you also will engage with professors who will guide you, challenge you and nurture you as you discern your passion and prepare intellectually to live an extraordinary life of personal and professional fulfillment.

I challenge you to make the best of your time while you are here. And I commit to you that I, along with our gifted and dedicated faculty and staff, will do our part to help make this endeavor not only a successful one but a life-changing one.

Best wishes,



Anne A. Skleder, Ph.D.
President



WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

1. Admissions Check-In (All Students)

- Pick up your schedule.
- Check your folder for information about appointments with Accounting or Financial Aid or notices regarding any missing enrollment documents.

2. Housing Check-In (Residential Students Only)

- Verify your room assignment.
- Verify that all documents are completed.
- Obtain residence hall and room keys (two keys).
- Move in: Meet your roommate and resident assistant (RA).

University Offices

University offices are regularly open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Brenau's Safety & Security Office, 520 Washington St., is staffed 24 hours a day. Safety & Security officers can be reached at 770.534.6202 or by dialing 1234 from a campus phone. Staff from the Accounting and Financial Aid offices will be available in their offices Wednesday through Friday as needed or if indicated in your check-in folder.

Meal Information

Residential student meal plans are activated Wednesday, Aug. 21. A limited number of meals are arranged as part of the orientation program for nonresidential students and guests. Admissions staff will provide meal tickets for those specific events in student check-in folders. Dining facilities will be open at the following times during orientation:

Hopkins Dining Hall

7-9 a.m. — Breakfast

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Lunch

5-7:30 p.m. — Dinner

Tea Room

The Tea Room will be open for business on Monday, Aug. 26.

General Assistance

If you have any questions or concerns, general assistance is available at the switchboard area on the first floor of Owens Student Center from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lost and found items can be turned in or recovered at the Safety & Security, 520 Washington St.

SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Residential Student Check-In

Trustee Library

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lunch

Hopkins Dining Hall

Meal tickets for guests provided with student check-in folders.

12:30-2 p.m.

**International Students-Only
Immigration Meeting**

Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

International students should bring their Passport and I-20 to this meeting with Director of International Students & Programs Jordan Anderson.

12:30-1 p.m.

Commuter Student Check-In

Trustee Library

All students not living on campus should check in during this time.

1-2 p.m.

Commuter Student Session

Trustee Library 116

All commuter students are highly encouraged to attend and learn more about available campus resources and services.

2-2:30 p.m.

Orientation Kickoff

Pearce Auditorium

All new students should attend, wearing their orientation T-shirts, to learn more about orientation and what it means to be a member of the Brenau community.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Student Session —

Opening Ceremony Preparation

Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

In this student-only session, students will accompany student leaders to Thurmond-McRae to learn about the opening ceremony ritual.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Parent/Family Session

Pearce Auditorium

All parents and guests are highly encouraged to attend and learn how to help students have successful college experiences. This session will cover the “top 10 things parents want to know” and resources available to students.

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Opening Ceremony and Welcome

Pearce Auditorium

Welcoming remarks and a formal address by Brenau President Dr. Anne A. Skleder, Provost Dr. James C. Eck and other university faculty and staff.

4:45 p.m.

New Student Group Photo

Front Steps of Pearce

5-7 p.m.

Family Dinner

Wilkes Lawn and Dining Hall

Socialize with other new students and their families while dining, take pictures in our photo booth, participate in family friendly games and enjoy a treat from Kona Ice.

7-8 p.m.

Free Time and Goodbyes for Residential Students

Time to get settled into your residence hall and say goodbye to your family.

8 p.m.

New Residential Student Meeting

Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

All new residential students will meet to review rules, expectations and standards for living in a residential community. Honor Court student conduct processes will also be reviewed.

8:45 p.m.

Meetings with Resident Assistants

In Assigned Residence Halls

Meet your resident assistant and fellow community members.





THURSDAY, AUG. 22

7-9 a.m.

Breakfast

Hopkins Dining Hall

9-10:30 a.m.

English Placement Testing

*Trustee Library, Redwine 108
Computer Lab*

Students who preregistered to complete English placement testing must attend this session prior to class registration. Preregistration for test appointment required.

8:30-10 a.m.

Dance Placements

Fitness Center, Room 108

Students interested in enrolling in a dance technique class above the beginning 100 level, excluding DA 121 or DA 160, are required to participate in this dance placement class.

10:30 a.m.-noon

Advisement and Registration

Trustee Library

Faculty advisors and staff from the Registrar's Office will be available for advising and questions in the library for those students who have not completed registration.

10 a.m.-noon

Resource Fair and Campus Tours

Trustee Library

Representatives from various offices and organizations will be available to share resources and answer questions. Additionally, Golden Guides will be available to lead campus tours.

10-10:30 a.m.

Honors and Brenau Scholars Program

Trustee Library, Classroom 116

New students interested in the Honors Program or those participating in the Brenau Scholars Program should attend this session to learn more about Honors course requirements.

STUDENT SUCCESS SESSIONS, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

For these concurrent sessions, students should refer to their nametags for their group assignments and follow the specific schedule for their assigned group below.

GROUP 1

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lunch

Hopkins Dining Hall

12:20-1:05 p.m.

Session A:

Who's in your family?

Building your Brenau team

Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

1:10-1:55 p.m.

Session B:

Safety, wellness and YOU

Pearce Auditorium

GROUP 2

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session B:

Safety, wellness and YOU

Pearce Auditorium

12:20-1:05 p.m.

Lunch

Hopkins Dining Hall

1:10-1:55 p.m.

Session A:

Who's in your family?

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Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

2 p.m.

Student Success Wrap-Up

Pearce Auditorium

All new students are required to attend.

2:30-3:30 p.m. — "A Day in the Life"

Pearce Auditorium

Learn about the traditions and quirks of Brenau as shared by peer assistants.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Federal Work Study Meeting

Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall

Any new student who has been awarded Federal Work Study will need to attend this meeting prior to receiving work study assignments or beginning employment on campus.

3:30-5 p.m. — Free Time

5-6:30 p.m. — Dinner

Hopkins Dining Hall

6-8 p.m. — Tiger Takeover

Downtown Gainesville

The downtown Gainesville Square is home to a number of boutiques, specialty shops and restaurants. Shuttle service will begin at 5:45 p.m., departing in front of West Hall, to take students downtown for shopping, free swag bags with coupons and a chance to win raffle prizes from local shops.

7-9 p.m. — Desserts and a DJ

Amphitheater

Enjoy music by DJ Sha, as well as delicious desserts, and mingle with members of your new Brenau family.

FRIDAY, AUG 23

7-9 a.m.

Breakfast

Hopkins Dining Hall

9-10:30 a.m.

AS 115 and AS 112 Class Meetings (mandatory for those enrolled)

*Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall (AS 112)
and assigned locations (AS 115)*

Students enrolled in AS 115 and AS 112 will meet with instructors, peer assistants and classmates. AS 112 meets in Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall; AS 115 meets in the assigned class location on your class schedule. If you're unsure of where to meet, ask a student leader for assistance.

**10:30-11:30 a.m. — Prepare for
Pool Party and Off-Campus Lunch**

11:30 a.m.

Board Buses for President's Pool Party

*Academy Street in front of
Virginia Hall (near the library)*

Charter buses will rotate departure until 12:15 p.m.

Noon-2 p.m.

President's Pool Party

Chattahoochee Country Club

This lunch and swim event, sponsored by the President's Office, is a great social opportunity for new students to hang out with their classmates. Students will have a chance to win Brenau spirit raffle prizes as well.

2-3 p.m.

Return to Campus

3:30-5 p.m.

Free Time

WOMEN'S COLLEGE EVENING, 5-8:30 p.m.

5-6 p.m. — Dinner

Hopkins Dining Hall

6-7 p.m.

Brenau Traditions and Alumni Speakers

Pearce Auditorium

Learn more about Brenau history, traditions and the Brenau Ideal from current students and alums.

7-8 p.m.

Campus Traditions Tour

Begins at front steps of Pearce

Small group guided tours will depart from Pearce and venture to historic and traditional

locations on campus. Tours will end at the amphitheater.

8 p.m. — A Night of Honor & Gold Refined by Fire Ceremony

*Departs front steps of Pearce
for Amphitheater*

A Night of Honor is led by Honor Court, the student judicial body for campus, and will lead you into the Gold Refined by Fire Ceremony led by the senior honor society. These traditional ceremonies for new students signify their commitment to Brenau and are the first steps to becoming "gold refined by fire."



SATURDAY, AUG. 24

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Brunch
Hopkins Dining Hall

5-6 p.m. — Dinner
Hopkins Dining Hall

9 p.m.
Popcorn and a Movie
*Green space by Tea Room
and Sorority Circle*
Bring a blanket and enjoy popcorn,
drinks and the movie *Monsters University*
on the green with your new friends!

SUNDAY, AUG 25

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Brunch
Hopkins Dining Hall

3-5 p.m.
Student-Athlete Orientation
Brenau Downtown Center

The Brenau Athletics Department will host a required orientation session for all student-athletes. Athletes will receive updated policy information, meet athletics department staff and campus officers, handle paperwork crucial for participation in sports and gain valuable insight into how to be a successful Golden Tiger student-athlete.

5-6 p.m. — Dinner
Hopkins Dining Hall

**7 p.m. — Roll Call! Freshman
Residence Hall Competition**
Pearce Auditorium

MONDAY, AUG. 26
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!



THE BRENAU IDEAL

To find satisfaction in being rather than in seeming;

To find joy in doing rather than in dreaming;

To be prepared for service, thereby earning the right to be served;

To be pure in heart, vigorous in mind, discreet in action;

To love deeply, fear nothing, hate never;

To enjoy that freedom which comes from knowledge of the “Truth”;

To be modestly conscious of the limitations of human knowledge,
and serenely confident of the limitless reaches of human endeavor —

This is the ideal of Brenau.

— H.J. Pearce



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies	911
Campus Safety & Security	770.534.6202
Accounting Office	770.534.6150
Aramark Dining Services.....	770.538.4600
Bookstore.....	770.534.6208
Career Services.....	770.534.6265
College of Business & Communication	770.531.3174
College of Education.....	770.534.6220
College of Fine Arts & Humanities.....	770.538.4764
Financial Aid.....	770.534.6152
Health Services	770.534.6135
IT Help Desk	770.538.4774
Ivester College of Health Sciences	678.707.5029
Learning Center.....	770.534.6133
Library.....	770.534.6113
Math & Science SPA.....	770.538.4653
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs	770. 534.6119
Switchboard.....	770.534.6299
Registrar's Office.....	770.534.6203
University Counselor.....	770.534.6121
University Post Office.....	770.534.6128
Writing Center.....	770.538.4795



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