

Class of 2026

New Student Orientation Guide



Photo: Class of 2023 3+ Track Students.



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Greetings Class of 2026,

On behalf of the entire Office of Learner Affairs team at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University, welcome to our MCG family! My name is Dr. Chris Watson and I am your First Year Class Dean. As a pediatric intensivist, when I am not at the school, you may find me across campus at the Children’s Hospital of Georgia, or even outside enjoying a run on the local trails and greenways. Dr. Nancy Havas, a family physician and your Associate Dean for Learner Affairs, and I both very much look forward to meeting you, learning from you, and joining you on as you embark on this incredible journey. You each bring your own unique story and set of amazing accomplishments, and you now join a diverse community of learners that will challenge and inspire you even further.

Throughout the rigorous MCG 3+ curriculum spread across Georgia at all our regional MCG campuses, our exceptional faculty and staff will guide, advise, coach, and support you as you continue to grow academically, personally, and professionally. During your time at MCG, our Office of Learner Affairs team will also help you in reaching your full potential by building community and offering innovative student services, programs, and resources – such as academic and career advising – all designed to support your self-care, wellness, and growth as a competent, empathetic, and ethical physician.

Our team has planned a required, in-person two-day general orientation to MCG for all first-year students beginning at **08:00AM on July 25th** followed by the immediate start of the **“Orientation to Medicine” course on July 27th** in which you will automatically be enrolled along with all your fall semester courses by June 20th. Prior to orientation, an online ‘Technology Orientation’ course will be shared with you to be completed before arrival. Please be sure to also submit the AU Student Health Services immunization record demonstrating required proof of vaccination initiation or prior immunity at least two weeks in advance of orientation. Finally, we have included a draft calendar of the first 9 months of your medical education to assist in your planning for personal needs and holidays. Please be mindful that the dates of exams and other curricular elements may still change.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to our MCG family! We truly believe you are the future leaders of our medical profession, and we look forward to meeting each of you soon. If we can help in any way, please contact us, our orientation coordinator, Alise Vega AVEGA@augusta.edu, or our office at MCGMEDSTUDENT@augusta.edu.

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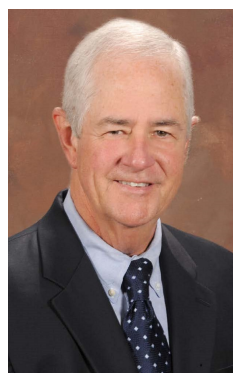
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Pre-Clerkship Academic Schedule (July 2022 – April 2023)








DATES ARE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE UNTIL MODULE SCHEDULES ARE RELEASED IN D2L

Foundations of Medicine Module	
Orientation & Orientation to Medicine Course	Monday, July 25 - 29, 2022
Friday Quizzes (typically from 1-3pm unless otherwise noted)	Friday Aug 5, 2022 – September 23, 2022
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 5, 2022
Problem Solving Exam	Monday, September 26, 2022
Comprehensive Module Exam	Thursday, September 29, 2022; Remediation Retake Date is Fri. Oct 7, 2022
Career Paths in Medicine Course	Attend 1 week per semester as assigned October 3-7, 2022 or December 12-16, 2022
Musculoskeletal/Skin Module	
Friday Quizzes (typically from 1-3pm unless otherwise noted)	Friday, October 14, 2022 – December 9, 2022
Anatomy Lab Exam 1	Friday, November 4, 2022
Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, November 23 – 25, 2022
Problem Solving Exam	Monday, December 5, 2022
Anatomy Lab Exam 2	Monday, December 5, 2022
Comprehensive Module Exam	Thursday, December 8, 2022 Remediation Retake Date is Dec 16,
Career Paths in Medicine Course	Attend 1 week per semester as assigned October 3-7, 2022 or December 12-16, 2022
Winter Break	Monday, December 19, 2022 – January 2, 2023
Cardiopulmonary/Heme Module	
Friday Quizzes (typically from 1-3pm unless otherwise noted)	Friday, January 6, 2023 – March 3, 2023
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Problem Solving Exam	Monday, March 6, 2023
Anatomy Lab Exam	Monday, March 6, 2023
Comprehensive Module Exam	Thursday, March 9, 2023 Remediation Retake Date is March 17,
Career Paths in Medicine Course	Attend 1 week per semester as assigned March 13-17, 2023 or June
Progress Test 1	Monday, March 20, 2023
Healthcare Matters Module	
Assessments dates will be outlined in syllabus	March 21, 2023 – March 31, 2023
Spring Break	Monday, April 3 – 7, 2023



New Student Orientation Checklist

We are delighted you'll be joining our student body this year! In order to smooth your transition to MCG at Augusta University, please read the following information. If you have additional questions, please contact the MCG Admissions Office at 706-721-3168 or via email at mcgadmissions@augusta.edu.

-  **Access your username and student account.**
Upon acceptance to Augusta University, please follow these directions: augusta.edu/it/accounts-passwords. Should you have any trouble accessing your account, please contact the IT help desk at 706-721-4000.
-  **Register for Duo.**
Account security is very important to Augusta University – so we use Duo two-factor authentication for multiple systems. Learn more about Duo and register for your account here: augusta.edu/it/duo.
-  **Access your student email.**
Log into your Augusta University email at email.augusta.edu. AU email is the university's official form of communication, so expect updates regarding orientation, registration, billing, and course information in your AU inbox.
-  **Log in to POUNCE.**
POUNCE is Augusta University's student information portal. It includes information about registration, grades, financial aid, your student file, and more. Access POUNCE here: pounce.augusta.edu.
-  **Check out university housing.**
If you'd like to live on campus, visit augusta.edu/housing for more information. Mrs. Ophelia Givens is the AU campus housing coordinator. Please direct any questions regarding housing to her residencelife@augusta.edu.
-  **Manage your financial aid.**
Don't forget to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). By filing your FAFSA, you will be considered for need-based aid. Go to studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa – and note Augusta University's school code: 001579. For information about institutional scholarships, visit our financial aid website: augusta.edu/finaid.
-  **Submit required immunization documentation.**
Please submit all immunization records demonstrating proof of required immunization series initiation or prior immunity to Student Health Services, to include any COVID-19 vaccination information. For further instructions, and to download the required forms, visit augusta.edu/shs/immunizations.



New Student Orientation Checklist

✔ Arrange disability accommodations, if necessary.

Augusta University is happy to accommodate students with disabilities. If you have a disability or require special services, please contact the Office of Testing and Disability Services at 706-737-1469 or visit augusta.edu/tds.

✔ Manage your student health insurance.

All students on AU's campus must have health insurance, and will be charged a student health insurance premium each semester. However, if you already have insurance that meets the campus requirement, you may forgo the fee by completing a waiver. Email studentinsurance@augusta.edu or visit augusta.edu/shs for more information.

✔ Submit a photo for your JagCard.

You will soon receive a follow-up email with instructions on how to submit a photo for your JagCard. Please ensure your photo meets the following guidelines and direct any questions about your JagCard to jagaccess@augusta.edu. Photo guidelines include:

- Please include your full name and JagID with your photo.
- The image must be in color and without a watermark.
- You should be the only person in the photo.
- The image must have been taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance.
- There must be a space between the top of your head and the top of the photo, and your entire head + shoulders must be visible.
- No sunglasses or hats should be worn in the photo.
- Select a neutral, solid-colored background. We suggest a blank wall as the background.
- Your JagCard will be distributed by the Learner Affairs office on the day of orientation (Monday, July 25, 2022).
- Please complete this task no later than Friday, July 1, 2022 to ensure you'll have a badge during orientation.
- If you are living in AU campus housing the AU campus housing office will have your badge for you upon check in.

✔ Register for parking.

- If you plan on bringing a car to campus, you'll need a parking pass.
- All students who wish to park on campus will need to register their vehicle and pay the semester parking fee.
- The fee for students to park at Augusta University is \$75 per semester.
- The parking registration process can be completed at augusta.edu/parking, then access the Parking Management Portal.
- Students may register one car per semester.
- For more information about obtaining a parking permit, visit augusta.edu/parking/students.php.



Frequently Asked Questions

➤ **Do I have to attend orientation?**

Yes! Orientation is mandatory and in-person. You will get to know your fellow classmates, upper classmates, and your instructors during orientation. There is a great amount of information given during this time, and you will need this information to attend classes.

➤ **Where can I find the most current information about orientation?**

Please watch your AU email and check back on the [MCG Orientation web page](#) regularly for updates as orientation approaches.

➤ **What should I expect of orientation?**

Orientation will be two days of general AU and MCG related-activities followed immediately by the three day "Orientation to Medicine" course. Please watch your AU email and check back on the orientation web page for further details as orientation approaches.

➤ **What is the attire for orientation?**

Business casual is suitable.

➤ **Where do I go for orientation?**

Your orientation will be held in the J. Harold Harrison Building Room 1210B. This will be your classroom for the year.

➤ **Do I need to bring my lunch/snacks during orientation?**

Please watch your AU email and check back on the orientation web page for the daily schedule and further details about when food will be provided as orientation approaches.

➤ **When will I receive my parking pass?**

Your parking pass will be virtual by way of your license plate.

➤ **When is the White Coat Ceremony?**

Your White Coat Ceremony will be Saturday, October 22, 2022.

➤ **Do I need to purchase any "doctoring equipment" like a white coat, stethoscope, etc.?**

Your white coat will be provided for you. You will be provided with a list of other requirements from the Curriculum Office.

➤ **Is a computer required for orientation?**

The Medical College of Georgia requires that you have a laptop/iPad computer. Many students purchase a computer for their personal use prior to matriculation. The general guidelines and recommendations are included here: [PC/Mac Laptop Requirements](#). We ask that all students bring their computers each day of orientation.

➤ **Do I need to register for classes?**

No. Our Curriculum Office will register you for your classes.

➤ **I have a question about Financial Aid. Who can help me?**

Please contact Erica Key at 706-737-1833 or erkey@augusta.edu. Make sure to include your AU student ID number in all correspondence.



Office of Learner Well-being

The Office of Learner Well-being serves learners across the UME/GME continuum. Our services are designed to meet the needs of medical students, residents, and fellows while working closely with the wellness liaison to the MCG Faculty Senate. We are committed to enhancing patient care and welfare and believe that optimal care requires an environment where all learners and healthcare providers can thrive, feel support and well treated.

	<p> Student Health Services Student Counseling & Psychological Services USG Well-being Mayo Well-being Index </p> <p>After-hours Psychiatry Prescribing Clinic via Telehealth: Call 706-721-3448 during normal business hours to request a referral</p> <p>For after-hour emergencies, please call the Georgia Crisis & Access Line at 1-800-715-4225 or the After-Hour Support Line at 833-910-3364 for immediate assistance.</p>
	<p> AU Wellness Center Family Y Gold's Gym Anytime Fitness Healthy Recipes Eating Healthy on a Budget Healthy Eating AU Open Paws Food Pantry Richmond & Columbia County Food Pantries </p> <p>For Wellness apps, visit our website.</p>
	<p> Pastoral Care Greater Augusta Interfaith Coalition Antidote Publication SeroTONEins </p>
	<p> Repayment Assistance through Forgiveness, Scholarships, or Service AU Financial Aid AAMC Resources Public Service Loan Forgiveness HCCU Health Center Credit Union Security Credit PLOC </p>

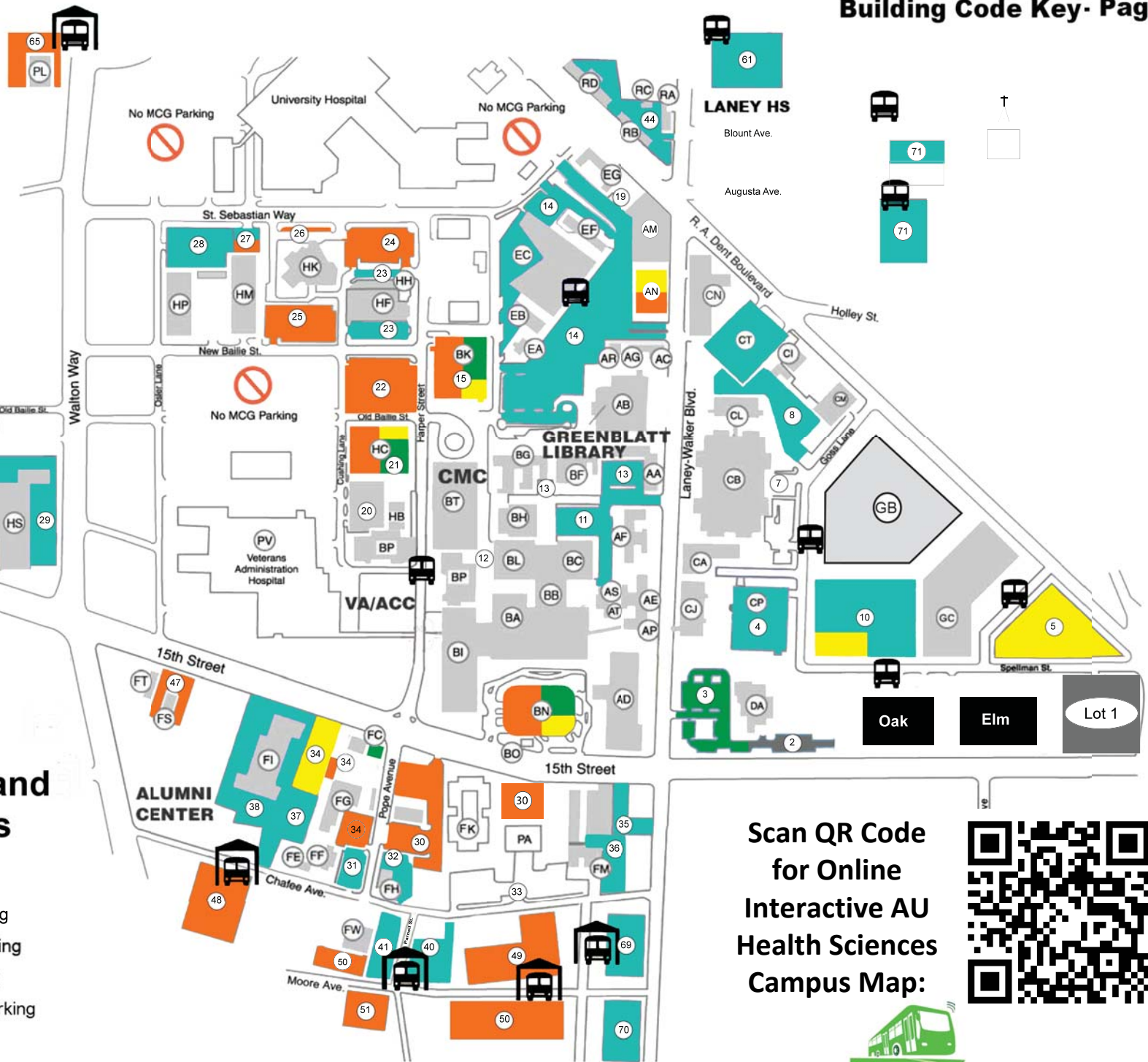


Parking Office
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 (706) 721-2953

Shuttle Routes and Parking Zones

- Housing
- Patient Parking
- Campus Parking
- Visitor Parking
- AU Health Parking

- Shuttle Stops
- Shuttle Shelters



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Arts & CULTURE

- ★ **Morris Museum of Art**
Devoted to art of the American South
1 Tenth Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-7501 | themorris.org
- ★ **Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art**
Offering a rich calendar of nearly 30 exhibitions by regional and national artists.
506 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 722-5495 | ghia.org
- ★ **Augusta Sculpture Trail**
Original sculptures by nationally renowned artists placed throughout downtown Augusta. Audio tour available through the Otocast app.
Various Locations in Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 826-4702 | augustasculpturetrail.com
- ★ **Imperial Theatre**
Ballet, Broadway plays and musicals, and concerts by both local and international artists.
749 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 722-8341 | imperialtheatre.com
- ★ **The Miller Theater**
Home of Symphony Orchestra Augusta
708 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 842-4080 | millertheateraugusta.com
- ★ **Westobou Gallery**
Curated gallery of featuring contemporary and upcoming artists.
1129 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 755-2878 | westobou.org

Local HISTORY

- ★ **Augusta Museum of History**
12,000 years of Augusta History and a walk through the life of James Brown
560 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 722-8454 | augustamuseum.org
- ★ **James Brown Journey**
Visit historic James Brown landmarks
1010 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-4067 | soulstartshere.com
- ★ **Boyhood Home of Woodrow Wilson**
Features the childhood home of President Wilson
419 7th Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 722-9828 | wilsonboyhoodhome.org
- ★ **Meadow Garden**
Tour of the home of George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of independence
1320 Independence Drive, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-4174 | historicmeadowgarden.org
- ★ **Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History**
Discover Augusta's African-American heritage and the story of Lucy Craft Laney.
1116 Phillips Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-3576 | lucycraftlaneymuseum.com
- ★ **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area**
Take a canal boat tour and hear the story of industrial revolution in the American South.
1450 Greene Street, Ste 400, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 823-0440 | augustacanal.com

RESTAURANTS

- ★ **Brunch House**
A delightful diner with a small town feel. Enjoy southern brunch offerings.
573 Greene Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 305-1508 | brunchhouseofaug.com
- ★ **Edgar's Above Broad**
Rooftop tapas in a bright and bold atmosphere. Enjoy outdoor games and drinks.
699 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(762) 320-4320 | edgarsabovebroad.com
- ★ **Farmhaus**
Some of the best burgers in town. Try their unique specials, or boozy shakes for a taste of fun.
1204 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 496-8771 | farmhausburger.com
- ★ **Nacho Mama's**
They roll 'em fat, Burritos that is! This is an Augusta staple that can't be missed.
976 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-0501 | nachomamasaugusta.com
- ★ **Solé Augusta**
Sushi, tapas, and burgers in a casual and fun downtown indoor/outdoor space.
1033 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 432-9898 | soleaugusta.com
- ★ **Whiskey Bar {Kitchen}**
This New American/Asian Fusion restaurant has a great vibe and diverse menu you'll want to try.
1048 Broad Street, Ste 400, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 814-6159 | whiskeybarkitchen.com

Sports & OUTDOORS

- ★ **Bike Bike Baby Tours**
Ride in style day or night with one of these fun downtown bicycle tours.
126 James Brown, Augusta, GA 30901
(762) 217-5670 | bikebikebaby.com
- ★ **Phinizy Swamp Nature Park**
Enjoy trails, blue hearons, river otters and possibly the elusive alligator in this incredible nature park.
1858 Lock & Dam Rd, Augusta, GA 30906
(706) 828-2109 | phinizycenter.org
- ★ **Two Dudes and A Boat Kayak Rentals**
Paddle down the Savannah River in style with a kayak rental or guided tour.
One 5th Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 668-1155 | twodudesandaboat.com
- ★ **Augusta Riverwalk**
One of the most beautiful strolls in all of Augusta! Bring your bike or take a walk along the river.
10th St. & Reynolds St., 9th St. & Reynolds St., 8th St. & Reynolds St., 6th St. & Reynolds St.
Augusta, GA 30901 | visitaugusta.com
- ★ **Petersburg Boat Tours**
Discover the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area and learn more about the history of the canal and it's impact on Augusta.
1450 Greene Street, Ste 400, Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 823-0440
- ★ **Augusta GreenJackets at SRP Park**
Hit a homerun and take in Augusta's minor league baseball team from April - September.
187 Railroad Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 349-9467 | mlb.com/augusta

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