Auburn University (AU), established in 1856, is a comprehensive land, space and sea grant research institution blending arts and applied sciences. The University is the city’s largest employer with approximately 7,100 employees. Located adjacent to downtown Auburn, the main campus covers more than 1,841 acres including a total of 427 buildings.

**AU FACTS:**

♦ The oldest 4-year, coeducational school in Alabama and 2nd oldest in the Southeast.

♦ Six NASA astronauts and three past directors of Kennedy Space Center graduated from Auburn University which placed The University in the top 5 nationally with such a distinction.

♦ Cancer research is a top focus of Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, one of the few veterinary colleges in the country with an on-campus linear accelerator, MRI and CT-scan.

♦ AU’s School of Engineering is the 1st in the United States to offer a bachelor’s degree in wireless engineering and 1st in the Southeast to offer a software engineering program.

♦ The automotive engineering and manufacturing curriculum is the first of its kind in the Southeast.

♦ 93% of recent bachelor’s degree recipients report they would attend Auburn University again.

♦ 7,442 degrees were awarded in the years 2019-2020.

♦ The average freshman high school GPA is 3.89%.
Auburn University offers studies in 14 schools and colleges, with more than 140 majors at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

**AU SCHOOLS & COLLEGES:**

- College of Agriculture
- College of Architecture, Design/Construction
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences
- College of Human Sciences
- Graduate School
- College of Liberal Arts
- Honors College
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- College of Sciences & Mathematics

**AU ENGINEERING:** Offering courses since 1872, Auburn has a long and rich tradition of excellence in engineering education. The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering is the state’s largest and most prestigious engineering program consistently ranked among the highest public universities offering doctoral programs and produces more than one third of Alabama’s engineering graduates. AU engineering programs include: Aerospace, Biosystems, Chemical, Civil, Computer Science and Software, Electrical and Computer, Industrial and Systems, Materials, Mechanical, and Wireless. The University’s College of Engineering consists of 6,502 undergraduate and graduate students. Prominent alumni include four astronauts and Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, Inc. [www.eng.auburn.edu](http://www.eng.auburn.edu)

**THE PARK AT AUBURN:** The AU Research Park opened in 2008 adjacent to the south portion of AU’s main campus in Auburn, AL. The Park consists of more than 170 acres with four buildings which include: The Auburn Research and Technology Foundation building #1, MRI Research Center, The Center for Advanced Science, Innovation and Commerce, and VCOM - The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Auburn Research Park is an entrepreneurial ecosystem which combines business, research, and fosters creativity and innovation, while embracing collaboration and promoting partnership. The Park plays a significant role in leveraging Auburn University’s intellectual property assets to technology-based economic development by facilitating technology transfer, partnering with industry, forming new business ventures, and attracting knowledge-based companies to the park. [www.auburnrtf.org](http://www.auburnrtf.org)
Southern Union State Community College (SUSCC) serves more than 5,000 students at three campuses in East Alabama in Opelika, Valley, and Wadley with an educational emphasis on academic programs for transferability, technical programs for specialized career competencies and health sciences programs for specialized training in the health field. The main campus is located in Opelika, AL, only five miles from Auburn.

ACADEMIC DIVISION: Offers the Associate in Science (A.S.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees. The division’s departments include: Business, Child Development, Fine Arts, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Science, Wellness, including Health and Physical Education, and Therapeutic Massage. The SUSCC Learning Resource Centers and Adult Education are also part of the division.

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION: Offers Emergency Medical Services, Registered Nursing, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Therapeutic Massage, Radiography, Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Medical Assistant Technology and Health and Physical Education Courses.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION: Consists of three programs that lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree: Engineering and Design, Industrial Electricity and Electronics Technology and Manufacturing Technology and five programs which lead to an Associate in Occupational Technologies Degree: Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, Automotive Service Technology, Cosmetology, Machine Shop Technology and Welding Technology. In addition, certificates within all of the listed technical programs for students, as well as short term certificates in Plastics Injection Molding and Robotics/Automation. Customized training for the area’s business and industry is also offered through a partnership with SUSCC’s Training for Existing Business and Industry unit (TEBI).

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