

# WELCOME TO SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY!

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

## 8 am

CHECK-IN OPENS (Continuous through 12 pm) Atrium, Ground Level, O'Keefe Complex

## REFRESHMENTS (Available throughout the event)

Recreational Court, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

## FINANCIAL AID CONSULTATIONS

(Continuous through 1 pm)
Mezzanine, Second Floor,
O'Keefe Complex
Financial aid counselors
are available to meet with

## 9 am

students

## WELCOME PRESENTATION

Towhig Gym, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

Following the Welcome Presentation, students and guests are encouraged to attend the academic presentation for their intended major. Please follow the admissions ambassador with your academic program's assigned group number.

#### CAMPUS LIFE FAIR (Continuous through 1 pm)

Recreational Court, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

The campus life fair features all things student life. Explore groups and clubs, learn about residence life, meet First Year Experience mentors and participate in their photo booth giveaway, discover our on-campus social, cultural, and civic organizations, and more. Be sure to stop by our Parent and Support Circle table!

## 10 am

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (various locations)

- Art + Design, room 305, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 9
- Biology, room 426 (Ryan Lecture Hall), Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 8
- Business, Recital Hall, Classroom Building, Harrington (Central) Campus, Group 2
- Chemistry and Physics, room 238, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 10
- Computer Science/Information Technology, room 210, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 10
- Criminal Justice, room 444, (Slater Lecture Hall), Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 7
- Education, Veterans Hall, Ellison Campus Center, North Campus, Group 4 (for secondary education, go to academic program of interest)
- English, Writing Center, Berry Library, North Campus, Group 12
- Exploratory/Undeclared, Multi-Purpose Gym, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex, Group 13
- Geography and Sustainability, room 241, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 10
- Geological Sciences, room 340, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 9
- Health Care Studies/Health Care Studies and Spanish, The Underground, Lower Level, Ellison Campus Center, North Campus, Group 5
- History, room 240, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 11
- Media and Communication, room 218, Meier Hall, North Campus, Group 11
- Nursing, South Campus (guests will be escorted via shuttle), Group 1
- Psychology, MLK Room, Second Floor, Ellison Campus Center, North Campus, Group 5
- Social Work, room 104, School of Social Work Building, Group 6
- Sport and Movement Science, Metro Room, Lower Level, Ellison Campus Center, Group 4
- Theatre and Speech Communication, Sophia Gordon Center, North Campus, Group 3

#### **ACADEMIC FAIR**

Campus Life Fair, Second Floor, Recreational Court, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

- Dance
- Economics
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics, Policy and International Relations
- Sociology
- World Languages and Cultures

## 10 am

### **CAMPUS TOURS**

Campus Life Fair, Recreational Court, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex Walk our beautiful campus for a 45minute tour, including a residential room.

#### RESIDENCE HALL TOURS

Campus Life Fair, Recreational Court, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex Designed for attendees who wish to only visit a residential room.

## 11 am

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

O'Keefe 217, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex
Learn about this summer's New Student
Orientation, how to register and what to
expect during your daylong orientation.

## SUMMER BRIDGE ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSION

Multi-Purpose Gym, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

The Summer Bridge Academy cohort will meet to learn more about the opportunities offered in this program.

## 11:30 am

## CAREER SERVICES INFORMATION SESSION

O'Keefe 217, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex
Meet our career services team to hear how
we help Vikings turn their passions into a
profession starting on their very first day.

## FIRST-GENERATION INFORMATION SESSION

Multi-Purpose Gym, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

Get tips and tricks for navigating the admissions and enrollment process and celebrate being the first in your family to attend college.

## 12 pm

## STUDENT PANEL

Multi-Purpose Gym, Second Floor, O'Keefe Complex

Ask questions about Salem State and get answers from current Vikings!

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## **ARE YOU GETTING OUR EMAILS?**

Students and parents—be sure to add admissions@salemstate.edu to your email contacts so you don't miss an update from us! Doing this protects you from eager spam filters, and you get all the information you need for a great start.

## SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSIT TODAY AND BE **ENTERED TO WIN \$250 IN CLIPPERCASH**

Visit the Next Steps/Deposit Station in the Campus Life Fair during Accepted Students Day to submit your deposit.

Winners (2) will be chosen randomly and notified of their selection via email within 72 hours of the event. Students who deposited before the event will also be entered to win.



## YOU'RE IN-NOW MAKE IT OFFICIAL!

Set sail on your voyage as a Salem State Viking by taking the next steps to enroll! Visit salemstate.edu/accepted to get started.



## **NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST**

#### **SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSIT\***

Commit to Salem State today by paying your deposit! We recommend paying your enrollment and housing deposits by May 1.

Submit your \$150 enrollment deposit and, if you plan to live on campus, your \$300 housing deposit at salemstate.edu/paydeposit. \*Enrollment and housing deposits are non-refundable.

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID (If you haven't already)

We aspire to remove financial obstacles and provide the opportunity for all students to receive an affordable, high-quality education.

- Create a Federal Student Aid ID at studentaid.gov.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. Salem State's school code is 002188.

#### **REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION**

All first-year students are required to attend orientation. During orientation, you will fill out a class preference survey, become familiar with campus programs and services, and begin your adventure as a new student. Register for orientation at salemstate.edu/orientation.

#### **REGISTER FOR A FIRST YEAR SEMINAR**

First year seminars serve as launching pads for exploration and discovery, allowing you to look at the world and specific issues and topics in a new way. After registering for orientation, you will be directed to the first year seminar selection process in your Navigator account.

#### **PAY YOUR BILL**

Pay your fall bill by Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at salemstate.edu/pay.

Salem State offers many ways for students and families to pay for their education. Most people begin by applying for financial aid and confirming their award letter.

If financial aid does not cover the entire cost of attendance, we offer other options to help students pay their bill.

## 10 FREE THINGS TO DO IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Free to explore Salem? The following activities, destinations, and diversions are open to the public and are completely free of charge. Discover all Salem has to offer at salem.org.

**EXPLORE YOUR NATIONAL PARK** The first National Historic Site established in the US, tours of the buildings, wharves, and Tall Ship Friendship at the Salem Maritime National Historic Site are free. Learn stories of the sailors, Revolutionary War privateers, and merchants who brought the riches of the world to America through the port of Salem.

## **1** TOUR PUNTO URBAN ART MUSEUM **J** LOCATED IN THE POINT

Neighborhood, Punto Urban Art Museum is an open-air museum that features 85 large-scale murals and 40 world-renowned artists. It's a fiveminute walk from downtown and free to explore. Share your favorite murals with us by tagging @ salemstate and @destsalem in your posts!

STROLL ALONG CHESTNUT STREET Take the time to wander down beautiful Chestnut Street, the first planned street in America. Read all the house plaques to learn about the people who built and lived in the exquisite Federal-style mansions.

RELAX AT THE ROPES MANSION Just a block from historic Chestnut Street, at

318 Essex Street, you will find the landmark Ropes Mansion Garden. This stunning Colonial Revival garden, created in 1912, is popular for relaxing, reading, photography, and admiring flowers.

## PLAY AND PICNIC IN SALEM COMMON

Originally used as a grazing area for Salem residents' livestock and a training area for the Salem militia, today Salem Common is a favorite spot for jogging, reading, concerts and wedding ceremonies. The playground and basketball court provide a place for families to unwind and enjoy some fresh air.

TAKE A SELFIE WITH SAMANTHA Now a landmark of the city of Salem, this statue pays tribute to the well-known

TV sitcom 'Bewitched' and its filming of the seventh season here in Salem. First seen as a tribute similar to that of Boston's Red Auerbach Statue, this bronze beauty has quickly become a staple in our magical city.

## STEP THROUGH CEMETERIES

Salem has wonderful, historic cemeteries, including the Old Burying Point Cemetery on Charter Street, Howard Street Cemetery, and Broad Street Cemetery. The Charter Street Burying Point is one of the oldest cemeteries in Massachusetts. In it, you can see the graves of a Witch Trials judge, a Mayflower passenger, and architect Samuel McIntire. Cemeteries are open from dawn until dusk.





## WANDER AROUND THE WILLOWS

In addition to the restaurants and arcades (which will lighten your quarter stash), Salem Willows Park has two free beaches, walking trails, and a free summer concert series. Good weather brings families from near and far with their picnics to savor the sun, sand, and salt water.

## • REMEMBER THE VICTIMS **OF 1692**

Dedicated in 1992, by Nobel Laureate Eli Wiesel, to commemorate the tercentenary of the Salem Witch Trials, the Witch Trials Memorial was restored in 2012 and remains a solemn place to honor and remember the brave people who maintained their innocence in 1692.

## CONNECT IT ALL ALONG THE SALEM HERITAGE TRAIL

Connect all of Salem's sites by walking the Salem Heritage Trail. The line painted on the sidewalk will help you navigate your way through Salem and American history.

## **VIKING SPOTLIGHT: MEET ANNA FROM** THE CLASS OF 2023

Anna Urena-Luna is in her senior year at Salem State University, majoring in criminal justice. She was born and raised in Salem, MA, and has witnessed the many positive changes Salem State has made to its campus and around the city of Salem over the years. Anna has lived on campus and now commutes, giving her a unique perspective as a Viking.

In addition to her courses, which are a blend of five in-person and online classes, Anna works in the university's undergraduate admissions office and serves as a secretary and treasurer of one of Salem State's most popular cultural organizations—LASO (Latin American Student Organization).

Anna sat down to share her Salem State experience with the next Vikings generation.

**Major: Criminal Justice Concentration: Administration** Minor: Legal Studies Hometown: Salem, MA

## Why did you decide to come to Salem State University?

I'll admit that Salem State wasn't at the top of my college search list, but I knew I wanted to make a smart financial investment and graduate with little to no debt.

Now, looking back, I don't regret my decision to attend Salem State at all. I've made great friends during my time here, I love my major, and I've never met a professor I didn't like.

You're supposed to be at a university you like, and I know I like it here.

#### What are three words you would use to describe the Viking community? Diverse—I see people from all walks of life here, which means I get to connect with individuals from all cultures, and I'm learning new things every day about where

Welcoming—You're always making connections along the way. There's a welcoming vibe here. For instance, when I started my college experience near the beginning of COVID, and when we all came back and I had my first in-person class, everyone was excited to reconnect and enjoy the experience together.

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Strong—A lot of students go through things in their personal and home lives while also earning their degree and balancing many commitments. It takes a lot to be a student while growing personally and professionally. I'm proud of what I see people accomplishing around campus.

#### What is your favorite thing about Salem State University?

For me, it's really all about the vibe here. Fall is my favorite season, and Salem and the campus are the perfect backgrounds for fall and the spirit of Halloween.

## How approachable are the professors?

The faculty are notably approachable. They make themselves available to students via email or in-person informal meetings and are genuinely accessible to you.

My professors are supportive in the classroom and are there for students when we need them. The coursework balances traditional learning, like exams and papers, with hands-on and real-world training and discussions.

When you have professors who care, it really makes a difference. I've been fortunate to have understanding professors who meet me where I am.

**NOTES** 

## What are your favorite hangout spots on campus and around Salem?

Starbucks is my favorite place to hang out on campus—I like coffee, people are in the "zone" studying, talking with friends, and listening to good music. It's a cozy place, and it was definitely designed with college students in mind.

It reminds me of that TV-like picturesque college setting to do work. That's what I pictured college to be like, so it's fun to have this type of space on campus.

Downtown Salem, in general, is a place I often walk thru and where I live offcampus. There are lots of murals painted on buildings throughout the city, and it brings another element of life and color to an already vibrant city.

#### What would you tell a prospective student about SSU?

I love it here. I grew up here. The professors are great, and it's not far from downtown. the mall and other fun places to go.



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