

Auburn University On-Campus Polling Location

University Senate
Presentation

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Why An On-Campus Polling Location?

- Alleviate administrative pressure on other polling locations in the Auburn area.

In 2018 (mid-term election), Clarion S College served 16,173 registered voters.

- Further Auburn University's commitment to civic learning and civic engagement

"I believe in my Country, because it is a land of freedom."

How Did We Get Here?



Comments from Faculty Thus Far

- “I think we are doing students a disservice if we do not create a poll on campus for students! This should be a no-brainer. Students should exercise their right to vote and it should not be a challenge to do so.”
- “It's absolutely ridiculous that there's no polling place on Auburn's campus. Election time comes around when many students have midterms or projects due, so to say that it's reasonable that students (many of whom lack transportation) should have to leave the school to participate in the democratic process is barefaced voter suppression.”

Comments from Faculty Thus Far

- “A polling location on campus is necessary to ensure that students are given the ability to exercise their constitutional rights to vote. The lack of easy access to a polling site is gross disenfranchisement of this population. Many other universities across the United States provide polling sites located in dormitories and other public spaces on campus (e.g., the Student Center) in order to allow for students to easily vote.”

Polling Locations at Peer Institutions

- University of Alabama

26; Jaycee Park (Boys & Girls Club); 830 21st Ave. E

27; Univ. of Ala. Student Rec. Center; 401 Fifth Ave. E

28; Tusc. County Courthouse Annex; 2501 Seventh St.

- Georgia Tech

Early voting will be available on campus for voters registered in Fulton County, on Oct. 18-19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wardlaw Center.

<https://www.news.gatech.edu/2016/09/19/tips-first-time-voters>

- University of Georgia



https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/more-than-people-cast-ballots-in-early-voting-at-uga/article_f6951ac8-dd6e-11e8-a8d3-4f9d00706b57.html

- Texas A&M University

here, being registered to vote in Brazos County also allows you to skip the process of absentee voting by casting a ballot in person at any polling location in the county. That includes the [Memorial Student Center](#) for both Election Day and early voting.

<https://today.tamu.edu/2019/09/24/how-to-vote-in-texas/>

Polling Locations at Aspirant Institutions

- Clemson

Town of Central Polling Places

Precinct	Location Name	Address
107 Issaqueena	Central Clemson Library	105 Commons Way Central, SC 29630
108 W Central	Central Clemson Library	105 Commons Way Central, SC 29630

<https://pickenselections.org/2019/08/21/2019-municipal-election-polling-places/>

- Virginia Tech

Both precincts will share the same polling location in the Commonwealth Ballroom at Squires Student Center.

“Virginia Tech Student Government Association leaders worked

<https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2014/09/090814-vpa-votingchanges.html>

- University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The election on Nov. 4 may set a record for voter turnout in Alachua County. In addition to being a presidential election, there are nine county referenda on the ballot. This will add to the time required for voters to make their selections. Voting locations may become congested at times.

Most UF undergraduate residence halls are zoned to vote in Precinct 31, located in the Reitz Student Union. The voting location for residents of the Lakeside Residential Complex, Precinct 44, is the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

<https://news.ufl.edu/archive/2008/10/campus-locations-make-voting-easy.html>

Our Request

- Faculty support to add a polling location on the Auburn's campus.
 - Location to be selected based on administrative assessment:
 - Facilities management
 - Parking services
 - Tiger transit

Want to Learn More?

- Voter registration information - AL
 - https://www.campusvoteproject.org/stateguides/Alabama?fbclid=IwAR1mKf1K5_pwp6X8YSZE2sZ1658D2sOt8szpnQhyCyi3vzTqNGtbcZ3hCcs
- Voter demographics - AL
 - <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/election-data>
- Polling location by the #'s - 2018 - Lee County
 - http://cms6.revize.com/revize/leecountyal/government/probate_judge/docs/Results_20181106_unofficial.pdf
- Voter Fraud
 - <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/debunking-voter-fraud-myth>

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