Home to Auburn University, the city of Auburn offers many of the amenities of a larger city while maintaining a small town feel.

The city of Auburn was founded in 1836 and is known for being one of the more progressive cities in the south with a nationally ranked public school system and a diverse population. Auburn University creates a significant international presence with more than 2,200 international students and approx. 500 international employees. Many other foreign nationals live and work in the community, and it is estimated that two of three residents are from other parts of the country creating a cosmopolitan feel.

Auburn University’s presence makes the town quite different from most small cities. A sense of community pride is created from The University as citizens and local alumni proudly identify themselves as being from the city of Auburn, home of Auburn University (AU). As a member of one of the nation’s top athletic conferences (SEC), The University hosts major sporting events year-round. These events continue to generate a tremendous amount of excitement and entertainment for area residents. Auburn University offers many other activities of interest as well including art shows, theatre, speakers, and concerts.

Downtown is the heart of Auburn, located adjacent to the University’s main campus.

Downtown Auburn is lively with thriving retail that includes unique shops, fine and casual dining, quaint coffee shops, bookstores, banks, and nightlife. Toomer’s Corner, an Auburn tradition since the late 1800s, is the focal point of downtown. Toomer’s Corner is known as the gateway from the Auburn community to Auburn University. The Tiger Trail of downtown honors the greatest athletes, coaches and administrators from Auburn University. Each inductee is presented with a granite plaque placed in the sidewalk of downtown.