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The Philosophy of FYE

The First-Year Experience Program includes a variety of courses and support services designed to help first year students make a successful transition to the demands of university life. The program is of a volunteer nature providing students academic and selected non-academic support services dedicated to addressing issues common to first year students. The program is comprised of the following options.

- Orientation sessions
- Freshman Seminar (SAM 136)
- Residential and non-residential cohort groups and learning communities
- Academic centers/tutorials
- Personalized academic advising
- Counseling and mentoring
- Career guidance

Sam Houston State University's faculty, staff and administrators truly value students and want each of them to be successful. The University has developed a comprehensive, coordinated approach toward the First-Year Experience. A freshman seminar, additional freshman learning communities, new student orientation schedules for both parents and students, new advising approaches, and a comprehensive listing of academic support services offered for students at SHSU.