

Dear Student:

Congratulations on your approaching graduation. Sam Houston State University has initiated some changes as to how students apply for graduation. These changes will impact you in the very near future.

Starting with spring 2008, students will apply for graduation in the semester in which they intend to graduate and not a semester early. The new deadline for applying for graduation (fall and spring graduates) will be the 12th class period of the semester in which they intend to graduate. In the past, students applied at least one semester early to allow them time to identify any deficiency.

To help students graduate in a more timely fashion, we are requiring students with 90 hours (completed or in progress) be advised prior to registering for classes. The mandatory advisement will serve the purpose of allowing you to make final adjustments (such as completing course requirements, assuring that transfer credit has been received by the Registrar's Office, and initiating Degree Exception Forms) prior to your graduating semester.

To assist you with this process, the Registrar's Office will offer an on-line graduation worksheet that will inform you as to your remaining graduation requirements. You will need to print a copy of this worksheet prior to being advised. This worksheet will assist your advisor as they recommend the most efficient path to graduation. You can access this on-line graduation worksheet at:

<https://darsweb1.shsu.edu:8443/student/>

While you will no longer receive a letter from the Registrar's Office prior to the semester of your anticipated graduation regarding your academic evaluation, we believe that this new mandatory advisement will serve you well in helping you graduate in the timeliest fashion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your department or advisor. Again we are pleased to see that you are approaching graduation. Good luck with your final year.

Sincerely,

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