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Transfer Students

Transfer Orientation is a program designed with a diverse group of transfer students in mind. All students who graduated high school BEFORE the 2007-2008 academic year are eligible to attend Transfer Orientation regardless of the number of credit hours they have earned.



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Transfer Orientation Dates

Session 1: May 23, 2008

Session 2: August 8, 2008

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Who should attend?

Transfer and returning students are encouraged to attend transfer orientation. Since no two schools are alike, you will find lots of useful information to help you acclimate to the SHSU environment. The Orientation Program understands that the diverse needs and schedules of our transfer students may preclude them from attending an orientation; therefore, Transfer Orientation is not mandatory.

Cost of Transfer Orientation

The cost for Transfer Orientation is \$45 per student. This fee covers orientation materials and lunch during orientation. The cost for Transfer Orientation *family members* is \$20 per person. This fee covers all orientation materials and lunch during orientation.

What to bring

Transfer students will need to bring the following to Orientation:

- comfortable clothing and shoes (a jacket or sweater is also recommended)
- notebook/notepad and pen or pencil
- umbrella (Texas weather is unpredictable!)
- spending money

Family information

The SHSU New Student Orientation Program welcomes family members to Transfer Orientation. Transfer students may bring parents, family members, spouses, significant others, or any other special support people who will benefit from attending orientation. Students and family members will remain together during orientation. All programs are designed for an adult audience, child care is not available.

Check in and Parking

Check in for Transfer Orientation will be held in the Lowman Student Center. Students and family members will check in together. Once check in is complete, there may be time for students to visit an advisor in the academic advising center, register for classes, or visit other campus offices.

Parking is available near the Lowman Student Center in the parking garage (\$5 per day) or on the street level.

Academic Advising and Class Registration

Students who have been admitted to the university and have completed their TSI requirements or shown their exemption status are eligible to register for classes before or at orientation. Students must first visit an academic advisor in the SAM Center for selection of fall semester classes. Once the student has been advised, they may log on to any computer with Internet access to register for classes. Students who register for classes in the computer lab across from the SAM Center will have Orientation Leaders available to assist them with class registration. When registration is complete, students may print a fee statement for their tuition and fees.

TSI/THEA Compliance

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a state mandated placement program. Students must take either the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) or a state approved alternative to determine whether or not they are ready for college credit course work. Some students will be exempt based on either SAT, ACT, or TAKS scores. We strongly encourage all students to check their status through the Registrar's Office (936-294-1048) before they come to Orientation and, if needed, take one of the TSI approved tests then have their scores sent to the Registrar's Office to ensure they will be able to register for classes while they are here. Students required to take one of the TSI approved tests may take either the THEA, THEA-QT, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS. The Testing Center at SHSU offers the THEA, THEA-QT, and ACCUPLACER for students who need one of these tests. For information about our test schedules, fees, registration, and

appointments please contact the Testing Center (936-294-1025).

Tentative Schedule

All sessions take place in the Lowman Student Center Theater.

8:30-10:15 am	Check in Academic Advising Registration for Courses Bearkat OneCard ID Photo Made Academic Support Services Fair Individual Offices Open
10:30-10:45 am	Opening session
10:45-11:05 am	Academics First
11:05-11:25 am	Financial Aid
11:25-11:45 am	Business/Cashier's Office
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Bearkat OneCard
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch provided by Orientation
1:00-1:20 pm	Computer Services
1:20-1:50 pm	Health and Safety
1:50-2:10 pm	Career Services
2:10-2:25 pm	Break
2:25-2:45 pm	Dean of Students' Office
2:45-3:15 pm	Getting Involved on Campus
3:15 pm	Closing Remarks
3:15-5:00 pm	Campus offices open for business Campus tours available