

# Pre-Advising Checklist

## Beginning Students

1. **Be prepared to provide your Sam Houston ID#.** It consists of three zeros and six additional numbers; you received it with your acceptance e-mail/letter: 000xxxxxx
2. **If you have any college credits/dual credit courses, please tell the advisor.** This includes dual credit and Advanced Placement courses, or any other college credit through testing. All college credit must be sent to SHSU Admissions Office to be placed on student's records. When you come for your advisement session, please bring an unofficial copy of your transcripts (if applicable) with you.
3. **You must take the TSI test unless:**
  - a. You have an ACT composite score of 23 or higher, with a score of at least 19 on both the Math and English sections from the same test date. Scores are valid for five years from the test date.
  - b. You have a re-centered SAT I score of 1070 or higher with a minimum score of 500 on both the math and verbal sections from the same test date. Scores are valid for five years from the test date.
  - c. More information on the TSI test can be found here:  
<http://undergraduate-catalog-2014-2016.shsu.edu/home/registration.html>
4. **Check your advisement location:**
  - a. Some majors/programs require students to meet with specific advisors in their department and are not seen at the SAM Center. *Please check the list at the link below and find your advising location PRIOR to coming to campus for advisement.* For majors not advised at the SAM Center, it is strongly encouraged that students call ahead prior to coming to campus to ensure the advisor they need to meet with is available:  
[http://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/advising/advising\\_locations.html](http://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/advising/advising_locations.html)
5. **Declaring your major**
  - a. If you want to change your major, your advisor can help you with this. Note: If changing your major, you will need to check the advising center locations to ensure you are connected with the appropriate advisor.
  - b. Some majors may also call for a specialization area, such as Mass Communication, Interdisciplinary Studies, Kinesiology, Health, and others; look in the catalog for your major department and the choices you have:  
<http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/>
    - i. After choosing the department go to the "Programs" link under the "Useful Tools" toolbox on the right hand side of the screen. Students are encouraged to explore different majors/programs prior to the advisement session so that they are prepared with any questions they may have about a degree plan and/or program.