Bearkat Orientation Policies

In order to gain the full benefit of participating in the Bearkat Orientation program, and for you to accomplish your objectives as a new student entering Sam Houston State University, the following policies have been established for successful completion of the orientation session. The task of academic advisement and course registration are serious activities, which we will assist you in completing during the course of your two days on campus. In return, we ask you to invest the necessary time and effort to make sure that your stay here is fun and successful.

The following policies reflect these ideas and you are required to become familiar with these policies and consequences. By registering for Bearkat Orientation, you agree to abide by these policies:

1. The Freshmen Orientation Program is a two day program and students are not allowed to leave campus at any time during the session. The Transfer Orientation Program is a one day program and does not include an overnight stay. Please plan on leaving cars securely locked and parked during the course of the program. In the event that a parking ticket is issued, promptly give it to an Orientation Team staff member who will take care of the matter.

2. It is imperative that students are prompt to each session. Orientation Team staff will work hard to address each member’s needs and to include everyone in the group discussion, etc. Being on time will greatly assist the Orientation Team staff in accomplishing these goals and will result in the student’s benefits from the sessions.

3. Freshmen students are REQUIRED to stay overnight on-campus on night one and MUST attend all sessions/activities of the Orientation program. Students will not be able to complete your registration process if you do not participate fully.

4. The residence hall will be locked at 11:00PM on night one and students are expected to be in their room by that time. Curfew will be strictly enforced.

5. Visitors of the opposite gender are not allowed in rooms or hallways at any point during the Orientation session. Visitation will only be allowed in the main lobby of the residence hall until 11:00PM.

6. Tobacco products are not permitted on campus including University-owned or leased buildings or vehicles.

7. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are to be consumed or in possession of the student during the Orientation Program. The Orientation Team and University staff members are required to immediately report any incidents of alcohol possession. If students violate this policy, students will be immediately dismissed from the program, not allowed to register for fall classes, and placed in the custody of the University Police.

8. Use or possession of illegal drugs of any kind is unlawful and WILL result in immediate dismissal from the session and arrest by the appropriate authorities.

9. For the safety of all participants, always lock room doors and do not leave anything valuable unattended. Please make sure your car is locked and secure.

10. All keys must be returned to the Residence Hall. The Department of Residence Life will charge a $75 fee to the student’s account for missing keys.

11. Failure to comply with the above policies WILL result in immediate dismissal from Bearkat Orientation.