

Sam Houston State University

Enrollment Checklist for Incoming Freshman - Veterans

Before you are accepted for admission

- Submit the ApplyTexas application at www.applytexas.org
- Send official high school transcripts to Sam Houston State University
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Veteran Dependents apply for Veteran Affairs (VA) Benefits at www.gibill.va.gov.

Once you have been accepted for admission

- Activate your computer account. This will give you access to:
 - Computers on campus (PC or Mac)
 - Blackboard (To check your class assignments, grades, etc)
 - SamWeb (To register for classes, view class schedule, view account balance, check Financial Aid status, etc.)
 - SamMenu (To apply for Emergency Loans)
 - Exchange mail (Your email address will be yourusername@shsu.edu.)To activate the account, you will need to log into SamWeb using the Account Creation/Activation program (ww2.shsu.edu/acct01wp). You will need to use the Alternate Method which required you to enter your SamID (or Social Security Number) and 6-digit PIN. Your PIN number by default is set to your birth date in the following format MMDDYY. Once logged in, you will immediately be prompted to change your PIN. Do NOT attempt to set it back to your birth date. Finally, you can create your computer account which will provide your username (your three initials and three numbers).
- Find out your TSI/THEA status by “Chatting” with the TSI Team at www.shsu.edu/tsi or by email at ask.regstaff@shsu.edu. Take the THEA or alternative test if you are not exempt. Have scores sent to SHSU or hand deliver them to Estill 333. **DO THIS BEFORE ACADEMIC ADVISING.**
- Apply for on-campus housing through the Department of Residence Life (936-294-1812) at www.shsu.edu/reslife. The Residence Life Office is located at the corner of Avenue J and 17th Street.
- Get information on [First-Year Experience](#) (936-294-3422, Academic Building 4, 202) programs such as SAM 136, the Bearkat Learning Community, Freshman Learning Community, Bearkats Read to Succeed and New Student Convocation.
- Submit official college transcripts (upon course completion) of any dual credit/college coursework taken during or after high school.
- Meet with your academic advisor in the [Student Advising and Mentoring \(SAM\) Center](#). The SAM Center is located in the College of Humanities & Social Science Building – Suite 170. It is highly recommended that you meet with your advisor **BEFORE** attending Summer Freshman Orientation. To contact the SAM Center, please call 936-294-4444.
- Sign up for Summer Freshman Orientation through the New Student Orientation Office at www.shsu.edu/orientation. You can also register by phone at 936-294-1782 or in person at the Estill Building – Suite 314.
 - Veterans register for Veterans Orientation
- Register for classes using [Sam Web](#). For registration assistance, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 936-294-1040 or visit the Estill Building – Suite 333.
 - During registration you may:
 1. Sign up for a parking permit
 2. Opt to pay tuition and fees on an installment plan
 3. Reserve textbooks through the SHSU Barnes and Nobles bookstore
 - Veterans should visit with the Veterans Affairs Coordinator after registering in the Estill Building – Suite 104. The Veterans Affairs Coordinator can be reached at 936-294-1046.
- Take picture for your Bearkat OneCard (student ID). You must have a valid, government issued photo ID to get your card. Card must be activated once you have received it in the mail. For any questions about identity verification, please contact the [Bearkat OneCard Office](#) at 936-294-2273. They are located in the Estill Building – Suite 230.
- Take the [Academic Coach](#) skills and interest assessment.
 1. Log into [SamWeb](#)
 2. Click on “Student Records”
 3. Click on “Academic Coach”
 4. Your report will email to your Sam Houston email account
- Pay your tuition and fees by the deadline stated on your fee statement. To pay by phone or in person, please contact the Bursars Office at 936-294-1713 or visit the Estill Building – Suite 103. To pay online:
 1. Log into [Sam Web](#)
 2. Click on “Financial System”
 3. Click on “Fee Statement”
- Submit FINAL high school transcript upon graduation!

Congratulations!

You are now an official Bearkat at Sam Houston State University.