PLAN AHEAD – How-To Guide for Students

The Plan Ahead feature allows students to prepare for registration by creating a registration plan based on either courses or sections. Students may create the plan and utilize it to register for the courses/sections selected, and up to three plans may be built.

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1. To Begin, go to the Sam Houston State University home page at www.shsu.edu.

2. At the top of the screen, click the Campus Tools dropdown and then select MySam.
3. Select the Registration tab, then the Continue to Registration button.

4. Select “Plan Ahead” at the bottom of your Dashboard screen.

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5. Click the **Term dropdown** and select the term in which you wish to plan for, then **Continue**.

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6. Click on “Create a New Plan.”

7. Browse through the courses/sections as you would during registration.

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8. **Add** the courses/sections you wish to add to your plan.

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Adding from the catalog level will add all active sections in that term. Adding by sections to your plan is more specific.

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9. Courses/sections will populate in the summary section once added. This feature will also include a calendar planning tool to assist you with resolving time conflicts.

**Note feature will also be available to make notes during planning**

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10. Click **Save Plan** to save selected courses/selections.

* Clicking **Save Plan** will prompt a title box, where you will name your plan.

**NOTICE: WHEN PLANNING FOR COURSES REGISTRATION ERRORS WILL NOT POPULATE.**

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1. In the **summary section** click on the desired course you would like to remove.

![Table showing planned courses](image1)

2. Click the **drop down** option for that course.

![Dropdown option](image2)
3. Select “Delete” and then click “Save Plan.”

4. Once it has been **successfully deleted** it will be removed from the summary section.

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CHANGING YOUR PREFERRED PLAN

1. Visit your MySam and click on the Registration tab.

3. Select Plan Ahead.

4. Click the Term dropdown and select the term in which you wish to plan for, then Continue.
5. Plans you have created will pop up.

6. Click “Make Preferred” on the Plan you want to make your preferred.
USING PLAN AHEAD DURING REGISTRATION

1. To Begin, go to the Sam Houston State University home page at www.shsu.edu.

2. At the top of the screen, click the Campus Tools dropdown and then select MySam.
3. Select the **Registration** tab.

5. Click on “Register for Classes.”

6. Click the Term dropdown and select the term in which you wish to plan for, then Continue.
7. Select the “Plans” tab at the top.

8. You may then add the courses individually or “Add All”
9. The courses will populate in the summary section, and once they are added click “Submit” to save selections.

Courses for which you are successfully registered for will appear as “Registered”.
10. **Error checking**: Any errors should show in the upper right corner of the registration screen.

If error messages are received, please view the [Registration Error Message Solutions Guide](#).
Frequently Asked Questions?

- Will this automatically enroll me in the classes I chose once registration opens?
  - No, this feature is designed to help you cut time from having to browse for courses the day of registration. You will know whether or not you are registered for the class if it says “registered”.

- What happens if I receive an error when planning for classes?
  - When planning your courses/sections using Plan Ahead, it will not check for errors/restrictions. When registrations opens and you submit your class schedule, then it will let the student know whether there is something preventing them from registering for that course.

- What happens if I plan for more than the maximum credit hour limit?
  - When planning there is no restrictions as to how many courses you can add on one plan. However, once the student goes into registration, it will prevent them from adding more than 19 hours. There is no pattern the system follows in this case.

- Can I use Plan Ahead on my phone?
  - Plan ahead is indeed mobile friendly!