



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

CONFIRMATION BOOKLET

TEXAS  STATE
UNIVERSITY

WELCOME TO TEXAS STATE!



CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED TO
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY.**

We have reserved a place for you at **New Student Orientation (NSO)**. This booklet will let you know what you can expect to do and learn there.

While you're at NSO, we'll connect you to some of the great people, places, and resources on campus. NSO is the first of several special programs at Texas State to help you familiarize yourself with the university and become a Bobcat, ensuring you'll have the support you need to be successful both in and out of the classroom.

At Texas State, we're prepared to make your time here the best of your life. We hope you are too!

Sincerely,

New Student Orientation Staff



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WHAT TO EXPECT AT NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

You'll be introduced to the university and the resources and opportunities waiting here for you.

We've got a lot planned:

- Meet other incoming Bobcats.
- Explore the beautiful San Marcos Campus.
- Get your Texas State ID.
- Connect with university staff and campus resources.
- Find answers about student billing, financial aid, and on-campus living.

WHAT TO BRING

As a reminder, students are **required to stay overnight on campus**. To have a successful NSO experience, make sure to bring the following items:

- Confirmation letter (enclosed)
- Parking permit (enclosed)
- State or federally issued photo ID
- Note-taking supplies
- Final high school or community college transcripts
- Comfortable walking shoes and casual clothes
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Refillable water bottle
- Phone charger
- Pillow and bedding to fit Twin XL
- Towels and toiletries (including hand soap)
- Shower shoes or flip-flops
- Alarm clock



TO GET READY FOR NSO:

- Be prepared for any required testing or submit TSI Assessment scores prior to NSO. (page 10)
- Have AP/IB score reports, dual credit transcripts, and/or CLEP scores sent to Texas State. (page 11)
- Submit proof of bacterial meningitis immunization at least a week before your session, to avoid delays in class registration. (page 12)
- Submit your housing contract for fall. (page 12)
- Submit a copy of your Texas Tomorrow Fund ID card, if applicable. (page 13)

NSO FAQs



PLANNING TO
BRING FAMILY
OR A GUEST
TO NSO?

Make sure to sign up ahead of time by logging in to your New Student Orientation account at admissions.txstate.edu/portal.



■ DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE NSO?

Everyone who is admitted to Texas State is required to complete New Student Orientation.

■ WHY IS NSO REQUIRED?

Research indicates students who complete orientation have higher rates of success in college than those who don't. NSO provides vital information you need to start off right at Texas State. You'll learn about campus resources and traditions, meet new and current students — and have fun, too!

■ WILL I BE ADVISED DURING NSO?

The process for signing up for and having your academic advising appointment will occur separately from New Student Orientation. You will receive an email with details about how to schedule your first-year Advising Experience.

■ ARE FAMILY AND GUESTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND?

NSO is not a requirement for family and guests. However, we highly encourage them to attend. We have programming that is specific to family and guests.

■ WHERE DO I PARK?

Parking is available on campus for all students. Texas State requires that all vehicles on campus have a valid Texas State Parking Permit. Family and guests will be provided a parking permit with instructions on where they can park.

■ WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

We're happy to answer them! Email us at nso@txstate.edu or call 512.245.2364, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time. You can also check to see if your question is answered in our FAQs at admissions.txst.edu/nso.

ACCOMMODATIONS

■ FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS

Your family is welcome to sample campus life by staying overnight in a designated Texas State residence hall. Accommodations are limited to the night of your NSO session.

Overnight accommodations are not included in the NSO guest fee, but can be reserved through the Department of Housing and Residential Life. Go to admissions.txst.edu/nso-guest and under Accommodations, you can find the directions to make a reservation. Family rates are \$40 per person per night payable online or upon arrival at the residence hall.

SAN JACINTO HALL

217 W. Woods Street, San Marcos, TX 78666

Limited family accommodations will be available in San Jacinto Hall, which is a suite-style hall. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Housing and Residential Life at 512.245.4663.

■ FAMILY CHECK-IN

Check-in for families and guests staying on campus overnight will start at 4 p.m. on Day 1 of your NSO session in San Jacinto Hall.

■ WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO BRING TO STAY OVERNIGHT

Each family member staying overnight on campus should bring a set of twin sheets, a blanket and pillow, some shower shoes (flip-flops work well), a bath towel, toiletries, and an alarm clock. Refer to page 4 for a list of what to bring.

■ FAMILY AND GUEST CHECKOUT

Checkout will be from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Day 2 of your NSO session.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER NSO?

When you return to campus the week before classes begin, we'll help you settle in with programs during Bobcat Welcome that give new students the information they need right before classes start.

Check out these Texas State traditions and more at txst.edu/about/history-traditions

TESTING INFORMATION

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) PROGRAM

The state-legislated Texas Success Initiative Program seeks to improve student success in college-level course work by assessing incoming students' math, reading, and writing proficiency. The program provides guidance for developmental course work to those needing to strengthen basic academic skills.

Students with certain SAT, ACT, or STAAR scores may be exempt from assessment testing. Students who are not exempt will need to complete one or more sections of the TSI Assessment. The TSI Assessment is offered at testing centers located on community college and university campuses across the state. Failure to satisfy TSI requirements may affect a student's class registration process.

Prior to taking the TSI Assessment, you will take a pre-assessment activity (PAA). Instructions to complete the PAA will be provided by the testing center. This online activity is designed to help students understand the importance and purpose of the assessment, developmental course options, and institutional resources.

Students whose TSI Assessment scores do not meet the minimum requirements for exemption have two options:

- Retake the TSI Assessment and attempt to meet the minimum required scores.
- Register for and successfully pass the appropriate math, reading, and/or writing developmental courses. Developmental courses do not count toward a degree plan but are designed to prepare students academically for college-level course work.

For more information about TSI requirements and exemptions, visit our website at txst.edu/tsi or contact the TSI Office at 512.245.3942.



IB, AP, AND CLEP INFORMATION

Texas State will accept some examinations in the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs as credit for college courses. You may also participate in the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) to earn credit for some courses. To learn more about these opportunities, visit txst.edu/temc.

ESSENTIALS

■ CHECK YOUR HOLDS

Visit admissions.txst.edu/portal to review the holds on your account. Holds are items that you have not completed and will need to complete to be able to register for classes.

■ MENINGITIS VACCINATION

State law requires that all students under 22 years of age entering any institution of higher education in Texas provide proof of immunization for bacterial meningitis. We strongly recommend you address this hold as soon as possible, since you will not be able to register for classes until this requirement is met. Step-by-step instructions on how to upload your documents, information about exemptions, and where to get the meningitis vaccination can be found on our Meningitis Vaccination Requirement webpage at admissions.txst.edu/meningitis.

■ HOUSING CONTRACT/EXEMPTION

New freshmen under the age of 20 by September 1 for fall admission or January 1 for spring admission with fewer than 30 credit hours are required to live in on-campus university housing. All students who graduated from high school within the preceding 12 months of the semester of their admission are also required to live on campus. If you have not yet completed your housing contract or filed for an exemption with the Department of Housing and Residential Life, you should do so right away. If the department does not have your contract or approved exemption on file, you will not be able to register for classes. For details, visit reslife.txst.edu or call 512.245.HOME (4663).

■ TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND

The purchaser of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund must contact Texas Tuition Promise Fund each semester they want to authorize redemption of eligible Tuition Units and required fees. Texas Tuition Promise Fund will contact the

university of the student's eligibility, upon approval. Please allow sufficient time for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund to receive and process your request prior to the due date.

■ TEXAS TOMORROW FUND

If you will use your Texas Tomorrow Fund to pay tuition and fees, please provide a signed copy of your Texas Tomorrow Fund ID card along with your Texas State ID number to the Texas State Student Business Services Office before arriving for NSO. You can email a copy to cashiers@txstate.edu or mail a copy to:

Student Business Services Office

Texas State University
601 University Drive, JCK 188
San Marcos, TX 78666-4684

Contact the Student Business Services Office at 512.245.2544 or email cashiers@txstate.edu with questions.

■ STUDENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

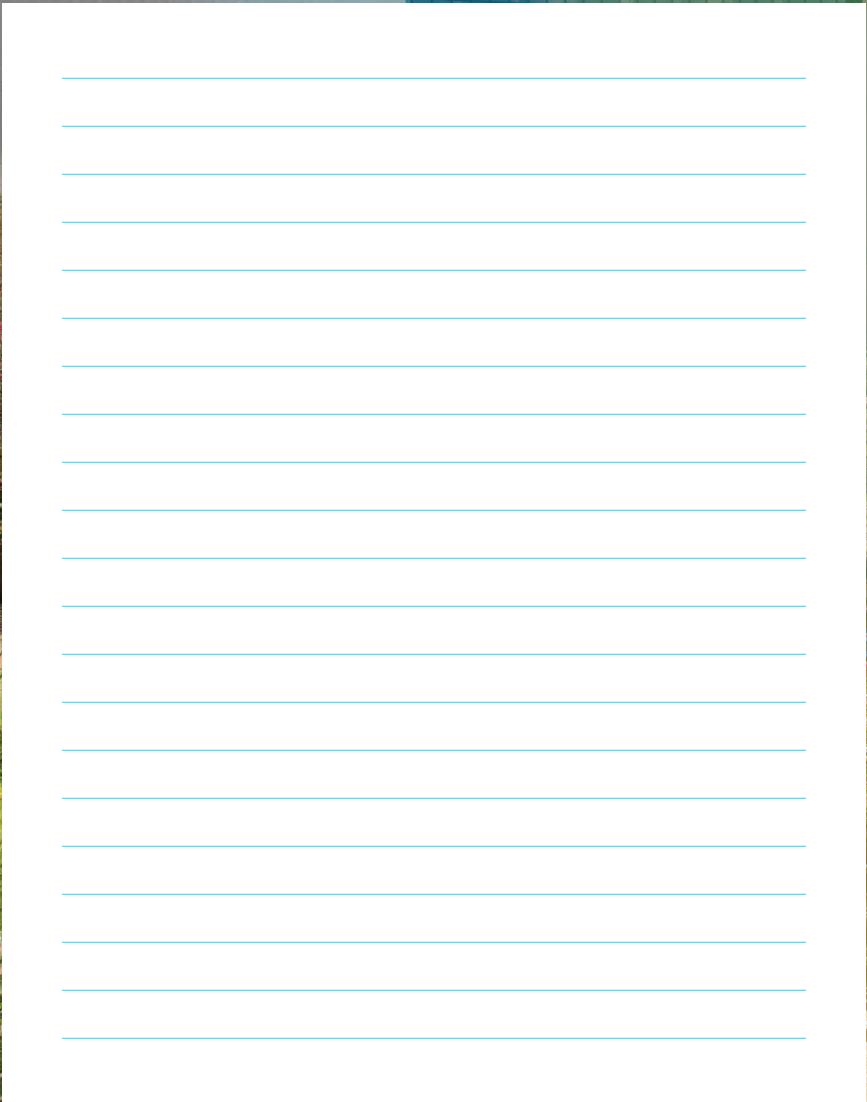
If you or your parents need special assistance (e.g., sign language interpreting services, information in an alternative format, etc.) or other arrangements during NSO due to a disability, contact the Office of Disability Services at ods@txstate.edu or 512.245.3451 at least one week prior to your assigned NSO session. Information regarding campus accessibility is available at maps.txst.edu. Click on the link for each building to see accessibility information. Please note that the university does not provide wheelchairs.



SMILE!

Get your BobcatCard at ID Services in the LBJ Student Center, Room. 2-9.1.

NOTES



HELPFUL NUMBERS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

512.245.2111
txst.edu

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512.245.2364
admissions.txst.edu/nso

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

512.245.2364
admissions.txst.edu

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

512.245.2315
finaid.txst.edu

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

512.245.HOME (4663)
reslife.txst.edu

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WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

During your time at orientation you will have professional staff and current Texas State students who will help you through the orientation process.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

-  **TXST**
-  **TXST**
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Stay up to date on campus life, including:

- Captivating Instagram content
- Inspirational, original student stories
- Important TXST dates and fun events
- Bobcats sports news
- Campus emergency updates and closure communications





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