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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

Undergraduate New Student Orientation (NSO) & Academic Advising

Dear New International Student,

The upcoming semester is approaching, and we are excited to welcome you soon to our beautiful campus! Today is a good opportunity for us to review topics of interest to you as an international student: the undergraduate **New Student Orientation (or NSO) & the required academic advising**. These are related to one another, and we encourage you to carefully read this email to better understand these topics; they are *vital* to your success as a new student at Texas State!



What is student orientation?

Student Orientation: It is an opportunity for new students to learn about Texas State, the resources available to you and important requirements for you to register for your courses. It is also the first step you need to take to enroll for your courses. For international students, this can be accomplished by attending an in-person orientation or an online orientation.

Link to NSO Online Orientation: <https://www.admissions.txst.edu/admitted-students/nso/other-admissions-types.html>.

Fall 2024

FALL 2024 ONLINE NSO DATES

Complete by 5 p.m. on August 30, 2024

Failure to complete the NSO requirement by the posted deadline could cause you to be dropped from all enrolled classes.

ONLINE NSO FEE = \$70

Students signing up for NSO for Fall 2024 will pay a \$70 fee at sign-up.*

*The \$70 fee will be deferred to the semester bill for students who qualify for an application fee waiver and it may be covered, in full or in part, by financial aid.

SIGN UP FOR NSO

New Undergraduate Student Orientations

Before you arrive, be sure that you review and complete all the “Next Steps” which Undergraduate Admissions lists on their website here: <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/admitted/international-admit.html>.



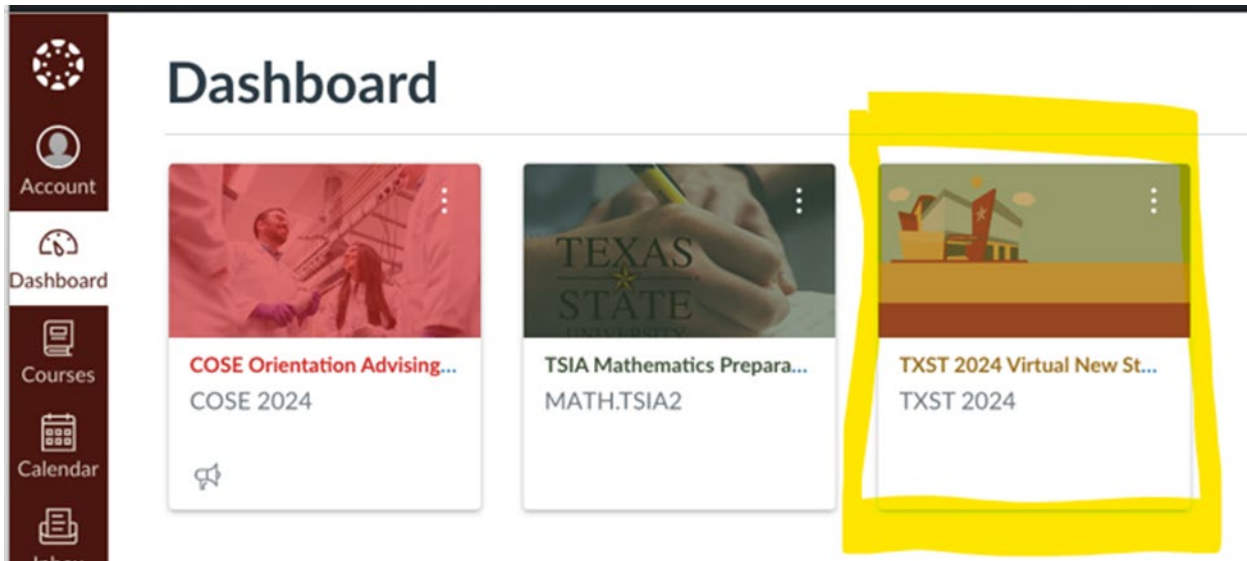
Mandatory New Student Orientation (NSO) for all Undergraduate Students

All students should review the emails which come from Undergraduate Admissions/NSO staff which include information about how to sign up for NSO and allow you to pay the NSO fee online. Find the category that fits you on the NSO sign up page: <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/admitted/orientation.html> and sign up using the link for **international** under your category.

We strongly recommend that you complete the online orientation as soon as possible so you can complete your academic advising session and enroll/register for your Fall 2024 courses.

Link to NSO Online Orientation: <https://www.admissions.txst.edu/admitted-students/nso/other-admissions-types.html>.

After signing up for the online orientation, you will see the NSO course in your Canva portal:



The information given at NSO is not specific to international students, which is why it is important to attend **both** the mandatory NSO orientation as well as a **Pre-Arrival Session** and the **F-1 International Student Immigration Check-In (the International Student Orientation or I-SO is Step 2 of the Check-In)** for International students, which are hosted by ISSS.

Link to F-1 Check-In: <https://www.international.txst.edu/new-f-1-students/f-1-international-student-immigration-check-in.html>.



What is Academic Advising?

Academic advising is a supportive process that involves guiding students through their educational journey. At Texas State, you will need to set up an advising session with your academic advisor to select your Fall 2024 courses. Review the academic advising section on your Canvas NSO course for more detailed information (you would only see this course if you registered for the online NSO).

International Students Admitted as Freshmen. After signing up for NSO, you will be provided information about advising and course registration. Advising and registration for your first semester courses takes place separately from the NSO experience. As part of the advising process, you will officially declare your major and report any university-level credits you have completed. An academic advisor will review your submissions, identify courses that align with your major, and register you for a full-time schedule.

International Students Admitted as Transfers. Students admitted as transfers may complete an online NSO session. After signing up for an online NSO session, you will be directed to schedule an academic advising appointment. You should complete the online NSO session and academic

advising as soon as possible. Once you have completed academic advising, you may register for the courses you and your advisor have selected.

Mandatory New Student Orientation (NSO) & Class Registration for Exchange Students

Special note for Study Abroad Exchange Students

Students admitted as transient or exchange students may complete an online NSO session. After signing up for an online NSO session, you will be directed to schedule an academic advising appointment. You should complete the online NSO session and academic advising as soon as possible. Once you have completed academic advising, you may register for the courses you and your advisor have selected. Ask your academic advisor for the process to request access to closed course sessions and discuss alternative courses you can take. It is important to verify with your home institution that the courses registered will transfer and you can receive credit for them.



Be on the lookout for communications from our primary email address (international@txstate.edu) about the upcoming Pre-arrival Sessions. The details will also be posted on our website here: <https://www.international.txst.edu/new-f-1-students/pre-arrival-session.html>.

These informational sessions are a resource for you as an international student and provide you with the opportunity to ask your questions and meet some of the staff here at International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)!

We hope to see you at an upcoming Pre-arrival Session!