SamPoly™

ACCEPTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your acceptance! We created a checklist of items for you to complete before your first day of class.

☐ ## Activate Your SHSU Email
(Complete as soon as possible)

Activate your SHSU email and computer account through SamWeb. After acceptance, your SHSU email is the only email used by SHSU offices. Activation is required to access different portals and register for SamPoly's New Student Orientation.

Your Email Activation | IT Help Email | (936) 294-1950 | Academic Building I - Suite 145

☐ ## Submit Official College Transcripts (if applicable)
(Required before Orientation)

Submit transcripts of all coursework completed before attending SHSU (dual credit/college coursework or AP/CLEP scores) to the Admissions Office after you have received final course grades. All transcripts must be official and from the college awarding credit. This must be done before academic advising to ensure you create an accurate course schedule with your advisor.

Admissions Website | Email Admissions | (936) 294-1828 | Visitor Center - 2nd Floor

☐ ## Submit Final High School Transcript (if applicable)
(Required before Orientation)

Submit your FINAL and OFFICIAL high school transcript to the Admissions Office after finishing high school, by contacting the registrar at your high school. Failure to submit your transcript could impact and/or delay your financial aid.

Admissions Website | Email Admissions | (936) 294-1828 | Visitor Center - 2nd Floor

☐ Check Your Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Status

TSI is only required if you're pursuing an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree or a Level II Certificate. If you're in one of these programs, you'll need to be TSI compliant in Math, Reading, and Writing before taking core academic courses (like English or Math) or take required co-requisites.

Don't worry—your first semester focuses on program-specific courses, so you'll have time to meet TSI requirements if needed.

Check your TSI status by reviewing DegreeWorks (TSI section). If you are missing scores (or an exemption) for any component (Math, Reading, and/or Writing), "Testing Required" will be posted in that component. If you are not TSI exempt, or if you are missing a score for any component, you will need to schedule a TSIA2 exam; this can be completed either in person or online with the SHSU Testing Center.

TSI Website | Email the Registrar's Office | (936) 294-1040 | Estill Building - Suite 331

☐ Schedule Academic Advising
(Required before Orientation)

All incoming students must complete a 1-on-1 advising appointment before attending Orientation. You can contact your Program Director directly by phone or email to schedule your appointment. Contact information can be found on the Who's My Advisor website.

If you're unsure who to contact, email us at sampoly@shsu.edu, and we'll help get you connected.

☐ Register for SamPoly's New Student Orientation

Check your newly active SHSU email for more information about registering for Orientation.

☐ Register for Classes

All incoming students can register before Orientation or during Orientation. You can always make schedule changes later. You can add, remove, or change courses within the Bearkat Registration Dashboard.

Registration Dashboard | Email the Registrar | (936) 294-1040 | Estill Building - Suite 331

☐ Get Your Bearkat OneCard

Request your Bearkat OneCard, the official ID of SHSU, online or in person. You must present a valid government or state issued photo ID to request your Bearkat OneCard. Activation is required for access to many on-campus facilities.

Student Account Services (SAS) Website | Email SAS | (936) 294-2273 Estill Building - Suite 103

☐ Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline each year. Be sure to review the Financial Aid website and complete all requirements as soon as possible to avoid delays.

Financial Aid Website | (936) 294-1774 | Estill Building - Suite 201

☐ Apply for Scholarships

Complete the Scholarships4Kats application by the priority deadline each year. We automatically send your completed application to all relevant scholarships, and selected recipients receive an email in their SHSU email account with additional instructions.

Scholarships Website | (936) 294-1774 | Estill Building - Suite 201

☐ Make Tuition & Fees Payment

Pay your tuition and fees by the deadline stated on your fee statement. Payments can be made online or at the Student Account Services (SAS) Office.

Student Account Services Website | Email SAS | (936) 294-2273 Estill Building - Suite 103

Optional Opportunities

☐ ## Join the SHSU ZeeMee Community

ZeeMee is a great place to meet other new Bearkats. You can meet other students, ask questions of current students, stay up to date with Admissions announcements, or get help from an Admissions Counselor.

☐ ## Purchase an On-Campus Parking Permit

An ePermit is required to park a vehicle on all SHSU campuses.

Parking Website | Email Parking | (936) 294-1800 | 820 Bowers Blvd.

☐ ## Academic Resources

Learn about the Academic Success Center and the First-Generation Center.

☐ ## Download the TimelyCare App

TimelyCare is a new virtual health and well-being platform for students. Through either a mobile app or your desktop, TimelyCare provides 24/7 access to virtual care from anywhere in the United States at no additional cost.

Student Wellness Website | Email Student Wellness | (936) 294-2653