INTRODUCING YOU TO LIFE AS A LUMBERJACK!

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Transfer Orientation Guide
YOU WILL MAKE A GREAT LUMBERJACK!

Welcome to the land of academics and axe handles. This guide contains the details you need to know about SFA (like where to get help deciding on a major) and includes the stuff you want to know (for instance, on-campus dining choices). It’s also chock-full of helpful information on how to make the most of your time here and get acquainted with your soon-to-be alma mater.

Enjoy the journey.
Congratulations on starting your Lumberjack experience at Stephen F. Austin State University! Lumberjack Orientation is one of the first steps in your transition to campus. Whether you are a first-generation college student or a Lumberjack legacy, our goal is to make your transition to SFA life as smooth as possible.

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, our main priority is the health and safety of our campus community. Face masks are required to be worn inside all buildings and other areas where a 6-foot distance cannot be safely maintained. Additionally, hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the campus for your use. We all play a part in keeping ourselves and our fellow Lumberjacks safe, and we appreciate your diligence in taking precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. We’re all in this together!

As a new SFA transfer student, you have accepted a new set of responsibilities and will be faced with many important decisions throughout your time at SFA – all of which will make for a transformative experience as you strive for success. Embarking on this exciting journey will provide you with new opportunities for growth, both academically and socially. You will discover there are many faculty and staff eager to assist and mentor you along the way.

Lumberjack Orientation will introduce you to campus resources and services, provide you with tools for success during your time at SFA, and provide insight into the various cocurricular opportunities available to help develop your marketable skills. From being a part of renowned academic programs to finding your voice in a student organization, the opportunities to write your story are endless. We hope this booklet serves as a quick resource during and after the program.

Studies have shown students who get involved feel more connected to the university. Involved students also are more likely to remain at SFA and persist to graduation. Our hope is SFA becomes your home away from home and you begin to cultivate lasting relationships. Use this time at SFA to lay the foundation for the rest of your life, focus on your goals, develop your strengths, and utilize the resources and people on campus who are here to help you succeed.

Great opportunities are about to start opening up for you. We are here to make certain you are prepared for these opportunities and to help answer any questions you may have along the way. Congratulations on your decision to be a Lumberjack. We are excited to have you here!

Axe ‘em, Jacks!

LUMBERJACK ORIENTATION STAFF
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Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, 1923
Stephen F. Austin State College, 1949
Stephen F. Austin State University, 1969
Face coverings that cover your nose and mouth are required and must be worn by all individuals on the SFA campus in all indoor public areas, including the following:

- elevators
- classrooms
- labs
- hallways
- lobbies
- restrooms
- conference and meeting rooms
- break rooms
- non-private office settings
- outdoor spaces when physical distancing of 6 feet or more cannot be reliably maintained
Face coverings that cover your nose and mouth are required and must be worn by all individuals on the SFA campus in all indoor public areas.

1. Wash your hands before wearing a mask.
2. Ensure the proper side of the mask faces outward.
3. Locate the wire strip, and place it on the bridge of your nose.
4. Secure the strings behind your head or over your ears.
5. Cover your mouth and nose fully, making sure there are no gaps.
6. Press the wire strip to fit the shape of your nose.
7. Remove the mask from behind by holding the strings with clean hands.
8. Dispose of your mask in a trash can, or immediately wash with soap and water.
9. Correct placement of mask
10. Do not touch the mask while wearing it.
11. Do not reuse a disposable mask, and replace your mask if it gets damp.

Don’t be fooled into a false sense of security or think the mask is protecting you more than it actually is. You may feel safer wearing a mask, but remember, it primarily protects others around you.
WHAT DOES SFA STAND FOR?
A: Stephen Fuller Austin, the university’s namesake and Father of Texas. Texas’ capital also is named in his honor.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN FACTS
• Born Nov. 3, 1793, in Virginia; died Dec. 27, 1836
• Graduated from Transylvania University in Kentucky
• Created informal armed groups, which later became known as the Texas Rangers
• Appointed as the Republic of Texas’ first secretary of state in October 1836
• A 67-foot statue of Austin stands in Angleton, Texas.
• The National Statuary Hall Collection permits each state to select just two statues for display at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Stephen F. Austin was selected as one of Texas’ statues.
• In 1959, Stephen F. Austin was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners.

The live oak trees surrounding the Stone Fort Museum are offspring from trees at Stephen F. Austin’s original burial site.
The first Lumberjack Day was Nov. 8, 1947. The Syls, a student forestry club, began participating in Lumberjack Day in 1969 and still host the annual event.

A campus ghost named Chester is said to occupy the Griffith Fine Arts Building. He first appeared in a photograph with the cast of “Tiny Alice” in 1967.

**OUR UNIVERSITY’S HISTORY**

**WHY IS THE SFA MASCOT A LUMBERJACK?**

A: Because the name Pine Cones was rejected. That’s right. In 1932, SFA students and faculty met to decide on a mascot. Several names were considered, including Pine Cones. By vote, the assembly chose Lumberjacks (thank goodness)!

**NACOGDOCHES IS DIFFICULT TO SPELL.**

Nacogdoches County is filled with natural beauty and offers opportunities in education, recreation, nature, history and culture. In 2013, the Texas Legislature named Nacogdoches the Garden Capital of Texas. In addition to more than a dozen public gardens, the city is home to the seven-mile-long Lanana Creek Trail that meanders through oak forests, past a historic spring, and alongside SFA’s Mast Arboretum.

**BRIGHT-EYED AND BUSHY-TAILED**

SFA is famous for the squirrels on its campus. They love and depend on trees — just like Lumberjacks. And, yes, one of our squirrels has his own Instagram and Twitter account. Follow him at @SFA_Twiggy.

SFA’s main campus comprises 421 acres.
WEEKS OF WELCOME: Do you need help finding classes? During your first few days of in-person classes, you can stop by Surfin’ Steve between 8:30 and 11 a.m. and receive directions to help you get to class on time. See Page 41 to learn more about Weeks of Welcome.
The James I. Perkins College of Education’s Early Childhood Research Center is the only one of its kind in Texas.
MAJORS, MINORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

Visit sfasu.edu/academics for more information about SFA’s six colleges and academic offerings, which are subject to change. Lumberjacks can choose from about 80 undergraduate majors and more than 120 areas of study.

James I. Perkins College of Education

Addiction Studies ★
All-Level Teaching - Kinesiology ●
Athletic Coaching ★
Communication Sciences and Disorders ●
Community Health ●
Construction Management ●
Culinary ●
Dance Team Coaching ★
Dance ★
Deaf and Hard of Hearing ★
Deaf Services ●
Dietetics and Nutritional Sciences ●
Early Childhood Education ★
Early Intervention ●
Educational Interpreting ★
Elementary Teaching - Deaf and Hard of Hearing ●
Exercise Science ★
Family and Consumer Sciences ●
Fashion Merchandising ●
Fitness and Human Performance ★
Food and Nutrition ●
Health Science ●
Hospitality Administration ●
Human Development and Family Studies ●
Human Sciences ●
Human Services ●
Interdisciplinary Studies ●
Core Subjects EC-6 ●
Core Subjects 4-8 ●
English/Language Arts/Reading 4-8 ●
Math 4-8 ●
Science 4-8 ●
Social Studies 4-8 ●
Special Education ●
Interior Design ●
Interior Merchandising ●
Kinesiology ★
Lodging ●
Meeting Planning ●
Merchandising ●
Nonregistered Dietitian ●
Nutrition in Healthcare ●
Orientation and Mobility ●
Performance and Choreography - Dance ●
Pre-Audiology ●
Preprofessional Registered Dietitian ●
Registered Dietitian ●
Rehabilitation Services ●
Restaurant ●
Secondary Education ★
Secondary Teaching - Dance ●
Secondary Teaching - Deaf and Hard of Hearing ●
Special Education, Nonteaching ●
Special Education, Teaching ●
Travel and Tourism ●

Nelson Rusche College of Business

Accounting ★
Banking ●
Business Communication and Corporate Education ●
Business Communication ●
Business Economics ●
Corporate Communication ●
Economics ●
Electronic Business ●
Entrepreneurship ●
Finance ●
Financial Planning ●
General Business Technology Applications ●
General Business ●
Human Resource Management ●
International Business ●
Investment Management ●
Legal Studies ●
Management ●
Marketing ●
Sales ●
Sports Business ●

Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture

Agribusiness ●
Agriculture Development ●
Agriculture Engineering Technology ●
Agriculture ●
Agroforestry ●
Animal Science ●
Cultural Resources ●
Discipline Specialization ●
Environmental Science ●
Equine Science ●
Fire Management ●
Forest Management ●
Forestry ●
Forest Wildlife Management ●
Geospatial Science ●
Horticulture ●
Human Dimensions in Natural Resources ●
Land, Air and Water Resources ●
Land Surveying ●
Natural Resources ●
Poultry Science ●
Pre-Veterinarian ●
Urban Forestry ●
Pre-Engineering Program

Students wishing to major in engineering may take their first two years in pre-engineering at SFA then transfer to a college of engineering for their final two years. Pre-engineering students normally pursue degrees in the following fields of engineering:

- Chemical
- Civil
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Petroleum

Pre-Health Professions Program

This program is designed for students seeking admission to professional schools. Students select any major and work within the pre-health profession program for academic guidance, professional exploration and school admission assistance.

- Pre-Chiropractic
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary

College of Liberal and Applied Arts

- Applied Arts and Sciences
- Advertising/Public Relations
- Anthropology
- Communication Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Dual Languages - Modern Languages
- English
- Film Studies
- French
- General Studies
- Geography
- German
- History
- International and Intercultural Communication
- International Studies
- Journalism

- Latin American Studies
- Leadership
- Liberal Studies
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Mass Communication
- Medical Humanities
- Military Science
- Modern Languages
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Pre-law
- Private Security and Asset Protection
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public History
- Radio/Television

- Religious Studies
- Secondary Education - Communication Studies
- Secondary Education - Geography
- Secondary Education - History
- Secondary Education - English
- Social Media
- Social Sciences - Public Administration
- Social Studies
- Social Welfare
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sustainable Community Development
- Teaching - Modern Languages
- Technical Writing
- Women’s and Gender Studies

College of Fine Arts

- Acting and Directing
- Art
  - Ceramics
  - Digital Media
  - Drawing
  - Filmmaking/Cinematography
  - Graphic Design
  - Jewelry
  - Painting
  - Photography
  - Printmaking
  - Sculpture
- Art Education
- Ceramics
- Digital Media
- Drawing
- Filmmaking/Cinematography
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Composition - Music
- Design and Technology - Theatre
- General Studies - Theatre
- Music

- Music Education
- Choral - Vocal
- Choral - Piano
- Elementary Music
- Instrumental Music
- Instrumental Strings
- Instrumental Wind
- Instrumental Wind
- Music Performance
- Keyboard
- Keyboard - Pedagogy
- Orchestral Instrument
- Voice
- Music Voice for Theatre
- Sound Recording Technology
- Stage Management
- Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Digital Media
- Drawing
- Filmmaking/Cinematography
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Theatre Education
- Theatre

Pre-Occupational Professions

- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Pre-Veterinary Nursing

College of Sciences and Mathematics

- Actuarial Studies
- Applied Physics
- Applied Statistics
- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Botany
- Cellular and Molecular
- Chemistry Education
- Chemistry

- Combined Sciences
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Data Analytics
- Data Sciences - Mathematics
- Ecology and Evolutionary
- Engineering Physics
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Fermentation Science

- Geology
- Geosciences
- Human Health Perspectives
- Information Technology
- Interdisciplinary Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Physics
- Secondary Teaching (Jacks Teach)
ACADEMIC TERMINOLOGY

Below are a few words, titles, descriptions and phrases commonly used in academia that you need to know to be a successful student.

**Academic Advisor**: A professional staff or faculty member who helps students select courses and plan for the future.

**Academic Year**: Starts on the first day of fall classes and ends in mid-August after summer final exams.

**Brightspace by D2L**: This classroom management platform is SFA’s supported online course delivery software. It is an integrated set of web course tools used for delivery of online courses as well as enhanced online instruction and communication tools for traditional classroom-based courses.

**Class Hour**: One hour of time spent in class per week. Most classes are three class hours, meaning they meet for approximately three hours per week.

**Core Curriculum**: The general educational requirements needed to obtain a degree. These are in addition to the courses required in the student’s major.

**Co-requisite**: A class that must be taken with another class.

**Dean**: A person with significant authority over a specific academic unit, area of concern or both.

**Dean’s List**: Students who earn a 3.5 GPA in a semester with at least 12 quality hours. Courses excluded from grade-point computation also are excluded from quality hours and may not be used to determine honor roll status.

**Degree Plan**: The document provided by academic departments and colleges that specifies the courses required to earn a certain degree.

**Development Course**: A foundation course designed to allow students to develop mastery of the necessary skills required for college success.

**Dropping Courses**: The process of removing one specific course from a semester schedule while remaining enrolled in other courses.

**Continued Probation, Academic**: Probation undergraduate students whose semester GPA is 2.0 or higher but their cumulative GPA falls to meet the minimum standard 2.0.

**Full-time Students**: Students enrolled in 12 or more class hours for a fall or spring semester. Also, students enrolled in six or more class hours during Maymester, summer I and summer II terms (undergraduate students). For Title IV purposes, any student registered for 12 semester hours or more during the fall, spring or summer terms is considered a full-time student.

**Grade-point Average**: Calculated as the total number of grade points received over a given period divided by the total number of credits awarded. GPA for short.

**Hold**: A block put on a student’s account that may prevent the student from registering or receiving a transcript. A hold is placed on an account before the student has been to academic advising prior to class registration and if a student fails to pay parking tickets or library fines.
**Independent Study:** Individual work on a special topic that is supervised by a faculty member. The student’s academic department must approve the project in advance, and a faculty member must agree to oversee the work.

**Internship:** On-the-job field experience for which a student may receive academic credit. Some internships are paid, though most are not. The Center for Career and Professional Development can help students find internships in their chosen career field.

**Lab:** Laboratory work provides students with the opportunity to apply principles learned in lecture classes.

**Lecture:** A class where the primary method of instruction is lecturing. There may be relatively little interaction between the professor and students during class, which is why it is important for students to utilize the professor’s office hours.

**Major:** Upper-division study in an academic department. Approximately 30 to 36 class hours in a specific field of study.

**Minor:** Course concentration in a field outside a major; requires approximately 18 hours of specified coursework. Not all majors require a minor.

**mySFA:** Part of the SFA website where students can access their email, update their personal information, register for and drop classes, check their grades, view holds on accounts, and pay their tuition and fees.

**Prerequisite:** A course that must be satisfactorily completed in order to enroll in a subsequent course.

**President’s Honor Roll:** Students who earn a 4.0 GPA in a semester with at least 12 quality hours. Courses excluded from grade-point computation also are excluded from quality hours and may not be used to determine honor roll status.

**Probation, Academic:** A student is placed on academic probation following the first regular semester in which the cumulative GPA fails to meet the minimum academic standard 2.0.

**Registrar:** The office where students’ records are maintained. The registrar’s office maintains student academic transcripts and coordinates course registration.

**Repeating Courses:** Students who make an F in a course can get credit only by repeating the course. Undergraduate students who want to repeat courses to improve their GPA at SFA must repeat those courses at SFA. For any course repeated at SFA, the grade earned during the most recent enrollment will be used to calculate the GPA. Credit hours for courses taken at other institutions to replace credit hours earned at SFA may be used to meet graduation credit-hour requirements but may not be used for GPA calculation.

**Suspension, Academic:** A student is placed on academic suspension after a regular semester that immediately follows a semester of probation if the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

**Syllabus:** Course outline, usually distributed the first day of class, with a brief description of the course. The syllabus generally includes assignments, exam dates, grading system, attendance policy and the faculty member’s contact information.

**Transcript:** Official record of a student’s academic work. It is maintained and updated each semester.

**Withdrawal from the University:** Students who choose to withdraw from the university will have a W recorded on their transcript if the withdrawal is prior to five days after midsemester or midsession, as applicable. Students must initiate the withdrawal process in the Office of the Registrar.

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SFA is one of only four Texas public independent institutions, meaning it’s not affiliated with one of the six university systems.
TUITION OPTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

In order to graduate on time, students must complete at least 15 credits per semester or 30 credits per year. Many full-time students are taking credit loads that automatically put them on a five-year plan for a bachelor’s degree. Further complicating the matter, federal financial aid policies require students to be enrolled in just 12 credits each semester to be eligible for assistance, creating the impression that 12 credits is “full-time.”

SFA creates two options to help students afford additional courses at no extra cost.

**FLAT-RATE TUITION**
- $5,300 per semester; $10,600 an academic year ($100 course and lab fee is included)
- For any undergraduate student enrolled in 12 or more credit hours
- Fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters only
- Flat rate applies toward 12 to 21 credit hours each semester

**GUARANTEED-PRICE PLAN**
- $5,675 per semester ($100 course and lab fee is included) for first-time students in 2020-21
- Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours to participate
- Rate is locked in for four years for each fall and spring semester

**BOTTOM LINE:**
- 12 credit hours
- 15 credit hours
- 18 credit hours
- 21 credit hours

$5,300 per semester for fall 2020 and spring 2021 only

$5,675 per semester up to four years beginning fall 2020

**THE RESULT:**
- Students **graduate later** and rack up **unnecessary time and debt** in the process.
  - SFA students are advised to enroll in 15 credits each semester (or 30 credits per year), putting them on track to graduate on time.
  - Research shows that students who take 15 credit hours **do better academically** and are **more likely to persist**.

**TO DETERMINE WHICH OPTION A STUDENT QUALIFIES, ASK THE STUDENT:**

**Question 1:** Are you a resident of Texas?
- Yes – Proceed to next question.
- No – Eligible for nonresident rates or border-state rates

**Question 2:** Are you a transfer student?
- Yes – Possibly eligible for the flat-rate tuition option associated with year of high school graduation
- No – Proceed to next question.

**Question 3:** Are you a graduate student?
- Yes – Eligible for Texas resident graduate school rates
- No – Proceed to next question.

**Question 4:** Are you an incoming, first-time freshman?
- Yes – Proceed to next question.
- No – Ineligible for Guaranteed-Price Plan, but automatically billed at the flat-rate tuition option

**Question 5:** Do you qualify for tuition and/or fee exemptions related to the Hazlewood Act, etc.?
- Yes – Ineligible for Guaranteed-Price Plan, but automatically billed at the flat-rate tuition option
- No – Eligible to participate in the Guaranteed-Price Plan

For more information about SFA’s tuition options, contact the Business Office at (936) 468-6960 or businessoffice@sfasu.edu.
SYMPTOMS

All students and employees are asked to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus.

Symptoms can range from mild to severe and appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

There are “Axe COVID-19” voluntary temperature check stations in the Baker Pattillo Student Center and the Student Recreation Center. Other pop-up stations may be available in other areas of campus.

Seek medical care immediately* if you have:

• trouble breathing
• persistent pain or pressure in the chest
• new confusion
• inability to wake or stay awake
• bluish lips or face

* This list does not include all possible symptoms. Call your medical provider if you are concerned about additional severe symptoms.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE SYMPTOMS?

STEP 1
Stay home and away from others!

STEP 2
Contact SFA Health Services for guidance. Call (936) 468-4008 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact your medical provider.

STEP 3
Report your absence.

Students: Notify your professors or call (936) 468-2703 to request an absence notification.

Employees: Notify your supervisor.

Students, faculty and staff should stay home if experiencing even one of these symptoms.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES
**FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Located on the first floor of the Austin Building, staff members in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can help you find the best way to pay for your SFA education.

SFA offers hundreds of scholarships each year to both new and returning students. To be considered, you must fill out the general scholarship application through mySFA, the university’s intranet web portal. The application is available starting Sept. 1 each year, and the deadline for submission is Feb. 1. Scholarships are offered on such criteria as academic major, cocurricular activities and talent. For more information on scholarships, visit sfasu.edu/scholarships.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can provide you with the necessary information to apply for financial assistance — whether that be scholarships, grants and/or federal loans.

In order to be considered for financial assistance, you’ll be required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Here’s what to do:

- You can apply starting Oct. 1 for the next academic year by logging on to studentaid.gov.
- You and/or your parent or legal guardian must electronically sign the FAFSA. Missing signatures will delay processing.
- Verify all responses for accuracy.
- Print yourself a copy.
- If selected for the verification process, be prepared to contact the IRS for a copy of your tax transcripts.

**Remember** — if you received a scholarship from your high school or other organization, SFA must be notified to help determine an accurate financial aid award for you. You can complete the electronic resources request to notify us of pending scholarship amounts and the entity the scholarship is from.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

SFA offers a number of services through its financial aid office, including short-term loans, summer aid and study abroad assistance. A net price calculator also is available and is intended to provide students with useful consumer information regarding college costs after financial aid is taken into consideration. For more information regarding financial aid and the services SFA provides, visit sfasu.edu/faid.

**PAYING YOUR BILL**

Your mySFA account is where you’ll pay for your bill online.

1. Log in to mySFA.
2. Click the “Billing” tab.
3. Click “Pay Online with eBill.”

The Business Office, located on the second floor of the Austin Building, handles bills and student ID validation. The office also cashes checks up to $50 and initiates financial aid refunds and cash advances through BankMobile®. If you have questions about an eBill or other payment-related inquiries, call (936) 468-6960.

**FINANCIAL LITERACY**

SFA has partnered with the National Endowment for Financial Education to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to make important decisions relating to personal finance matters. The Office of Student Affairs Programs has partnered with NEFE’s Cash Course to offer many useful tools for students. Visit sfasu.edu/studentaffairs/660.asp for more information.

Another resource is the Student Financial Advisors group created and managed by the Rusche College of Business. Located in the McGee Business Building, Room 169, advisors are a free resource dedicated to the promotion of financial literacy and smart money management.
ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE
AND RESOURCE
CENTER
Free peer tutoring at the AARC makes it easy for you to receive the help you need through walk-in tables, supplemental instruction, individual appointments and online tutoring, including an online writing lab. Visit sfasu.edu/aarc to learn more.

STEEN LIBRARY
All the information you need to make the grade can be found within SFA’s library. The four-story facility houses books, periodicals, maps, databases, computer labs and more. In addition, each of SFA’s six colleges has its own librarian who is especially knowledgeable in the college’s subject areas and is at your service.

COUNSELING SERVICES
Counseling Services is staffed with licensed professional counselors and offers individual and group mental health counseling to SFA students. Counseling helps students overcome personal and academic obstacles and make healthy, productive decisions. This service is confidential and offered at no charge.

There are 50 countries represented by international SFA students.

The SFA student food pantry, The Pantry, is the most accessible food pantry in Nacogdoches County. It’s open at least two hours each weekday.
EVERY INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN SFAS 3101.

SFAS 3101, Transfer Experience and Success Course, is a specially designed course that is proven to raise your GPA and increase your chances of making it to graduation. “SFA savvy” instructors teach you the ropes and discuss important topics, such as academic integrity, learning strategies, SFA history and other essential information.

This class gives you a head start and explores the many resources SFA provides to help you inside and outside the classroom.

SFA Dance Marathon, a student-led event, has raised $90,598.10 for Children’s Miracle Network during the past five years.

CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

More than 20 computer labs and approximately 800 workstations are available for student use. One of the technology tools you’ll use throughout your SFA career is mySFA. Through this online portal, you’ll manage your SFA email account, register for courses, view your grades and transcripts, and more. Students can access fast and easy printing using the new Wēpa wireless printing stations located throughout campus, as well as free charging stations for smart devices in the Baker Pattillo Student Center.
DISABILITY SERVICES

SFA is committed to providing equal opportunities in higher education to students with disabilities. Disability Services works collaboratively with the student to facilitate specialized support services and accommodations that meet individual disability-related needs. Students who experience temporary limiting conditions as a result of injuries, surgeries or short-term disabilities also may visit this office for access to resources during the duration of the condition. For more information, visit sfasu.edu/disabilityservices.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Multicultural Affairs strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students. The office creates networks of support and develops programs for students to provide meaningful interactions and learning experiences. In addition, the office assists many student organizations in promoting social justice and cultural and racial diversity through lectures, special events and observances.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

The VRC, located in the student center, is open to all veterans, their dependents and cadets. It serves as a place to gather, socialize and form supportive relationships.

In addition, this facility is a hub for veterans’ programming efforts, including helping connect veterans and their dependents with university resources and outside agencies.

To learn more about utilizing the GI Bill or other Veterans Affairs educational benefits, email vaservices@sfasu.edu.

CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Career and Professional Development encourages students to be proactive in developing their professional brand to enhance employability.

Students achieve this through assistance with résumé writing, interview skills, a career closet, internships, job-search strategies, career coaching, workshops and presentations, and career fairs.

The CCPD’s services can be accessed either in person or virtually, depending on availability and student needs. More information is available at sfasu.edu/ccpd, or you may visit the center on the third floor of the Rusk Building.

CCPD offers students the opportunity to borrow professional clothing (ranging from business casual to suits) for free to wear to presentations, interviews or career expos.
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is primarily responsible for creating a network of caring responses to our diverse student body. The office will enact this by ensuring critical services and programs are accessible to all students, as well as increasing their knowledge of the resources available to them. The areas for which we are individually responsible are Disability Services, Veterans Resource Center, Lumberjacks Care, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of Violence Against Women, and Title IX office.

These areas on the SFA campus are important because they demonstrate personal caring to individuals in extraordinary circumstances — students who are in crisis, students dealing with mental health concerns, students injured on or off campus, or students who are a part of our underrepresented populations.

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion wants to make sure all aspects of the student’s experience at SFA are positive and holistic. The intent of this office is to foster an open and welcoming environment where our students, faculty and staff of all backgrounds can learn, work and serve while embracing all human differences and building on commonalities.

CARE AND CONCERN ALERTS

The Care and Concern Alert program is a unique, integrative approach to academic and behavior intervention on campus. The program, administered through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, is a collaborative response between academics and student affairs to target resources to help improve students’ ability to succeed.

The three early intervention tracks comprise behavioral/medical, attendance issues and academic performance. Faculty members can submit early alerts through the advising system linked to their classes.
POLICIES: The Abridged Version

Starting your journey at SFA will be an exciting time, and you will find several policies have been adopted to help you succeed and remain in good standing with the university. The following policies include the university’s illicit drug and alcohol policy, the student conduct code, and the university’s policy on hazing. An online manual can be accessed for a complete list of current policies by visiting sfasu.edu/policies.

| 2.2 | Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities |
| 2.11 | Nondiscrimination |
| 2.13 | Title IX |
| 4.1 | Student Academic Dishonesty |
| 6.1 | Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities |
| 6.3 | Final Course Grade Appeals by Students |
| 6.4 | Academic Probation, Suspension and Reinstatement for Undergraduates |
| 6.7 | Class Attendance |
| 6.16 | Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Recipients |
| 6.22 | Withdrawal Without Financial Clearance |
| 9.3 | Digital Millennium Copyright |
| 10.3 | Hazing |
| 10.4 | Student Code of Conduct |
| 10.9 | Student Organization Formation and Recognition |
| 10.10 | Student Organization Risk Management Training |
| 13.9 | Firearms, Explosives and Ammunition |
| 13.11 | Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Abuse |
| 13.13 | Missing Student Notification |
| 13.21 | Smoking, Vaping and Use of Tobacco Products |
| 16.4 | Assembly and Demonstrations |
Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick.

- **Wet Hands**
- **Apply Soap**
- **Palms**
- **Fingers**
- **Fingernails**
- **Back of Hands**
- **Thumbs**
- **Wrist**
- **Rinse Hands**
- **Dry Hands**
- **Turn off Water**
- **Clean Hands**

If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. To use hand sanitizer, read the label and apply the correct amount of product to the palm of one hand. Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.
Face coverings are required and must be worn by all individuals on the SFA campus in all indoor public areas.

Please give priority to those who are physically unable to use the stairs.

If an elevator is crowded, take the next one to maintain physical distancing.

Only going a few flights? Take the stairs if you are able.

Speak up! If you’re in an elevator that has reached physical distancing capacity, politely ask additional riders to wait for the next one.

2 to 3 individuals only

BEST PRACTICES

- Avoid leaning against walls.
- Avoid touching the handrails.
- Avoid touching buttons directly. Cover fingers with a cloth or glove, or push buttons with an object or your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Wash or sanitize your hands as soon as possible.
UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
The University Police Department patrols the campus 24/7 by automobile, foot and bicycle to protect and serve. Jack Alert, SFA’s emergency notification system, sends text message, voice, email, Facebook, Twitter and website alerts concerning emergencies that may affect the SFA community. Sign up for Jack Alert through mySFA. Additionally, emergency call stations are located throughout the campus — just look for the blue lights. Make sure to download the Rave Guardian app to your smartphone to enhance your campus safety. View download instructions.

PARKING TICKETS ARE NO FUN.
Everyone who brings a vehicle to campus must pay to park (even faculty and staff). Depending on what type of student you are (on-campus resident or commuter) and what kind of vehicle you drive (automobile or motorcycle), the type of permit and cost will differ. The type of permit you purchase also will determine in which parking lot(s) and garage(s) you may park. To view the parking and traffic rules and regulations, parking maps and the day/evening shuttle bus route, visit sfasu.edu/parking.

THE DOC IS IN.
Health Services, at the corner of East College and Raguet streets, is an outpatient medical facility offering preventative care and many of the same services provided by a family practitioner to currently enrolled students. At this time, students are required to call Health Services at (936) 468-4008 to schedule an appointment.

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
For emergencies after hours, dial 911.

ALL ABOARD!
If you don’t have your own automobile, no worries. You’ll still be able to easily move around campus. SFA operates the Jack Track shuttle service. It’s free for all currently enrolled SFA students. When classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters, shuttle buses travel around the campus and stop at high-traffic areas. At this time, face masks are required.

JACK TRACK SCHEDULE:
Daytime: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Evening: 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sunday through Thursday
For more information about Jack Track, visit sfasu.edu/jacktrack.

According to student leaders, 90% say cocurricular experiences have helped them understand what they are learning in the classroom.

READ ALL ABOUT IT.
Publishing online during the fall and spring semesters, The Pine Log is SFA’s independent student newspaper and is accessible at thepinelog.com. Occasionally, The Pine Log also prints special editions, including the annual summer Welcome Edition, which are available on newsstands throughout campus. Additionally, the Stone Fort is SFA’s award-winning yearbook. Yearbook subscriptions may be purchased through mySFA. To get involved with SFA Student Publications, email pinelog@sfasu.edu.
**HONOR THE CODE!**

Lumberjacks believe in doing things “The SFA Way,” and we strive for personal excellence in everything we undertake.

The five root principles (Respect, Caring, Responsibility, Unity and Integrity) serve as the Lumberjack standard.

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**RESPECT**

Lumberjacks command respect and treat others with respect • They are considerate of others and tolerant of differences • They demonstrate respect for those around them by avoiding the use of offensive or profane language • They do not threaten or harm anyone and deal peacefully and civilly with conflict.

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**CARING**

Lumberjacks think of the needs of others and seek to improve the quality of life of those around them • They are compassionate, empathic and kind • They respond with humility to those they have helped and freely express gratitude to those who help them • Lumberjacks prepare themselves to become leaders in their communities and workplaces • They dedicate themselves to excellence in their chosen field of study and to using what they learn in the service of others.

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

Lumberjacks do what is right • They persevere in times of adversity • Through self-control and self-discipline, they strive to do their best • Lumberjacks challenge each other to exceed expectations • They are active learners both inside and outside of the classroom • They are reliable; they do what they say they will do • Lumberjacks hold themselves accountable for their decisions.

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**UNITY**

Lumberjacks are loyal to their friends, family, university, state and country • Lumberjacks stand together against any adversary • They recognize that though we are very different from one another, we are united by the Lumberjack Spirit. Lumberjacks seek to understand the people and world around them • When one Lumberjack fails, all fail • When one Lumberjack succeeds, all succeed.

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**INTEGRITY**

Lumberjacks have the courage to do what is right, even when it is hard or unpopular • They respond to each situation with steadfast values that are not subject to change based on the actions of others • They seek opportunities to practice effective and ethical leadership • Lumberjacks are honest; they do not deceive, cheat or steal • Lumberjacks stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves • As lifelong learners, Lumberjacks are committed to continuously improving themselves.
I'M HUNGRY.

SFA’s Dining Services offers meals to please everyone’s taste buds. From all-you-care-to-eat dining locations in the Baker Pattillo Student Center and East College Dining Hall to the fantastic tastes of Chick-fil-A, Which Wich, Panda Express and other retail outlets, you’ll have tons of choices to calm your stomach’s growl. SFA Dining Services also has a registered dietitian on staff to help you plan meals and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
DID YOU KNOW SFA HAS ITS OWN POST OFFICE?
Located in the basement of the Baker Pattillo Student Center, the post office provides full U.S. postal services to all members of the Lumberjack community. With more than 10,000 boxes, box rental is required for students who live on campus and is available for students residing off campus.

A FEW SPECIAL DAYS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR
January
08: Spring semester begins
18: MLK Day of Service
21: National Squirrel Day
March
6-14: Spring break

PURCHASE BOOKS AND SFA GEAR.
The Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located in the Baker Pattillo Student Center, sells new and used textbooks and supplies you’ll need for class. In addition, you can shop for licensed SFA clothing and other items.

A FEW BENEFITS OF RESIDING ON CAMPUS:

1. Caring staff members provide an instant support system
2. Within walking distance to almost everything on campus
3. Recreational opportunities everywhere
4. Fantastic food
5. Safety and security
6. Time management, note-taking, study skills and other programs to support your success

Twiggy, a local celebrity featured on KETK in Tyler, lives his best life on campus eating sunflower seeds near the Ferguson Building. Follow @SFA_Twiggy on Instagram and Twitter.
It may be possible to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object with the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes. Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces are best practices for reducing the spread of any viral respiratory illness.

**Cleaning** refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. Cleaning does not kill germs, but removing them lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

**Disinfecting** refers to the use of chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs. However, disinfecting a surface after cleaning can further lower the risk of spreading infection. It is often necessary to clean a surface with soap and water before you can effectively disinfect the surface.

**Clean commonly touched surfaces** such as remote controls, printers, computer keyboards, phones and coffee pots to help reduce the possibility of disease transmission. If using shared computers or keyboards, disinfect before and after each use.

**Always wash your hands** after you have been in a public place or touched items or surfaces that may be frequently touched by other people, such as light switches, door handles, elevator controls, gas pumps, shopping carts, toilets or electronic cash registers/screens.
LIVING ON CAMPUS.
SFA’s on-campus living requirement, which stipulates that students who are younger than 21 and have earned fewer than 60 credit hours must reside and dine on campus, is designed to provide a supportive environment and aid in student success.

However, understanding students may be more comfortable living off campus in the wake of COVID-19, the requirement was lifted for the 2020-21 academic year.

Thousands of Lumberjacks have still opted to live in one of our 11 residence halls this year, and we are so excited to welcome them!

Follow Residence Life on Instagram!

Transfer and upperclassman students can reside in the following residence halls:

Griffith Hall............................................(936) 468-4909
Hall 10...................................................(936) 468-3200
Hall 16...................................................(936) 468-5109
Hall 20...................................................(936) 468-2595
Kerr Hall.................................................(936) 468-5301
Lumberjack Lodge.................................(936) 468-2400
Lumberjack Village................................(936) 468-4300
Wisely Hall (honors)...............................(936) 468-2600

GET TO KNOW YOUR RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION.
Dedicated to providing all students living on campus with a positive experience, the RHA encourages residents to make positive contributions and become leaders within each of the residence hall communities.

Through its hall council and executive board, residents have a voice in suggesting programs and improvements. Residents are encouraged to join committees and provide input on food service, community service, sustainability, sports and recreation, policies and procedures, and fundraising.

RHA also hosts many campuswide programs, like Casino Night, Fall Fest and Holiday Extravaganza. These programs bring students together for fun and networking.

RESIDENCE LIFE CONTACT INFORMATION
Location: Austin Building, Room 131
Website: sfasu.edu/reslife
Email: reslife@sfasu.edu
Phone: (936) 468-2601
Fax: (936) 468-2074

WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME
Our Move-In checklist is a great resource to make sure you have everything you need to settle in.

We provide refrigerators in all our residence halls. Lumberjack Lodge and Lumberjack Village have full-size refrigerators. All other buildings have mini fridges. You are welcome to bring one additional mini fridge in buildings without a full-sized refrigerator.

RESIDENCE HALL DIMENSIONS
Click on any of the residence halls below and scroll down to “Room Dimensions” to know sizes for your mattress, window curtains, etc.

Griffith Hall
Hall 10
Hall 16
Hall 20
Kerr Hall
Lumberjack Lodge
Lumberjack Village
Wisely Hall (honors)
TELL YOUR LUMBERJACK STORY.

ORDER YOUR SFA RING!

TheSFARing.com
With good hand hygiene and proper respiratory etiquette, you can reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of the tissue in the nearest waste receptacle.

If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm or elbow, instead of your hands, to reduce the spread of the virus through respiratory droplets, which is the most common way the virus is transmitted.

If you are frequently coughing or sneezing, wearing a mask helps prevent the spread of germs to people nearby, to surfaces around you and to the things you may touch.

Wash your hands with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, after you cough or sneeze or have contact with respiratory secretions or contaminated objects or materials.

And even though it doesn’t seem friendly, it’s best not to share your phone, pen, computer keyboard or other personal items with others.
Student Affairs for Support Services would like to welcome our new Lumberjacks!
We know you will love SFA as much as we do.

Part of our commitment to enhancing knowledge and providing you a memorable experience includes the following online training resources to help make you aware of issues relevant to college students. Through these trainings, you will learn about campus resources, as well as ways to respond to and reduce the risk of suicide and sexual violence.

**Voices for Change**

*Online training that includes information about:*
- healthy relationships
- sexual violence
- alcohol abuse prevention
- sexual health
- bystander intervention
- and campus and community resources.

**Suicide Awareness and Prevention**

*Online training that includes information about:*
- symptoms of depression
- signs of suicidal thoughts
- when and how to help a friend who is depressed or considering suicide
- and campus and community resources.

**TO ACCESS THE TRAINING:**
1. Log in to your mySFA account.
2. Look for the “Student Training” section on the right, and click on the red link.

For more information, visit [sfasu.edu/lot](http://sfasu.edu/lot) or email titleIX@sfasu.edu.
NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS

SFA is an NCAA Division I program competing in the Southland Conference. SFA sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports. Men’s sports include football, basketball, baseball, cross-country, indoor-outdoor track and field, and golf.

Women’s sports include soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, cross-country, basketball, indoor-outdoor track and field, softball, golf, tennis and bowling.

Bring your student ID to enter all games for free. For schedules, rosters and the latest sports news, visit sfajacks.com.
BAKER PATTILLO STUDENT CENTER

There’s so much to do here! Take in a movie at the 383-seat multilevel theater, grab a cup of coffee at Starbucks, sit down for pizza, sushi, ice cream and more at the food court, or just visit with friends in one of the many lounges.

MUSIC, THEATRE AND ART EVENTS

SFA’s College of Fine Arts showcases the talents of SFA students and faculty members in various productions, exhibits, performances, concerts and shows year-round. Find out about upcoming performances at finearts.sfasu.edu.

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER = AMAZING!

This facility is HUGE! It offers SFA students a place to get physically fit and enjoy downtime. There’s a climbing wall, giant pool with a lazy river, sand volleyball, basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor jogging track, and thousands of square feet devoted to cardio and exercise equipment. Additionally, students can select from a variety of group fitness classes, outdoor pursuits, intramurals and sport clubs.

EXPLORE THE MILES AND MILES OF BEAUTIFUL TRAILS.

Nacogdoches is the Garden Capital of Texas. On the university’s campus, there are several world-class landscapes that provide breathtaking opportunities to enjoy the seasons. The city and SFA’s recreational trails include several miles of hiking and bicycle trails that wind through Texas’ oldest town.
LUMBERJACKS’ CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
One of the best ways to make friends and connect with SFA is to join a club or organization. SFA offers more than 250! Whether you desire to unite in the brotherhood or sisterhood of a fraternity or sorority or become part of a club designed to help community members, there’s a group just for you.

Getting involved also is proven to help raise your GPA and increase your chances of graduating on time. SFA’s clubs and organizations focus on the following areas:

• Academic/professional
• Cultural
• Greek
• Religious
• Service
• Special interests/hobbies

For a complete listing of SFA’s student organizations and information about each one, visit sfasu.edu/studentaffairs.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS RESOURCE CENTER
Jack SORC serves as a resource center for clubs and organizations by providing lockers and supplies to help promote events. It also offers free computer use and printing to active student organizations. It’s located on the third floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

The DeWitt School of Nursing boasts an outstanding 96.83% first-time pass rate for students completing their nursing license exam.
STUDENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMS
SFA's Office of Student Affairs Programs is dedicated to providing programs that enrich student involvement, leadership, engagement and fun. From leadership and volunteerism to the annual Homecoming bonfire and concert, there’s an avenue for every Lumberjack to enjoy. Some of the areas housed within student affairs programs include:

- Center for Career and Professional Development
- Orientation and Transition Programs
- Spirit Teams
- Student Engagement Programs
- Student Government Association
- Purple Haze Association

For more information about student affairs and the programs offered, visit sfasu.edu/studentaffairs.

WEEKS OF WELCOME
Starting the first two weeks of the fall and spring semesters, Weeks of Welcome is your opportunity to involve yourself on campus and meet other Lumberjacks. From the massive group class photo to barbecues and pool parties, Weeks of Welcome is nothing but fun!

PURPLE HAZE ASSOCIATION
The official student section of SFA, students are dedicated to carrying out The SFA Way and Lumberjack spirit while supporting fellow members of the university on the field, court, diamond or any other way possible. PHA members pride themselves on being the loudest and the proudest student fans. Members attend home sporting events and sit in the reserved student section wearing as much purple as possible. Jackhammers, known as the PHA student leaders, are the “heartbeat” of the student section. They wear overalls and cheer as loud as they can for the Lumberjacks.

SPIRIT TEAMS - A WINNING TRADITION
The SFA cheerleading and dance teams work to increase the overall spirit of the campus community by performing and cheering at SFA sporting and other events and serving as ambassadors and role models. Together, the teams have won an amazing 30 national championships since 1993.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA is the voice of the students and is administered entirely by SFA students. Its purpose is threefold: to be the voice of the student body, to serve as a model government (with its executive, legislative and judicial branches) and to foster leadership development.

The association introduces legislation on behalf of students, and while it does not pass legislation that is binding to university policy, it does have a significant influence.
Student engagement programs are housed within the Office of Student Affairs Programs. Some of these offerings include:

- Involvement Center
- Service Programs
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student Activities Association
- Traditions Council (see Page 47)

**IN VolvEMEnT CEnTER**
Get a complete overview of all the clubs and organizations SFA offers by visiting the Involvement Center, located in the Baker Pattillo Student Center. Peer advisors are available to help you select the organizations that best fit your interests.

**ServICe PrOGRaMs**
The Jacks Give Back Initiative offers students many opportunities to enhance leadership skills and give back to the local community and beyond. Opportunities include alternative spring break, large service day events, a children’s health movement, the student food pantry and monthly service projects.

**FrAternitY aNd SorORity LiFE**
With more than 30 different chapters at SFA, fraternities and sororities provide students with opportunities to build friendships, serve the community and challenge themselves in a supportive environment. Through their involvement, students can learn new skills and prepare for their future. Every fraternity and sorority member strives to live The SFA Way.

**StuDent ActIVitieS aSSOCiaTiOn**
SAA is your source for free or low-cost entertainment. It provides a wide variety of weekly activities for students throughout the year. SAA hosts events like comedy shows, concerts, speakers, game shows and DIY events. The association also coordinates SFA’s on-campus cinema program, which showcases weekly movies throughout the fall, spring and summer semesters. Students involved in SAA have the opportunity to learn about event planning, develop their leadership skills and learn how to be part of a team.
Axe 'em, Jacks!

Recognizing a lag in school spirit, the 1979-80 SFA cheerleaders set out to establish a hand symbol like other universities in hopes of unifying the students and creating enthusiasm on campus. And so, “the axe” was born. The collaborative brainchild of several cheerleaders, the symbol initially started with two fingers forming an axe. The thumb was added to not only make the symbol more unique, but also to form an “L” and a “J” when held side by side. The symbol also has been interpreted as the shape of Texas with two fingers pointing to Nacogdoches, but most of the originators of the hand symbol say it’s simply an axe. The “Axe ‘em, Jacks” symbol was introduced at the first pep rally in the fall of 1979 and was instantly embraced by students. Since then, it has become the definitive symbol of SFA pride to generations of Lumberjacks.
**Physical Distancing**

**KEEP 6 FEET BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS.**

**Face Coverings Required**

Face coverings that cover your nose and mouth are required and must be worn by all individuals on the SFA campus in all indoor public areas, including the following:

- elevators
- classrooms
- labs
- hallways
- lobbies
- restrooms
- conference and meeting rooms
- break rooms
- non-private office settings
- outdoor spaces when physical distancing of 6 feet or more cannot be reliably maintained

Floor markers are located in many areas of campus to help with physical distancing.
LUMBERJACK TRADITIONS

TOP 10 SFA TRADITIONS:

- **PURPLE LIGHTS ON STEEN HALL**
- **THE BIG DIP**
- **DECORATING AXE HANDLES**
- **HOMECOMING BONFIRE**
- **JACKS CHARGE**
- **MR. AND MISS SFA**
- **BATTLE OF THE PINERY WOODS**
- **SPRINGFEST**
- **WATERMELON BASH**
- **HOLLER @ HOMER**

**WHY IS MY HAND PURPLE?**

You’ve just participated in the Big Dip ring ceremony. The tradition is one of the final steps to becoming an SFA graduate. Students get their hands dipped in purple dye before receiving their official SFA Ring.

**HOMECOMING IS COMING!**

Usually held in October, Homecoming unites the Lumberjack community. From near and far, alumni come “home” to SFA to take part in the traditional bonfire, pep rally, downtown parade, tailgating, football game and much more. The night of the bonfire, attendees are treated to a free live concert. Past entertainment has included Frankie Ballard, Jesse McCartney and 3OH!3.

**THE AXE HANDLE**

All new students receive an axe handle at Holler @ Homer to personalize with their own representation of Lumberjack spirit. Students can be seen (and heard) banging axe handles on the bleachers at SFA football games.

**DO NOT WEAR ORANGE!**

Well, you can wear orange, if you don’t mind being scoffed at. Orange is the main school color of one of SFA’s biggest rivals, Sam Houston State University. That color is a big no-no at SFA.
THE STARS AT NIGHT ARE BIG AND ... PURPLE?

Well, the stars are actually lights, but they are purple. To help notify the SFA community of an athletic victory, purple lights have been installed on top of the Steen Hall towers and in the Baker Pattillo Student Center clock. If you’re unable to attend a game, just look to the sky, and when the lights are shining, you can rejoice! Axe ‘em!
TRADITIONS COUNCIL
This spirited group of student leaders hosts activities throughout the year that educate Lumberjacks about the rich traditions and history of our university. The hard work and efforts of Traditions Council members help connect students to important aspects of campus life and assist students in achieving the full Lumberjack experience.

BOOM!
When you attend SFA home football games, you had better bring earplugs. Each time the Lumberjacks score, Ol’ Cotton, a World War II-era cannon named after Ret. Lt. Gen. Orren R. “Cotton” Whiddon, the most senior military officer ever to graduate from SFA, is fired by the Lumberjack Battalion’s cannon crew.

JACKS CHARGE
Bring your axe handle and lead the Lumberjack football team onto the field before home games. Wear your purple and white and meet at the SFA Spirit Rock (near Hall 20) 23 minutes (in honor of SFA opening its doors in 1923) before the game. Freshman students are highlighted in the first Jacks Charge of the season, while all enrolled SFA students may join in the tradition for the remainder of the season.
WHAT'S BETTER THAN WATERMELON?
Nothing! As the temperatures rise, the Student Government Association hosts the annual Watermelon Bash during Weeks of Welcome. The event is free and is SGA's oldest-standing tradition.

STONE FORT MUSEUM
In the spring of 1779, Antonio Gil Y’Barbo led some displaced settlers back to East Texas to establish the community of Nacogdoches. They had formerly lived in western Louisiana and eastern Texas near Spanish missions. Soon after leading his wanderers to the valley of Lanana and Banita Bayous, Y’Barbo built a stone house on the northeast corner of the town square. There he conducted private and government business, so it became the civic center of the community. In 1936, a replica of the Stone Fort was rebuilt on SFA’s campus.

SPRINGFEST
Closing out the year is the last campus party of the spring semester. Springfest is sponsored by the Student Activities Association and features music, games, free food, prizes and free “stuff.” Springfest is usually held at the end of April.

SCHOOL SONG: “ALL HAIL TO SFA”
Oh future bright ‘neath the Purple and White
All hail to SFA.
‘Mid Texas pines we have Found peaceful shrines
Where ev’ry month is May.
Long live our Alma Mater, Honor to thee for aye.
As years unfold, happy Mem’ries we’ll hold, All hail to SFA.

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WHAT IS ‘SURFIN’ STEVE?’

“Surfin’ Steve” is how Lumberjacks refer to the statue/fountain of our namesake, Stephen F. Austin. It is located in the center of the campus and depicts Austin standing on a star. It’s one of the campus’ most popular landmarks and meeting locations.
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USE PUNCTUATION.
Axe ‘em Jacks!
No comma = axing our own Lumberjacks (no!)

Axe ‘em, Jacks!
AXING OUR OPPONENT (YES!)