SFA 101
Freshman Success

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Before Registration:
Step 1: Clear any holds that might have been placed on your record.
You can find out if you have a hold by logging in to mySFA and clicking the registration tab. Your holds will be located at the top of the page.
Some of the holds you may see on your mySFA account include:
- Advising Hold—You have fewer than 61 earned hours of credit
- You are on academic probation
- Financial Aid—Sign Agreement on mySFA
- Registration Hold—failure to complete parts 1 and 2 of AlcoholEdu/ and Haven.

Re: Advising Hold—Be aware that all freshmen will have an advising hold. Before you register for spring classes, as a freshman (and until you have earned 61 credit hours), you will need to be advised. Academic advising is available in the departments.

See mySFA for the name and contact information of your advisor to schedule an appointment.
The process of being advised for spring classes is simple. During advising, the advisor will take into consideration your academic progress and accomplishments made thus far. At that point, recommendation of classes for spring are made and recorded on an Advisor’s Slip. Once the session is over, your advising hold will be lifted and your advisor should check your account to notify you of other registration holds you must have taken care of before being allowed to register.

Step 2: Plan which courses you are going to take. See back page for steps on schedule planning using the Schedule Planner on mySFA.

During Registration: Students are allowed to register based on their student classification.
- Graduate– Nov 9, 7am
- Senior– Nov 10, 7am
- Junior– Nov 11, 7am
- Sophomore– Nov 12, 7am
- Freshman– Nov 13, 7am

After Registration:
Be sure to pay your bill by the given due date. Failure to pay your bill could result in you being dropped from your classes. Students are encouraged to access account information over the Internet at mySFA. Students may also contact the Business Office at (936)468-6960 concerning their financial obligation. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the Business Office concerning billing information and payment dead-

Spring Registration
Make a Difference: Be a Volunteer!

One of the best ways to feel connected to your university community is to get involved through community service. Most students that give about five hours a week to a cause they feel is worthy report a feeling of self fulfillment and perform better in many other facets of their life including class and career. If the intrinsic benefits aren’t quite motivating enough, you should know that many companies now look at volunteering as a minimum guideline for employment because of the obvious advantages it has for their employees and the community in which they operate.

If you are saying, “Okay, sounds good, but I have no idea where to volunteer”, then you should know that SFA’s Student Leadership Center has already done all of the research for you. They have contacts with dozens of volunteer organizations and services that are waiting for you to contact them, and you can participate by yourself or as a group.

If you are interested in volunteering, you should go to the SLC website at http://www.sfasu.edu/studentaffairs/97.asp where you will find a list of possible volunteer opportunities. If you need more information or can’t find what you are looking for, contact the Student Leadership Center and they can answer your questions or help you find a certain agency or volunteer opportunity.

Contact:
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Advice From A Grad Student:
“What is your favorite thing to do? Do you like reading? Fencing? Harry Potter? Agriculture? Cats? Did you know there is at least one organization on campus that involves your favorite hobby? Look online or visit the involvement center to see what organizations you may want to join! You may find something that fits your personality or something you’ve always wanted to try. Being involved comes with more benefits than you think. You have leadership and traveling opportunities. You get to meet new people that share the same interests as you. You get to add another thing to your resume. You gain and enhance leadership qualities like speaking, decision making, time management, and character. It is totally worth it! Get involved!”

-Brittnie Rakestraw, SFA 101 Grad Assistant
Involvement

About The Involvement Center

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time. Freshmen excitedly buzz about the campus buying books, finding unfamiliar classrooms and adjusting to the pace of college life. Returning students trickle in and face the familiar task of preparing for the challenges of a new academic year. Student organizations plan meetings and, through various means - start looking for new members.

Located in the lobby of Steen Residence Hall is the First-Year Advising Center or visit our Student Center location situated in the heart of our student union, both are a one-stop shopping site for involvement on campus. The program is a nerve center for student involvement on our campus, a staging location for volunteers during natural disasters, a distribution and receiving site for applications for any number of opportunities on campus and a place for involved students to meet, hang out and collaborate with other students.

Student organizations, departments and community partners are welcome to promote their upcoming activities through our office. The Involvement Center is a great place to place flyers, brochures. Please contact our office for further details!

Make an Appointment

1. Go to the Involvement Center website, where there will be a link to sign up.
2. An adviser will contact you to confirm your appointment!
3. Advising Sessions are held in Steen Office.
4. Located in the lobby of Steen Residence Hall

Questions? Call us at 936-468-1175 or email us at GetInvolved@sfasu.edu

Source: http://www.sfasu.edu/studentaffairs/69.asp
How to Use the Schedule Planner

Visit mySFA and Log In
1. Enter your username and password and click the "Login" button
2. Go to "myServices" and click on "Schedule Planner"

Follow The Directions To Plan Your Schedule

3. Add Courses For Selected Term
4. Add Breaks To Block Off Times for No Class
5. Generate Schedules
6. Click View for Schedule Options

7. When you've found a schedule you like, click the "Send To Cart" button

Registration Cart

"Register" button allows you to register for the course selected
"Add to WorkSheet" adds the CRN to the WorkSheet Registration page
"Save Cart" saves the current course in your cart
"Clear Cart" clears all courses in your cart
"Reset" button resets the information in your cart