



LUMBERJACK ORIENTATION 2023 SCHEDULE

DAY ONE — START HERE!

Please note: Student attendance is required at all Orientation sessions from 1 p.m. through the end of the day.

8 a.m.

Rusk Building, Room
328A, lobby area

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT TEST

If you were notified to take the Texas Success Initiative Assessment, you will have the opportunity to do so before student check-in begins. If you cannot attend the 8 a.m. testing time, you will have until 1 p.m. to be a walk-in. After that time, call (936) 468-3958 for availability.

PRE-ORIENTATION ELECTIVE SESSIONS

- ID cards can be made Thursday or Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8:45 to 10 a.m.	Baker Pattillo Student Center Tiered Classroom, Room 2.201	FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT PRE-ORIENTATION WORKSHOP Being a first-generation college student may come with a lot of pressure and responsibility. This optional workshop will provide information to first-generation students and family members to help prepare for college.
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to Noon	Dugas Liberal Arts North, Room 102	ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - SCHOOL OF HONORS Discover how the School of Honors membership provides a better academic experience and leads to the University Scholar degree distinction. Learn about honors courses, housing, scholarships, early registration, mentored research, study abroad and more. Check the status of your dual credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and CLEP credits with an admissions representative.
11 a.m.	Rusk Building, Room 206	TOURS OF CAMPUS Take a tour of the SFA campus and become more familiar with the locations of academic buildings and student services. <i>Note: This is a regular campus tour and is not Orientation-related.</i>
10:30 to 11 a.m. and 11:15 to 11:45 p.m.	Student Center Theater, Room 2.101	STUDENT SERVICES Learn more about residence halls, meal plan options, SFA's Post Office, student ID cards and more.
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Student Center First Floor	BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE OPEN HOUSE Stop by Barnes & Noble Bookstore to learn about cost-saving textbook options and textbook price matching.

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**10 a.m. to
12:45 p.m.**

**Student Center
First Floor**

CHECK IN

Receive your Lumberjack Orientation materials, room assignment and additional details.

If you have a **BLUE** sticker on the outside of your folder, please see the TSI table. If you have a **GREEN** sticker on your folder, please see the Residence Life information table.

Note: Lunch is not provided. We encourage you to visit one of the student center eateries.

1 to 2 p.m.

**Student Center
Grand Ballroom**

UNIVERSITY WELCOME

Welcome to SFA! Learn about the university and people who will help you create your Lumberjack experience. Special activities and various academic programs will be highlighted, and Orientation leaders will be introduced.

2:15 to 2:30 p.m.

**Various Campus
Locations**

See chart below

MEET YOUR ACADEMIC DEAN

Academic deans and staff members will make a presentation about their respective colleges. Students and family members are to attend the session that corresponds to the student's intended academic major. An academic representative from your college will provide information on academic programs, services and expectations. The following list indicates the colleges, deans and locations of the meetings.

COLLEGE	DEAN	LOCATION
Nelson Rusche College of Business	Dr. Timothy Bisping	McGee Business Building, Room 133
James I. Perkins College of Education	Dr. Judy Abbott	Student Center Twilight Ballroom
Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	Dr. Gary Wurtz	Student Center Movie Theater, Room 2.101
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	Dr. Hans Williams	Forestry Building, Room 117
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	Dr. Dustin Knepp	Student Center Grand Ballroom
College of Sciences and Mathematics	Dr. Kimberly Childs	Cole STEM Building, Atrium
Undecided Majors	Raquel Skidmore <i>Director of Student Success Center</i>	Steen Library, Wyatt Room

2:40 to 3:10 p.m. Academic Overview I

You have heard from your academic college, now let's dive a bit deeper and hear from your academic department. Learn about majors, minors and opportunities offered. The location list can be found in your folder on the **BLUE** sheet.

3:20 to 3:50 p.m. Academic Overview II

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I AND II

Please choose one breakout session for each time slot listed below.

I - 4 to 4:20 p.m. II - 4:30 to 4:50 p.m.

Student Center Grand Ballroom

CAMPUS RECREATION

Information will be presented about the many opportunities available through Campus Recreation and the Student Recreation Center. Areas of programming include intramural sports, sport clubs, fitness, wellness, aquatics, special events and outdoor pursuits. Campus Recreation also has more than 150 student employment opportunities.

Student Center, Multimedia Room 2.106

DISABILITY SERVICES

Information will be provided on services available to students with accessibility needs and how they may apply for accommodations.

Dugas Liberal Arts North, Room 102

EXPLORING STUDY ABROAD AT SFA

How can you study abroad at SFA? Visit with representatives from the Office of International Programs to learn about your options, scholarships, financial aid and to dispel some common misconceptions surrounding studying abroad.

Student Center First-Floor Atrium

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Information will be presented on the many organizations designed to meet the spiritual needs of the campus community.

Student Center Theater, Room 2.101

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

SFA has 21 fraternities and 11 sororities across four different councils. This session will cover everything you need to know about SFA's Fraternity and Sorority Life, such as joining a chapter and how much it costs to be a member.

Student Center Third-Floor Commons, Room 3.201

#JACKSGETINVOLVED

Learn about the many activities, programs and traditions offered by the Office of Student Engagement and how you can get involved on campus. Topics include Jack Camp, Student Activities Association and Student Government Association.

Bush Mathematical Sciences Building, Room 103

JACKSTEACH

JacksTeach provides a pathway to earn a four-year bachelor's degree through SFA and take your secondary teaching certification test through the Texas Education Agency. All science, technology, engineering and mathematics majors are encouraged to take our one-hour introductory course to explore teaching risk-free in a supportive environment. There also is an opportunity to earn a course-completion scholarship.

Miller Science Building, Room 139

JOINT ADMISSION MEDICAL PROGRAM - 4:30 TO 4:50 P.M. ONLY

The state of Texas provides money for undergraduate students with a desire to attend medical school after college graduation, regardless of major. The program includes tutorial and mentoring assistance. Pell-Grant-eligible students are highly encouraged to attend.

Student Center Regents' Suite B, Second Floor

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LUMBERJACK LIVING ON CAMPUS

Many aspects of living on campus will be discussed, including Residence Life, dining, safety, hall staff member roles and what it is like to live in a community on campus.

Student Center Tiered Classroom, Room 2.201

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND ASPIRE

This session will address the Office of Multicultural Affairs' role and the various programs, services and resources aimed at meeting the needs of SFA's culturally diverse student body. In addition, organizations like the Lumberjack Cultural Association, African Student Organization, Organization of Latin Americans and others will be highlighted.

Student Center, Room 3.100

ROTC

Participants can visit with staff members from SFA's Department of Military Science about leadership and scholarship opportunities.

Steen Library, Wyatt Room

STUDENT SUCCESS

The Student Success Center provides programs and services that support and encourage student success. Information will be provided about SFA's first-year student success course, peer mentoring, Generation Jacks, TSI assistance and academic advising for undecided or exploring students.

Student Center President's Suite, Second Floor

STUDENT WELL-BEING: HEALTH AND WELLNESS HUB

Academic success depends on a student's ability to look forward to achievements and confidently navigate challenges during their college years. To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person — mind, body and spirit. Representatives will tell you about the services available to SFA students and answer questions.

Student Center Veterans Resource Center, Room 1.102

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

The Veterans Resource Center is a one-stop shop for military-connected students to be certified with Veterans Affairs. They can also gather, socialize and form relationships with other military-connected students to provide networks of support that lead to feelings of inclusion at SFA. The VRC is a hub for programming efforts that can include connections with faculty and staff and access to resources provided by the university and outside agencies.

5 to 5:30 p.m.

Student Center Grand Ballroom

COURSE TYPES

Learn about the variety of course types SFA offers, including face-to-face, livestream, online and more.

STUDENTS

5:30 to 6:50 p.m.

LUMBERJACK LIFE AND DINNER WITH ORIENTATION LEADERS

See **GREEN** handout in folder for locations.

Your nametag will be required.

Basic information about university policies, procedures and life as a Lumberjack will be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to sit and talk to Orientation leaders about the college experience while enjoying dinner.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

5:30 to 5:50 p.m.

COACH YOUR STUDENT TO SUCCESS

Student Center Grand Ballroom

Learn tips on how your student can be successful at SFA and gain insight about university life. Learn new ideas on ways you can support your student during their time at SFA.

5:55 to 6:50 p.m.

Student Center Twilight Ballroom

DINNER WITH GUESTS FROM THE CITY OF NACOGDOCHES AND THE SFA PARENTS FUND

Students may order a 2022-23 Stone Fort yearbook and sign-up for Jack Camp at a table outside the Grand Ballroom before the Spirit and Traditions session.

7 to 7:40 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS Meet with Orientation leaders and university administrators for a spirit-filled session on SFA traditions.
7:40 to 7:50 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	CAMPUS SAFETY Learn about how the University Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe environment to all students, staff, faculty and guests through respectful, fair and equitable policing and community engagement.
7:50 to 8:35 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	THE GREAT ADVENTURE College life is a new experience. Orientation leaders will provide information and entertainment to help you prepare for some of the tricky issues you might encounter on your way to graduation. This session promises to be both serious and fun. <i>This session covers topics such as alcohol use, sexual misconduct, bullying and suicide, and may not be suitable for young children.</i>

STUDENTS

9 to 10 p.m.	ENTERTAINMENT Join us as Lumberjack Orientation takes over the Student Recreation Center.
Student Recreation Center	
10:15 to 11 p.m.	LUMBERJACK LIFE Students will meet with the Orientation leaders on their floors for a Q&A session to prepare students for Friday's activities.
Kerr Hall	

FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

8:45 to 10 p.m.	BINGO Parents and family members are invited to an exciting bingo game with exclusive prizes.
Student Center Lumberyard, First Floor	<i>Includes cash bar</i>

END OF DAY ONE



DAY TWO

Please note: Student attendance is required at all Orientation sessions from 8:45 a.m. through the end of the day.

6 to 8 a.m.	Student Recreation Center	OPEN RECREATION Bring your nametag for free entry into the Student Recreation Center for a morning workout.
7:30 to 8:30 a.m.	Student Center Spirit Lounge, First-Floor Atrium	COME-AND-GO CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST A continental breakfast will be served. Starbucks, located on the second floor of the student center, also will be available for purchase. <i>Your nametag is required.</i>
8:45 to 9:15 a.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	YOUR ACADEMIC VISION Welcome back for day two! During this session, you will learn about peer-to-peer assistance and instructional support for students beyond the classroom.
9:15 to 9:40 a.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	COLLEGE FINANCIAL PREPARATION General information concerning the financial aid process, the online billing system, when to expect your online bill, how to estimate your cost for the semester, payment options, how to receive a financial aid refund and credit card information will be reviewed.

STUDENTS

9:50 to 10:35 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	FOCUSED: HOW TO SEE THE FUTURE Thinking about your future can be exciting and overwhelming. The Center for Career and Professional Development is here to help students make a well-informed and strategic plan for their respective futures. This process begins with a focus on better understanding your interests. This session will teach students to do just that. You will also learn about CCPD's free services concerning career exploration, professional development, job searching and more.
Student Center Grand Ballroom	
<i>Check nametag for session assignment.</i>	

FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

9:50 to 10:35 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT: FAMILY EDITION Wondering what you can ask about your students' educational records? Engage in a Q&A session with staff members from the Office of the Registrar as they explain the difference between high school and higher education in regards to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
Student Center Twilight Ballroom	

9:50 to 10:35 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCE FAIR Come learn about getting involved and what campus resources are available to all Lumberjacks.
Student Center Spirit Lounge, First-Floor Atrium	

**11:40 a.m. to
12:40 p.m.**

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do not leave with unanswered questions. This is your opportunity to ask a representative of your academic college any questions you have. Did you miss pre-advising? No worries. We will cover pre-advising during this session for students only.

ELLECTIVE SESSIONS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Student Center
Graphic Shop**

ID CARDS

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Student Center
Information Desk**

*You may turn in your
nametag holder here.*

CHECK OUT

Turn in your room key at the student center information desk. You will be charged \$70 if your key is not returned on Friday. In addition, any room damages will be charged to your student bill. Trash bags must be placed outside your door. Thanks, and axe 'em!

12:50 to 2:30 p.m.

Steen Library

*You may turn in your
nametag holder here.*

COMPLETE CLASS REGISTRATION

Didn't complete course registration prior to Orientation? No worries — visit the Steen Library and Orientation leaders will assist you at one of our computer labs.

12:50 to 2:30 p.m.

**Student Center
Spirit Lounge,
First-Floor Atrium**

*You may turn in your
nametag holder here.*

T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY

Complete the Orientation survey, turn in plastic nametag holders, and grab a T-shirt.

12:50 to 2:30 p.m.

**Various Campus
Locations**

TOURS

- Self-guided campus tours
- Self-guided residence hall tours
- Library/Academic Assistance and Resource Center tours

END OF DAY TWO