

# YOUR GUIDE

VIRTUAL "GO" ORIENTATION



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HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

GETTING READY  
FOR HBU

## YOUR CHECK LIST

We have moved all orientations virtually. We know that it can be knowing what to do next. The items below must be complete before you start classes this fall. Don't forget! All final transcripts must be submitted by August 1, 2020

### COMPLETE & SUBMIT:

- ☐ Online Orientation Module (Blackboard)
- ☐ Meningitis vaccination form & shot record
- ☐ Parking Permit/Waiver
- ☐ Final High School Transcript
- ☐ Dual Credit Transcripts (if applicable)
- ☐ Final College Transcript
- ☐ Request AP/IB scores to be sent
- ☐ Register for Welcome Days

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ☐ ON-LINE "GO" ORIENTATION MODULES:

All new incoming freshmen and transfers will have the chance to complete their on-line module for orientation. You can access these on **HBU.edu/blackboard**.

### ☐ HUSKY DRIVE IN: TOUR AND BLOCK PARTY

Drive in & Drive Thru: Wed, June 10 & June 17  
The party must go on even if orientation is virtual. 4:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m. We are hosting a drive in drive thru! Drive thru and pick up your FREE Chick-fil-A, HBU swag bag filled with all things HBU, music and a drive in movie. All from the safety of your car! Drive up to meet our HBU orgs, Greek life and resources. We will have a live DJ and so much more! You can register at **HBU.edu/orientation**.

### ☐ MANDATORY: "GO" ORIENTATION SESSIONS:

We have created live on-line sessions that will cover, Welcome, Financial Aid, Tuition and Payments and Campus Safety and Expectations. Every new incoming student is required to attend their live sessions. Don't worry they are only 30 minutes.

### ☐ CONNECTION ONLINE SESSIONS:

Were created to help you navigate the everything from residence life, spiritual life and support services.

### ☐ WELCOME DAYS: AUGUST 21-23

Welcome Days is a three-day extended orientation program that takes place all around campus. Welcome Days is led by HBU students who are passionate about making the first year at HBU a success for the freshmen and transfers. Please go to **HBU.edu/welcomedays** to register.

### ☐ ADVISING & CLASS REGISTRATION

Due to COVID-19 all freshman students who have NOT registered for classes will have their schedules pre-built for the fall. You will have the opportunity to view your schedule on Huskynet by June 1. If you have submitted dual credit or AP/IB credit in advance, it was taken into consideration when building your fall schedule. Don't worry you request a schedule change **HBU.edu/schedule change**. **Note: Transfer Students will meet with an advisor and register online during Transfer Orientation session**

### ☐ FERPA

FERPA is short for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Among many other topics, FERPA gives college students 18 and over the right to decide who has access to their educational records. The enclosed FERPA Release Form must be completed if you would like your parents to be able to discuss financial matters and clear Financial Aid during GO without your presence. In addition, you have the ability to select what type of information that you would like your parents to be able to access (academic, financial, etc.). FERPA is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education.

### ☐ MENINGITIS

You must submit the enclosed HBU Meningitis Vaccine Form and proof of vaccination or waiver at or before your GO session. Texas law mandates that all new college students under the age of twenty-two (22) have the Meningitis Vaccine within the last 5 years. This means you are not allowed to attend classes or live on campus until sufficient proof has been received by the university at least 10 days prior to move-in or first day of classes.

### ☐ TUITION & PAYMENTS

Everyone will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with one of our financial aid representatives during GO to ensure you and your family are prepared to pay for college. You are not required to make a payment at GO. However you will have several options to assist in the payment process including: registering for a payment plan and applying for loans. **If you have not completed a FAFSA, please do so prior to Orientation.** Included in this envelope is a packet outlining your statement and any missing forms. Please read this carefully and complete all forms (if noted) in order to be most prepared for your visit. Students must be paid in full or signed up for a payment plan by August 17th.

### ☐ MATH PLACEMENT 2020-2021

Do you have AP/IB or Dual Credit for math? Is your major Business, Mathematics, Science, Engineering, Nursing or Undecided if so, please be sure to submit your scores and transcripts so your credit may be given before class registration?