



2020 Virtual Orientation Policies & FAQs

Exemptions

An exemption is defined as a justifiable excuse, with documentation, to not attend a virtual orientation date. All incoming students are required to attend online orientation unless the student has an approved exemption request by the Office of Admissions. Please see below for information on requesting an exemption.

Exemptions from a virtual orientation:

Students can request an exemption from attending a virtual New Student Orientation under certain circumstances. All exemptions will be reviewed and granted on a case-by-case basis. To request an exemption, at least one of the following must apply:

1. Student will be completing an online-only degree program.
2. Student will be a non-degree seeking, transient, AND is not planning to transition to a degree seeking student.
3. Student has a documented medical condition spanning the entirety of the offered orientation dates, which prevents them from attending any online orientation date.

All students interested in requesting an exemption must email GO@hbu.edu with a subject line containing their legal name, H number, and EXEMPTION.

**Students in these exemption categories will be required to provide documentation and complete alternate orientation.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. I am a transfer student. Can I attend Freshmen Orientation?** No, Transfer students are encouraged to attend our Transfer GO sessions. Please visit hbu.edu/GO for more details.
- 2. I am a Transfer student. Do I need to attend GO if I attended Pre-Registration?** No, if you attended a Pre-Registration session you are not required to attend a Transfer GO session. However, we encourage you to attend a Transfer GO session to meet other incoming transfer students.
- 3. What do I need to complete for Freshmen Orientation?** Please visit hbu.edu/GO and see Your Guide to "GO" Orientation
- 4. Do I need to complete the Freshmen and Transfer Online Orientation Blackboard Courses?** Yes, all students are required to go to hbu.edu/blackboard and complete the course.
- 5. Are the online connect sessions mandatory on Day 2?** The sessions are not mandatory, but they are recommended.

6. Will freshmen students get advised for classes? No, Advisors have taken into consideration our incoming students and have personally prepared a tailored made schedule just for you. If you have any questions or concerns you will have the opportunity to connect with your Advisor. You can also send changes to hbu.edu/schedulechange.

What entrance do I enter for the Husky Drive In & Drive Thru?

We recommend entering campus through **entrance #1** off of Fondren and Sharpview. Please see the campus map link below. https://www.hbu.edu/publications/CampusMap/HBU_CampusMap.pdf.

How do I get to campus?

From the North (I-45)

- Come into Houston on I-45 South
- Take the Highway 59 South exit
- Take the Bellaire/Fondren exit
- Go straight, through the first light (Bellaire)
- Turn left at the second light (Fondren)
- Turn right through the main gates at HBU

From the North (I-59)

- Come into Houston on Highway 59 South
- Take the Bellaire/Fondren exit
- Go straight, through the first light (Bellaire)
- Turn left at the second light (Fondren)
- Turn right through the main gates at HBU

From the West (I-10)

- Come into Houston on I-10 East
- Take the Loop 610 South exit
- Take the Highway 59 South exit
- Take the Bellaire/Fondren exit
- Go straight, through the first light (Bellaire)
- Turn left at the second light (Fondren)
- Turn right through the main gates at HBU

From the East (I-10)

- Come into Houston on I-10 West
- Take the Highway 59 South exit
- Take the Bellaire/Fondren exit

- Go straight, through the first light (Bellaire)
- Turn left at the second light (Fondren)
- Turn right through the main gates at HBU

From Bush Intercontinental Airport

- Follow signs to Highway 59 South
- Follow directions above for “From the North (I-59)

How do I cancel or reschedule an orientation?

Within the confirmation email you receive after registering for GO, there is a link you can click on to change or edit your confirmation. You can also contact our Admissions Office to make changes at 281-649-3003.

Is there a fee for guests during the Husky Drive In & Drive Thru?

There is not a fee for Chick-Fil-A we are serving at the Husky Drive In & Drive Thru.

Can I have a friend/sibling/family member join me on Virtual GO?

Parents and guardians are welcome at all orientation online sessions and, there is a special session for parents and guardians.