

GO GUIDE



**GETTING READY FOR
YOUR GO SESSION**

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HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

The following items must be completed before you leave campus. Bring your completed list to check-out to receive your student ID & HBU GO Giveaway! **Don't forget! All final transcripts must be submitted by August 1st, 2021**

TO TURN IN:

- Meningitis vaccination form & shot record
- FERPA form (HUSKYNET)
- Parking Permit (HUSKYNET)
- Final High school Transcript
- Dual Credit college Transcript
- Request AP/IB scores to be sent

GO ACTIVITIES:

- Step 1: Check-in
- Step 2: Turn in Liability Waivers/Photo Release/
Bacterial Meningitis Forms
- Step 3: Schedule Financial Aid Appointment
- Step 4: Complete Residence Life On-Campus
Housing or Off-Campus Petition
- Step 5: Sign-up for Welcome Days
- Step 6: Pick up room keys/wristbands for meals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 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.

TRANSCRIPTS/TEST SCORES

You are required to submit your final high school transcript stating your graduation date by **August 1st**. It can be sent by the school directly to The Office of Admissions, or you can bring it in a sealed envelope to your GO session. In addition, if you have completed any dual credit courses either through your high school or on a college campus, you must submit the final transcript showing all completed courses from the college. Lastly, if you took any AP, CLEP, or IB exams, your official scores must be submitted to HBU in order to be reviewed for credit.

MATH PLACEMENT 2021-2022

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.

If you don't have credit mentioned above, you must take the ALEKS math placement assessment in order to be placed into a mathematics course. As a reminder SAT and ACT scores cannot be used for placement into MATH 1313 (College Algebra).

If your major is not listed above, and you have a MATH SAT score of 530 or higher or an ACT MATH score of 22 or higher, you may register for MATH 1305. If you don't have these scores, you must take the ALEKS math placement. Visit HBU.edu/GO for more details.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT

The first English course on all degree plans is ENGL 1313: Composition I. However, if a student does not meet one of the prerequisites for ENGL 1313, they must take ENGL 1303: Basic Grammar and Composition and pass it before taking ENGL 1313. Traditionally, only SAT and ACT scores have been used for placement. However, with students choosing "Test Optional" this year, additional placement options have been added. Below are the prerequisites for ENGL 1313. If a student meets ANY ONE of these requirements, they are eligible to enroll in ENGL 1313. For Placement into ENGL 1313:

- SAT EBRW (Evidence Based Reading and Writing) Score of 570+
- ACT English Score of 22+
- CLT (Classical Learning Test) Total Score of 75+
- Student earned a "B" (or higher) final grade in AP, IB High Level, or Honors English on their high school transcript
- Student earned an "A" in their SENIOR year English Course on their high school transcript
- Accuplacer Next Gen Reading score of 253+ AND a Writing Score of 253+ or and a WritePlacer Score of 5+
- TSIA Reading Score of 351+ AND Writing Score of 340+ AND Essay Score of 5+

- TSIA2 score of 945+ on the ELAR CRC (English Language Arts and Reading Section of the College Readiness Classification) Test AND an Essay score of 5+
- Transfer credit for ENGL 1303

If a student does not meet any of the above requirements, they may enroll in ENGL 1303, or they may sign up to take the Accuplacer Next Gen exam. The exam is offered on HBU's campus and must be taken in-person. The cost of the **exam is \$25** and students can register at hbu.edu/testing.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Each student who has not previously registered for classes will have the opportunity to meet with an Academic Advisor to select a class schedule. You will have the opportunity to view your schedule after you have completed class registration in the computer lab rotation at GO. If you have submitted dual credit or AP/IB credit in advance, it will be taken into consideration when meeting with your academic advisor.

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.**

LIABILITY/WAIVER FORMS

Please complete the following forms within this packet, and submit them to the Admission's table once you arrive at GO during check - in. **If you are under the age of 18, please have your parent sign the forms.**

WHERE & WHAT

WHERE TO STAY

FRESHMAN: All incoming students will be staying in the Freshman Village residence halls on campus. All students attending a 2-Day Freshmen Orientation must spend the night at orientation. The overnight portion of the program has been specifically designed to give you a chance to become familiar with campus and meet your peers. If for some reason you are not able to stay on campus, you must notify us prior to your Orientation session by emailing GO@hbu.edu.

PARENTS: On-campus housing is not provided for families. If you will be needing accommodations, please visit www.hbu.edu/Orientation for our special hotel rates.

WHAT TO BRING

Make sure you arrive to GO wearing comfortable clothes. We have lots of fun activities planned all over campus, so comfort is key! While it is going to be HOT outside, our buildings are often cold! You may want to bring a light jacket for the indoor sessions.

Overnight Items:

- Pillow, sleeping bag &/or twin XL bed linens/blanket
- Toiletries & bath towel
- Change of clothes for day 2
- Tennis shoes for the campus activities
- Money for snacks or goodies at the Bookstore

Completed Forms:

- Liability Form (included)
- Financial Arrangements Sheet
- Meningitis Form
- FERPA Form (Huskynet)
- Final high school transcripts and/or test scores with graduation date
- Parking Pass registration form (Huskynet)
- Final College transcript (if applicable)

PARENTS & FAMILIES

We love to have parents attend GO! In order to best accommodate work schedules, the majority of parent activities occur on day 1. You and your student will have the opportunity to meet and greet with staff from across campus and meet with financial services.

Our goal is to answer any questions you may have about sending your student to HBU. Please note that lunch is free for new Huskies and \$8 for parents and other guests. Payment will be taken during check-in, either cash or card.

NEW HUSKY SESSIONS

FOUR YEARS, FOREVER

College can be the most important four years of your life. Learn how the unique traditions, experiences and opportunities at HBU will enrich and impact not only your today, but your forever.

RESIDENCE LIFE – IT WILL DEFINE YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE!

Nowhere else on a college campuses can you replicate the environment that is residential living. Engaging with peers from different backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives in a life-on-life context dramatically influences and shapes your experience while journeying through college. Come find out what Residence Life at HBU is all about, how to get plugged in, connected, reserve your spot, and get any questions you may have answered!

COMMUTER LIFE – YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

When students actively participate on campus they spend more time engaging in school related activities as well as scholastic requirements. Learn from the Commuter Life staff on the opportunities commuting students have to engage with other faculty, staff, and student peers on campus. Experience first-hand what is The Collegium and how it can be your home away from home. Here commuting students have many of the same comforts they have at home, including a rich ambiance with a quiet reading area for study while also providing a place for students to socialize.

COMMUNITY LIFE & WORSHIP:

Join us for a special time of worship with our student-led worship band, Refuge, and a brief devotional from one of our Spiritual Life staff members.

DAWGS UP LIGHTS OUT

DJ, Food, Group Games, Minute to Win It Games, Prizes, Photo Booth, Hungry, Hungry, Huskies: Interactive Game

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

SUMMER LAUNCH: JULY 7TH- JULY 11TH

Additional support is offered to first generation students through the Summer Launch program (July 7-11). This is a 4-day program designed to help first generation students make friends with other incoming students, gain familiarity with HBU's campus and staff, and learn some practical skills that will help make them successful students. Sign-ups will be available at each Orientation.

EMBARK: JULY 12TH - 16TH

HBU Embark strives to equip college-bound students to defend their faith and grow in their personal, spiritual, and social lives. Website: hbu.edu/embark

THE ODYSSEY: WWW.HBU.EDU/ODYSSEY FOR UPDATES

HBU Campus Recreations The Odyssey is an exciting outdoor adventure created just for incoming freshmen! It is a great opportunity to jump start your journey at HBU through building authentic relationships by meeting current student leaders, HBU faculty/staff, and learning all about the HBU community.

Through a new exciting partnership with Camp Eagle, in Rocksprings TX, a fun filled and epic retreat has been created just for The Odyssey. We will enjoy the great outdoors through hiking, zip lining, and hanging out by the water. Of course no outdoor experience is complete until we spend time by the camp fire enjoying smore's!

The price is \$130. Secure your spot today! Space is limited! Go to www.hbu.edu/odyssey for online registration. For questions contact Campus Rec at campusrec@hbu.edu or 281.649.3103. Follow HBU Campus Rec on Facebook and Instagram!

WELCOME DAYS: AUGUST 27TH - 29TH

Welcome days is a free 3-day extended orientation experience on campus designed to prepare students for their transition to HBU. It is an exciting experience that is **highly encouraged** for all new students to learn and engage in the Husky community. At Welcome days you will build friendships with future classmates and experience the deep traditions of HBU, or one of the best traditions to kick off your HBU first year experience!



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