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# GO >>> GUIDE

GETTING READY FOR  
YOUR GO SESSION







## >>> ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

The items below 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, 2023**

### TO TURN IN:

- ☑ Meningitis vaccination form & shot record
- ☑ FERPA form (HUSKYNET)
- ☑ Parking Permit (HUSKYNET)
- ☑ Request AP/IB scores to be sent
- ☑ Final College Transcripts

### 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 tickets 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 (23) 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

You are required to submit your final college transcripts from all colleges attended by **August 1st**. Transcripts can be sent by the school directly to The Office of Admissions, or you can bring in

a sealed envelope to your GO session. If you took any AP, CLEP, CLT, or IB exams, your official scores must be submitted to HBU in order to be reviewed for credit.

### ☐ MATH PLACEMENT 2023

Do you have AP/IB or college 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 23 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](http://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 23+
- 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 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](http://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. Your prior college work 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

**STUDENTS & PARENTS:** On-campus housing is not provided for families. If you will be needing accommodations, please visit [www.hbu.edu/Orientation](http://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.

#### *Completed Forms:*

- ☑ Liability Form (included)
- ☑ Meningitis Form
- ☑ FERPA Form (Huskynet)
- ☑ Parking Pass registration form (Huskynet)
- ☑ Final College transcripts

### PARENTS & FAMILIES

We love to have parents attend GO! 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.

## >>> SUMMER PROGRAMMING

### EMBARK: JULY 11TH - 15TH

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](http://hbu.edu/embark)

### THE ODYSSEY: [WWW.HBU.EDU/ODYSSEY](http://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](http://www.hbu.edu/odyssey) for online registration. For questions contact Campus Rec at [campusrec@hbu.edu](mailto:campusrec@hbu.edu) or 281.649.3103. Follow HBU Campus Rec on Facebook and Instagram!

### WELCOME DAYS: AUGUST 26TH - 28TH

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 experience!



A blue-tinted photograph of three students sitting around a table outdoors, studying. One student is writing in a notebook, another is looking at a book, and the third is smiling. The background shows trees and a building.

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**TRANSFER  
SCHEDULE**



# TIME

# DESCRIPTION

# LOCATION

**8:00 AM–8:45 AM**

**Check-In**

Receive your GO materials and learn about any holds that may prevent you from enrollment. Get your first of many blue and orange t-shirts!

**HINTON LOBBY**

**Meningitis Submission**

If you have your bacterial meningitis shot records, you may submit documentation to have this hold released.

**Final college transcripts submission**

Bring any final transcripts that have not been submitted.

**8:45 AM–9:00 AM**

**Welcome To Houston Baptist University**

Our Transfer Mentors are excited to meet you and welcome you to the Pack!

**DILLON II**

**9:00 AM–9:45 AM**

**The Husky Journey: Now You've Transferred**

Join the Office of Student Life as they discuss campus life, what it means to be a Husky, campus safety, Title IX and your rights as a student.

**DILLON II**

**9:45 AM–10:30 AM**

**The Wheel: Financial Aid and Literacy**

The Financial Aid and Student Financial Services teams are here to help you navigate the process of paying for your HBU education. This includes everything from applying for aid and paying your bill.

**DILLON II**

**10:30 AM– 11:00 AM**

**Invitation to A Higher Education**

Our Department of Student Success is excited to share with you all the ways we are equipping students to develop support systems through various programs and services.

**DILLON II**

## NEW HUSKY SESSIONS

**11:00 AM–11:45 AM**

**Blackboard, Huskynet, and more...**

Our Transfer Mentors will share helpful information regarding academic advising and how to register for courses. This session will provide the opportunity to ask important questions about transitioning to HBU.

**DILLON I**

**11:45 AM–12:45 PM**

**I'm all INVolved! Organization Fair**

Meet with representatives from Veteran Services, organizations, and support services to discuss the benefits of getting involved and learn about the resources available to support you during your college career.

**MD ANDERSON**

**12:00 PM– 12:45 PM**

**Husky to Husky Lunch**

Join our Transfer Mentors for lunch and discussion about what it means to be a Transfer student at HBU. Parents and family cost is \$8 per person, new Huskies eat free!

**MD ANDERSON**



# TIME

# DESCRIPTION

# LOCATION

12:45 PM-1:25 PM

## Enroll 101: Preparing to enroll

Join the Office of Admissions & Advising as we cover what to expect during your advising and registration meetings.

MABEE THEATER

1:30 PM-5:00 PM

## Academic Advising & Class Registration

Students will meet with their academic advisor, register for courses, and hear from the Financial Aid and Cashier's Office about tuition, fees, and payments.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

## Parent and Family Programs

If you have a child that is attending HBU, join our Office of Parent Engagement and Department of Student Success for ways for you to support your Husky.

THE COLLEGIUM

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

## Check-Out

Once you have completed your advising and registration, don't forget to check out with the Office of Admissions to ensure that you have completed all of your steps before leaving.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS  
(HUSKY CENTRAL)

## Take ID Photo.

This is your final step, pick up your Husky ID to make it official.

MOODY LIBRARY

## Register your Vehicle

Bring your license plate number, state, year and vehicle make, model and color.

MD ANDERSON

## Financial Aid/Tuition & Payments Appointments

Still have questions or need an appointment? Visit your financial aid advisor or the student financial services department to determine what final steps you need to complete verification, sign up for a payment plan, and accept your student aid.

DILLON I/II



## NEW HUSKY REMINDERS

- ✓ Pick up your Husky ID card at Check-out in MD Anderson
- ✓ Purchase/Order your Textbooks! Visit the HBU Bookstore located in MD Anderson Student Center.
- ✓ Be prepared to pay or make plans to pay your tuition and fee bill.
- ✓ Register your vehicle or waive it if you are not bringing a car to campus.





Visit us at [hbu.edu/orientation](https://hbu.edu/orientation)



A blue-tinted photograph of three nursing students sitting on a couch, playing cards. The student on the right is wearing a t-shirt that says "HBU NURSING" with a stethoscope graphic. The student in the middle is wearing glasses and a t-shirt with a logo. The student on the left is also smiling. They are all holding cards. In the foreground, there is a coffee table with more cards and a box.

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# **ORIENTATION POLICIES & FAQs**



## >>> EXEMPTIONS

An exemption is defined as a justifiable excuse, with documentation, to not attend an in-person orientation date. All incoming students are **required** to attend in-person orientation unless the student has an exemption request approved by the Office of Admissions. Please see below for information on requesting an exemption. The orientation matriculation fee is **non-refundable** even if a student is unable to attend in person.

Exemptions from an in-person orientation:

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

All students interested in requesting an exemption must email [GO@hbu.edu](mailto: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.*

## OVERNIGHT EXEMPTIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

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

1. Students have documented medical conditions prohibiting them from staying overnight in the residence hall.
2. Student's religious beliefs do not allow them to stay overnight in the residence hall.

All students interested in requesting an exemption or needing accommodation must email [GO@hbu.edu](mailto:GO@hbu.edu) with a subject line containing their legal name, H number, and OVERNIGHT EXEMPTION.

## >>> DISTANCE ADVISING

Distance Advising is available to students who are unable to attend an in-person orientation before their intended semester of enrollment. All requests for Distance Advising will be reviewed and granted with proof of one of the following circumstances. Students being advised at a distance must attend a virtual orientation.

1. Student lives outside a 250-mile radius of HBU (Houston Baptist University)
2. You have an already booked trip during ALL orientation session dates.

All students who request Distance Advising must show documentation to confirm their inability to attend an in-person orientation. Acceptable forms of documentation include address confirmation, a confirmed airline ticket, and rental car confirmation.

All students interested in requesting Distance Advising must register for distance advising through the email sent after depositing.

*\*We reserve the right to deny a student's Distance Advising for orientation without sufficient documentation of need.*

## >>> FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ? WHERE CAN I PARK?

We recommend entering campus through **entrance #2** from Fondren. You are welcome to park in lots 3, 4, as well as lot 6. Please see the campus map link below. [https://www.hbu.edu/publications/CampusMap/HBU\\_CampusMap.pdf](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 KNOW WHERE TO GO ON CAMPUS?**

We recommend entering campus through entrance #2 from Fondren. You will then go straight to the stop sign and turn right into parking lot #6. The Morris Cultural Arts Center will be on your immediate right. The map is attached. [https://www.hbu.edu/publications/CampusMap/HBU\\_CampusMap.pdf](https://www.hbu.edu/publications/CampusMap/HBU_CampusMap.pdf)

## **? WHY AM I REQUIRED TO STAY OVERNIGHT? WHAT IF I LIVE IN TOWN AND/OR I AM NOT PLANNING TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?**

All students attending a 2-Day Freshmen Orientation must spend the night on campus. The overnight portion of the program has been specifically designed to give you a chance to become familiar with campus and meet your peers. Through various planned academic and social activities, you will experience a taste of college, and the overnight stay will ensure that you are on time for the second day's early start.

## **? WHERE DO GUESTS STAY?**

We are not able to offer housing to your family members and guests. Guests accompanying you can take advantage of the overnight accommodation we suggest or make reservations at any of the surrounding hotels in the area. For more information, please visit <https://hbu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit-hbu/area-hotels/>.

## **? 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?**

Yes, there is an \$8 fee for guests attending Freshmen Orientation who will eat lunch with you here on campus. The preferred method of payment is cash or credit card.

## **? CAN I BRING MY FRIEND/ SIBLING/FAMILY MEMBER WITH ME TO GO?**

Parents and guardians are welcome at all orientations and, if attending, will follow a separate schedule of events for some sessions. Because of the nature of the program, it is not appropriate for anyone except parents/guardians or spouses to attend as a guest. If a friend or sibling accompanies you, they must follow the Family & Guest programming schedule. No guests under the age of 18 can follow the Family & Guest programming schedule.

The exception would be an older sibling who is acting in a guardian capacity; however, in this case, the sibling would attend the Family & Guest Orientation and would not be with you during any time parents and students are not ordinarily together.



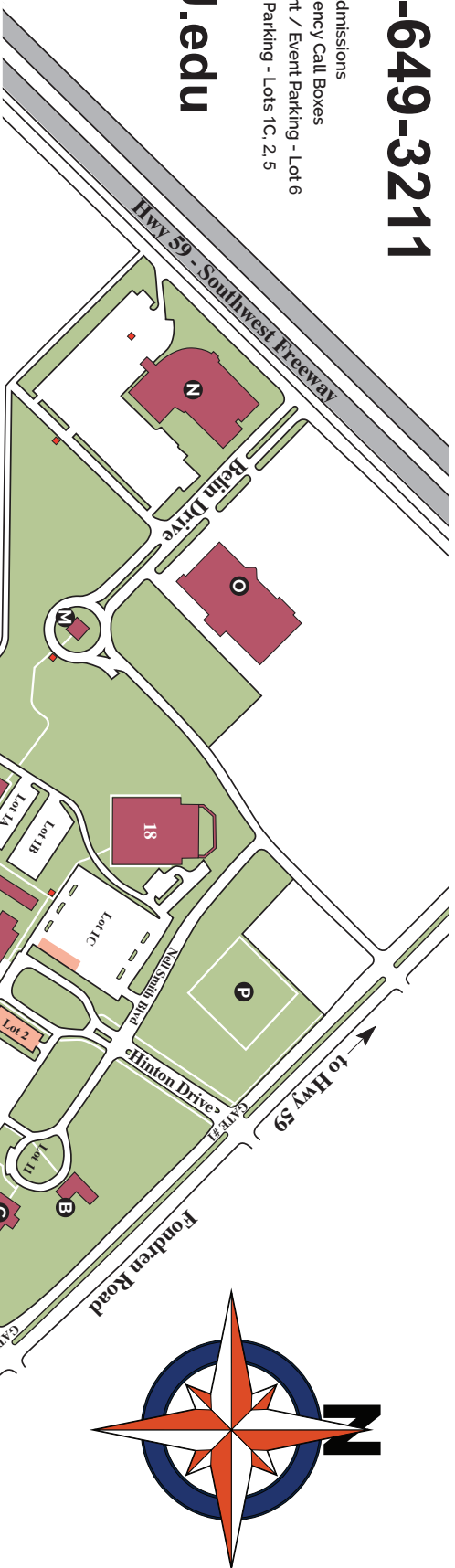




281-649-3211

- ★ HBU Admissions
- Emergency Call Boxes
- Student / Event Parking - Lot 6
- Visitor Parking - Lots 1C, 2, 5

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## Departments

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Advancement / Alumni	③	International and Veteran Service Center	20
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College of Education and Behavioral Science	2	Robert Griswold Finance and Analytics Lab	2
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College of Engineering	9	School of Fine Arts	18
Dining Services	20	School of Nursing and Allied Health	13
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## Facilities

Atwood I	8	Cullen Parlor	13	Hodo Residence College	11	McNair Hall	1	Philips Residence College for Women 17
Atwood II	9	Contemporary Art Gallery	18	Holcombe Mall	①	M.D. Anderson Student Center	5	Sharp Gymnasium
Baseball Field	⑥	Denham Hall	7	Husky Village Apartments	②	West Wing Residence for Women	17A	Softball Field
Baugh Center (Cafeteria)	20	Dillon I and II	2	Java City	④	Moody Library	14	Sortris Soccer Fields
Belin Chapel	1	Dunham Bible Museum	1	Lawrence Park	④	Morris Cultural Arts Center	1	University Academic Center
Bradshaw Fitness Center	①	Dunham Football Field	③	Learning Commons	14	Morris House	③	University Annex
Brown Administrative Complex	5, 6, 7	Fine Arts Museum	18	Looser Fountains	④	Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts	1	University Bookstore
Collegium	5	Glasscock Center	3	Lucy McBride Practice Area (HBU Golf)	④	Operations	15	Southern History Museum
Cullen Science Center	12	Hinton Center	2	Mabee Teaching Theater	④	Philips Residence College for Men	16	Volleyball Courts
Cullen Nursing Center	13	Hinton House	③		10			





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