

# New Student Services

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New Student Services (NSS) assists in the successful transition of the University's incoming and first-year students by coordinating programs that promote a sense of belonging, engagement and academic success.

## Orientation

NSS oversees and coordinates orientation for incoming freshman and transfer undergraduate students at the beginning of each fall, spring, and summer school terms. Student orientation programs are designed to aid in the transition of newly admitted undergraduate students into the academic, cultural, and social climate of the University. New Student Services serves new freshman and transfer students by: acclimating them to the campus and surrounding community; providing information and assistance concerning academic policies, procedures, requirements, and class registration; serving as a campus information and referral agent; and hosting opportunities for campus offices and organizations to interact with new students through programs and events. NSS strives to provide a holistic, encompassing student development approach to new student programming to achieve goals that ultimately support the missions of NSS, its division and the University. Program fees provide the budget for student programs and services coordinated by the unit.

## Transition and Year-Round Initiatives

In addition to orientation, NSS coordinates various programs and initiatives that help students in their transition to the University and throughout their academic careers. These initiatives include, but are not limited to first-generation student programs; autism spectrum and neurodiversity support for students which includes education and awareness training for faculty and staff; new student welcome programs including Longhorn Welcome; Bevo Buddy; and Horns Helping Horns, for students who are coming to the University with no familial support, had experience with the foster care system, homelessness, or being an emancipated minor.