College Information

Post High School Options

•Military •Work •2 Year School Basics then transfer Two year degree •4 Year College or University

Education Income Level

Professional Degree \$119,343 • Doctorate Degree \$93,593 • Master's Degree \$68,302 Bachelor's Degree \$56,740 • Associate Degree \$39,662 • High School Diploma \$31,664 • No High School Diploma \$23,612 A college graduate can earn up to **\$1 million** more than a person with a high school diploma.

Military

ROTC

- Scholarship based on ability and grades
- College funding
- Reserves
- Enlist
 - High school graduate
 - College assistance
- Reserves
 - Part-time military
 - College assistance

2 Year School

• Community College

- Tuition and fees based on residency
- Core classes
- Associates degrees
- Certifications
- Junior College
 - Athletic teams
 - Core Classes
 - Associates degrees
 - Certifications

 Trade or Technical School

- Certifications
- Focused Curriculum
- Community/State
 School
- Proprietary School

4 Year School

- PrivatePublic
 - In State
 - Out of State

Freshman admission
Transfer admission
Bachelors degree and higher

College/University Information

Where do I want to go?

How do I get in?

How do I pay for college?

Where Do I Want To Go?

• Develop a wish list

- Reach
 - Colleges where your chances of gaining admission are less than 50/50.
- Target
 - Colleges where the likelihood of your admission is within range.
- Likely

Colleges where you are confident that you will be admitted.

Where Do I Want To Go?

- Location
 - Urban or Rural
- Distance
 - Transportation
- Size
- Large, Medium, Small
 Public vs Private
 - Cost
 - Religious Affiliation

- Course of Study
 - Areas of interest
- Activities
 - Intramural Sports
 - Social Organizations
 - Cultural Events

How Do I Get In?

Types of Admissions
Required Testing
Application Procedures
Financial Aid/Scholarships

Types of Admissions

Open Enrollment

- 2 Year Schools
- No entry test required
- High School Graduate

• Automatic Admit

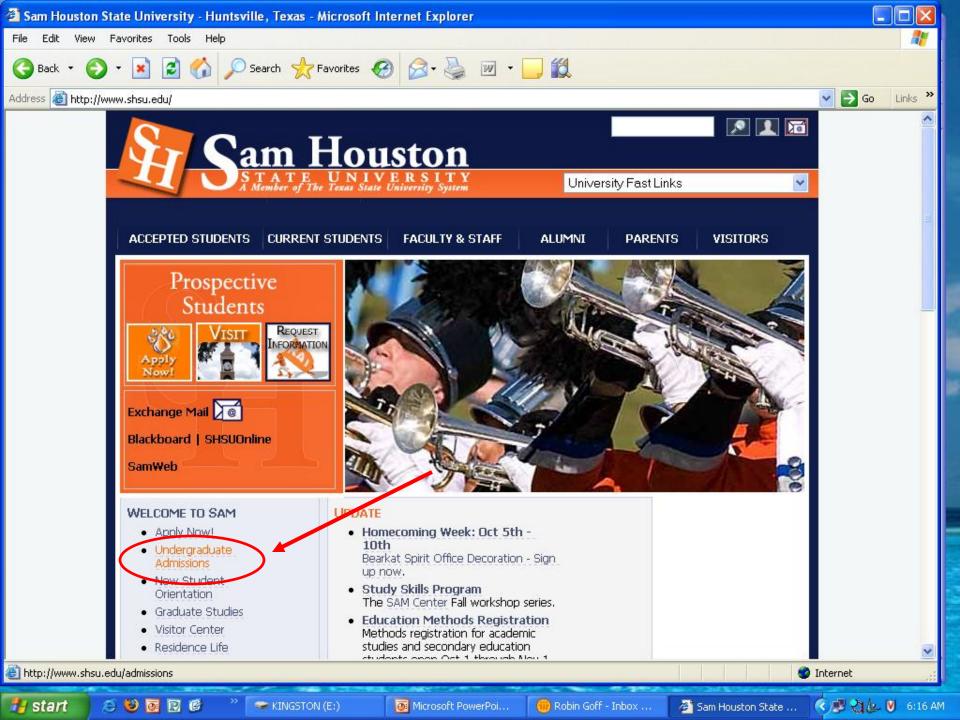
- Top 10% of Graduating Class
- Automatic Academic Admit
 - Rank + Test Scores (SAT/ACT)

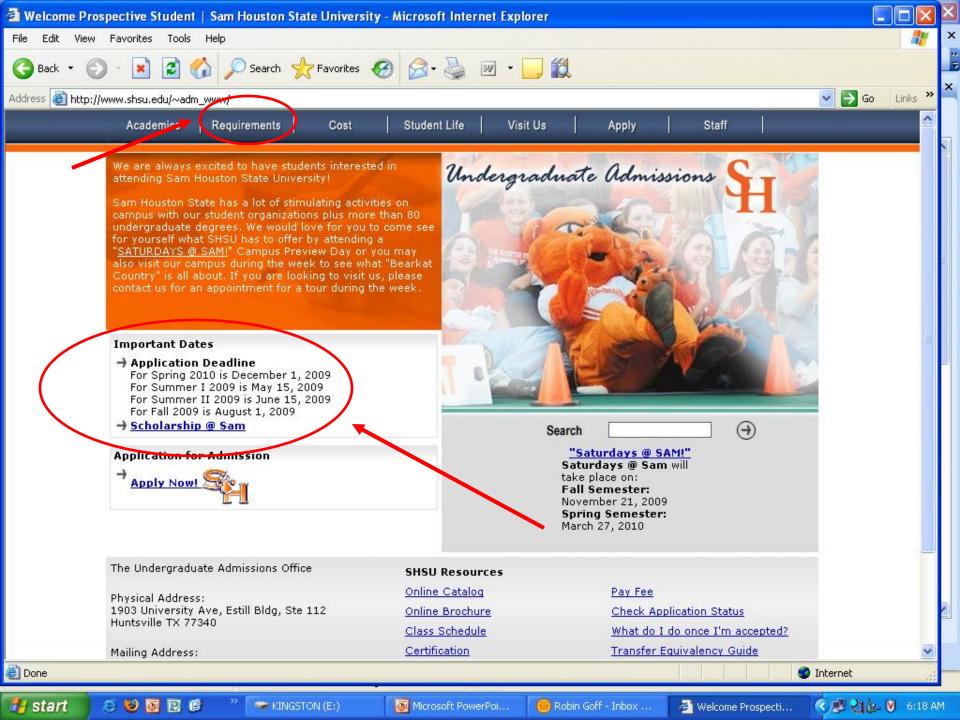
• Selective/Holistic

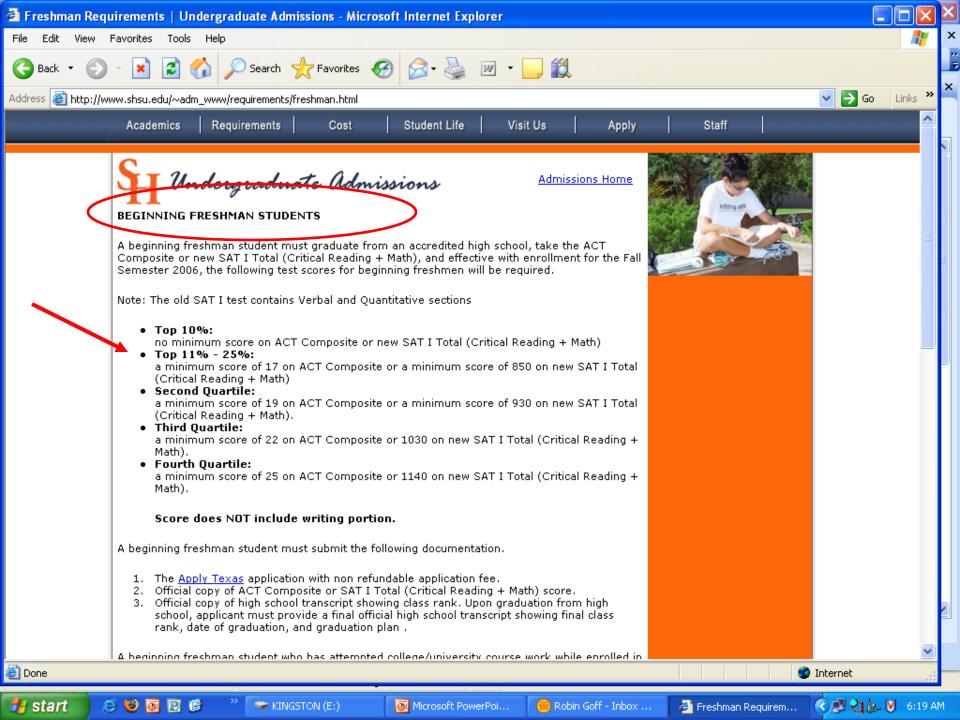
- No specific required test scores or rank
- What can you bring to the campus
- Review
 - Did not meet Academic Admit
 - What can you bring to the campus
 - Special Circumstances

Examples of College Choices

		Likely	Target	Reach
Student A		SFA	Univ. of	Texas A & M; Univ. of Texas
Student B	1400 Rdg/Math SAT; 1st Quarter; 3.8 GPA; Depth in Activities	Texas A & M; Texas Tech	Baylor; SMU	Vanderbilt; Rice







Testing

• TAKS/STAAR

SAT

- Critical Reading
- Math
- Writing (optional)
- ACT
 - Critical Reading
 - Math
 - Science
 - Writing (optional)

ASVAB

- Interests
- Areas of strength

- TSI Compliance
 - Before the 9th hour of classes
 - TSI Exempt
 - TAKS Scores 2200 + on Reading & Math, 3+ on essay
 - SAT or ACT Score
 - Accuplacer (NEW TEST)

SAT & ACT

Oreate an account <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> www.actstudent.org • Register on-line • Request a fee waiver • 2 fee waivers per test • When registering send scores to the university for free Output Photo ID required

TEST BY NOVEMBER TO MEET APPLICATION DEADLINES!!!

Testing Tips

SAT

- +1 point for correct answers
- 0 points for blank or omitted answers
- -1/4 point for incorrect answers

ACT

- + 1 point for correct answers
- 0 points for wrong answers

•Take a calculator •Pencils •Photo ID •Go to bed early the night before

The Application Process

• Determine which application

- Apply Texas
- Common Application
- Institution's Application

• Complete application <u>by deadline</u>

- Submit payment or waiver
 - 4 waivers allowed

The Application Process

- Send test scores from testing agency
 - SAT and/or ACT
- Request transcript(s)
 - High school
 - TJC

 Contact all schools to make sure all documents have been received

Apply Texas

- Oreate an account
 - www.applytexas.org
- Select the college/university
- Complete required application
 - Essays
 - Complete optional sections if you are not an automatic admit
- ALWAYS check for a scholarship application/link
 No recommendation letters required

Common Application

- National applicationRequirements
 - Transcript uploaded
 - Application
 - Application fee or waiver
 - Essays
 - Counselor recommendation letter
 - Teacher recommendation letters

Counselor Recommendations

- Complete the back of the yellow Senior Student Data Sheet
- Request a recommendation in writing
- Common App recommendation must be linked to me
- Other required forms
 Please give me 1 week notice for all letters and forms

Teacher Recommendations

Ask your teacher
Common App recommendation must be linked to the teacher
Give them 2 weeks notice for all letters and forms

Financial Aid

• Grants

- Free money
- Based on family income, size and number of student's in college

Scholarships

- Free money
- Based on academia, ability, student need and institutional need

• Work Study

- Work on campus
- Money goes to tuition and fees first

Loans

- Must be repaid
- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized

Ways to get Financial Aid

Omplete FAFSA • Apply for the college/university scholarships •Apply for local, state and national scholarships • NEVER pay a fee to receive help with financial aid applications!!!

FAFSA

• FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID www.fafsa.ed.gov Request a PIN • Apply starting January 1, 2014 • Requires 2013 tax information Submit application to all schools • Apply even if you think your parents make too much money

TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid House Bill 1403/Senate Bill 1528

- Foreign-born and immigrant student
- Resident tuition rate
- Eligible for state funded financial aid

Scholarships

One time award

- Local
- Usually \$5,000 and under
- Four year award
 - Divided equally per semester
- Four year award with stipulations
 - Divided equally per semester
 - Must meet an academic GPA
- Enroll in a scholarship search engine
 - <u>www.fastweb.com</u>
 - <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
 - PSAT My College Quickstart

• Apply for college and university scholarships

Ask financial aid office for applications and procedures

Scholarships

Student driven

- Involvement in extra-curricular and community activities
- Academic
- Athletic
- Fine Arts
- Parent/Relative driven
 - Organizations and experiences
 - Employer
- First Generation student
- Hardship

What's Next

- Contact the college financial aid and admissions office to make sure your information has been received
- Compare acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers
- Choose an accepting college
- Apply for housing

What's Next

- Notify school of decision by mailing commitment & deposit check
- Contact waiting list colleges of decision
- Have school send a final transcript to college of choice
- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshman

Helpful Information

- Texas Common Course Numbering System
 - Compare courses at 2 schools
 - <u>www.tccns.org/matrix.aspx</u>
 - Does not take the place of meeting with an advisor

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COMMON COURSE MATRIX

The Texas Common Course Numbering System provides its users three different ways of traversing through the common course matrix. Searching by institution allows users to view a single institution's compatible courses. Comparing institutions allows users to select two institutions at a time to check against the common course matrix. Course statistics breaks down course offerings by institution type.

Note: Archived versions of the common course matrix are currently available from 1997 to 2006.

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SELECT OPTION:	\bigcirc Search by Institution	Compare Institutions	⊖ Searc	h by Prefix	○ View Archive
SELECT INSTITUTIONS:	Tyler Junior College		~		
	University of North Texas		~	Search	

Common Course System		Tyler Junior College		University of North Texas				
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title
ACCT	2301	Principles of Accounting I-Financial				ACCT	2010	Accounting Principles I (Financial Accounting)
ACCT	2302	Principles of Accounting II- Managerial				ACCT	2020	Accounting Principles II (Managerial Accounting)
ACCT	2401	Principles of Accounting I-Financial	ACCT	2401	Principles of Accounting I-Financial			
ACCT	2402	Principles of Accounting II- Managerial	ACCT	2402	Principles of Accounting II- Managerial			
AGRI	1121	Livestock Judging (1 semester course)						
AGRI	1131	The Agricultural Industry	AGRI	1131	The Agriculture Industry			
AGRI	1231	The Agricultural Industry						
AGRI	1307	Agronomy						
AGRI	1309	Computers in Agriculture	AGRI	1309	Computers In Agriculture			
AGRI	1311	Dairy Science						
AGRI	1315	Horticulture						
AGRI	1319	Introductory Animal Science						

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Helpful Information

Keep all websites, log-ins and passwords in a safe place
Keep all documents
Keep all social media and electronic communication clean and professional
Think about your future!