Mission

• Texas Southern University is a student-centered comprehensive doctoral university committed to ensuring equality, offering innovative programs that are responsive to its urban setting, and transforming diverse students into lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and creative leaders in their local, national, and global communities.

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• Texas Southern University will become one of the nation’s preeminent comprehensive metropolitan universities. We will be recognized by the:
  – excellence of our programs,
  – the quality of our instruction,
  – our innovative research and creative activities, and
  – our commitment to be a contributing partner to our community, state, nation, and world.

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Top 5 Priorities

**Student Success and Completion** – from Freshman Orientation through Graduation

**Academic Program Quality and Research** – TSU offers a wide range of top quality academic programs,

**Culture** – built on trust, transparency, fairness and communications,

**Partnerships** – with local ISDs, Community Colleges, Alumni and other attendant organizations, and

**Finances** – a dedicated funding stream from the state and federally supported funding mechanisms, along with adequate financial aid to support the students we serve.
TSU Facts

- **President**: Dr. Austin A. Lane
- **Founded**: 1927
- **Location**: Houston, Texas
- **Enrollment**: 10,237
- **Employees**: 1,400 staff and faculty
- **Registered Student Organizations**: 80+
- **Colleges & Schools**: 10
- **Mascot**: Tigers
- **Colors**: Maroon and Gray
Parent’s Orientation

Process
  - Admissions
  - Financial Assistance

Preparation
  - Registration
  - Orientation

Presentation
  - Housing
  - Academic Support
  - Disability
  - Tutoring
  - Safety and Security
  - First Year Experience

Preparation-Advice from Uncle Larry
Parents’ Process Checklist

• Admission Requirements
• Registration & Orientation
• Financial Aid
• Campus Housing
• Immunizations
Admission Requirements

Undergraduate Admission

• **High School Students**
  - An official transcript showing a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with ACT composite score of 17 or higher or SAT score of 900.

• **Transfer Students:**
  - Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions showing at least 6 hours of college credit with a minimum 2.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
Admission Requirements cont.

Texas Uniform Admission Standards

Per state law, all students must meet one of the following college readiness standards:

• Successfully complete the Recommended or Advanced high school program

• Successfully complete a curriculum that is equivalent in content or rigor to the recommended or advanced high school program

• Satisfy the College Preparedness Benchmarks on the SAT/ACT assessment
  - SAT: 1500 out of 2400 (Verbal + Math + Writing)
  - ACT: 18 English, 21 Reading, 22 Mathematics and 24 Science

• Successfully complete the Recommended or Advanced high school program
Admission Requirements cont.

Admission Checklist:

- Complete placement testing upon admission
Admission Requirements cont.

Application Priority Deadlines

- Fall: July 15th
- Spring: December 15th
- Summer I: May 15th
- Summer II: June 22nd
Financial Aid

Financial Aid Calendar:

- **January 1st**: Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) [https://fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)
- **March 15th**: Priority deadline
- **April 16th-August 27th-Fall Web Registration**
- **July 1st**: Deadline to submit FAFSA for the Fall 2016 Term
- **July 14th**: Deadline to confirm payment for Fall tuition through financial aid payments by deferment or financial aid awards
- **August 27nd**: Fall 2018 classes begin
- **September 10th**: 12th Class Day – Cost of Attendance Recalculated
- **September 19th**: 20th Class Day – Last day to pay, secure a short-term loan or establish a payment plan
- **December 14th**: Official closing of the semester
Financial Aid cont.

Funding Options:

- Financial Aid: Grants and Loans
- University Scholarships
  - Special circumstances/ Need-based scholarships
  - Outside scholarships
- State Scholarships
- Work Study
All newly admitted students under the age of 22 (and all students who plan to reside on campus) are required to have the meningitis vaccination or an approved exemption prior to attending classes.

Vaccination records or exemption requests may be sent:

- Fax – (713) 313-7817
- Email – vaccines@tsu.edu
- In Person – TSU Student Health Center (near KTSU Building)
Student Services Resources

- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- Disabilities Services
- Judicial Affairs
- Recreation Center
- Student Health Center
- Veterans Affairs
- Women’s Resource Center
Freshmen Seminar

• Set a Goal
• Make a Plan
• Get Connected
• Stay Involved
FS102

• Encourages your student to engage in activities that support success
• Provide special class pathways and learning communities for first year students
• Connects students to other first year students
Advice from “Uncle Larry”
Advice to Parents

As a parent of a college student, the 1\textsuperscript{st} year of college can be full of indecision or inspiration. Let your student know that someone is interested in their success. Become a part of the wonderful journey of college by being informed, aware and enthusiastic.
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Staying Connected
Challenge to Parents

Give Your Student the Opportunity to Share Feelings and Ideas With You by Checking In
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Utilizing the website to be more knowledgeable about campus resources
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Having Difficult Conversations
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Asking Questions
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Expecting Change
Challenge to Parents

The 1st Year of College Can Be Full of Indecision or Inspiration. Do Not Tell Your Student That “These Are The Best Years of Your Life.”
Challenge to Parents

Support your student by....

Trusting your student