Orientation

Orientation and Family Programs

The mission of Orientation and Family Programs (OFP) (http://utsa.edu/orientation) is to assist new undergraduate students and their family members in their transition to UTSA.

One of the primary functions of the department is to provide comprehensive orientation programs for new undergraduate students and their family members. Orientation programs for all new undergraduate students are offered in December for the Spring Semester; in May for the Summer Semester; and in June, July, and August for the Fall Semester. All freshmen and freshman-transfer students (0 to 29 semester credit hours) and transfer students with 30 or more semester credit hours are required to complete orientation prior to registering for classes. Freshmen students are required to attend an on-campus "Roadrunner Roundup" orientation session, while transfer students may opt to complete their orientation through UTSA's online "Transfer Roundup" program. All programs afford students the opportunity to meet with an academic advisor and register for classes, as well as learn about campus services, resources and student activities. UTSA Family Orientation gives family members an introduction to UTSA by focusing on student academic success, student life, and Roadrunner spirit and traditions.

Orientation and Family Programs hosts two freshman camps. Roadrunner Camp, established in 1993, is a two-day, one-night spirit and traditions camp for freshmen held the week before Fall classes begin. ROWDYS Camp held in early fall is a first year experience camp designed to enhance a student's academic and social experience at UTSA. Orientation and Family Programs also provides support services and programming for family members of new students, including UTSA Family Weekend, Family Association, Family of the Year, Family Connection, the Family Association Scholarship and Parent Council.

Graduate Student Orientation

Graduate Student Orientation (http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/current-students/graduate-orientation) provides new master's and doctoral students the occasion to receive an overview on how to be successful in graduate school and the resources and student services available to them. Graduate Student Orientation takes place prior to the start of the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. An online orientation option is available to students as well. New graduate students who attend orientation will have the opportunity to:

- network with faculty, staff and current graduate students
- receive literature on current academic and student services available for graduate students
- take part in a panel discussion on tips to be successful in graduate school

Academic departments also host orientations for their students, as well as the Office of International Programs (http://international.utsa.edu/international-student-orientation) that offers a mandatory orientation for all beginning international students.