

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PHASES

Phase 1

Panther Advisement and Registration Services (PARS)

The first phase of New Student Orientation is a one day informational session that welcomes parent and guest participation. PARS provides new students with the “nuts and bolts” about their new academic and social environment which enables them to begin a smooth transition to the University.

- Sessions last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Students must bring a picture ID and confirmation card.
- Students must bring THEA test scores or have proof of exemption on file to participate in class advisement and registration. Without test scores or proof of exemption on file, students cannot register for classes.
- Students admitted to the spring semester will attend a PARS session in January. Students admitted to the summer and fall semester will attend a PARS session in June, July or August.
- Students enrolled for the summer may register for classes prior to attending an orientation session.

Phase 2

Panther Camp

The second phase of New Student Orientation will take place once students have moved on campus and prior to the beginning of classes. Panther Camp promotes learning through faculty, staff and peer led seminars, workshops and small “Panther Group” discussions. It develops confidence by promoting critical thinking, communication skills, realistic self-appraisal, enhanced self-esteem, leadership development, social responsibility and achievement of personal goals. Students residing off campus should contact the office for details about participation times for Panther Camp activities.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

You must register online and receive confirmation to attend New Student Orientation. Session spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore it is important to submit your registration as soon as possible.

Registration Instructions

Step 1: Go to www.pvamu.edu/orientation

Step 2: Select Register here for a session

Step 3: Select entrance session (Freshmen and transfer students must register for sessions labeled specifically for their classification).

Step 4: Complete registration form and click Submit form

Step 5: Print the confirmation card emailed to you from the New Student Orientation office; it includes your session date, time and location.

Step 6: Complete tasks outlined in the confirmation email before attending New Student Orientation, such as taking the THEA test, activating PVAMU email address, checking financial aid status and taking orientation pretest.

Step 7: Bring confirmation card to session check-in as it is proof of registration.

* Although a specific date is selected, it is not guaranteed. Dates are subject to change.

College of Nursing Clinical Students

Junior level students accepted into the College of Nursing-Houston, Texas should call (713) 797-7000 for orientation information.

PARENT ORIENTATION

Parent orientation is offered in conjunction with the student orientation to show parents the role they now play in the students' success with educational objectives. This experience provides parents an opportunity to learn more about the University's policies, procedures and guidelines.

REMEMBER

- You must register in advance online. Duplicate online registrations are not accepted.
- You must receive confirmation from the New Student Orientation office to attend a session.
- THEA scores or proof of exemption is required to register for classes during orientation. The THEA test and New Student Orientation cannot be scheduled on the same day.
- If you have any questions or need to change your confirmed session, please contact the New Student Orientation office:

www.pvamu.edu/orientation | (936) 261-1035

ONCE ADMITTED TO PVAMU

Check Panther Tracks Account for Updates

Go to www.pvamu.edu and select Panther Tracks from the drop down Quick Links box. Use Student ID number and birthdate.

Activate and Check Official PVAMU Email Account

Available through Panther Tracks.

Schedule and Complete THEA Test

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HOUSING

Confirm Move-in Dates with Housing Facility

University College (Freshmen)	(936) 261-5990
University Village (Transfer Students)	(936) 857-4559

Parents will receive overviews on the following:

- Academic Expectations
- FERPA Laws
- Treasury Services
- Department of Public Safety
- Auxiliary Services
- Housing and more

Lunch in the campus dining hall is available to parents and guests for approximately \$6.75* per person. Cash and credit cards are accepted. *Price is subject to change.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

- Your official introduction to the University
- Process of managing and finalizing your enrollment
- Mandatory for newly admitted students
- Facilitates a smooth transition to University life
- Includes information on academics and social life

What are the prerequisites for attendance?

- Students must be admitted to the University to participate.
- Students must register in advance to attend a session.
www.pvamu.edu/orientation (936) 261-1035
- Students must provide THEA scores or proof of exemption to register for classes during orientation.
www.pvamu.edu/thea (936) 261-3610
- Students must submit all required documents to the Financial Aid Office.
www.pvamu.edu/faid (936) 261-1000

What does New Student Orientation include?

- Class advisement and registration
- Financial aid appointment (if required)
- Panther Track training
- Housing presentations
- Presentations from service offices
- Review of behavioral and academic expectations

Is there a fee for New Student Orientation?

There is no out of pocket expense for student participation. After registration for classes, the fee will be included on your bill.



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY is located in the city of Prairie View, approximately 40 miles northwest of Houston at the intersection of Highway 290 and FM 1098. Upon arrival to campus, follow the 'Orientation' signs to the designated parking area.



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www.pvamu.edu/orientation | (936) 261-1035

University Switchboard (936) 261-3311
Disability Services (936) 261-3585

Admission to Prairie View A&M University and any of its sponsored programs is open to qualified individuals regardless of race, color, sex, creed, age, national origin or educationally unrelated handicaps.



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New Student Orientation

Congratulations on your admission
to the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas.