



Welcome Parents

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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You are our partner.

We have shared goals — with the ultimate goal of helping your student reach graduation.



We want to work together to help your student...

- adjust to being a college student
- be successful
- be safe
- grow academically, personally, socially
- graduate!



Your support makes a difference in student success.

- Expect Change
- Expect mistakes
- Be interested & Listen
- Check-in occasionally
- Encourage student to use campus resources
- Encourage student to find their own solutions to problems
 - Have you tried?
 - What else might you do?
 - What resources could help?



Encourage your student to get off on the right foot.

- Critical Time – First 8 Weeks
 - Numerous changes and high stress levels
 - Balancing Act with academics, friends, family, finances, job, extracurricular responsibilities, boyfriend/girlfriend
- Encourage your student to build positive relationships on campus (peers, faculty, staff)
 - Develop and build study habits
 - Establish boundaries, respect boundaries
 - Get involved with campus activities



FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- Parents/guardians no longer have access to records of your son or daughter
- Students can sign a release in MYSSU
- The release of information signature applies to the student with only a limited exception for conduct related issues
- A password is created and required to obtain information



Several critical tools can help your student.

- Syllabus & Academic Calendar
 - Family time/needs vs Academic time/needs
- Midterm Grad Reports on MySSU
- Advising
- Accessibility Services
- Computer Labs
- Student Success Center



Tutoring Centers

- Math Center – Massie Hall
- Writing Center – Library Basement
- Small Group Tutoring – Student Success Center
- Individual Tutoring – Student Success Center
- Tutoring Job Opportunities



Important Fall Dates

August 1	Full Payment or Short Term Loan Arrangements
August 24	New Student Housing Move-In
August 24-26	Weekend of Welcome (WOW)
August 27	Fall Semester begins
September 3	Labor Day (University and Cafeteria Closed)
September 7	Last day to add a class (full semester)
	Last day to drop for 80% refund and no "WD" grade
September 16	Last day to drop for 50% refund-no refund (tuition, housing, Meal plan) after this date
October 4-5	Fall Break (No classes, University Open)
October 13	Student Progress Reports available to students via MySSU account
October 31	Last day to withdraw from an individual class
October 29-Nov1	Priority registration for Spring semester begins
November 2	Open registration for Spring semester
November 12	Veterans Day (University and Cafeteria Closed)
November 21	No Classes (University Offices Open)
November 22	Thanksgiving Day (University Closes)
November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)
December 8-14	Final Exams
December 14	Semester ends
December 14	Housing closing 5pm
December 14	Fall Commencement
December 19	Final grades available to students via MySSU account



Important Billing Dates

Students not paying the balance remaining on their student account by August 1st, will automatically be placed on a four-pay plan with payments due as follows:

DUE DATE	PAYMENT REQUIRED	IF NOT PAID WHEN DUE
August 1, 2018	Payment in full or Enroll in payment plan and pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of remaining balance	FA 18 Classes Dropped
September 5, 2018	$\frac{1}{3}$ of remaining balance	Late Fees: CashNet \$10 & SSU \$35.00
October 3, 2018	$\frac{1}{2}$ of remaining balance	Late Fees: CashNet \$10 & SSU \$35.00
November 7, 2018	Remaining balance	\$35.00 late fee and placed on bursar hold



Campus Resources are available for you and your student.

Student Business Center

- Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar

Student Success Center

- Free tutoring, computer labs, disability services

Math Labs, Writing Center

- Free for students

Ombudsperson

- Linda Hunt

Library

- Study Areas/Rooms

Bear Necessities Pantry

Bear Cave-24 hour study space

First Generation Mentoring Program

Health Clinic

Veterans Services

Career Development

- On campus job postings, career exploration, resume building

Counseling and Health Services

- Free & Confidential



Purchasing Textbooks

SSU Bookstore-University Center 1st Floor

- Choose: Rental, Digital, New and Used
- Student Financial Aid (SFA) Convenience
- Our SFA program allows students to purchase textbooks and other eligible items in the bookstore with your financial aid refund with your Bear Card



Alternative Options

- Buy online and have books shipped to your on campus mailbox
- Use OhioLINK and check-out books for free



RAVE Early Alert System

- SSU Early Alert notifies the campus community cases of an emergency, i.e., campus closure, class cancellation due to inclement weather
- This attempt to notify will occur by phone, text, and email
- If you chose to opt into this service, you will be notified when an on campus emergency occurs.

Sign up on MYSSU





**Will your student
live in campus housing?**



Our housing facilities offer students comfort and safety.

Security

- Centralized Fire Alarm System
- Sprinkler System
- On call administrator and RA's
- Surveillance Cameras
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers

Amenities

Apartment-style housing which includes a living room, kitchen, dining area, and bathroom facilities

- Bunk-able beds
- Full-size refrigerator
- Wireless computer access
- Wired connection per student
- Air conditioning
- On-site laundry





**Your student will get his/her
room assignment online.**



Following these housing tips can help your student succeed.

- **Communicate with your roommate before move-in**
 - **Give your roommates a chance**
 - **Complete a roommate agreement with help from RA**
 - **Get out of your room and meet your neighbors**
 - **Stay on campus on the weekends**
 - **Attend RA programs**
 - **Use your meal plan**
 - **Take laundry lessons before arrival**
- **Visit the Housing and Residence Life webpage for a full list of “What to Bring” and for specific move-in times**





Shawnee State offers many opportunities to enhance student life.

student organizations – academic clubs – intramurals – campus jobs – community service – athletics – student events





We share in your pride for your students' accomplishments, today – and every step of the way to graduation.



Last minute advice for parents...

- Like the Student Life at Shawnee State University Facebook page and remind your student of events to attend
- Send your student mail and packages
- Be your student's guest for a midnight movie night
- Encourage your student to talk to their professors or roommates if they are having problems
- Take advantage of every resources SSU has to offer
- Encourage your student to Study Abroad, visit the CIPA website for more information
- Complete an internship and do community service
- Download the SSU app in the app store
- Encourage your student to check their SSU email and MySSU
- Attend Homecoming and Family Weekend-September 28-30.





Questions?

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