

Laker Checklist for Success

Before arriving at LSSU:

- 1.** Register for a summer orientation session. My orientation date: _____
- 2.** Register for and complete any necessary testing prior to orientation.
Placement Exams: _____ CLEP/AP/IB Exams: _____
- 3.** Participate in summer enrichment programs.
- 4.** Prepare for fall semester:
 - ___ Establish a personal budget/financial plan
 - ___ Secure housing plans
 - ___ Purchase textbooks
 - ___ Register vehicle for on-campus parking

School starts in less than a week!

- 5.** Attend and participate in Laker Week activities.

Classes begin! Time to take charge!

- 6.** Attend and participate in classes every day.
- 7.** Take advantage of student support services. We're here to help!
- 8.** Get involved! Participate in campus events and activities.
- 9.** Balance! Find balance with your academic and personal lives.
- 10.** Have a great semester and academic year!

See the back for more information.

- 1. Orientation information:** All new students (freshmen and transfer) must attend orientation. This is when you will register for fall semester classes with advisers from your field of study and get to know LSSU as a new student.
- 2. Testing:** Course placement in English and mathematics is determined by ACT/SAT scores. Register to take placement exams if you want to challenge your ACT/SAT scores or if you do not have ACT/SAT scores. Students taking CLEP, AP and/or IB courses should send their official scores to Testing Services for the appropriate credit to be awarded. For additional information, contact Testing Services at (906) 635-2027.
- 3. Summer enrichment programs:** Kick start your education by taking preparatory or general education courses this summer at LSSU or a local institution. You may want to use our PLATO Math program to prepare to test out of preparatory courses when you arrive in the fall. Call (906) 635-2355 for more information on PLATO.
- 4. Fall semester preparation:** Your success depends not only on your dedication to your studies, but also on your planning. Be sure you have planned a budget, secured housing (whether a commuter or residential student), registered your vehicle for on-campus parking by logging in to my.lssu.edu and click on "vehicle registration," lined up childcare (if needed), and are mentally, emotionally, and physically ready for the challenge of higher education at LSSU.
- 5. Attend Laker Week activities,** whether you live on- or off-campus. Laker Week is your opportunity to complete the final preparations for your first year at LSSU. **Meet people and become a part of the LSSU community!**
- 6. Academic success requires commitment, class attendance and participation.** To actively participate in the learning process you should read and study your textbooks, take good notes, develop study groups and good study habits, participate in class discussions, and be eager to learn! Also, track your progress. Pay attention to feedback you receive via midterm grades, assignment and test grades and comments, professor comments, etc. You're responsible for your success.
- 7. Take advantage of your resources!** Talk to and ask for help from your professors, your adviser, and other support personnel! Read LSSU's catalog, ask questions, and use the Academic Success Center's services (personal and career counseling; disability services; Learning Center-tutoring, SI, writing lab, success seminars, computer lab; and more). All support services are free!
- 8. Get involved!** Attend LSSU-sponsored events and programs, join a student organization, participate in intramural sports and activities! **Develop friendships and leadership skills.**
- 9. Make sure you plan** ample time for your studies if you have a busy personal life (work, family, friends, etc.). Determine your priorities and plan your time accordingly. Academics should be a top priority, but be sure to take time for yourself as well. Develop healthy outlets for your stress and enjoy the LSSU experience.
- 10. This is your life! Enjoy!** Remember to check www.lssu.edu and your my.lssu.edu account for important daily announcements, course tools, e-mail and calendar.

Welcome to LSSU!