THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Student Affairs enhances the student experience through the development, delivery and evaluation of policies, programs, services and facilities that complement the academic mission of South Texas College and address issues of retention and graduation through ongoing assessment, interpretation, and response to changing student needs. Additional information can be found online at http://life.southtexascollege.edu/ or by calling 956-872-3535.

Academic Advising
Academic advisors help students develop realistic academic goals and provide the proper guidance and tools to help students accomplish those goals. Student persistence and completion of higher education is promoted through diverse services offered to students at the Advisement Centers. Prior to registration, it is very important that students contact their advisor for assistance with course selection and degree planning.

Academic Advisors
During a student’s first year in college, Academic Advisors utilize a case management approach to provide advisement sessions at critical points in the semester in order to help students stay on track for completion of their educational pathway.

Services offered by the Advisement Centers:
- Point of contact for students during their first year of college
- Academic Advising
- Assistance with preparing student education plan
- Degree Progress Reports
- Referrals to appropriate services
- Case Management Services

NOTICE: The student is responsible for seeking academic advisement, for knowing and complying with South Texas College’s assessments and the State of Texas-Texas Success Initiative Rule (TSI) requirements of their declared degree or certificate program, and for taking courses in the proper sequence to ensure progress toward his/her educational goals. Students are encouraged to visit with an advisor every semester for academic advisement. Advisors are available for walk-ins on a first come first serve basis. Please call one of the numbers listed below for additional information.

956-872-8372 / 1-800-742-7822

Providing Academic Support to Students (PASS)
PASS began in 1993 as Project HOPE with the goal of assisting single mothers in completing a postsecondary education by helping them pay for childcare. As the program grew it became apparent that our participants had a variety of needs ranging from financial to academic and emotional. The program grew to accommodate those needs and became known as the Together in Achievement (TIA) and Striving Towards A Non-traditional Degree (STAND) programs. Demand for the services that TIA and STAND provided grew to such an extent that in the Fall of 2000 it was expanded to include all Technical/Vocational majors and was re-named PASS.

Today, the PASS Program which is funded by a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with funds from the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) and focuses on the following:
- Career and Technical Education programs
- Student persistence and completion
- Elimination of barriers to special population students (single parents, displaced homemakers, non-traditional students, economically disadvantaged, and individuals with disabilities).
- Graduation

PASS provides specialized case management services for students with Career and Technical Education majors, Associate of Applied Science majors, or Certificate majors. The PASS program is able to assist eligible students in the following areas:
- Case Management
- Career/Academic Advising
- Referral Services
- Child Care Assistance (Enrolled Full-Time)
- Lending Library (Textbook Assistance)

For more information, visit the Technology Campus, Bldg. B-181 or call 956-872-6315.

Counseling and Student Disability Services
At South Texas College, we understand different life and academic situations can make it difficult to grow. Our Counseling and Student Disability Services were created to provide students the higher education and support they require to reach their academic and professional goals.

The Path to Success
The staff at Counseling and Student Disability Services provides support in a confidential and comfortable atmosphere to help students feel at ease when discussing their concerns about their educational and personal success.

If you’re ready to start a discussion with our counselors, you can do so on a walk-in basis or by appointment at any one of the South Texas College campuses. For more information, contact the Counseling and Student Disability Services office at (956) 872-2173.

Counseling Services
- Academic Counseling Services
- Career Counseling Services
- Professional Counseling Services
- Academic and Personal Growth Workshops
- Mental Health Screenings and Monthly Events

Student Disability Services
- Classroom Accommodations and Assistive Technology

Our institution offers reasonable accommodations and assistive technology services to eligible students with documented disabilities to ensure everyone receives an equal opportunity.

For more information, visit us at: http://studentservices.SouthTexasCollege.edu/counseling

The Office of Student Affairs
Behavioral Intervention Team
The Behavioral Intervention Team at South Texas College is a district wide threat assessment and behavioral intervention team that monitors threats to the campus community and intervenes in the concerning behaviors of all individuals who work at, attend, or who have business with South Texas College. The Team serves the district-wide community by providing threat assessment, case management, intervention strategies, educational opportunities, and training for all students, faculty and staff.

Student Activities & Wellness
The Department of Student Activities and Wellness enhances the student experience through the development and delivery of programs and services complementing South Texas College’s efforts towards student access, retention and ultimate graduation ensuring that students are engaged and receive a complete college experience. Additional information can be found online at http://life.southtexascollege.edu/ or by calling 956-872-3535.

Student Activities
Student activities aim to promote active student participation through events geared towards social responsibility, leadership, education, cultural and civic engagement, etc. Such activities support and enhance the student’s collegiate experience and their education outside the classroom.

Student Organizations
Over 70 student organizations at South Texas College contribute to a vibrant college community by providing invaluable experiences and opportunities for students to grow as individuals, leaders, and community members. Each year, student organizations sponsor conferences, seminars, lectures, debates, cultural and social events, and fine arts programs. These programs allow students to meet and interact with local, state, and nationally renowned scholars, artists, politicians, academicians, and other professionals.

First-Year Experience
The First Year Experience at South Texas College is the combination of orientations, services, programs, curricular and co-curricular activities that support a student’s transition from high school to South Texas College, while providing a foundation for academic success.

Student Government Association
The Student Government Association at South Texas College is the representative organization for the student body at South Texas College. The Student Government Association provides a forum for open discussion of matters affecting students at South Texas College.

Student Leadership Academy
The Student Leadership Academy encourages and aids in the development of student leaders. Through interactive workshops and seminars, this prestigious program allows students to develop their personal leadership style and put their leadership skills into practice; allowing them to gain experience, confidence and positively contribute to the community through volunteering opportunities.

Intramural Sports
Intramural Sports provides opportunities for students to positively use their leisure time to engage in recreational sports and activities in a supportive and safe environment that enhances personal development, increases physical and mental health, encourages social interaction, and develops lifetime patterns for healthful living.

Office of Student Conduct
The Office of Student Conduct develops influences and enforces South Texas College policies to promote a safe and supportive learning environment that treats each student fairly, equally, and with respect. The Office of Student Conduct nurtures student learning and growth by encouraging student accountability, academic integrity and responsible decision-making.

Office of Ombuds Services
The Ombudsperson provides guidance to the South Texas College community regarding College protocol and procedures and assists and counsels students in resolving disputes and conflicts in a way that facilitates individual responsibility, contributes to their maturation, and promotes the development of self-advocacy skills.

Career & Employer Services
The Career and Employer Services office assists currently enrolled students and alumni in developing the skills necessary to locate and secure employment. Services include a free on-line job search system; assistance with resume preparation, writing job search letters and improving interviewing techniques; job fairs and employment referrals.

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