

# Getting Started at Utah State University

## Student Checklist

To get started at USU, students need to complete a number of steps, beginning with application for admission, obtaining any needed financial aid, making arrangements for housing and meals, and proceeding on to orientation, advising, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. Sequentially completing the procedures outlined below will help ensure a successful beginning at Utah State University.

### **Apply for Admission to the University**

A nonrefundable \$40 application fee, a high school transcript or GED score, and an ACT or SAT score are generally required for new freshmen. Application deadlines for new freshmen are as follows: **Fall Semester**—April 1; **Spring Semester**—November 1; and **Summer Semester**—April 1. With an additional \$15 late fee, applications may be accepted after these deadlines. For further information about undergraduate admission, see pages 30-35. International students should see pages 38-39.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required for admission to a graduate program. Application-for-admission forms are obtained online at:

<http://www.usu.edu/graduateschool/apply/>

For more information, see pages 36-37.

### **Apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Application for financial aid begins in January for the following academic year. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying applicants who apply on or before February 1, prior to the academic year. See pages 46-51 for information about available financial aid and scholarships for undergraduate students.

Financial assistance available for graduate students is explained on pages 111-112.

### **Apply for University Housing and Dining**

Students who would like to live in University housing can find further information at: <http://www.housing.usu.edu>. Also see pages 52-53 in this catalog. For more information about dining services, see page 54 or visit: <http://www.usu.edu/dining/>

### **Attend SOAR (Orientation)**

Newly admitted first-year students are required to participate in a Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) session before they may register for classes. For transfer students, orientation is optional. See page 55 for more information.

### **Obtain Academic Advising**

For newly admitted first-year students, academic advising is required, and is obtained during SOAR. New transfer students are required to contact their academic advisor before registering for classes. Additional information is on pages 12 and 55.

### **Learn about USU Policies and Procedures**

All students should understand the policies and procedures in effect at USU. Many of these policies are explained on pages 56-63 and pages 80-83. Additional policies may be viewed online at: <http://www.usu.edu/policies/>

### **Learn how Previously Earned Credits Apply**

New freshmen who have earned college-level credits through AP and CLEP examinations or through concurrent enrollment, as well as transfer students who have earned credits at other colleges and universities, should consult with their academic advisor to learn how these credits may be applied at USU. More information about credit by examination is shown on pages 40-45. Information about transferring credit from other institutions is shown on pages 32-34.

### **Learn about General Education and Depth Education Requirements**

Undergraduate students working toward an associate or bachelor's degree are required to complete General Education requirements. Students earning a bachelor's degree must also earn Depth Education credits. More information about these requirements is shown on pages 67-75.

### **Register for Classes**

Newly admitted first-year students will register during SOAR for their first semester of classes. Transfer students may register after consulting with their academic advisor. See pages 56-58 for further information about registration procedures.

Matriculated graduate students may register on or after the priority registration date shown on the *Registration Calendar* (see page 8).

### **Pay Tuition and Student Fees**

Tuition and fee tables, as well as information about payment options and deadlines, may be accessed at: <http://www.usu.edu/registrar/payment/>

Fees pertaining to students' classes may be found in the online *Schedule of Classes* at: <http://www.usu.edu/registrar/catalogpdf/>

To find out the amount owed to USU, students should login to Access at: <http://www.usu.edu/myusu/> After logging in and clicking on the **student** tab, click on **registration**.

More information about tuition, fees, and refunds is shown on pages 64-66.

### **Learn about Academic Support Programs and Student Resources**

USU offers many academic support programs and student resources designed to help students progress toward completion of their degrees. These include workshops, supplemental instruction, tutoring programs, and financial planning, as well as services for qualified students having disabilities. These programs and resources are explained on pages 84-92.