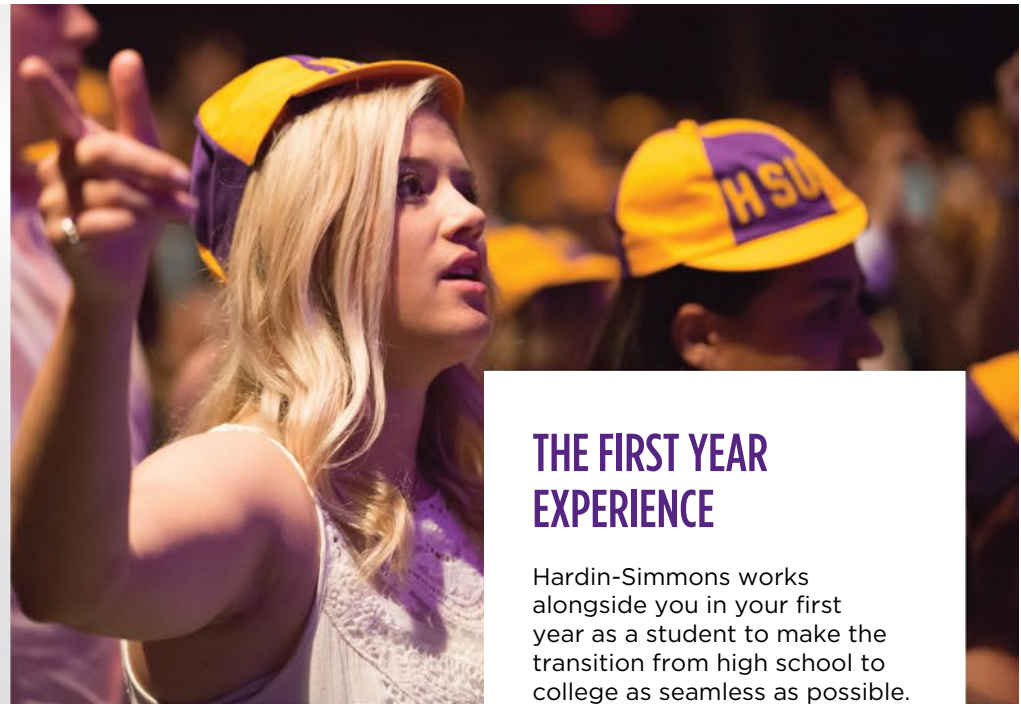




# YOUR FIRST YEAR

As freshman year of college gets closer, we know you may have questions about what your experience at Hardin-Simmons University might look like. To give you a better glimpse, here's a snapshot of some key first-year experiences.



## THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Hardin-Simmons works alongside you in your first year as a student to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible. Our Student Life, Advising, and Academic Offices work together to create meaningful programs that serve to connect you with the HSU Family and lay a strong academic foundation for your college career. First year programming includes:

- Stampede Week
- Individual Academic Advising with a professor in your major area
- Upper-class peer mentors
- First Year Seminar classes in the first semester, designed to introduce students to academic work at the collegiate level
- StrengthsFinder Assessment for all first-time freshmen
- Community Coffee Hour every Thursday morning to spend time getting to know classmates and faculty







## STUDENT LIFE

HSU knows that the experience outside of the classroom can shape students just as much as their academics. We strive to be a community that helps students connect to each other while growing personally and spiritually. Through fellowship and worship, leading and serving, and fun and friendship, your time at HSU will be life-changing. A few of our 40+ opportunities to connect are:

- Student Activities - Student leadership teams that plan events for the entire campus community, such as Gilbert's Birthday Party, Java Jive, Fresh Fest, and more!
- Social Clubs - 10 clubs for students to grow closer in community and service.
- Athletics, Intramurals, and Club Sports - Our 18 NCAA Div. III athletic teams, 7 club sports, and 20 intramural sports provide students many opportunities to have fun, compete, or cheer fellow Cowboys and Cowgirls on to even more championships.
- Student Organizations - From the Pre-Health Club to HSU's Black Student Union there is an organization for every student. Whether you join one or 12, our student organizations will help you feel more connected on campus!

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

As a Christian university, HSU seeks to provide an education enlightened by Christian faith and values. We know that faith and learning are best utilized together, so each student is encouraged to make their faith their own and live it out.

- Baptist Student Ministries - The BSM plans many campus events such as student Bible studies, nights of worship, and free noon lunches on Wednesdays to connect with students and help them grow in their faith. They also participate in a wide variety of mission projects both locally and around the world.
- Chapel - HSU's weekly chapel services bring the entire campus community together for a time of worship and teaching. Our student-led chapel band and diverse group of speakers from the HSU community and around the world work to help students uncover and further develop their faith.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

Your residential experience at HSU allows you to live and learn with your peers while being close to campus resources and events. Students are required to live on-campus during their first two years unless living at home with parents, married, or at least 21 years old.

- Five residence halls, a variety of campus apartments, and campus houses are available for students.
- Full-time Residence Directors and multiple student Resident Assistants and Resident Chaplains live in each hall.
- Residence Life events in each hall throughout the year to help foster community between residents.

