

STUDENT LIFE

Student Orientation

Welcome Week, under the leadership of a student steering committee, provides each new student a small-group experience designed to initiate some interpersonal relationships so important for a smooth transition to the University environment. All new students, freshman and transfer, are eligible to participate in this unique orientation program held annually on the campus the week prior to the beginning of the fall semester. A complete orientation to the University is made, including the academic, social, physical, and spiritual dimensions of student life on the SBU campus. In addition, all freshmen and transfer students complete the Academic Profile Test.

Student Behavior

Student Responsibility

The goal of campus life at Southwest is to provide a Christian community of faith and learning. Life in such a community brings many privileges, but it also carries responsibilities. By virtue of their enrollment at SBU, students agree to accept responsibilities of membership in the University community. As conditions of admission, the University reserves the right and power to discipline or dismiss any students who fail to accept this responsibility. Each student agrees that the University shall have this right and power of discipline or dismissal.

Upon using the University library or other libraries with which agreements are maintained, students agree to accept certain responsibilities. Students are responsible for knowing these responsibilities and policies. Each year the SBU Student Handbook is updated and a library guide describing services and regulations is available at the University library reference desk.

Discipline

Any member of the University community may assume responsibility for upholding University standards of conduct. Normally, the first approach should be to advise or counsel students about the alleged misconduct. When counseling is unfeasible or ineffective or in cases of serious violations, referral will be made for more formal counseling or disciplinary proceedings. Guidelines for disciplinary action, along with the procedure for disciplinary appeals, are outlined in the SBU Student Handbook.

Misconduct

Students should refer to the *SBU Student Handbook* (see www.SBUuniv.edu) for information regarding misconduct.

Student Residence

Campus housing is reserved for SBU students who are enrolled for 12 or more hours. Students under the age of 21 or with less than 90 accumulated college hours are required to live in campus housing. Students living in residence halls are required to have a 10, 15 or 20 meal plan. Priority for housing assignments is given to students currently attending SBU. All new students are given priority for assignment according to their application completion dates. All University housing provides laundry facilities.

1. **Beasley Hall** houses 194 female students in suites of two rooms and one bathroom.
2. **Casebolt Apartments** is a 15-unit apartment building with living-dining room combinations, two bedrooms, and a bathroom, plus a card accessibility outdoor entrance. It accommodates 56 female students.
3. **Craig House** accommodates up to six female residents. The house includes a full-sized living, dining room and kitchen including a study room, four bedrooms, and two baths.
4. **Gott Hall** houses 72 male students, two students per room, with community bath facilities on each floor.
5. **Landen Hall** houses 198 male students in suites of two, living room-bedroom units with an adjoining bath.
6. **Leslie Hall** is an accommodation arranged in two, living room-bedroom units with an adjoining bath. This facility houses 198 female students.
7. **Maupin Hall** accommodates 72 male students, two per room, with community bath facilities on each floor.
8. **Memorial Hall** accommodates 88 female students, two per room, with community bath facilities on each floor.
9. **Meyer Hall** is a men's dormitory housing 48 students, with two students per room and a bathroom in each room.
10. **Plaster Lodge** accommodates 64 male students.
11. **Roseman Apartments** is an eight-unit apartment complex with living-dining room combinations, two bedrooms and two full baths, plus a washer and dryer in each unit. It accommodates a total of 32 male students.
12. **Woody Hall** accommodates 72 female students, two per room, with community bath facilities on each floor.

Prices for room and board are for actual school days and do not include holidays or periods between terms. During school breaks and holidays, students may not reside in the residence halls, however, extenuating circumstances may be brought to the attention of the Director of Residence Life. Residents needing housing during breaks or between terms should contact the Office of Residence Life in advance regarding housing needs.

Curfew is required of all first-semester freshmen living on campus unless otherwise waived by the Dean of Students. The hours of curfew are:

Sunday-Thursday12 midnight - 6 a.m.

Friday-Saturday...2 a.m. - 6 a.m.

Second-semester freshmen may earn the privilege of having curfew regulations removed if they fulfill the following requirements:

1. The resident has not exceeded his/her given 60-minute cumulative "grace time" during the first semester under curfew
2. The resident has maintained a 2.0 cumulative GPA
3. The resident has not had excessive resident hall violations or disciplinary action imposed by the Office of Student Life

Cancellation of Housing Reservations

Students who cancel housing reservations before the fifth day of classes during the fall and spring semesters will receive a 90% refund of semester housing charges. Students who cancel housing reservations after the fifth day of classes will not receive a refund of semester housing charges.

Cancellations for the summer and January semesters must be made 14 days prior to the beginning of the semester. Other cancellation and withdrawal policies regarding housing are outlined in the Financial Information section of this catalog.

Off-Campus Housing

Students who are 21 years of age by October 1 for the fall semester or March 1 for the spring semester, or who have accumulated 90 or more credit hours, are eligible to move off campus. Other criteria for consideration for off-campus housing include students who live with their parents or who are married or have dependents. Current students must file the off-campus application no later than April 1 for the fall semester or summer term and November 1 for the spring semester or January term. All applications should be filed with the Office of Student Life. Students who are eligible to move off-campus and file past the off-campus deadline will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

Automobiles

The State of Missouri requires motorists to carry public liability and property damage insurance. Students from other states who bring automobiles to campus are urged to carry this insurance. Each student operating an automobile must purchase and display the University vehicle permit and obey University and community regulations regarding the care and use of automobiles.

Student Identification Card

Each student is required to obtain a student identification card for identification and library purposes from the Office of Safety and Security. No charge will be made for the original card. The card is revalidated each semester of enrollment. The revalidation sticker is required for each semester of enrollment and is available from the Accounting Office.

If a replacement identification card is needed, the student will be assessed a \$20 replacement fee and may pick up the replacement card at the Office of Safety and Security during regular office hours. Student identification cards are important for library use, entrance to the dining hall on campus, and access to the campus computer network.

Student Services

Counseling and Testing

Students at Southwest Baptist University have available to them one part-time counselor and one full-time counselor, both professionally trained, to assist with personal and emotional issues. This service is offered without direct cost to students of Southwest Baptist University. The counselors' offices are located within the Behavioral Sciences Department. Testing for educational goals, mental abilities, and personality is available through the counseling offices upon the recommendation from one of the counselors. (See the Credit by Examination section for academic tests.)

Career Services

This office is available to assist students and alumni with career counseling, career assessments, job searches, placement files, resumes, cover letters, and mock interviews. Testing for national and residual tests is conducted by Career Services which is located in the office suite of Mabee Chapel.

Student Health Services

The University employs a registered nurse who provides minor routine health care. The Killian Health Center uses a referral system with local doctors when necessary. Students also have access to the outpatient clinics of Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar.

The University will not accept responsibility for physician's fees. Financial responsibility for professional services by physicians remains with individual students. Due to the limitations of University services, students are urged to consider the Student Health Insurance Program, if they do not presently have insurance. Before finalizing enrollment, students are required to have submitted medical data forms and vaccination records. Vaccinations must be current. Missouri law requires all students to have vaccination records on file in the campus health center. Southwest Baptist University offers students an opportunity to purchase health insurance with qualified underwriters. Coverage is available for single or married full-time students (students taking six or more hours).

All international students accepted for admission to Southwest Baptist University are required to purchase a 12-month medical insurance policy from a United States based company prior to campus arrival. Once medical insurance is purchased, the student must provide documentation verifying the health policy to the University Health Center. If a student cannot make such arrangements, and provide documentation by the first day of classes, the University Health Center will automatically bill the student's account for a medical insurance plan provided by a qualified insurance company. A 12-month medical insurance policy must be maintained while the international student is attending SBU.

University Success Center

The primary mission of the University Success Center is to promote student success through developmental advising, course content in the University Seminar courses, and relationship building with students. The USC provides developmental advising that focuses not only on academic goals and scheduling but also encourages students to become involved in all areas of university life. The University Seminar courses complement the advising strategy by enabling students to practice decision-making, goal setting, time management, teamwork, and effective study skills; by promoting the use of critical thinking skills; by promoting the development of a personal value system; and by providing opportunities for students to serve others and grow in Christ. The USC courses are requirements for the General Education program. Through the process of advising and by teaching the seminar courses, the instructors in the USC build relationships with students that enable the students to feel comfortable and grounded in the SBU family.

Run 2 Win is a peer mentor program designed to benefit incoming students who want to "run to win" academically. Each peer student is assigned a returning student who is an upper classman to be his/her mentor or "peer coach." Pairs or groups meet at least once a week and others meet as needed for accountability. Peer coaches are selected based on their academic excellence, servant leadership, and personality. Students who are interested in participating as a peer mentor or peer coach may submit an application through the University Success Center.

Wellness and Sports Center

The Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center, completed in Spring 2005, is named in honor of Jane and Ken Meyer, major contributors to construction. The Wellness Center features include: fitness area with strength training and cardio machines, racquetball courts, swimming pool, gymnasium with three collegiate basketball courts and a running/walking track, climbing wall, and sports cafe. The mission of the Wellness Center is to provide a healthy and motivating environment where students, faculty, staff, and others can meet to enjoy wellness and sports opportunities and build relationships.

Student Organizations

The activities of student organizations are coordinated by the Office of Student Life. Every student enrolled on the Bolivar campus of the University is represented in the Student Government Association through the democratic process. The SGA cabinet includes elected officers from each class. Campus organizations include academic, professional, and fellowship groups. Students with other areas of interest or expertise are encouraged to work with the director of student organizations to form new clubs and organizations.

Academic Organizations

Alpha Chi is a national honor society for juniors and seniors who have excelled in academic pursuits and rank in the top 10% of their respective classes. **Pi Kappa Lambda** is a national honor society for juniors and seniors who have excelled both in music performance and music scholarship. **Psi Chi** is a national honor society for students of psychology who excel in scholarship, display high standards of personal behavior, and seek to advance the science of psychology. **Southwest Baptist University Honor Society of Nursing** is an organization for students in the BSN nursing completion program who have achieved high academic standing.

Professional Organizations

The **Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)** is an international professional student organization promoting excellence in computer science fields. The **Behavioral Science Club** provides for the unity of those interested in all of the behavioral sciences. The **Sociology and Criminal Justice Society** is an honor society for those majoring in either Sociology or Criminal Justice, promoting scholarship and academic excellence. **Chi Sigma Theta** is an honorary dramatic fraternity for students who have attained performing and technical excellence in campus-wide theatre arts. The **Church Music Conference** is a student chapter of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and serves as a professional organization for all students interested in church music. **Delta Epsilon Chi** (Accounting Club) is open to all students interested in accounting and financial management. **Fellowship of Christian Recreators** provides professional guidance for majors and minors in all areas of recreation. **Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda** is a national organization for students who are preparing for careers in business. **Music Educators National Conference** is a student chapter of the national organization and is open to any student interested in teaching music. **Pi Kappa Delta** is an honorary fraternity open to students who earn membership through forensic achievement both on campus and through participation in intercollegiate debate and individual speech events throughout the entire academic year. The **Student Missouri State Teachers Association** is for students interested in and preparing for the teaching profession and is affiliated with the Missouri State Teachers Association. **Zeta Kappa Chapter of Delta Mu Delta**, a business administration honor society, is for qualified business majors.

Fellowship Organizations

The **English Club** encourages interest and participation in cultural activities that are related to literature and language. **Habitat for Humanity** is open to all students interested in this ministry. The **International Student Association** provides support to international students and helps them to make the transition to university life in the United States. The **Pre-Health Society** is an organization helping future doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, and veterinarians complete their undergraduate work and gain entrance into their chosen professional schools. The **Pre-PT Student Organization** is open to all students with an interest in the field of physical therapy. In addition to being a service organization, it disseminates information about the SBU physical therapy program and the physical therapy profession. **Students in Free Enterprise** is a service and project-oriented group open to all students who believe in the principles of open markets and free enterprise. **Sigma Mu Theta** is comprised of wives of students preparing for the ministry and other church-related vocations.

Spiritual Life and Ministry

The University Missions and Ministry Center is centrally located on campus in the Goodson Student Union. Because of its Christian heritage, the University has a commitment to providing opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to develop and deepen their spiritual lives.

The main purpose of University Ministries is to lead students and faculty towards commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; build world vision, mission, and evangelism interests; support the local church; deepen respect for the authority of scripture; and help develop lives of integrity, prayer, and faith.

Chapel is held each Monday and Wednesday. Satisfactory chapel attendance is a graduation requirement for all full-time undergraduate students on the Bolivar campus. The complete chapel attendance policy is detailed in the Student Handbook. Chapel allows faculty, staff, students, and special guests to participate each semester in message, testimony, and song.

University Missions provides life-changing opportunities throughout the world involving faculty, staff, and students. The focus of the ministry is to develop world vision, mission, and evangelism interest and to train individuals to serve through lives of integrity, prayer, and belief based on the truth of Scripture. State missions through the Missouri Baptist Convention, national and international outreach through the North American and International Mission Boards, and multiple mission opportunities through Southwest's mission center are available.

Small Group Ministries is the place for students to grow spiritually. Students meet weekly in small groups that are exciting, innovative, Bible-centered, and fellowship-oriented. Small Group Ministry's main focus is helping students develop a heart and sensitivity toward God.

Disciple-Now Teams consists of upper-class students committed to renewal. These students will lead retreats, lock-ins and conferences, teaching spiritual growth and discipleship principles.

Christian Service Organization is an outreach ministry in which students may reach their community through Christlike love. It gives students a practical experience in effective community service through participation in a variety of outreach projects.

Theatrical Evangelism and Mission (TEAM) is a drama team serving in chapel services and churches.

University Publications

The *Omnibus*, *Mozarkian*, and *SBU Life* are the official publications of the University. Any other publications to be distributed to students, faculty, and staff must have written approval of the Student Services Office. The University reserves all publisher rights and privileges to these publications.

The *Omnibus* is a weekly newspaper produced by a student staff. It contains official announcements for the week, and students are responsible for obtaining the information provided in it. The *Mozarkian* is the yearbook of the University and is produced by a student staff. Both publications are advised by the Director of Student Activities. The official publication, *SBU Life*, contains news of University progress and the activities of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

University Activities

Athletics

The University provides a comprehensive program of **intercollegiate athletics** in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, track and field, and tennis for men. Women's sports include basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, cross country, and track and field. Intercollegiate athletics are conducted according to the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Mid-America Athletic Association. Additionally, there is an active **intramural** program of sports in which all students may participate. The University assumes neither legal nor financial responsibility for injuries or accidents that may result from participation in varsity athletics, extramurals, intramurals, or athletic clubs. However, members of varsity athletic squads are provided insurance coverage through special group insurance programs. All other participants should acquire minimum insurance coverage.

Debate and Forensics

The Bob R. Derryberry School of Communication Arts maintains an active program of participation in intercollegiate debate and forensics. Membership on the traveling groups is achieved by performance, and each year students represent the University locally and in major tournament competition.

Drama

The Bob R. Derryberry School of Communication Arts, with the aid of Chi Sigma Theta, provides opportunities in a variety of theatrical experiences. Auditions for University productions are open to all members of the student body.

Music Ensembles

The music ensemble organizations are directed by faculty members of the Department of Music and are open to all qualified students of the University for credit: Concert Choir, SBU Chorale, Higher Ground, Opera Theatre, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, and String Ensemble. All music groups require auditions for membership.

Service And Leadership Training (S.A.L.T.)

The Roy Blunt Service and Leadership Training (S.A.L.T.) program is a co-curricular option open to all students. To fulfill the S.A.L.T. requirements, a student must successfully complete

1. Introduction to Leadership, a 3 hour academic requirement
2. At least one voluntary service project approved by the office of Student Life
3. Demonstrated leadership in two or more co-curricular activities
4. A 3-5-page essay on the topic of servant leadership.

Students completing the S.A.L.T. program will be recognized at commencement and a transcript of their achievement will be maintained by the university as part of the student's permanent educational record.

Community Activities

Local Churches

The churches of Bolivar provide opportunities for students to engage in Bible study and Christian worship. All students are urged to attend church services each week.

Community Concerts

Bolivar residents and Southwest Baptist University cooperate each year in sponsoring the Bolivar Live on Stage concert series. Opportunities are created for students to hear outstanding performances in the music concert field. Student memberships are available at a reduced price.

Student And Alumni Awards

Rev. C.A. Butler Sociology Award

Mr. and Mrs. James Owen have established this annual award in memory of Rev. C.A. Butler, an outstanding pastor and faculty member of Southwest Baptist College. This award is given to the graduate who is most outstanding in the field of sociology.

The Jasper A. Clark Biology Award

The Department of Biology has established the Jasper A. Clark Biology award to be given annually to an outstanding graduating senior majoring in biological science. The award is in memory of Dr. Jasper A. Clark in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Southwest Baptist University. The chairman of the Department of Biology, in consultation with other department personnel, shall select the recipient of the award. Criteria for selection is:

- (1) A biology or medical technology major
- (2) A graduating senior
- (3) A Department of Biology advisee
- (4) An overall GPA of 3.25 with a 3.5 GPA in the major
- (5) A reputation above reproach

The W.C. Edmondson Memorial Recreation Ministry Award

The family of W.C. Edmondson has permanently endowed the W. C. Edmondson Memorial Recreation Ministry annual award. Recipients are to have outstanding potential in ministry through recreation. The amount and number of awards is determined by the coordinator of recreation and leisure studies. These awards shall be applied toward tuition or other college expenses.

The Hamlett Creative Writing Award

A grant has been made by Fred P. Lollar of Burlingame, CA to establish the Hamlett Creative Writing Award in recognition of the teaching and service of Miss Mayme Hamlett. An annual award will be made from the earnings of this grant to a promising student writer completing his/her junior year. A committee of the faculty members of the Department of Language and Literature will select the recipient.

The May M. Hurst English Literature Award

The May M. Hurst English Literature Award is presented annually to a high ranking student in English literature classes. The recipient of this award is selected by a committee composed of the faculty of the Department of Language and Literature. This award is provided by the Hurst family: the late Mrs. May M. Hurst, James Frederick Hurst Jr., and Mrs. Helen Hurst May.

The James Frederick Hurst Memorial Mathematics Award

The James Frederick Hurst Memorial Mathematics Award is presented annually to the highest ranking graduating student in the Department of Mathematics. Professor Hurst was chairman of the Department of Mathematics of Southwest Baptist University for 25 years from 1926 to 1950. This memorial has been provided by the Hurst family: the late Mrs. J.F. Hurst, James Frederick Hurst Jr., and Mrs. Helen Hurst May.

Life Beautiful Award

In 1937, Rosalee Mills Appleby, missionary to Brazil, established the Life Beautiful Award to be given each year to the outstanding man and woman in the graduating class who show by their scholarship and character that they are going out from the school to live the "life beautiful". Pictures of selected students are displayed in the Goodson Student Union. The faculty selects the recipients of the award.

Life Service Award

In 1955, the Board of Trustees of Southwest Baptist University established the Life Service Award. This award is given annually to alumni of the University who have demonstrated excellence in their personal and professional lives.

N.J. Nabors Forensic Service Award

The N. J. Nabors Forensic Service award is presented annually in honor of Dr. N. J. Nabors, national leader in Pi Kappa Delta and friend of SBU forensics. It is presented to the member of the speech team who best demonstrates service to the team and maintains a Christian example in competition.

The Ronald Howard Surette Memorial Award

The family and friends of Ronald Howard Surette have established an annual award to be given to an outstanding church music major each spring semester at the annual Awards Banquet. The recipient must be preparing to enter the Christian ministry as a church musician. The coordinator of church music studies, in cooperation with the Scholarships Committee, selects the student to receive the award.

Who's Who Nomination

A committee composed of administrators and faculty selects nominees to be included in the annual publication Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Only graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or more are considered for the honor. In addition to scholarship, students are judged in their "participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the campus and community and potential for future achievement", as outlined by the standards of the national Who's Who organization.

Paul F. Wright Distinguished Speaker Award

The family and friends of Rev. Paul F. Wright have established an annual award to outstanding speakers and students of excellent character. A special committee of the faculty selects those who receive the award. Recipients are given attractive medals and are honored at the Awards Banquet.