Yes! I'm Accepted! Now What?

Congratulations! You are now officially a Lamar Cardinal! We want to make your transition to college easier by providing you with this checklist of things to do next.

☐ Memorize your student ID number. Find the number beginning with “L2” on your acceptance letter.

☐ Activate your LU e-mail address. Instructions are sent to the e-mail address you provided in your admission application.

☐ Download the LamarMobile app for your smartphone. The free app includes a directory, maps, course schedules and more to provide LU info on the go. Go to m.lamar.edu for details.

☐ Apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships. The priority deadline is Feb. 1 for scholarships and March 31 for financial aid. Even if you missed the deadlines, you might still be eligible if funds are available.

☐ Apply for Housing. If you plan to live in Cardinal Village on campus, start the housing application process by sending an e-mail to housing@lamar.edu. In the subject line, list all semesters you need housing (Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014). In the body, include your name, student ID#, telephone number and gender. After your acceptance to LU is verified, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on what to do next. Room assignments cannot be completed until students have registered for housing AND registered for classes. For more information on living in Cardinal Village, go to lamar.edu/housing.

☐ Provide Lamar University with proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination or exemption. You must do this before you can register for classes. State law requires all new students under age 22 who attend on-campus classes to either receive a bacterial meningitis vaccination or meet specific criteria for declining the vaccination.

☐ Confirm Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Status. Unless exempt, students must take the TSI Assessment to determine their readiness for college-level work before being advised and registering for classes. Exemptions from TSI testing include qualifying SAT, ACT, or TAKS scores. To verify exemption or testing requirements, please contact the Undergraduate Advising Center at (409) 880-8822 or advising@lamar.edu. Contact the LU Career & Testing Center to register for the TSI Assessment.
Send LU records of any previous college-level work. If you previously took college classes, including through co-enrollment or dual credit programs in high school, have the college or university that offered the program send your official transcript to LU. If you took any Advanced Placement examinations, have your official scores sent to LU by calling the College Board at 1-877-274-6474. You will receive an e-mail notification after your credit has been applied to your LU record.

Meet with an academic advisor. Students should schedule an appointment and meet with an academic advisor prior to attending New Student Orientation. Call the Undergraduate Advising Center at (409) 880-8822 or (409) 880-8954 or email advising@lamar.edu to schedule an advising appointment.

Register to attend New Student Orientation. At orientation, you will learn more about how to successfully adjust to college life. Multiple orientation sessions are scheduled each summer. For details on how to register, please visit the New Student Orientation page.

Contact Services for Students with Disabilities. if you have disability-related academic access needs. Services for Students with Disabilities (SFSWD) can be reached at sfswd@lamar.edu or (409) 880-8347.

Sign up for mentoring. Mentoring programs offered through Student Advising and Retention Services can help you navigate the challenges of college life. For more information, visit STARS Mentoring online or in Communication 109.

Pay tuition and fees. Pay at least 50 percent of tuition and fees to avoid being dropped from your classes. Check back for the payment deadline. You can pay in person at the Cashier’s Office in Wimberly 114 or online through your student account, using Self-Service Banner. Your User ID is your student ID# (starting with L2). Your initial PIN is your six-digit birthdate (MMDDYY).

Purchase required textbooks. The Lamar University Bookstore can help you find new, used or electronic copies of the books you need for your first semester of classes.

If you still have questions or need more information, let us know:
(409) 880-8316 or recruitment@lamar.edu