

2015 Summer Fast Track Institute



Summer Fast Track Institute is an intensive three week academic-skill building program offered to help students achieve “college ready” status and register for college level courses. Participants will fulfill their New Student Orientation requirement by engaging in activities to become familiar with the UHD Library, Career Development, Financial Aid, Student Activities, Sports & Fitness, IT/Computing Services, the Learning Connection, UHD Police, and the Academic Support Center. Students will also take a College Success Course where they will become familiar with learning and study strategies to prepare them for the college classroom.

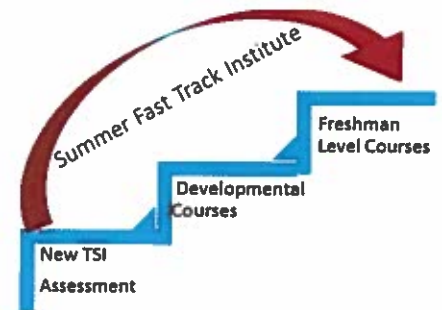
Session I:

Monday, July 6, 2015- Friday, July 24, 2015

Session II:

Monday, August 3, 2015- Friday, August 21, 2015

Space for each session is limited to the first 150 students who register!



Program Qualifications

Incoming University of Houston-Downtown freshman placing into developmental Reading, Writing, or Math on the TSI Assessment with scores in the following ranges:

Math: 336-349

Reading: 342-350

Writing: 350-362

Benefits

- Student begin making friends prior to the start of classes
- **By-pass** developmental courses that do not count towards graduation
- **Register** for college level courses
- Gain **knowledge and skills** that will help you as a UHD Gator
- **Free TSI Retest**
- Weekly **cash stipends** to cover food and transportation
- **\$300** cash for active participation and program completion
- Participate in a **Service Learning & Community Engagement** project and earn Co-curricular credit
- Attend a **luncheon** with representatives from the academic colleges to discuss your major
- **Interact** with UHD faculty, staff, and students
- Get **comfortable** with the campus layout and culture

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Mission Statement

The **Student Transition And Retention (STAR) Program** in collaboration with the UHD community, aspires to provide a comprehensive and responsive first year experience equipping first-time in college (FTIC) students with academic and life skills essential for thriving and persisting towards graduation.

We will accomplish the mission by:

- ★ **fostering** a learning environment for student success by stimulating cross-divisional partnerships between academic and student affairs
- ★ **encouraging** self-discovery among FTIC students to increase knowledge and value of a liberal arts education
- ★ **providing** opportunities for FTIC students to explore and utilize campus resources designed to enhance personal development and academic success
- ★ **offering** early opportunities for social interaction and campus/community engagement among FTIC students, peer mentors, faculty and staff

STAR Program

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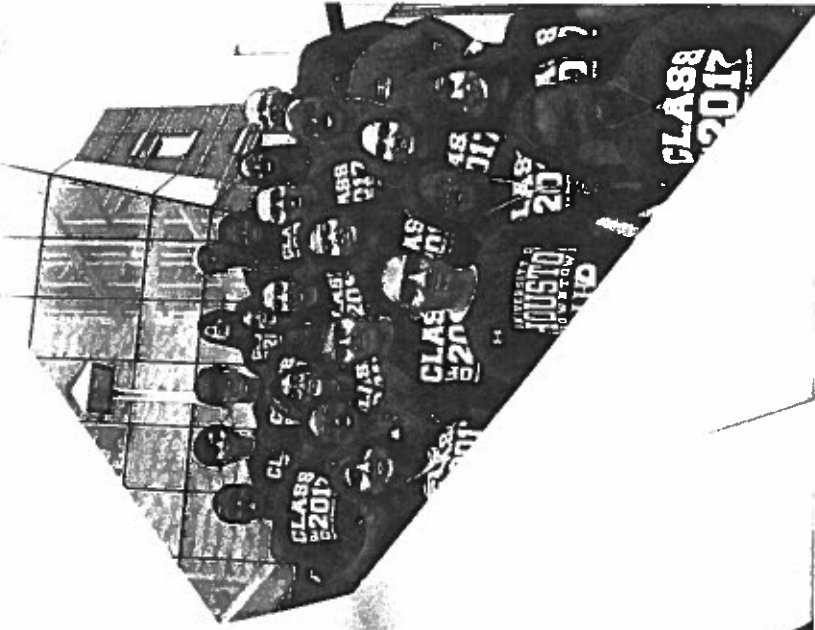
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STAR Program

Student Transition And Retention

STAR Program Overview

The STAR Program is a Title V grant funded program designed to address the improvement of UHD services to first-time in college students by providing strong support for academic readiness, transition, retention and graduation.

The five-year plan consists of three major components:

- ★ The Summer Fast Track Institute (SFTI)
- ★ Welcome Institutes (Orientation)
- ★ College Acculturation & Personal Success (CAPS) Program

Summer Fast Track Institute

The Summer Fast Track Institute is an intensive three-week academic-skill building program offered to help students achieve "college ready" status and register for college level courses. Students testing into one or more developmental courses and meeting program criteria are invited to participate.

Participants receive the following incentives:

- ★ Weekly stipends to cover food and transportation
- ★ Daily math, reading, writing and College Success Skills" classes aimed at preparing students for on-time graduation

- ★ Access to online tutorials
- ★ Free NEW TSI Assessment re-test
- ★ Up to \$500 for active participation & completion
- ★ An opportunity to explore the campus and make new friends prior to the start of classes
- ★ A free "College Success Kit" and UHD backpack

Welcome Institutes

The Welcome Institutes are designed in partnership to familiarize all incoming students with UHD faculty expectations, instructional support resources and services and strategies for successfully completing the first year at the University of Houston-Downtown.

Topics addressed during the Welcome Institutes include:

- ★ Value of a Liberal Arts Education
- ★ On-time Graduation and Fixed Tuition 30n3@UHD
- ★ Academic Advising
- ★ Financial Aid and Financial Literacy
- ★ UHD Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs
- ★ Learning and Personal Development Services and Resources
- ★ Navigating the UHD Campus
- ★ College Success Strategies
- ★ IT/Computing Services
- ★ Clubs and Organizations
- ★ Common Reader/Freshman @convocation

College Acculturation & Personal Success Program

The CAPS Program is a comprehensive slate of activities designed to build a community of learners among First Time in College (FTIC) students and offer ongoing, individualized support. By creating traditions intended to connect students to the university, the CAPS Program utilizes a peer communication network to help students persist to graduation.

The CAPS Program offers support for peer tutoring (including Supplemental Instruction), learning and study strategies assessments and workshops, peer/staff/faculty mentoring and the Freshman Seminar. The program is a partnership among several departments at UHD working together to provide a holistic approach to increasing student engagement, involvement and success across campus.

Peer Communication Network

Advisory Board - 8 Members

40 Gator Guides (Peer Mentors)

40 FYE* Gator Crews
30 Members Each
*First Year Experience