

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS PARENT GUIDE



SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY TECH

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Welcome from Southern Arkansas University Tech (SAU Tech)! We are happy to see that your family member is interested in our college. SAU Tech offers many wonderful opportunities for students to grow in an inviting and enriching atmosphere. We understand that this is an exciting time for your family, but as a parent you may also feel anxious and concerned. Sending your student to college can be difficult and sending your student to college in another country can be far more challenging.

We would like to address many of the issues that are important to parents. Our offices are here to help assist our international students and help them adjust to their new surroundings.

The SAU Tech Campus

Southern Arkansas University Tech was founded in 1968 and is part of the Southern Arkansas University System. SAU Tech is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant students.

SAU Tech is a two-year public college located inside the Highland Industrial Park in East Camden, Arkansas. East Camden has convenience stores, banks, restaurants, and a golf course that SAU Tech students can use for free. SAU Tech is about 8 miles or 12.8 kilometers from Camden, Arkansas, a city with a population of about 12,000 that offers a variety of restaurants and shopping centers for the convenience of our students.

SAU Tech is an affordable option for completing the first two years of college or a two-year technical degree. Our tuition and housing costs are typically about half of the cost of a four-year university. SAU Tech offers housing both on and off-campus. The academic year consists of two semesters (fall & spring) and two summer sessions. SAU Tech has a low student/teacher ratio that assures more individual attention for students. Student success is the key element at SAU Tech. Free tutoring, personal counseling, and retention services are available for all students.

International Services

When international students arrive we can pick them up at the Clinton International Airport in Little Rock and help them check into their campus housing if they choose to live in SAU Tech campus housing. Before the semester starts, students will meet with their advisor and other offices on campus to discuss immigration regulations, college policies, and adjustment to life in America and SAU Tech.

Our campus offers several comfortable environments where international students can go to relax, socialize, and study. The Rocket Success Center & Library, the Computer Commons, the Student Center and Activity Center, and Enrollment Services all provide places for students to study and participate in activities with other students. Several areas and office offer students access to computers as well as study areas.

Life at SAU Tech

A student's life at SAU Tech is whatever the student wants it to be. Our campus offers special events like theatrical plays, intramural sports, competitive athletics, choir, a cheer squad, dances and more. We also have different student organizations on campus like the Aviation Maintenance Club, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Multicultural Student Association, Mused Drama Company and Teacher Education Club, and more. A full list of all student organizations can be found on our website at www.sautech.edu.

Athletics

Starting in fall 2018, SAU Tech will offer men and women's basketball and will be part of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The college will compete as the SAU Tech Rockets.

Campus Safety

SAU Tech has fully trained police officers on duty at all times for the safety and security of our students. The officers are always happy to help students with any needs they may have so as a parent you can rest assured that your student is being protected at all times.

Academics at SAU Tech

As career and professional trends change, SAU Tech strives to adapt and initiate new degree programs to fit those needs. Even as new programs are added, SAU Tech maintains a quality 26-to-1 student-teacher ratio that allows students to get personalized attention without feeling like another face in the crowd. SAU Tech students grow to appreciate the individualized direction and enhanced learning experience that ensures their success in the classroom and in their future careers. For students having trouble in a certain subject, they will find the help they need in our Tutoring Center which offers free one-on-one tutoring.

When it is time to study, SAU Tech has a lot of places to offer students. At the heart of the campus is the Rocket Success Center & Library with an extensive library and an even larger online database. It also offers individual as well as group study areas, tutors, success and retention specialists, and multiple computers for student use. In addition to that, the Computer Commons, and Enrollment Services areas all offer computers and study areas. Also, if a student has a laptop, they can access our school's WiFi anywhere on campus.

Students can also join the Tech Scholars Program which offers a unique challenge for gifted students. Scholar students learn and achieve together in small classes designed to enhance their academic preparation for whatever career goals they may have. While most of our Scholars students come from America, the Tech Scholars Program is open to any student that meets the admissions requirements. Students who complete the course requirements of the Tech Scholars Program will receive special recognition at graduation and will receive the distinction as "Southern Arkansas University Tech Scholar Graduate" on their transcripts and diplomas.

Southern Arkansas University Tech -Statement of Nondiscrimination

Southern Arkansas University Tech does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, or protected veteran's status in employment or the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. This statement of non-discrimination applies to educational programs, educational policies, admissions policies, educational activities, employment, access and admission, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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