

Helpful “Panther” Tips

1. Prior to the start of the semester, drive to campus to become familiar with routes to campus, traffic patterns, gas and service stations, and travel times.
2. During the week, it is recommended that you arrive on campus at least 15 – 20 minutes before the start of class.
3. Be prepared to walk—this includes wearing comfortable shoes and carrying water during warmer months.
4. Keep the following items on hand in your backpack or vehicle:
 - Water bottle
 - Jacket
 - Umbrella
 - A change of clothes
 - Phone, Tablet, and Computer chargers
 - Non-perishable or Longer shelf-life snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix, etc.)
 - Pen, Paper & Pencils
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Mask
5. Purchase a [Commuter Meal Plan](#) to save time and hang out with classmates. Additional [Panther Bucks](#) may be purchased and used on-campus and at [off-campus merchants](#).
6. When shopping near campus and surrounding areas, ask if the merchant has a college student discount program. Make sure to keep your PVAMU student ID with you, as most merchants will want to see it before adding the discount.
7. Use campus transportation services to get to, from, and across campus. Visit [Transportation Services](#) to learn more about their services, like [community shuttles](#), and the “PVAMU Bus Tracker” (download from your mobile app store).
8. Never feel like you have to navigate a challenge alone. Visit our Off-Campus Housing and Commuter Student Experience staff for assistance at

Housing & Residence Life
Location: Evans Hall Suite 220
Phone: 936.261.2600
Email: Housing@PVAMU.EDU

9. Get involved in campus life after class. There are a number of ways to participate in leadership opportunities, programs, and formative experiences. For example:

- Be a leader or active member in the Commuter Student Organization (CSO)
- Become a member and participate in the Residential College communities
- Attend home athletic games for free
- Participate in your local **Panther Community Packs** (Learn more under the Commuter Student Organization section).