Abbreviations:

CENT - Centennial Hall
CHEM - Chemistry Building
DERR - Derrick Hall
DHRL - Department of Housing and Residential Life
DOS - Dean of Students Office, advises, mediates and conducts judicial reviews, as well as supporting student leaders, student organizations and individual students
ELA - Evan Liberal Arts Building
FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - form that helps determine student's eligibility for financial aid
LBJSC - Lyndon B. Johnson Student Center
NSO - New Student Orientation - required for all new students admitted to Texas State
ODS - Office of Disability Services - where students can obtain accommodations for disabilities and receive support from the staff
OM - Old Main - red-roofed, castle-like landmark was Texas State's first building
PACE - Personalized Academic and Career Exploration
PSY - Psychology Building
SDI - Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion - provides academic, cultural and personal support for underrepresented students
SG - Student Government - the governing body made of students who are elected by the student body
SI - Student Involvement - Campus activities and student organizations - an office that provides student centered programs, involvement opportunities, leadership, civic engagement, and student development
SOC - Student Organizations Council
TRACS - web-based system that allows students to access course materials throughout the semester
UAC - Undergraduate Academic Center
VPSA - Vice President of Student Affairs
Terminology:

Bobcat Bobbies - safety escort to car or residence hall on campus for all students, provided by the University Police Department from dusk to dawn, seven days a week

Bobcat Mail - e-mail system for students, faculty, and staff

Bobcat Preview - a required transition program that provides new students with “just in time” information before the start of the semester

Bobcat Tram - free bus system that serves all students, faculty and staff in San Marcos

Career Services - career assistance for students, faculty and staff, including resume building, mock interviews, jobs, etc.

Cat Camp - Cat Camp is an optional experience to welcome incoming students while teaching Bobcat traditions

Commons - dining hall, located on the south end of campus

The Den - dining hall, located on the east side of campus

Division of Student Affairs - departments and offices that help students outside of classroom

Greek Affairs - social Greek letter organizations of four governing councils, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council; under the Dean of Students Office (DOS)

Harris - dining hall, located on the west end of campus

Jones - dining hall, located on the southwest side of campus

The Lair - dining area in the LBJ Student Center on the second and third floors

Work Study - the Federal Work Study program allows students that show financial need to work on campus to earn money for paying educational expenses

The Square - an area in downtown San Marcos with many restaurants and businesses located near campus

The University Star - student run newspaper

TXState Alert - sends emergency notifications to the cell phone of anyone in the Texas State community who signs up for this service