

## **Entrance Counseling for Student Loan Borrowers**

Sofia University requires that all students complete mandatory in person entrance counseling to discuss the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities and Entrance Counseling Checklist provided by the Department of Education, as well as the Promissory Note packet with the Director of Financial Aid prior to signing loan documents. The information covered during this counseling session and on the documents referenced above includes:

- The effect of the loan on the eligibility of the borrower for other forms of aid;
- An explanation of the use of the Master Promissory Note;
- The seriousness and importance of the students' repayment obligation;
- Information on the accrual and capitalization of interest;
- Borrowers of unsubsidized loans have the option of paying interest while in school;
- Definition of half-time enrollment and the consequences of not maintaining half-time enrollment;
- Importance of contacting appropriate offices if student withdraws prior to completion of program of study;
- Sample monthly repayment amounts;
- The obligation of the borrower to repay the full amount of the loan regardless of whether the borrower completes program or completes within regular time for completion, is unable to obtain employment upon completion, or is otherwise dissatisfied with or does not receive the educational or other services the borrower purchased from the school;
- Consequences of default;
- Information about the NSLDS and how the borrower can access the borrower's records; and
- Name and contact information for individual the borrower may contact with questions about the borrower's rights and responsibilities or the terms and conditions of the loan.

Please see the Student Financial Aid Information disclosure under the Student Financial Assistance section of the Sofia's website for more information about Entrance Counseling resources provided to potential borrowers.