

New Aggie News

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NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS
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Welcome



Congratulations! We are excited to welcome you to the Aggie family and help you understand what it means to be a part of our community. Texas A&M University is a campus rich in history and tradition, which you will become more familiar with during your New Student Conference (NSC) and Gig 'Em Week. We hope you are excited about all the opportunities Texas A&M has to offer. Many things may change for you over the next few months, so we hope this issue of *New Aggie News* will help answer some of the questions you might have.

In this issue, you can learn more about what to expect while you are on campus for your NSC, available campus services, academic information, as well as involvement opportunities.

New Student & Family Programs is committed to assisting you prior to and during your first year at Texas A&M University. By now, you should have received your *New Student Conference Handbook*. This publication and the newaggie.tamu.edu website provide helpful information to prepare you for your transition to Aggieland. We look forward to welcoming you to your NSC, and we encourage you to make the most of your experience by participating to the fullest extent in all the conference programs. There are numerous programs that provide a greater awareness of the University's academic requirements and resources, as well as opportunities to meet new and current Aggies. For a detailed listing of the NSC programs, please refer to newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/tr-at-your-nsc/programs/.

Our office also hosts Gig 'Em Week: Aggieland's Week of Welcome. Gig 'Em Week begins August 21st and ends with Undergraduate Convocation on August 28th. Gig 'Em Week is a great way to meet many new and returning students in a relaxed and entertaining atmosphere, so we invite you to come experience the fun. For more information, visit gigemweek.tamu.edu.

New Student & Family Programs is with you every step of the way to ensure your success as a student. We look forward to finally meeting you at your New Student Conference. Until then, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at **979.845.5826** or visit our website at studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp.

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New Student Conferences



Before your Conference

Step One: Confirm your New Student Conference (NSC) date

Sign on to applicant.tamu.edu using your NetID, confirm your date and print the confirmation page to bring with you to your NSC.

Step Two: Register family members or guests

If you are bringing family members or guests to your NSC, please have them register at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Family members will check in during NSC Check-In to receive a schedule, conference materials, Texas A&M Family Calendar and more!

Early Bird Registration (Up to Four Business Days Prior to Conference)	\$25 per Family Member 18+	\$10 per Family Member age 5-17
Late Registration (Four Business Days Prior to Conference - On-site)	\$35 per Family Member 18+	\$10 per Family Member age 5-17

Step Three: Arrange logistics for your NSC

- **Parking:** ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on University property (other than pay-per-space visitor parking areas). New Student Conference attendees should purchase a SUMMER WEEKLY permit OR pay to park in a visitor facility OR use your Fall 2016 Permit (August NSC attendees only). Summer Weekly permits are non-refundable and available for purchase online only. Please visit transport.tamu.edu for more information.

- **Lodging:** NSCs are two days and one night in length. Costs for housing are NOT included in the student or family member registration fee and arrangements must be made separately. You may choose to stay on campus or off campus during your NSC. Visit newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/housing/ for more information.

- On-Campus: If you and your family would like to stay on campus in one of the residence halls, you can reserve a room at reslife.tamu.edu/conferencesTours/nscHousing. On-Campus Housing is only available for conferences occurring between May 28 and July 16. For more information, call **979.845.9381**.

- Off-Campus: For information regarding local lodging, visit visitaggieland.com/where-to-stay.

Required Immunization Information

All students under age 22 entering an institution of higher education are required to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation of vaccination have a meningitis deficiency hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. The meningitis deficiency hold **will** prevent you from checking in to your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative to submit documentation at least 10 days prior to your NSC. For more information, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis. To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement for bacterial meningitis, go to the Applicant Information System website, applicant.tamu.edu, and ensure that a check mark is present on the Bacterial Meningitis checklist item found under the "Additional credentials required prior to Enrollment/Registration" section.

Mail: Texas A&M University
Admissions Processing
P.O. Box 30014

College Station, TX 77843-3014

Phone: (979) 845-1060

Fax: (979) 458-1808

E-mail: admissions@tamu.edu

Hand Delivery: General Services Complex- Admissions
Processing

750 Agronomy Rd., Suite 160

What to expect at your New Student Conference:

For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu.



We invite you and your guests to check-in the afternoon prior to your NSC at the optional Pre-Conference day and join our Orientation Leaders as they host an evening social at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Come connect with other transfer students and families for light refreshments as you explore the different exhibits of the Alumni Center, enjoy various outdoor activities, try on an Aggie Ring and ask any questions you may have. Pre-Con only occurs for May, June and July conferences.



Your New Student Conference officially begins on Day 1 with Check-In, at which you will receive new student orientation materials, clear any registration holds you may have and take a campus tour. You will also have the opportunity to purchase an official class t-shirt. After Check-In, visit the Resource Tables to learn more about campus resources. The mandatory morning sessions will be kicked off with an energizing Welcome Session, followed by Joining a Community of Scholars, which will highlight the academic expectations and core values of Texas A&M. Campus Services will follow giving you an opportunity to learn more about the optional services the University provides such as Dining Plans, 12th Man Passes and other helpful services that make your time here in Aggieland more enjoyable. Next, Keys to Financial Matters will discuss tuition and fees, financial resources, and deadlines. After these sessions, you will make your way over to the Memorial Student Center for the Student Lunch and Panel. You will network with other Aggies and Orientation Leaders, learn about specific transfer student resources and participate in a Yell Practice. A panel of students will also host a Q&A session to answer any questions you may have. RSVP at newaggie.tamu.edu/studentluncheon.

The first session of the afternoon is Aggieland: A Community of Respect. This mandatory session focuses on the Core Values at Texas A&M and will invite you to celebrate the differences and similarities that make us all unique and bind us together as the Aggie family. Next, you will attend the Step In, Stand Up session. This session provides information about your rights and the resources available to you regarding prevention and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking and related issues. The Academic Meeting will come next. This important session introduces you to academic policies and registration information. Your first day will conclude with either Off-Campus Student Services or Corps Orientation & Registration. These sessions will offer information about housing

situations and important Corps information. Be sure to attend the Corps of Cadets Registration and Orientation session if you intend to join the Corps of Cadets.



Your second day begins with your Mandatory College Meeting and Academic Advisement. During this time, you will meet with your Academic Advisor to create your schedule and register for courses and optional services. Shuttles to West Campus and Orientation Leaders will be available to guide you to your appropriate advising location. Be prepared to remain on campus until 6 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration. Be sure to download the NSC Mobile App to view your conference schedule.



NSC NEW
STUDENT
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Extended Orientation

T-Camp

Aggie Transition Camps (ATC) is excited to welcome incoming transfer students to Texas A&M through optional, student-run extended orientation program opportunities. These programs are designed to help students transition into the Aggie family, learn about the University's many traditions, and most importantly, build lasting friendships.

Transfer Camp (T-Camp) is a 3-day, 2-night extended orientation program for transfer students entering in the fall semester. The student-run camp experience introduces campers to the many opportunities and long-standing traditions that exist at Texas A&M. Campers will leave with a newly ignited Aggie spirit and the tools necessary to make a successful transition to Texas A&M University.

T-Camp dates for summer 2016 are:
Session 1: August 8-10
Session 2: August 12-14

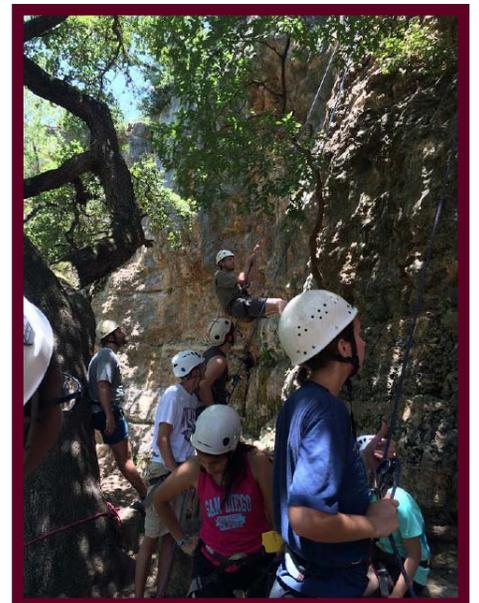
Registration will open in mid-May. For more information or to register for T-Camp, visit atc.tamu.edu or contact ATC at **979.862.1785**.

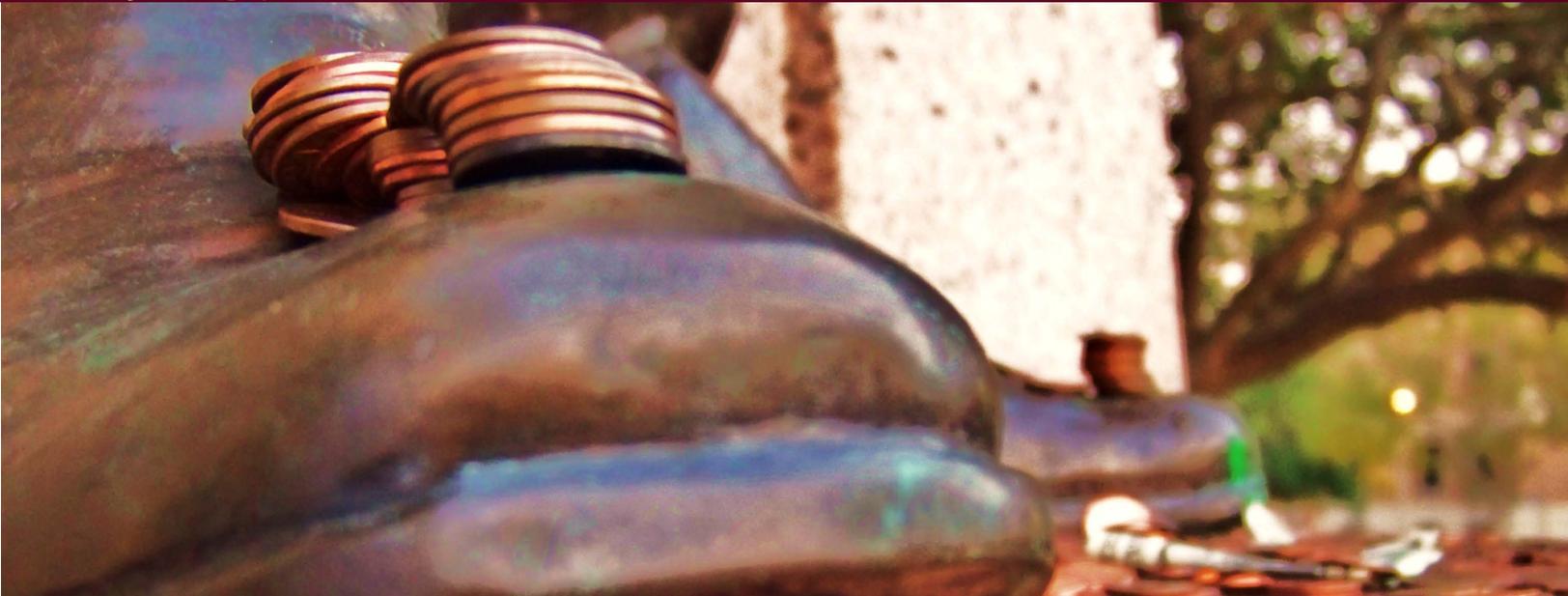


Venture Camp

The Extended Orientation Team in the Department of Student Activities is excited to offer "A New Aggie Tradition" in Venture Camp. These camp experiences are designed to welcome both freshmen and transfer students to the Aggie Family through sharing in new and unique experiences offered to students at Texas A&M. Base Camp, the thrilling premiere program held in conjunction with Outdoor Adventures in Recreational Sports, will take place both on the Texas A&M campus and in the Texas Hill Country. Venture: Base Camp is sure to provide you with many fun and exciting experiences including camping, hiking, canoeing and rock climbing. No prior outdoor recreation experience is required, but a willingness to be an active participant and team player are very important.

The 2016 Venture Camp: Base Camp dates are June 20-25 and July 18-23. For more information about the program and registration, visit venturecamp.tamu.edu or contact the Department of Student Activities at **979.845.1133**.





Scholarships & Financial Aid

Scholarships & Financial Aid offers many financial solutions to help students pay for their college education. We recommend completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year by the March 15th priority date. The FAFSA can be completed online at fafsa.gov. Once you complete this application you may be eligible to receive grants, loans and work study. For more information about these programs, please visit financialaid.tamu.edu. Once you have applied for financial aid, you may monitor your record at howdy.tamu.edu. Go to the My Finances tab, then to the Financial Aid Portal where you can check your status, accept or reject aid, obtain and complete forms and calculate your loan payment.

Scholarships

You may apply for a number of scholarships online at scholarships.tamu.edu. Also, contact your college/department for scholarships related to your major. If you are the recipient of any type of award, typically scholarships or corporate sponsorships from a source other than Texas A&M University, you must report it to Scholarships & Financial Aid as soon as possible. To report an award from an outside source, please complete the Student Data Form in the Financial Aid Portal through the Howdy Portal.

Short-term and Emergency Tuition & Fees Loans

Scholarships and Financial Aid offers short-term loans of up to \$1,500. These loans are available to currently enrolled Texas A&M University students who are enrolled at least half-time. Loans for tuition and fees are also available to enrolled continuing students, incoming freshmen and transfer students. For more information regarding these loans, please visit sfaid.tamu.edu/stlapp/.

Student Employment

Student Employment is one more option for financing your education and gaining valuable work experience at the same time. About 27% of Texas A&M students are employed on campus. Students seeking part-time employment on or off campus can search and apply for jobs at jobsforaggies.tamu.edu.

Money Wise Aggie Program

Money Wise Aggie, Texas A&M University's personal finance, advising and educational program, is designed to help students make smart personal finance decisions while pursuing their academic degrees and to lay a foundation for financial success throughout life. Money Wise Aggie is a FREE service to students that provides personal advising and/or presentations in areas such as budgeting, credit cards and credit scores,

financial challenges after college and debt reduction strategies. For more information, please visit moneywise.tamu.edu.

Special Tips for Incoming Students

If you are a first time student loan borrower, you will be required to complete online loan entrance counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN). More information is available via the Financial Aid Portal.

Tuition and Fees

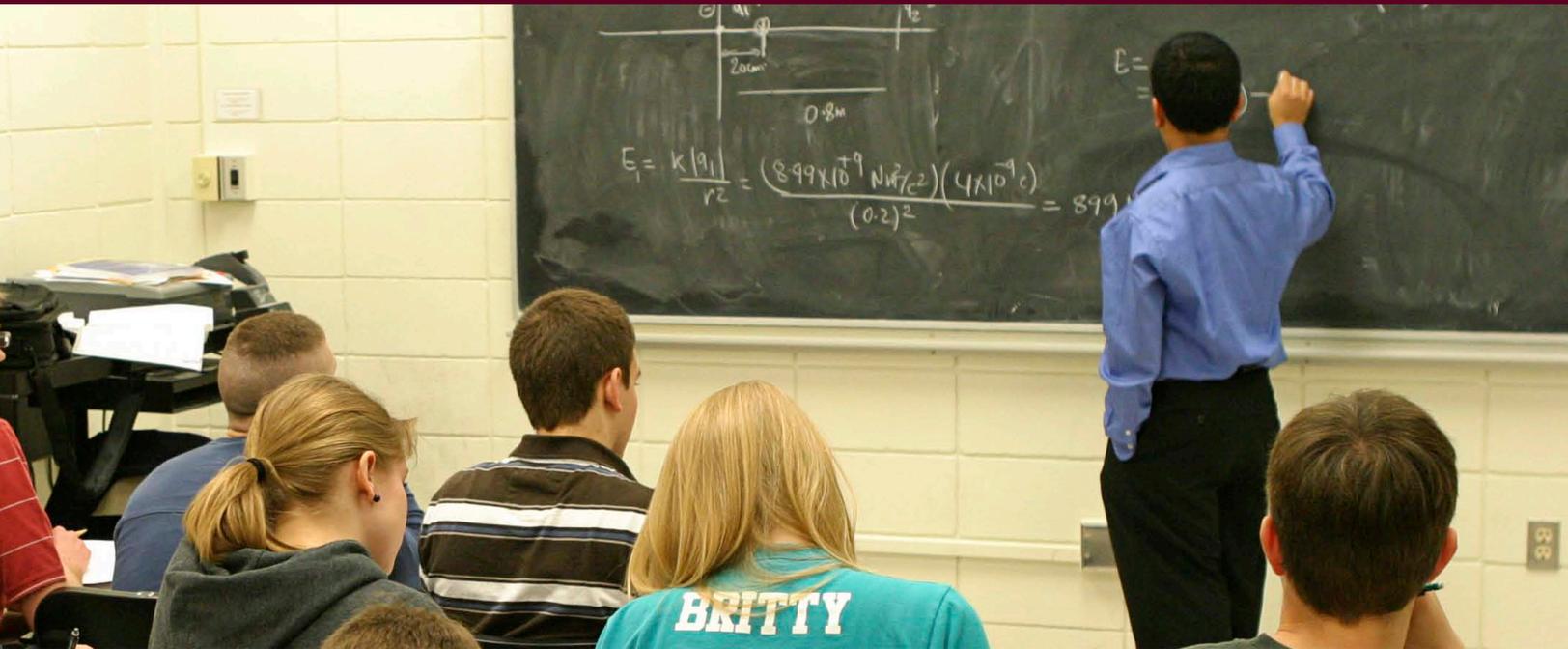
For information about tuition and fees payments, visit the Howdy Portal under the My Finances tab and click on "Pay My Tuition/Manage My Account." Visit Student Business Services at sbs.tamu.edu or call **979.847.3337** for questions regarding tuition and fees.

Additional Services

Financial Literacy:
moneywise.tamu.edu
Scholarships:
scholarships.tamu.edu
Student Employment:
jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
Veteran Services:
veterans.tamu.edu

Future Important Dates

FAFSA Available: January 1



The Honors College & Undergraduate Research

Honors and Undergraduate Research challenges motivated students to graduate from an enriched, demanding curriculum. The programs administered by the office bring together outstanding students and faculty to build a community of knowledge-producers, lifelong learners, nationally-recognized scholars and world citizens. As recognized “high impact practices,” undergraduate research and capstone experiences, which are available to Honors and non-Honors students alike, increase undergraduate student learning and success not only while students are at Texas A&M, but long after graduation.

Honors students have access to numerous special services and programs. Throughout the academic year, Honors and Undergraduate Research coordinates recreational and community-building events, lectures and workshops. Honors students are invited to engage in leadership opportunities and contribute to the development of university-level honors programming through the Honors Student Council, the University Scholars program and as Honors Housing Community leaders. Honors and Undergraduate Research also coordinates the campus nomination processes for various national fellowship competitions, including the Rhodes, Truman and Goldwater scholarships.

While some services of the office are exclusive to Honors students, advisors are available to talk with any student who is interested in sampling the academic challenge of an honors course, committing to an undergraduate research or capstone project, being nominated for a national fellowship, or applying to become an Honors student and earn the Honors Fellows distinction.

For information on pursuing Honors study, completing a capstone, applying for a university nomination to national fellowships, becoming an Honors student or an Undergraduate Research Scholar, or publishing undergraduate research articles in *Explorations*, the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal, contact Honors and Undergraduate Research in 114 Henderson Hall, **979.845.1957**, or visit hur.tamu.edu.





Off-Campus Living

Thinking about living off campus? If so, Off Campus Student Services (OCSS) in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life serves as a resource center for the approximately 44,000 off campus students at Texas A&M.

One of the office's services is AGGIE SEARCH, a web database to search for roommates and housing options. This service is available online at aggierearch.tamu.edu. OCSS also publishes the "Off-Campus Housing Survival Manual," which lists apartments, amenities and tips for a successful off-campus living experience. Staff members are also available to help students with leasing questions or issues that arise with off-campus living. For more information, attend the Off Campus Housing Session during your New Student Conference and visit studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss.

On-Campus Living

Living on campus provides many unique opportunities with a variety of living options, costs and facilities. There are currently 25 residence halls, 12 Corps of Cadets halls (when renovation is complete in August 2017) and 13 University Apartment buildings (the Gardens and White Creek Apartments), with accommodations for approximately 11,200 students. During your NSC, we invite you to stay in one of our on-campus residence halls. For more information go to reslife.tamu.edu/conferencesTours/nschousing or call 979.845.9381.

At this time, on-campus housing in our pay-by-semester properties (residence halls and White Creek Apartments) are full. Corps of Cadets housing is still available. If you would like to be placed on the on-campus housing Wait List or Notify List, go online to reslife.tamu.edu/onlineServices/apply.

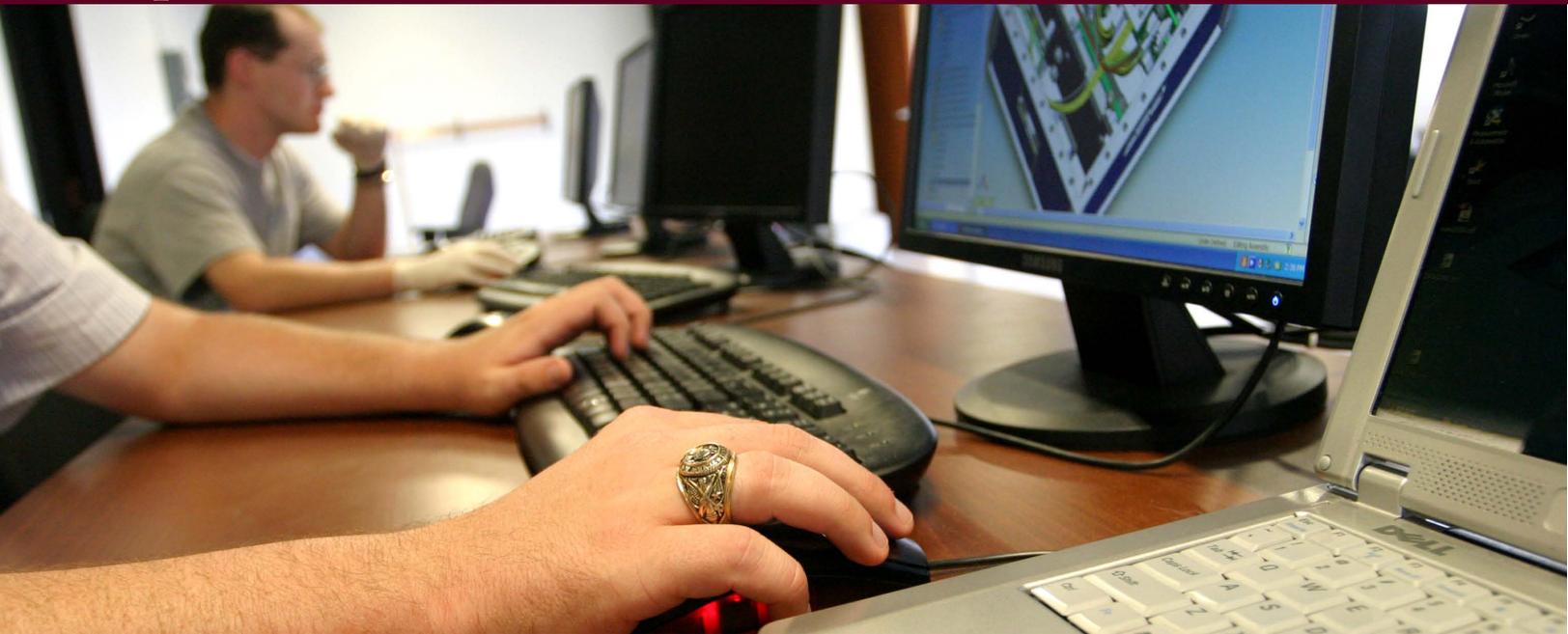


Hullabaloo Hall

You will need your NetID to login. Once you get into the system, you will be directed to apply for either the Wait List or the Notify List. Wait List students are prioritized based on the date they applied and paid to be on the list. Last year, every student who applied for the Wait List was offered a space on campus, and we are hopeful we will be able to offer the same opportunity this year. Currently, 900 Wait List students have already been offered a guaranteed space on campus for Fall 2016. Additional information about the Notify List can be found at reslife.tamu.edu/faq/reshalls/applications. Students on the Notify List will be notified if housing becomes available after students who are on the Wait List. If housing does open in the future, you will most likely be offered a "temporary housing assignment," which is explained at reslife.tamu.edu/faq/reshalls/temporary.

If you are an upperclassman, non-traditional student, or are married, you might be interested in our University Apartments (UA). This is a separate application process and can be found at reslife.tamu.edu/apartments.

For Corps housing, call 979.845.3443 or visit reslife.tamu.edu/corpshousing.



Technology at Texas A&M

Texas A&M Information Technology provides a vast array of IT tools and services to help you connect, communicate and collaborate on campus.

Texas A&M Gmail is a campus email system used by all students. Once you sign up for a New Student Conference, you will receive your email account. To learn more, visit google.tamu.edu.

TAMULink Wireless provides Internet and network access in classrooms, libraries, eateries, meeting areas and some residence halls. Go to tamulink.tamu.edu to view a map of wireless locations and learn how to connect your mobile device.

Discounted software is available for purchase after class registration. Popular software includes Windows for \$12 or less and no-charge antivirus software. Find out more at software.tamu.edu.

The Howdy Web Portal connects you to Aggieland. Access your records, email, classes, news and other important information, all with one login. Visit howdy.tamu.edu to get started.

Open Access Labs let you use computers, printers and specialized software in labs across campus. Visit oal.tamu.edu for locations, hours, equipment and software lists.

Visit it.tamu.edu/getstarted to receive your personalized TechList! This list will give you Texas A&M technology advice and requirements tailored to you, including printing, software and more.

Need Help? Help Desk Central is available 24 hours for computing support. Visit hdc.tamu.edu, call **979.845.8300**, or stop by room 104 of DPC/Computing Services Annex.

Academic Success Center

A collaborative effort between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, the Academic Success Center's (ASC) mission is to help all Aggies enhance their academic performance. ASC has a holistic approach, which helps students identify roadblocks to academic success and ensures that all students have access to comprehensive resources. ASC offers academic coaching, supplemental instruction, Transfer Student Programs, tutor zones, and workshops and courses.

The Center strives to help each student achieve the highest possible academic potential. Each Aggie is different, so the programming is designed to identify and address individual needs. To learn more, stop by the 9th floor of Rudder Tower or visit successcenter.tamu.edu.

Transfer Student Program

The Academic Success Center offers the Transfer Student Program (TSP), which serves incoming transfer students during the transition to Texas A&M. The program offers students the opportunity to connect with transfer peer mentors and learn more about available campus resources. One-on-one academic support, study groups, volunteer opportunities, academic workshops and the Conversational English Program are just a few resources the program offers.

For more information about TSP, visit [successcenter.tamu.edu/Programs/Transfer-Student-Program-\(TSP\)](http://successcenter.tamu.edu/Programs/Transfer-Student-Program-(TSP)) or call **979.458.4900**.

Dining

Dining on campus is an essential part of the Aggie experience! There are more than 30 locations available on campus to choose from, offering variety and convenience. Whether you are in the mood for BBQ, Tex-Mex, Italian, Indian, or All-American classics, you are sure to find something that will please your palate! Each dining location strives to offer a range of options ensuring that wherever you are on campus you can find a satisfying meal. We create a dining experience that is just as unique as Texas A&M, with input from students and the guidance of our on-campus leadership team that brings more than 150 combined years of food service management.

Flexibility and Convenience

Dining on campus is as simple as a swipe of your Aggie ID Card, so there is no need to carry cash or deal with credit card fees. On the Northside of campus, there is Sbisa Dining Center, which features all-you-care-to-eat style dining. The Sbisa complex is also home to Einstein Brothers Bagels, Smashburger, Papa John's Pizza and Smoothie King. Corps of Cadets members and students on the Southside of campus are conveniently located close to Duncan Dining Center, another all-you-care-to-eat facility, as well as the MSC upper and lower level food court, Starbucks in Evans Library and more! All locations accept dining dollars, cash and credit.

12th Man Pass

- **What is a 12th Man Pass?** A 12th Man Pass is purchased to gain admission into regular season varsity sporting events including football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, track, baseball, softball and tennis.
- **What are the 12th Man Pass options?** A 12th Man Pass will be offered at a price of \$290.00. This option is good for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. A new option will need to be registered for each Spring when you register for classes.
- **When can I purchase a 12th Man Pass?** Incoming and new students may begin registering for a 12th Man Pass on May 24, 2016. You do NOT need to wait until your NSC to purchase, but you can pick up your pass at the NSC. 12th Man Passes may be picked up once you have registered for an option AND obtained your Student ID. The 12th Man Pass does sell out, so plan to reserve your pass early.
- Please visit 12thmanfoundation.com/students for up-to-date information.

Transportation Services

The ability to park on campus is a great service provided to you as a student. Vehicles parked on campus are required to display a permit, except those parked in a designated visitor's space. Students should register for parking online at transport.tamu.edu/account by the priority deadline of July 6, 2016. The costs of the permits vary and are designated on a lot specific basis. On-Campus Residents: If you register for parking prior to receiving your housing assignment, you will have an opportunity to make final changes to your parking request (to match your housing assignment) in July. Reminders will be sent to your Texas A&M Gmail account. Also, the University operates an on-campus transit system that can be used by anyone on campus, fare-free. For students who live off campus, the University operates an off-campus transit system that serves most of the major apartment complexes and housing areas in Bryan/College Station, as well as the Blinn College Campus. For more information about transportation services, go to transport.tamu.edu.

Dining Plans and More

- Dining Plans can be selected prior to the start of each semester by visiting dining.tamu.edu. Please visit the website for Dining Plan options, Dining Plan requirements, policies and frequently asked questions.
- Dining Plans are accepted at all locations on campus that are operated by University Dining.
- Special dietary needs can often be accommodated. To find out more, please visit dineoncampus.com/tamu/show.cfm?cmd=_dietician.
- For more information regarding Dining Plans, call **979.845.3005** or email TAMUMealPlans@compass-usa.com.



Get Involved!

Student Activities

There are many valuable benefits of involvement at Texas A&M University. By becoming involved, students can mature personally, culturally, socially, spiritually and academically. Texas A&M has more than 1,000 recognized student organizations, and there are a myriad of other ways to become involved in campus life.

Looking for involvement opportunities? Try using OrgMatch today at **orgmatch.tamu.edu**. OrgMatch is an online tool students can use to identify various organizations that match their interests. Just log in, fill out a quick questionnaire, and you will receive a list of organizations that match your interests as well as the contact information for those groups.

There are many exciting ways to stay connected with the Department of Student Activities and to learn about new involvement opportunities both on and off campus. Start by taking these easy steps to jump start your involvement journey today!

- Visit **getinvolved.tamu.edu**
- Like Student Activities on Facebook at **facebook.com/stuact**
- Follow Student Activities on Twitter at **twitter.com/tamustuact**

Be sure to attend MSC Open House on September 4, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to learn more about student organizations.

Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets is the largest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. Known as the "Keepers of the Spirit" and the "Guardians of Tradition," many of Texas A&M's most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster and Silver Taps. Currently, over 2,450 young men and women are Corps members. The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character who are academically successful, embody the values of Honor, Integrity, Discipline and Selfless Service, and are fully prepared for the global leadership challenges of the 21st Century.

Most cadet graduates pursue a career in the public and private sectors; however, the Corps of Cadets consistently commissions more officers than any institution other than the service academies. Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets, offering scholastic advising, tutoring, cadet-led support programs, as well as access to state-of-the-art academic facilities.

The Corps of Cadets is a large and diverse program with 44 units, each with unique traits and offerings. Students join a unit based on their interests and ROTC choice.

The Corps also offers cadet organizations (The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, a precision military band; the Ross Volunteers, the official honor guard for the governor of the state of Texas; the Fish Drill Team, a precision drill unit; and Parsons Mounted Cavalry, the only mounted ROTC unit in the United States), ROTC special units (Army's Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder's Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force's Arnold Air Society) and advanced course ROTC contracts. For more information, please visit **corps.tamu.edu** or call **800.826.8247**.

Also, be sure to follow the Office of New Student & Family Programs on social media!



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Get Involved!

Fraternity & Sorority Life

Joining a national fraternity or sorority at Texas A&M University provides an opportunity to identify with and participate in Texas A&M's rich traditions while developing close bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Nearly 4,000 Aggies are members of fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M and find it a rewarding and fulfilling method in which to get involved on campus. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life coordinates programs for students interested in fraternity/sorority membership and assists with programs open to ALL students. Programs specific to fraternity and sorority members, leadership development opportunities and the schedules of programs and services for their respective groups are coordinated by four governing councils: Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

The foundation of the fraternal experience is that of leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood, which serves to provide a comprehensive and rewarding collegiate experience. Energetic and ethical leadership inspires chapter members to live the ideals of their fraternities and sororities daily while contributing to Texas A&M University and the community.

To learn more about fraternity and sorority membership contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at **979.862.5635** or email **greeklife@tamu.edu**. Also, visit the website at **greeklife.tamu.edu** and on **Facebook (/AggieGreeks)**.

Interfraternity Council | **ifc.tamu.edu**

Spirit. Pride. Tradition. Brotherhood. These are words that bind fraternity men together. Regularly, over 1,300 Aggies choose fraternities as a way to become involved in campus life at Texas A&M. Membership recruitment is encouraged 365 days of the year. However, formal recruitment activities (Rush) are held at the beginning of each semester with registration. In choosing to join a fraternity, you become part of an organization of men who share common values, goals and, ultimately, a common bond.

Multicultural Greek Council | **mgc.tamu.edu**

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) was formed at Texas A&M University in the spring of 1999. These fraternities and sororities joined together to promote the benefits of belonging to a culturally-based fraternity and sorority. Texas A&M University's MGC creates and maintains high standards for its member fraternities and sororities by addressing, coordinating and developing strategic action plans; unifying organizations; promoting higher education; providing opportunities for community service; enhancing leadership skills; and serving as a liaison between council members, the University, the student body and the administration to improve the campus climate.



Collegiate Panhellenic Council | **cpc.tamu.edu**

The first sororities were organized when education for women expanded in the last half of the nineteenth century. A sorority is a sisterhood and an ideal extension of family life. Members are expected to maintain high scholarship, contribute to school spirit, exhibit high moral standards and become involved in the needs of the community. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) includes 12 nationally recognized sororities and one local sorority chapter. Opportunities for women include developing leadership skills, promoting involvement on campus and in the community, and encouraging academic excellence and personal development through the bonds of sisterhood. Texas A&M University's CPC hosts formal membership recruitment one week before classes begin each fall. However, there are often several sororities that still participate in Continuous Open Recruitment and will invite women to membership in the spring. CPC requires individuals to register to participate in formal recruitment.

National Pan-Hellenic Council | **nphc.tamu.edu**

The African-American Greek letter movement commenced in 1906 at Cornell University as a means by which cultural interaction and community service could be maintained. These African-American Greek organizations were designed to foster brotherhood and sisterhood and to serve as a conduit by which collective action plans could be coordinated. The National PanHellenic Council (NPHC) is extremely active at Texas A&M University and in the community. NPHC offers several very successful leadership development programs for freshmen and sophomore men and women. The NPHC is the umbrella organization that provides coordination of philosophies and activities for member organizations and collegiate councils.

Gig' Em Week

Gig' Em Week is Aggieland's official Week of Welcome. This week is full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become familiar or reacquainted with campus, fellow Aggies and the Bryan/College Station community. Gig 'Em Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs and takes place just before the Fall semester at Texas A&M University.

Gig 'em Week 2016 will be held August 21st - 28th. In August, visit **gigemweek.tamu.edu** to view a complete Schedule of Events and Brochure.