Welcome to Aggieland!

Now that you’re admitted to Texas A&M, here are your next steps:

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Transfer Students
REGISTER FOR A NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE.

Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M University by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC). See detailed NSC information on page 5.

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Using your NetID, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu, select the Applicant Tab and enter the Applicant Information System (AIS). Once in AIS, follow the instructions for registering for a conference. The fee for a conference is $100 and is nonrefundable. No waivers are offered; however, if you have utilized an application fee waiver for your Texas A&M application for admission, you qualify for an NSC fee deferral. This means the fee will be billed after classes begin. This payment option will appear online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making payment.

SPRING ADMITS

Your two-day conference will be held in early January.

SUMMER AND FALL ADMITS

NSC dates have been set for late May-August.

- Summer admits planning to enroll in the Summer One term should register for the first May NSC date—if this date is full, please submit an NSC appeal in AIS so that we may review your file.
- For transfer students who wish to have a conference that involves a more extensive orientation experience, the freshman and transfer hybrid conference held June 30-July 1 is a good option.

If you DO NOT register for an NSC by the deadline we will assume that you have declined your offer of admission and cancel it. Please note, accepting your financial aid package or registering for on-campus housing does NOT mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. Those processes are independent from NSC Registration.

For more information, contact Aggieland Customer Service at 979.845.1060.

SELECT A FIXED TUITION RATE CODE.

Texas A&M offers a locked rate tuition plan for undergraduate students. The plan allows for a per semester locked rate of required tuition and fees for 12 consecutive full semesters, or four consecutive years, from the time of first enrollment in an institution of higher education after high school. A locked tuition rate provides predictability for students and families by locking in expected charges for the length of a student’s program of study and offers lower rates of tuition over the course of time if the student graduates on time. After the expiration of four years, students will pay the current year’s rates each term until degree completion.

All transfer students are assigned a tuition rate code based on their first term of enrollment after high school. Students can elect to accept their assigned rate code, giving them the remaining time in their four years to complete their degree, or they can elect to move to the current year’s rate code. Moving to the current rate code will allow four more years to complete a degree, but it will be at a higher rate of required tuition and fees.

- Rate code selections can be made by logging in to the Howdy Portal (howdy.tamu.edu), selecting the My Finances Tab and following the instructions for selecting a tuition rate code.
- Students should make a rate code selection prior to attending an NSC. A registration hold will be placed on the student’s record until the selection is made.

Share a pic of yourself with your Aggie Banner! #Aggiebound
DETERMINE IF YOU NEED TO TAKE THE MATH PLACEMENT EXAM OR A FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST.

What is the Math Placement Exam?
The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your advisor determine which mathematics course you should take.

Transfer students do not have to take this exam unless you are planning to take MATH 147/151/171 at Texas A&M. A prerequisite restriction will prevent you from enrolling in these courses unless you have credit for MATH 150 at Texas A&M University or a qualifying grade on the MPE. If you have taken a pre-calculus course at another institution that may be equivalent to Math 150, please check with your Texas A&M advisor to determine if you must take the MPE before enrolling.

To take the MPE, log in to Howdy at howdy.tamu.edu and go to the Applicant Tab and follow the instructions for the Math Placement Exam. Use the online review material available to help you prepare for this 90-minute exam. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu.

What are Foreign Language Placement Tests?
Students who intend to enroll for the first time in a college foreign language course who have previous knowledge of the language, however acquired, and who have no college credit in the language MUST take a placement test on the day prior to their scheduled NSC to determine the appropriate course for their level of ability. The foreign language placement test also serves as a basis for credit by examination. Second language learners who take the Advanced Placement (AP) Test, the College Board Achievement Test, the International Baccalaureate Test (IB) or the SAT II Subject Test in their foreign language of choice do not have to take the required foreign language placement tests, although it is highly recommended. Heritage language learners must always take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests, because these tests sometimes are not a good reflection of the language abilities of those students.

Spanish Language Placement Tests are administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 979.458.0672. To register for this test, please select Hispanic Studies and then the appropriate language at marketplace.tamu.edu.

All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30 fee due at the time of registration. For more information, call 979.845.5144. To register for this test, please select Department of International Studies and then the appropriate language at marketplace.tamu.edu.

All tests are administered on the Pre-Conference Day of the NSC along with credit by examination tests. Tests are also offered at various times during the fall and spring semesters. Students who do not take the placement test on the Pre-Conference Day will not be able to register for a foreign language course during their first semester. (Please note: Seats in language courses are limited. Taking the Language Placement Test does not guarantee the ability to register for a language course during your first semester.)
Additional Steps for International Students

FULFILL ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS.

Texas A&M requires all admitted students from non-English speaking countries to demonstrate their ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Please be aware English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements are different from admissions requirements.

To demonstrate your ability, you must fulfill one of the following:

• Submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 100 iBT, 600 pBT or higher or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 7.0 overall band PTE Academic Score of 68.
• Submit an official score of at least 21 on the ACT English or 500 on the SAT Critical Reading section.
• Transfer from an accredited U.S. institution of higher education with at least 30 semester hours (including the equivalent to Texas A&M’s English 104), and submit an official transcript from the previously attended institution for you to meet the English Proficiency requirements. The transcript must be received prior to registration.

If you do not meet one of the above conditions, you must take the English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE) upon arrival. The ELPE evaluates English grammar, writing, vocabulary, reading, listening and speaking skills. A score of at least 70 is required on each ELPE area to meet English Proficiency requirements. You will be required to enroll in ELI courses in each skill area for which you score below 70. For testing schedules, please visit the Data and Research Services (DARS) website at dars.tamu.edu.

OBTAIN APPROPRIATE IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS.

The Certificate of Eligibility Center (CEC) in the Office of International Student Services (ISS) will issue the appropriate documentation needed to apply for a visa after you complete and submit several forms to their office. Important information about your arrival, including these forms, CEC contact information and an online immigration document tracking process, can be accessed at iss.tamu.edu/departments/ISSportal.

Please direct all questions about document issuance to ISS by email at iss.cec@tamu.edu, by phone at 979.845.1824 or by fax at 979.862.4633.

You should complete the mandatory online orientation before arriving at Texas A&M. The online orientation can be accessed at iss.tamu.edu/checkin_orientation.

Upon arrival, you must attend the mandatory ISS Check-In. You will not be able to schedule your Check-In appointment until you complete the online orientation. During Check-In, you may have the opportunity to meet with several offices to remove your registration holds. You may need to meet with the Office of Admissions during or after your ISS Check-In if the following services are needed:

• resolve transfer credit or other admission issues, or
• fix a discrepancy in the spelling of your name.

You are highly encouraged to attend the one-day, on-campus International Student Conference (ISC) specifically developed for international students. Note: The ISC is different from the mandatory New Student Conference (NSC) that students are required to attend. For information concerning online orientation, the dates of Check-In and/or the ISC, please visit tx.ag/ISSorientation.

HEALTH INSURANCE

International students are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at Texas A&M University. For more information on International Student Health Insurance, visit tx.ag/ISSinsurance.

SPONSORED STUDENT PROGRAMS

979.845.2550 Arrival Information
979.862.7170 Fax
ssp.tamu.edu
New Student Conference Information

To accept your offer of admission, you must register for a New Student Conference (NSC).

**WHAT HAPPENS AT YOUR NSC?**
At your NSC you will learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student life services and extracurricular activities Texas A&M University has to offer. Your orientation process begins with your NSC, and it is a critical component of your future success at Texas A&M. Over the course of your NSC, you will participate in sessions and programs that have been designed to assist you with the transition to Texas A&M.

**NSC REGISTRATION AND DATE SELECTION**
NSC registration is available for students immediately through the Applicant Information System (AIS) on the Applicant Tab at howdy.tamu.edu. Once you are logged in to AIS, go to the My App Status Tab, click on My Next Steps and follow the steps to register.

Each academic college participates in preferred conference dates, rather than participating in all NSC dates. NSC date selection is important. Students and families need to consider options carefully and plan around family trips and work schedules.

Students will be able to select a conference date based on seats available for their academic college at the time of registration.

**NSC FAMILY AND GUEST REGISTRATION**
Texas A&M believes the college experience represents a collaboration involving the student, the student’s family and the university. Family members who accompany their student to the NSC will get valuable information that will help support their student’s transition into the Texas A&M community. Each adult, 18 and up, who wishes to attend must register online and pay the $25 conference charge. Registration for family members is a separate process from student registration. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. For questions related to family member registration, please contact New Student & Family Programs at nsfp@tamu.edu or 979.845.5826.

**NSC RESCHEDULES**
Students are allowed to change their NSC date at any time. There is a reschedule button available online in AIS on the My App Status Tab. Only conferences with available seats will be displayed. For many reasons, including safety, we ask that you do not request to be forced into conference dates that are already full.

**NSC CONFIRMATION**
After you complete registration for your conference, an NSC Confirmation Page will appear on the screen, and an electronic notification will be sent to an email address you have provided during the process. If this does not happen, your conference registration did not go through and you will need to try again. There are times that the system will not complete registration because the payment was not successful or the registration process timed out.

Make sure you see an NSC Confirmation Page and receive electronic confirmation before you assume your registration was successful.

**2016 NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE DATES**

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*Conference is a hybrid conference, including freshman and transfer students.

**CHANGING YOUR MAJOR**
Transfer students are admitted to a specific degree program. Changes of major across colleges will not be considered for at least one full semester. You will be limited to the degree plan to which you have been admitted when registering for courses at your conference.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
To arrange for disability accommodations during your NSC, contact Disability Services at 979.845.1637. disability.tamu.edu

**CORPS OF CADETS**
You will have several opportunities to learn more about the Corps of Cadets during your NSC. If you intend to join the Corps, you and your family will attend the Corps orientation and registration on the first day of your NSC. If you have additional questions regarding participation in the Corps of Cadets, contact the Corps Recruiting Office at 1.800.TAMU.AGS, corps.tamu.edu or aggiecorps@tamu.edu.
Domestic & International Pre-Enrollment Checklists

The checklists on this page will help you prepare for your first year. Items are in chronological order and are required for successful enrollment.

DOMESTIC TRANSFER STUDENTS

☐ Secure your offer and register for a New Student Conference (NSC).

☐ Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.

☐ Apply for on-campus housing or learn about off-campus housing options. reslife.tamu.edu

☐ Select your fixed tuition rate code at howdy.tamu.edu, My Finances Tab.

☐ Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) by March 15. financialaid.tamu.edu/undergraduate/apply-for-aid

☐ Apply for scholarships—deadlines match application deadlines.

☐ Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu.

☐ Submit your photo for your Aggie ID Card at myaggiecard.tamu.edu/AggieCard/Photo.

☐ Upload your proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab.

☐ Verify residency at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab.

☐ Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab (if applicable).

☐ Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgement at howdy.tamu.edu.

☐ Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable).

☐ Send your final official high school transcript via TREx (Texas high schools only).

☐ Send your official college transcript(s) via SPEEDE.

☐ Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at dars.tamu.edu/Testing/TSI-QTHEA/Texas-Success-Initiative (if applicable).

LEARN MORE ABOUT:
• short-term and emergency tuition and fees loans at sbs.tamu.edu/loans
• student employment at jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
• credit by examination at dars.tamu.edu/testing
• services for students with disabilities at disability.tamu.edu
• recommended immunizations at shs.tamu.edu/immunizations
• health insurance at shs.tamu.edu/insurance
• extended orientation programs like Transition Camp or Howdy Camp at atc.tamu.edu

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

☐ Secure your offer and register for a New Student Conference (NSC).

☐ Apply for on-campus housing or learn about off-campus housing options at reslife.tamu.edu.

☐ Select your fixed tuition rate code at howdy.tamu.edu, My Finances Tab.

☐ Learn about international student visa information.

☐ Complete the International Student Services (ISS) Online Orientation.

☐ Schedule your ISS Check-In Appointment.

☐ Submit the required paperwork to ISS.

☐ Review the university policy requiring all international students to maintain health insurance at tx.ag/ISShealthinsurance.

☐ Apply for financial aid (ISFAA) by March 15. financialaid.tamu.edu/international/apply-for-aid

☐ Apply for scholarships.

☐ Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu.

☐ Submit your photo for your Aggie ID Card at myaggiecard.tamu.edu/AggieCard/Photo.

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☐ Upload your proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis in AIS.

☐ Verify residency at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab.

☐ Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab (if applicable).

☐ Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgement at howdy.tamu.edu.

☐ Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable).

☐ Send your final official high school transcript (and diploma if issued by a foreign institution).

☐ Send your official college transcript(s).

☐ Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at dars.tamu.edu/Testing/TSI-QTHEA/Texas-Success-Initiative (if applicable).

LEARN MORE ABOUT:
• short-term and emergency tuition and fees loans at sbs.tamu.edu/loans
• student employment at jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
• credit by examination at dars.tamu.edu/testing
• services for students with disabilities at disability.tamu.edu
• recommended immunizations at shs.tamu.edu/immunizations
• health insurance at shs.tamu.edu/insurance
• extended orientation programs like Transition Camp or Howdy Camp at atc.tamu.edu
General Information

APPLICANT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE HOWDY WEB PORTAL
The Applicant Information System (AIS) has been created to take you through the admission process, from application, admission decision and registering for an NSC. Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information, such as guidance in applying for financial aid, locating housing, class registration information, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information. Questions or problems concerning Howdy should be directed to 979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu.

howdy.tamu.edu

ACTIVATE YOUR TEXAS A&M EMAIL ACCOUNT
Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email address is created for you. Your email account will be your NETID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official school correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
Scholarships & Financial Aid would like to assist you in finding financial resources for your education. We understand that choosing a college/university is a tough decision. Financial aid can be one of the most influential factors affecting this decision, but before you decide, let us help by providing a financial aid package that best meets your financial needs. financialaid.tamu.edu

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, we recommend Fall admits complete the 2016–2017 FAFSA by March 15, 2016. Spring 2016 admits should complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by September 30, 2015 and Summer 2016 admits by February 1, 2016.

The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632. Once we have received your information, you will be able to check your status and your financial aid options at howdy.tamu.edu. Click on the My Finances Tab, and enter the Scholarships & Financial Aid Portal.

International students may qualify for financial aid depending on their visa status. More information can be found at financialaid.tamu.edu/international.

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor, please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979.845.3236. financialaid.tamu.edu

AGGIE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP
The Aggie Transfer Scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding students who will be transferring to Texas A&M. The annual awards range from $500-$3,000. Students must have completed at least 24 hours at their previous institution. Selection criteria for the Aggie Transfer Scholarship include, but are not limited to, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership, major and in some instances, financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may apply using the Apply Texas Transfer Application. For more information about scholarships offered for transfer students, visit scholarships.tamu.edu/transfer/available-scholarships.

AGGIE TRANSITION CAMPS
“Aggie’s First Tradition,” Aggie Transition Camps assist new students in their transition into the Aggie Family. Participants will learn about Texas A&M’s history and traditions and meet other incoming students. Speakers and special interest groups discuss activities and opportunities available to them at Texas A&M and in the community. atc.tamu.edu

Texas A&M University has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, admission to Texas A&M University and any of its sponsored programs is open to all qualified individuals. Texas A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual’s disability and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment and employment of students in its programs and activities.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act): Information regarding campus security and safety resources, policies, and procedures for safety (reporting crimes and emergencies, crime awareness and prevention, and security of campus facilities and residence halls), alcohol, drugs, weapons and sexual assault, and crime information is on the websites upd.tamu.edu and ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html.

Transfer Camp Welcome – photo by @tamustinact
Campus Resources

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
979.458.4900
successcenter.tamu.edu

ADULT, GRADUATE AND OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES
979.845.1741
studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS
979.845.7514
aggienetwork.com

BECKY GATES CHILDREN’S CENTER
979.458.5437
bgcc.tamu.edu

CAREER CENTER
979.845.5139
careercenter.tamu.edu

CORPS OF CADETS
979.845.9232
800.TAMU.AGS
corps.tamu.edu

DATA AND RESEARCH SERVICES (DARS)
979.845.0532
dars.tamu.edu

DISABILITY SERVICES
979.845.1637
disability.tamu.edu

FINANCIAL AID
979.845.3236
financialaid.tamu.edu

TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION
979.845.8161
giving.tamu.edu

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE
979.862.5636
cpc.tamu.edu

HONORS AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
979.845.1957
hur.tamu.edu

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
studentactivities.tamu.edu/app/search (Click on ‘Cultural/International’ under ‘Search by Classification’)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
979.845.1824
iss.tamu.edu

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
979.845.1515
msc.tamu.edu

MONEY WISE AGGIE
979.845.3236
moneywise.tamu.edu

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES
979.862.2000
dms.tamu.edu

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
979.845.2345
upd.tamu.edu

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ADVISING
979.847.8938
opsa.tamu.edu

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS
979.845.7826
recsports.tamu.edu

RESIDENCE LIFE (HOUSING)
979.845.4744
reslife.tamu.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS
979.845.3236
scholarships.tamu.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
979.845.1133
studentactivities.tamu.edu

STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES
979.847.3337
sbs.tamu.edu

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE
979.845.4427
scs.tamu.edu

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
979.845.0686
jobsforaggies.tamu.edu

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE
979.458.8310
shs.tamu.edu/insurance

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
979.458.8316
shs.tamu.edu

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
979.845.9700
transport.tamu.edu

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER
979.458.1455
writingcenter.tamu.edu

VETERAN SERVICES
979.845.8075
veterans.tamu.edu

ACADEMIC COLLEGES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES
979.845.3712
aglifesciences.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
979.845.1144
arch.tamu.edu

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL
979.862.3850
mays.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
979.845.5311
education.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
979.845.7200
engineering.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF GEO SCIENCES
979.845.3651
goesciences.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
979.845.5143
liberalarts.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
979.845.7361
science.tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
979.845.4941
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims

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