Are you ready for your New Student Conference (NSC)?

Students are expected to come to the NSC prepared. We encourage you to tear out this page to remind you of what you need to do before your NSC. Before your New Student Conference, be sure to:

- Make your NSC overnight accommodations. See page 3 in this book for details.
- Register any family members or guests who are attending the NSC with you. See inside cover or “Aggie Family Member” insert for more information.
- Purchase an NSC parking permit. See page 4.
- Submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis. See page 7.
- Take your Math Placement Exam, Foreign Language Placement Test and/or Texas Success Initiative Assessment. See pages 7–8.
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the Howdy Portal. See page 8.
- Begin checking your Texas A&M Gmail account. See page 17.
- Download the TAMU NSC Mobile App in the App Store and Google Play!

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Download the free TAMU NSC Mobile App available on the App Store and Google Play! It has everything you need for your NSC: schedule, checklists, event information and more.

newaggie.tamu.edu
Welcome to the Aggie Family! The next few years promise to be exciting ones for you. Texas A&M will connect you with students, faculty and staff from varied backgrounds, diverse cultures and unique experiences. Your time at Texas A&M will be spent in the pursuit of knowledge and the engagement of lifelong learning.

This New Student Conference Handbook was developed to help you make the most of your mandatory New Student Conference (NSC). Please take time to read through this and any other materials you receive from the university. Those materials are valuable resources you can use throughout your first year at Texas A&M.

As a transfer student, you bring valuable college and life experiences to our community. Whether you are transferring from a community college or a four-year institution, we know you’re not new to college but are new to Texas A&M. Because of that, we’ve designed a New Student Conference with knowledge specific to joining the Aggie Family.

During your New Student Conference, you can expect to:

- Gain awareness of the university’s academic requirements, policies and procedures — including course selection and registration.
- Develop an awareness of information concerning personal safety and security on campus.
- Discover the broad range of student involvement and leadership opportunities on campus.
- Learn about the university’s offerings related to housing, dining, transportation, financial assistance, academic support and career guidance.
- Connect with current students to gain understanding of university expectations and ask questions.

Accompanying Family Members and/or Guests

Students are encouraged to share this publication with their family members and/or accompanying guests. The interior packet of this booklet has a publication catered to individuals supporting students through their academic pursuits. While the New Student Conference is only mandatory for students, we invite family members and guests to attend and participate in sessions designed for them. Registration for family members and guests is required and separate from the student registration process. Further details about registration and conference programs for family members located inside.

New Student Conferences en Español

Thanks to the generosity of The Association of Former Students, the Office of New Student & Family Programs offers Spanish translation for family members attending the New Student Conference.

Programs designated for Spanish translation will be noted in the NSC schedule and provided via handout. Family members interested in having programs translated will need to visit the Help Desk on Day One of the NSC to receive a handout. Additionally, a Spanish-speaking staff member will be available at Check In and the Help Desk for family members to ask questions as needed.

These services are provided free of charge, but we do request that families indicate their interest in utilizing this service on their family/guest registration form. More details at newaggie.tamu.edu/es

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The New Student Conference is a great time to meet other members of your class, learn more about Aggie traditions, participate in social programs, and interact with conference staff and Orientation Leaders. During your NSC, take advantage of the opportunity to gain valuable advice and get your questions answered as you start your journey at Texas A&M.
Overnight Accommodations

Both days of the New Student Conference are mandatory; therefore, you will need overnight accommodations for at least one night. 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.

On-Campus Accommodations (May, June & July Conferences only)

The Department of Residence Life invites you, family members and guests to stay in on-campus conference housing. On-campus conference housing tends to fill quickly and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Room rates, registration, and more details for New Student Conference on-campus housing is online at newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/housing. Housing costs will be billed to the student's account after the student and his or her family have checked out of housing.

Students and families staying in on-campus conference housing may Check-In to housing from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on their Pre-Conference Day or any time on Day One of the conference at Hullabaloo Hall. Though you will be checking in at Hullabaloo Hall, you will be staying in a different North Side modular hall. Valid NSC permit parking for NSC Housing Check-In is located in Lot 30, at the intersection of University Drive and Boyett Street.

Please bring items such as a cell phone, mattress pads, alarm clocks, blankets and pillows to use during your stay. Bed linens and towels are provided, but you may want to bring your own items to make your stay more comfortable. Each room has two twin beds. Rollaway beds or cribs are not available.

New Student Conference on campus housing is NOT available for the August conference.

Off-Campus Accommodations

For accommodations in Bryan/College Station, please contact the Bryan/College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau at (979) 260-9898 or visitaggieland.com for information on area hotels and motels. If you are staying off campus, you will need to provide your own transportation.

Conference Dining

Student/Family Lunch

Lunch on Day One of the New Student Conference is included in your conference fee for both students and families. Enjoy a relaxed meal on campus while you learn more about resources for transfer students, meet other students or family members, and interact with Orientation Leaders. To attend, students must RSVP online at newaggie.tamu.edu/studentluncheon no later than 72 hours before the start of your NSC. Families do not require a lunch RSVP. See page 13 for more details.

Meals on Your Own

Texas A&M University Dining invites you to dine on campus during your New Student Conference. There are a variety of options around campus and students, parents and visitors are all welcome! For location and facility hours, please refer to the summer schedule handout you will receive at NSC Check-In.

Additional information regarding University Dining and dining plan options available at dining.tamu.edu, (979) 845-3005 or TAMUDining@compass-usa.com
New Student Conference Parking

Please read all information before purchasing a parking permit for your New Student Conference.

ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on university property (other than visitor parking areas that are available at an hourly rate). The most convenient lot for New Student Conference Check-In is West Campus Garage or lot 61. Attendees should select the option below that best meets their needs.

OPTION 1: Purchase a Summer Weekly Permit or Multiple Daily Permits

The Summer Weekly and Daily permits allow attendees to park in the following lots: 30, 40, 43, 50, 61, 71, 88, 100, West Campus Garage and Southside Garage. Visit transport.tamu.edu/BSMmap. The Summer Weekly permit is $15 and the Daily Permit is $5 per day. The permits are only valid for the dates selected during the purchase process.

Summer Weekly and Daily permits are nonrefundable and can only be purchased online at transport.tamu.edu/account. Attendees purchasing the permit must print the permit after purchase and display them on the dashboard at all times while parked on campus. When parking in West Campus Garage, you must scan the barcode on your permit at entry and exit gates.

OPTION 2: Pay to Park in a Garage or Visitor Parking Area

If attendees do not wish to purchase a Summer Weekly permit, they can pay hourly parking rates in University Center Garage, Central Campus Garage, Northside Garage, West Campus Garage, or lots 51, 61, 72, 74, 88 or 97. Payment for surface lots and Northside Garage is required upon arrival, and payment for other garages is required upon exit. Parking maps are available online at transport.tamu.edu/VISmap.

OPTION 3: August NSC Attendees Only, Use Your Fall 2016 permit

August NSC attendees who have ordered and received their Fall 2016 permit may display it and park in their assigned lot. All others must purchase a $20 Weekly Visitor permit and park in one of the Any Valid Permit areas shown on the map at transport.tamu.edu/AVPmap.

Transportation Services
(979) 862-PARK (7275)
transport.tamu.edu/nsc

Disability Services

Disability Services interacts and collaborates with students, faculty and staff to promote an inclusive environment at Texas A&M University by educating the campus community and facilitating appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities.

Students with documented disabilities such as mobility, hearing or visual impairments, or learning and/or psychological disorders may be eligible for services and should submit an accommodation request form and documentation of their disability to Disability Services to begin the process to set up accommodations. Representatives from Disability Services are available to meet with students and family members during New Student Conferences.

If eligible, you may arrange for accommodations during your New Student Conference by submitting documentation of your disability to Disability Services at least two weeks prior to your New Student Conference.

Disability Services
701 West Campus Blvd
Student Services at White Creek, Bldg. 0062
(979) 845-1637
disability.tamu.edu
Bacterial Meningitis Documentation

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 five 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 you submit documentation at least 10 days prior to your NSC.

The law further states that students must receive the vaccination no later than 10 days before the first day of the semester in which the student enrolls. Therefore, all new students enrolling for the fall 2016 semester must receive the vaccination by August 19 or before your conference (whichever date is earlier). For students attending the August 18–19 conference, you are strongly encouraged to submit your Evidence of Vaccination by July 7 so that you can be preregistered for your classes by your academic college.

Upload your proof of vaccination through AIS (applicant.tamu.edu) by choosing the link under the “Upload Supporting Documents” section. You will be able to view receipt of your immunization document on AIS under the Documents tab within the next 24 hours. Please allow a few days for Office of Admissions staff to complete processing on your immunization document.

To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement for bacterial meningitis, go to the AIS website and ensure that a check mark is present on the bacterial meningitis checklist item found under the “Documents Required prior to Enrollment/Registration” section.

If you arrive at your New Student Conference and have not yet fulfilled this requirement, you will not be able to check in and must take care of your immunization requirement immediately. For more information including where to send your documentation, visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis/.

For students enrolling in courses summer 2016, you need to submit your meningitis documentation by the following deadlines:
- Summer Session I: May 17th
- Summer Session II: June 22nd

Math Placement Exam

As a transfer student, it is likely you do not have to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE).

There is an exception — if you are planning to take MATH 147/151/171 at Texas A&M, a prerequisite restriction will prevent you from enrolling in this course unless you either have credit for MATH 150 at Texas A&M or a grade on the MPE.

If you have taken a precalculus course equivalent to MATH 150 (TCCNS 2412) at another institution, your Texas A&M advisor might be able to substitute that for MATH 150; otherwise, you will have to take the MPE before you can enroll in MATH 147/151/171.

For more information visit newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/testing
What if I need testing accommodations due to a disability?

If you have a disability and require specific accommodations to complete any of the NSC placement exams or Texas Success Initiative requirements, please contact the Department of Disability Services to discuss your needs. Reasonable testing accommodations are provided to allow students with documented disabilities an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

In order to coordinate testing accommodations for any of the tests offered through New Student Conferences, students must submit documentation of their disability at least two weeks prior to the scheduled testing date for review. Please contact the Disability Services office at (979) 845-1637 or visit disability.tamu.edu for more information.

Foreign Language Placement Testing

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 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, as the results of these tests may be used for placement, however it is highly recommended you complete the placement test. Heritage language learners must always take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests or college level credit examinations, because these tests sometimes are not a good reflection of the language abilities of those students.

The Spanish Language Placement Test is administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, call (979) 458-0672. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/languageplacementexam to register for this test.

All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, call (979) 845-5144. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/languageplacementexam to register for this test.

All tests are administered the day before the New Student Conference. Students who do not take the placement test prior to their NSC 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 Exam does not guarantee the ability to register for a language course during your first semester.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Requirement

Many transfer students are exempt from the TSI Requirement. A list of possible exemptions can be found at successcenter.tamu.edu/Programs/Texas-Success-Initiative/TSI-Exemptions. Students who are not exempt must first complete the TSI Pre-Assessment Activity and then take the TSI Assessment Test. Nonexempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the New Student Conference until the TSI Assessment Test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M University.

The TSI Assessment Test is available on the Pre-Conference Day of each New Student Conference for students who have not met the Texas Success Initiative requirement. Students need to register for the test prior to the test date by contacting Testing Services at (979) 845-0532. Students may take the TSI Assessment Test at most Texas public colleges in their area and send the scores to the Academic Success Center at Texas A&M University.

If you have further questions concerning the Texas Success Initiative, please contact the Academic Success Center at (979) 845-2724 or visit successcenter.tamu.edu/Programs/Texas-Success-Initiative.

Lab Safety Acknowledgment

Some courses require students to submit a Lab Safety Acknowledgment (LSA) before registration is permitted. All New Student Conference attendees must submit the LSA prior to their NSC to ensure registration access. Step-by-step instructions for submitting your LSA via Howdy are available at registrar.tamu.edu/forms/LabSafetyAck.pdf. Your Howdy portal is accessible at howdy.tamu.edu.

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of the Registrar at (979) 845-7117.
Conference Questions?
For information concerning conference registration for students, please contact:
Office of Admissions
(979) 845-1060
admissions@tamu.edu
Visit applicant.tamu.edu, select Contact Us, Ask a Question, and submit your question.

For information concerning conference programs or family/guest registration, please contact:
New Student & Family Programs
(979) 845-5826
nsfp@tamu.edu
newaggie.tamu.edu
You will receive an official schedule at Check-In; however, the following pages will provide an overview of the NSC Schedule and programs. Date specific schedules are posted on the newaggie.tamu.edu website one week prior to your New Student Conference date. Times, locations and specific program descriptions in this publication are subject to change.

*Note: If you are attending the June 30–July 1 NSC, it is a combined freshman and transfer conference, which will follow the freshman schedule. Schedule available at newaggie.tamu.edu*

**Pre-Conference Day**

There are two days of required NSC programs, however we encourage you to arrive on the day prior to your New Student Conference, what we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the July 7–8 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 6.

You will have the opportunity to go through Check-In early, have your student ID made and take care of many of the to-do items on your NSC Schedule Checklist. Students attending the Pre-Conference Day typically experience shorter wait times to accomplish necessary tasks. If you do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then you should note that Check-In on the morning of Day One is mandatory.

**International students:** Please keep in mind when choosing a New Student Conference date that you are required to attend a check-in appointment with International Student Services the day prior to your New Student Conference. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/international-students for additional information.

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<td><strong>On-Campus Conference Housing Check-In</strong></td>
<td>Students and families staying in on-campus conference housing may Check-In to housing in Hullabaloo Hall.</td>
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<td>3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Check-In</strong></td>
<td>You will receive all of your orientation materials, including a map and official conference schedule. You will also have the opportunity to clear any holds on your account and buy an official Class T-Shirt or Aggie Family T-shirt for $15. <em>limited quantities and sizes available</em></td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Evening Social with the Orientation Leaders</strong></td>
<td>The Aggie Orientation Leader Program and The Association of Former Students invite new students and family members for light refreshments as you explore the different exhibits on display at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. This is a casual, come and go social where Orientation Leaders will host activities and be available to answer any questions you have.</td>
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## Day One

The first mandatory event of your NSC begins with Check-In, provided you did not arrive and check-in on the Pre-Conference day. Programs on Day One provide an overview of resources and services available to students and highlight important details for your transition to Texas A&M.

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<td>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Check-In</td>
<td>You will receive all of your orientation materials, including a map and official conference schedule. You will also have the opportunity to clear any holds on your account and buy an official Class T-Shirt or Aggie Family T-shirt for $15. *limited quantities and sizes available</td>
<td>Mandatory for all participants if you did not Check-In on the Pre-Conference Day.</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Campus Tours</td>
<td>Get acquainted with the campus, its unique history and the traditions of Texas A&amp;M. Orientation Leaders will conduct 45-minute walking tours of central campus, which depart from Check-In every 10 minutes. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes, and bring an umbrella in case of inclement weather. An alternative tour is available for those who would prefer a virtual tour experience.</td>
<td>Optional but encouraged for all conference participants.</td>
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<td>Open</td>
<td>On-Campus Conference Housing Check-In</td>
<td>Students and families staying in on-campus conference housing may check in to housing any time on Day One of the conference at Hullabaloo Hall.</td>
<td>If applicable.</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Resource Tables</td>
<td>More than 30 university services and departments will have representatives available to answer questions about university services and programs. Students and families should come prepared to ask plenty of questions and receive valuable information.</td>
<td>Optional but encouraged for all conference participants.</td>
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<td>8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Veteran Student Session {or}</td>
<td>Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits and the veteran services and resources available at Texas A&amp;M.</td>
<td>Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for military dependents.</td>
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<td>Professional School Advising Session {or}</td>
<td>This program is important for first-year students interested in careers in medicine, dentistry, allied health, veterinary medicine, law or teacher certification for secondary education. Attendance is strongly recommended for all students interested in one of these professions, regardless of major.</td>
<td>If applicable.</td>
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<td>Career Center Introduction {or}</td>
<td>Designed to introduce you to the services and resources of the Career Center.</td>
<td>Optional but encouraged for all participants.</td>
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<td>Study Abroad</td>
<td>As a transfer student to Texas A&amp;M, you CAN study abroad! This session presents information on high-impact international educational opportunities and funding resources. For more information, please visit studyabroad.tamu.edu.</td>
<td>Optional but encouraged for all participants.</td>
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<td>9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.</td>
<td>Welcome Session</td>
<td>This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student &amp; Family Programs!</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.</td>
<td>Joining a Community of Scholars</td>
<td>This session will provide you with important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&amp;M’s Community of Scholars.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.</td>
<td>Campus Services Session</td>
<td>Learn more about the support services offered to you such as transportation, dining and computing. You will also receive important information regarding campus safety and emergency preparedness.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.</td>
<td>Keys to Financial Matters</td>
<td>Staff from Student Business Services and Scholarships &amp; Financial Aid will discuss tuition and fees, how to pay your bill, deadlines, and financial resources including scholarships, grants and loans.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Transfer Student Luncheon and Panel</td>
<td>After a morning of conference sessions, relax and dine with your fellow classmates in this luncheon planned just for you! It is a great time to meet other new Aggies, chat with our Orientation Leaders, and learn more about resources for our Transfer Aggies. The lunch is free for new students participating in the conference, but RSVP is required. To attend, please RSVP online at newaggie.tamu.edu/studentluncheon no later than 72 hours before the start of your NSC. Serving lines close at 12:15 p.m., so please arrive promptly!</td>
<td>Students only who have RSVPed in advance.</td>
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<td>Family Luncheon and Partners in Success</td>
<td>This casual luncheon is a great way to meet other family members and learn about ways to get involved and support your student. You’ll hear from New Student &amp; Family Programs, the Dean of Student Life and the Federation of Aggie Moms. The cost of this luncheon is included in the family member registration charge. Families do not need to RSVP. Serving lines close at 12:15 p.m., so please arrive promptly!</td>
<td>Registered family members and guests.</td>
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<td>Lunch on Your Own</td>
<td>You will receive a campus dining handout in your check-in bag directing you to dining locations on campus.</td>
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<td>1:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m</td>
<td>Family Program</td>
<td>Explore challenges facing new Aggies during their transition to Texas A&amp;M and how the university and families can partner to provide support to increase student success.</td>
<td>Families only.</td>
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<td>1:45 p.m. – 2:40 p.m</td>
<td>Aggieland: A Community of Respect</td>
<td>Centered around our Core Values, current students and staff will talk about being part of the Aggie Family and how you contribute to our Community of Respect.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for students only.</td>
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<td>2:40 p.m. – 3:05 p.m</td>
<td>Step In, Stand Up in Aggieland</td>
<td>This session will provide information about our students’ rights and available resources as they pertain to the prevention of and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking and related retaliation. Students will learn how each one of us can commit to a safe and welcoming campus community.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for students only.</td>
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<td>3:10 p.m. – 3:50 p.m</td>
<td>Academic Meeting</td>
<td>This session will provide you with critical information regarding academic policies and details for registering for courses.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m</td>
<td>Off-Campus Student Services (or)</td>
<td>Learn about off-campus living, including how to find housing, important rental/leasing information, roommate relations and transportation.</td>
<td>Students who will be living off campus. Family members welcome.</td>
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<td>Corps Orientation and Registration</td>
<td>Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session for students and families. Session includes information on Corps housing, uniforms, meal plans, unit assignments, ROTC enrollment and cadet scholarships.</td>
<td>Students interested in joining the Corps of Cadets. Family members welcome.</td>
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### Class T-Shirts

Purchase your Official Class of 2018, 2019, or 2020 T-Shirt! Aggie Family T-Shirts also available! All T-shirts are $15 each (cash or check only) and will be available at Check-In.
## Day Two

On Day Two of the New Student Conference, students will spend the day with their academic college and register for courses. Please be prepared to remain until 6:00 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration.

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<td>8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>College Meetings and Preliminary Advising</td>
<td>These meetings provide the opportunity to meet with representatives from your specific college who will discuss requirements and answer questions you have about your major. You will also develop a trial semester schedule and meet in small groups with an academic advisor.</td>
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<td>Times vary</td>
<td>Lunch on Your Own</td>
<td>See handout for dining locations.</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Course Registration</td>
<td>Students will register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Academic advisors will be available to answer any questions you may have. Please be prepared to remain until 6:00 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration.</td>
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Veteran and Dependent Services and Resources

At Texas A&M University, we take great pride in our standing as a national leader in service to our veterans and other military-affiliated students. We are committed to serving well those who have served through a uniquely collaborative support network that provides personalized resources and services. Our two offices, the Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource and Support Center, have a unique and powerful relationship that is specifically designed to facilitate your transition and success.

The Veteran Services Office provides services and support for all of your VA and state educational benefits. In addition to certifying your benefits, they can answer questions and provide assistance with financial aid and scholarships. The Veteran Resource and Support Center serves the needs of all veterans and military-affiliated students with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. We are here to serve you and connect you to the rest of campus. THANK YOU for your service to our country, and we stand ready to serve you as you pursue your education.

Services from the Veteran Services Office:
- Federal and state veterans’ education benefits processing.
- Scholarship and financial aid advising.

Veteran Services Office
Pavilion Building, Room 205
(979) 845-8075
veterans@tamu.edu
veterans.tamu.edu

Services from the Veteran Resource and Support Center:
- Academic support and student life skills through the Aggie Vet Network and Vet Connect programs.
- Course credit for military service, academic resources and military service withdrawals.
- Military admissions and Vet Success (VA) on Campus Support.
- Relocation/housing and Disability Services assistance referrals.
- Student Veterans Association (tamuveterans.tamu.edu).
- Corps of Cadets Delta Company — for combat veterans who want to join the Corps.

Veteran Resource and Support Center
Koldus Building, Suite 112
(979) 845-3161
aggievets@tamu.edu
aggieveterans.tamu.edu

Services from both the Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource and Support Center:
- A mandatory New Student Conference orientation for student veterans (highly encouraged for military dependents).
- VetCamp (held in the fall and spring) — an in-depth orientation about campus and community resources (spouses welcome).

When do Classes Begin?
The first day of summer one term classes is May 31st and summer two term is July 6th. The first day of the 2016 Fall Semester is August 29th.
How can I change my Conference Date?

You are required to attend the conference date for which you are registered. Students are not allowed to participate in a conference they are not registered for in advance. You can change your conference date as long as dates are available on the NSC registration website, accessible through applicant.tamu.edu (AIS). As dates are filled they are removed from the site and are no longer available due to capacity limits.

Students will not be forced into conferences to accommodate changes in their personal schedule due to work conflicts or travel. Appeals to change into a restricted or full conference are only granted for military orders, medical emergencies or extreme extenuating circumstances which students can substantiate with written documentation.

Appeals are submitted online at applicant.tamu.edu by going to the ‘Contact Us’ tab, clicking ‘Ask A Question’, and selecting a subject type of ‘NSC Appeal’ and completing the required fields.

If a family member or guest plans to attend the NSC with me, do they need to register?

Yes. Each family member or guest who wishes to attend must register online and pay the respective conference charges. Registration for family members is a separate process from the student registration. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Priority registration is open until four days prior to your NSC. Within four days, additional charges will apply. For questions related to family member registration, contact New Student & Family Programs at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu or (979) 845-5826. See “Aggie Family Member” insert for more information.

Still have questions?

Be sure to check out the New Student Conference website, newaggie.tamu.edu. The New Aggie website features extended FAQs, PDF versions of every publication you have received from Texas A&M since the time of your admission, and much more!

How Can I Change My Major?

Transfer students are admitted to a specific degree granting program and should be aware that not all other majors may be available to them for future changes of majors. Changes of major across colleges will not be considered for at least one full semester. Many departments and colleges have grade point requirements, and Texas A&M residency requirements and restrictions for changes of major.

Your course registration at your New Student Conference will be limited to the degree program to which you have been admitted. For more information, please contact your specific academic college.

When do I pay for tuition, fees, and optional campus services?

Tuition and fees payment information may be found online at sbs.tamu.edu. Students will have access to view fee statements and pay online beginning in August. An email notification will be sent to the student’s Texas A&M Gmail account with a link to the online statement when fees for the fall term have been calculated.

Students attending August conferences are encouraged to pay tuition and fees immediately after registering. Payments may be submitted online or in person at the General Services Complex in Suite 2801 (expect long lines in August).

Payment options include:

- Online credit cards and e-checks.
- Check, cashier’s check or money order.
- Wire transfer.
- Installment plan.
- Emergency tuition and fee loans — see Loan Applications at financialaid.tamu.edu for details.

In addition to registering for your classes during your New Student Conference, you will have the opportunity to select from various optional services. These may include dining plans, parking permits and a sports pass. Any optional services that you select will appear on your fee statement in addition to your tuition and any required fees. A list and description of required and optional fees can be found at sbs.tamu.edu.
Extended Programming for Transfer Students

Extended orientation programs are designed to provide new students with additional opportunities to socialize and network with new and continuing students. While attendance at a New Student Conference is mandatory for all new undergraduate students, participation in extended orientation programs, such as T-Camp, ExCel, or Transfer Student Program, is optional but highly encouraged! For information on the various programs available, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/after-your-new-student-conference/.

Gig ‘Em Week: Aggieland’s Week of Welcome, August 21–28
Your classes are set, you’ve moved in, and you have learned some of the traditions that make this place so special...what’s next? Gig ’Em Week! This week is full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become familiar or reacquainted with the Texas A&M campus, fellow Aggies and the Bryan/College Station community.

Gig ’Em Week provides you an opportunity to learn more about the campus, other students and life at Texas A&M through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls and community members. Gig ’Em Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs and takes place the week before classes begin in the fall. For more information, please visit gigemweek.tamu.edu.

Undergraduate Convocation, August 28th at 2:00pm, Reed Arena
Undergraduate Convocation officially welcomes new students to the Texas A&M University Community of Scholars in a manner similar to the recognition they will receive at commencement.

Incoming undergraduate students will join faculty, college deans, and the university president and vice presidents to commemorate their entry into the Texas A&M University Community of Scholars. In addition, when assembled in one place, incoming students will gain a sense of their number, strength and identity as well as develop an important connection to one another and to the university. Family members are welcome to attend. For additional information, please visit undergradconvo.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M Gmail
As a confirmed new student, you now have a Texas A&M Gmail account. Your email address is NetID@tamu.edu. Your NetID is the same ID you use to log in to Howdy and the Applicant Information System (AIS). You should start checking your Texas A&M Gmail account regularly because important information will be sent there prior to your New Student Conference.

To check your email, visit google.tamu.edu and log in with your NetID and password. You can also set up Texas A&M Gmail on your smartphone so you won’t miss any important emails! To learn how, visit u.tamu.edu/mobileemail.

If you have questions about your Texas A&M Gmail account or NetID, call the Texas A&M Information Technology Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300 or visit IT.tamu.edu.
Need directions?
This map highlights locations specific to NSC programs. A more comprehensive map will be provided at NSC Check-In and is also available at maps.tamu.edu.

NSC Check-In is held in the Zone Club (north end zone) of Kyle Field. The physical address for Kyle Field is:
198 Joe Routt Blvd.
College Station, TX 77843
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Are you ready for your New Student Conference (NSC)? Students are expected to come to the NSC prepared. We encourage you to tear out this page to remind you of what you need to do before your NSC. Before your New Student Conference, be sure to:

- Make your NSC overnight accommodations. See page 5 in this book for details.
- Register any family members or guests who are attending the NSC with you. See inside cover or “Aggie Family Member” insert for more information.
- Purchase an NSC parking permit. See page 6.
- Submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis. See page 7.
- Take your Math Placement Exam, Foreign Language Placement Test and/or Texas Success Initiative Assessment. See pages 7–8.
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the Howdy Portal. See page 8.
- Begin checking your Texas A&M Gmail account. See page 17.
- Download the TAMU NSC Mobile App in the App Store and Google Play! It has everything you need for your NSC: schedule, checklists, event information and more.

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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) 862-3636 mays.tamu.edu
- College of Education & Human Development (979) 843-5311 education.tamu.edu
- Dwight Look College of Engineering (979) 843-7200 engineering.tamu.edu
- College of Geosciences (979) 845-5631 geosciences.tamu.edu
- College of Liberal Arts (979) 843-5145 liberalarts.tamu.edu
- College of Nursing (979) 436-0110 nursing.tamhsc.edu
- College of Science (979) 845-7561 science.tamu.edu
- College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (979) 843-4941 vetmed.tamu.edu/hms
- School of Public Health (979) 456-9415 sph.tamhsc.edu
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