## FRESHMAN Pre-Conference Day (Optional): Monday, July 10

### TIME | EVENT | LOCATION
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6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Open Recreation | Student Recreation Center

Utilize the Rec Center at your leisure. Simply check in with the Member Services Desk at the Rec Center to gain passes. Equipment fees may apply. Proper attire is required. Family members under 18 must always be accompanied by an adult.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Veteran Services Office Open | The Pavilion Room 205

Are you or your dependent ready to use your military educational benefits? If so, please visit the Veteran Services Office to learn how to get the most out of your benefits at Texas A&M.

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Residence Hall Tours | Hullabaloo Hall

Residence Hall Tours provide the opportunity to see a furnished room in Hullabaloo Hall, Modular, Corridor, Balcony and Ramp building styles only. Please visit reslife.tamu.edu/tour for specific times or call (979) 845-0557.

12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | White Creek Apartment Tours/ Commons Tours | White Creek Apartments/ Commons

At the White Creek Apartments, tour one of four available floor plans. At the Commons, tour the newly renovated Commons building and a Commons-style room. Please visit reslife.tamu.edu/tour for specific times or call (979) 845-0557.

### Times Vary | Language Placement Exams | Given upon exam registration

The Spanish Language Placement Test is administered by Hispanic Studies. All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies. There is a $30.00 fee due at the time of registration. To register, visit newaggie.tamu.edu/languageplacementexam. For questions, call: Spanish Exam: (979) 845-2125 | All other languages: (979) 845-5144

### Times Vary | TSI Assessment Test | 1101 General Services Complex

Students not exempt from the Texas Success Initiative and who have not taken the TSI Assessment Test prior to the NSC must do so at this time or they will not be able to register for classes. Register in Suite 1101, General Services Complex or call (979) 845-0532.

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | On-Campus Accommodations Check-In | Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor

Students and families staying in on-campus conference accommodations may check in from 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Zone Club of Kyle Field, 1st Floor. After 5:00 p.m., call (979) 845-2821 for your check-in location.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Student & Family Check-In | Zone of Kyle Field, 4th Floor

Students and families who have arrived early may check in to the conference. Students needing to clear any holds, turn in transcripts, or change their major should do so. Class of 2021 T-shirts are available for purchase.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Campus Tours | Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor

Get acquainted with the campus, history and traditions of Texas A&M. Orientation Leaders conduct 45-60 minute walking tours of central campus. Tours depart every 10-15 minutes.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Virtual Campus Tours | Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor

Available for those who prefer a virtual tour experience. Video loops every 10 minutes.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Money Tips for Students | Pavilion 106

This presentation provides recommendations which can help students be more financially successful during college so that they can be in a great financial position upon graduation.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Fraternity & Sorority Life Session | Koldus 110-111

Fraternity and sorority members are dedicated to scholarship, leadership, and philanthropy. Please come receive information about how YOU can enhance your leadership skills and make an impact as an Aggie Greek!

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Singing Cadets Auditions | MSC L110

If you’re interested in being part of Texas A&M’s premier all-male chorus, please stop by for a brief audition! Please note: Membership in the Corps of Cadets is not required.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Corps of Cadets Open House | Alumni Center, Zachry Room

Joining the Corps or seeking more information? Stop by the come-and-go Corps of Cadets Open House to meet with outfit representatives.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Evening Social | Williams Alumni Center

The Orientation Leaders and The Association of Former Students invite new students and families to this casual, come-and-go social to explore the exhibits of the Alumni Center, enjoy various activities, and try on a Class of 2021 Aggie Ring.

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**Questions?**

Call us: (979) 845-5826
Tweet us: @NSFptamu
Snap us: @New_Aggie

**What to expect at your NSC**

**Pre-Conference Day** occurs the day before official programs begin. All activities during the pre-conference day are optional.

**Day 1** features sessions regarding academics, resources, and responsibilities as an Aggie. Evening programs help students and families understand what it means to be an Aggie.

**Day 2** begins with students meeting with their college to learn about the requirements and expectations of their specific discipline. Class registration takes place in the afternoon.

**Attendance** at the conference is mandatory and it is the University’s expectation that students attend all sessions.

**Change Your Major**

If you want to change your major, you must visit the “Change your Major” table at check-in. This is your only opportunity to change your major at the conference. Be advised that certain colleges and departments have enrollment restrictions and a change of major into these programs will not be an option.

**International Students**

All students who are neither U.S. Citizens nor U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents must check in with International Student Services (ISS) in order to have their course registration hold removed. Detailed information is available at iss.tamu.edu. ISS will be present at New Student Conference Check-In.

**Math Placement Exam**

All freshman students are required to take the math placement exam before class registration. If you have not taken the math placement exam, please visit the NSC Help Desk. To take the math placement exam, visit: mathplacement.tamu.edu.
Day One: Tuesday, July 11

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
Student & Family Check-In  
Zone of Kyle Field, 4th Floor

- Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. You will receive orientation materials, an official conference schedule and students must clear any holds, turn in transcripts, or change their major, if desired. Howdy Lunch tickets, Class of 2021 and Family T-shirts are available for purchase.

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
On-Campus Accommodations Check-In  
Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor

- Students and families staying in on-campus accommodations may check in at this time. Check-in will also be available starting at 5:00 p.m. in residence halls and apartments. Please call (979) 845-2821 for exact afternoon check-in locations.

8:15, 8:30, 8:45 a.m.  
Campus Tours  
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- Orientation Leaders conduct 45-minute walking tours of the inner campus, weather permitting.

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Student ID Cards  
Rudder Exhibit Hall

- Get your student ID card made. Lines to make IDs are longest on the morning of Day 1. Not available during mandatory sessions. Check the back page of this schedule for more detailed times and availability.

8:40 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.  
Veteran Services Session  
Koldus 110-111

- Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits. Get connected with the Aggie veteran community and both campus veteran offices. Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for military dependents.

9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Welcome  
Rudder Auditorium

- This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student & Family Programs!

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Joining a Community of Scholars  
Rudder Auditorium

- This session will provide important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&M’s Community of Scholars.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Academic Meeting  
Rudder Auditorium

- Students will receive critical information regarding academic policies and receive instructions on class registration.

11:10 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.  
Keys to Financial Matters  
Rudder Auditorium

- Staff will discuss tuition and fees, how to pay your bill, deadlines, and financial resources including scholarships, grants and loans.

11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.  
Campus Services  
Rudder Auditorium

- Information will be shared regarding campus services such as dining, transportation, and information technology (IT).

12:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch & Resource Tables  
Sbisa Dining Hall/Memorial Student Center

- Howdy Lunch in Sbisa Dining Hall is a wonderful way to experience dining on campus. “All you care to eat” tickets will be sold at NSC Check-In or can be purchased at the door. Vegetarian dishes will be available. In addition, be sure to visit the Memorial Student Center and check out the Resource Tables where various offices from the University community are represented. Get your passport punched and entered into the drawing for a $50 gift card. Last names A-L will have lunch at Sbisa, then attend Resource Tables. Last names M-Z will attend Resource Tables, then have lunch at Sbisa.

Lunch on Your Own  
Various

- See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Corps of Cadets Orientation  
Sanders Corps Center

- Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session for students and families. Session includes info on Corps housing, uniforms, meal plans, unit assignments, ROTC enrollment and Cadet Scholarships. In order to arrive on time, guests attending this session should eat lunch in the Memorial Student Center.

2:15 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.  
On-Campus Housing Session  
Rudder Theatre

- Students learn about on-campus living arrangements, residence life policies, what to expect as on-campus residents, and move-in details. This session is mandatory for students who have been confirmed with an on-campus residence hall space.

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Family On-Campus Housing and Services  
Rudder Auditorium

- Learn about on-campus living arrangements and find out more information about housing related support services including parking, food, and IT.

Off-Campus Housing Session  
MSC 2400

- Learn about off-campus living, including how to find housing, important rental/leasing information, roommate relations and transportation.
### Day One, Continued (Students):

**3:10 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.**
- **Aggies Engage**
  - Learn the keys to academic success from a Texas A&M faculty member. Presenters will provide insights to the academic expectations set for students, as well as tips for succeeding during your first semester and beyond as a college student.
  - Rudder Theatre

**3:50 - 4:45 p.m.**
- **Aggieland: A Community of Respect**
  - 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.
  - Rudder Theatre

**4:45 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.**
- **Step In, Stand Up in Aggieland**
  - This session provides information about our students’ rights and available resources pertaining 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.
  - Rudder Theatre

**5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**
- **Student Dinner**
  - MSC Bethancourt Ballroom
  - Relax and dine with your fellow classmates! It is a great time to meet other Aggies and chat with Orientation Leaders. The dinner is free for new students participating in the conference. Your nametag is your ticket for dinner. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. Specific dietary needs submitted in advance accommodated.

**6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **CSI: Aggieland**
  - Rudder Theatre
  - An entertaining performance focusing on “Campus Safety Issues.” Get informed on the tough social issues many students face and the resources available at A&M for support.

**7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Aggie Insights**
  - Memorial Student Center
  - Want to find out everything about Aggieland but not sure who to ask? Here you’ll get to meet in small, informal groups with Orientation Leaders to ask questions and learn more about campus life. Groups form at dinner.

### Day One, Continued (Families):

**3:10 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.**
- **Partners in Success**
  - Rudder Auditorium
  - Explore challenges facing new students during their transition to college and how the university and families can partner to provide support to increase student success.
  - or
  - **First Generation Partners in Success**
    - Rudder Forum
    - Is your student the first in your family to attend college? We invite family members of first generation college students to attend this version of our Partners in Success presentation that specifically highlights first-gen student success.

**4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
- **Your Student's Academic Success**
  - Rudder Auditorium
  - An Aggie faculty member will provide insights to the Texas A&M classroom experience and offer resources for supporting your student academically.

**5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**
- **Introduction to Aggie Family Programs**
  - Rudder Auditorium
  - The Office of New Student & Family Programs will introduce various resources available to Aggie family members.

**5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**
- **Ask an Aggie: Student Panel**
  - Rudder Auditorium
  - A panel of current students will provide an expanded Q&A session to address any questions or concerns and give their perspective on life at Texas A&M.

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Family Dinner & Being an Aggie Family Member**
  - MSC Bethancourt Ballroom
  - This relaxed dinner is a great way to meet other family members and interact with Orientation Leaders. You’ll also hear how the Office of New Student & Family Programs supports family members. Serving lines close at 7:30 p.m. Your nametag is your ticket for dinner. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. Specific dietary needs submitted in advance accommodated.

### Day One, Continued (Students and Families):

**8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.**
- **Being an Aggie & Yell Practice**
  - Rudder Auditorium
  - Learn about being an Aggie and attend a Fightin’ Texas Aggie Yell Practice with the Yell Leaders.

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**Connect to Wifi at Texas A&M**

**Students:** Select *tamulink-wpa* in your device’s available wireless networks. Enter your NetID for the “Username” field and your NetID password for the “Password” field.

**Family Members and Guests:** Guest wireless access is available by selecting TAMU-Visitor.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300.
7:45 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.  
Conference Shuttles  
Rudder Fountain
Beginning at 7:45 a.m., shuttles are available to transport you to West Campus.

7:45 a.m.  
Trailblazing  
Rudder Fountain
Orientation Leaders walk you to college meetings or direct you to West Campus shuttles. All groups depart from Rudder Fountain at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.  
Mandatory College Meeting & Academic Advisement  
See Below
Meeting begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who do not attend the meeting for its entirety will be blocked from course registration.

• In this mandatory meeting, students meet with representatives from your specific college who will discuss requirements and answer questions you have about your major. You will also receive specific information about course registration.

Locations vary by college (Building abbreviations refer to the campus map alphabetical listing):

- Engineering (EN)  
  Rudder Theatre
- Liberal Arts (LA)  
  Memorial Student Center 2300 A&-B (MSC)
- Science (SC)  
  Heldenfels 100 (HELD)
- Transition Academic Programs - TEAM (GS)  
  Heldenfels 200 (HELD)
- Veterinary Medicine (VM)  
  Veterinary Medicine Building 1 (VENI)*
  Room 106
*Denotes building on West Campus. We suggest riding the conference shuttles.

Various  
Lunch on Your Own  
Various
See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations. Time will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Course Registration  
Location specified by college
Exact time and location announced during College Meetings. Students will register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Please be prepared to remain until 6 p.m. if necessary.

NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

- 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.
- Purchase your official Class of 2021 and Aggie Family T-shirt! T-shirts can be purchased at afternoon or morning check-ins.
- Get your student ID card made or pick up your ID if you submitted your photo online. Lines to make IDs are longest on the morning of Day 1. Must have government issued photo ID.
  - Pre-Conference Day: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall
  - Day One: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall
  - Day Two: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall
- Sign up for Code Maroon. Code Maroon is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly with campus members. Sign up at codemaroon.tamu.edu.
- If you are a veteran or military student, check in with the Veteran Services Office, located in the Pavilion Room 205 (2nd Floor).
- You may want to rent a P.O. Box if you are living on campus. Boxes may be rented for the Southside or Northside of campus by visiting Hullabaloo Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (baurservicesinc.com). The Northgate Post Office also offers P.O. Box Rental and is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Add your preferred emergency contact information on the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu.
- Pick up your sports pass. If you registered for a sports pass (online at 12thmanfoundation.com/students) you may pick it up at the ticket window inside the 1st Floor Zone Club Lobby (north end zone - Entry 6) of Kyle Field after you have received your student ID card. Ticket Office is open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Follow us on Twitter & Instagram @NSFPtamu. This is a great way to stay connected before, during, and after your NSC. If tweeting about your NSC experience, use the hashtag #TAMUNSC.
- Reserve your textbooks before you leave campus! Texas A&M and Barnes & Noble have paired up to create a textbook and materials list that is automatically generated after class registration so you can order textbooks more easily. Stop by Barnes & Noble at Texas A&M University to pick up your NEW STUDENT PACKET and ask any questions. The bookstore is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday–Friday. You can also visit them online at tamu.bncollege.com. Please note: TAMU students are not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer.
- Download the TAMU Mobile App for detailed NSC information as well as instant access to bus routes, dining information, maps and much more. Just search “Texas A&M University” in the App Store or Google Play.
- Complete your NSC Evaluation which you receive via email 7-10 days after your conference.