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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. These materials are valuable resources you can use throughout your first year at Texas A&M University. 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.

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 and guests during the New Student Conference. Programs designated for Spanish translation will be noted in the NSC schedule and provided via headsets.

Family members interested in having programs translated will need to visit the Student Services Center during the New Student Conference to check in and have programs translated during the NSC. 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.

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 are located inside.
Texas A&M University provides equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment or admission, and the public regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Texas A&M University will promptly investigate all complaints of illegal discrimination, sexual harassment, and related retaliation in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

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The New Student Conference is a collaborative effort among the entire university community, coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs housed in the Division of Student Affairs.
New Student Conference Staff

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.

New Student & Family Programs

In support of Texas A&M University’s mission, the goal of the Office of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) is to facilitate your success as a new student through your first year at Texas A&M. Through various programs and publications, including New Student Conferences, NSFP staff strive to provide you with the framework to adjust to the expectations, standards, academic rigors and social community at Texas A&M University. NSFP also facilitates collaboration between university services in order to provide a comprehensive new student experience.

Orientation Leaders

Orientation Leaders are students who volunteer their time to welcome and assist new students and their families. Members of the Aggie Orientation Leader Program (AOLP) can be identified by their distinctive maroon polos and welcoming smiles. These students are trained to help make the conference a memorable and fun experience. Have a question or a problem? Seek out an Orientation Leader — they’re here for you! Orientation Leaders work with the New Student & Family Programs staff and will be on hand to assist you throughout your conference. Visit aolp.tamu.edu.

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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 New Student Conference (NSC) Overnight Accommodations. Our housing is an affordable option for any traveling students and families in need of a place to stay during their conference.

NSC Overnight Accommodations offers two options for students, families, and guests: residence halls and apartments. Both options tend to fill quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. NSC Overnight Accommodations costs will be billed to the student’s account after the student and their family have checked out of their NSC Overnight Accommodations.

Students and families staying in NSC Overnight Accommodations may check in during the following times:

Pre-Conference Day: 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Zone Club, 1st Floor  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at residence halls/apartments

Conference Day 1: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Zone Club, 1st Floor  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at residence halls/apartments

Options for parking with a valid NSC parking permit near NSC Overnight Accommodations are available at reslife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/NSC_Map.pdf.

Please bring items such as a cell phone, mattress pads, 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 in the residence halls. Apartment rooms are all single full size beds. Roll-away beds or cribs are not available.

NSC Overnight Accommodations are NOT available for the August conference. Residence hall/apartment rates, registration, and more details for NSC Overnight Accommodations are online at reslife.tamu.edu/guests/nsc/.

Off-Campus Accommodations

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

Aggie ID Photo

Students are required to submit a photo for their Aggie Card Student ID prior to the New Student Conference (NSC). Your Aggie Card will then be printed and ready for pick up during your NSC. Visit myaggiecard.tamu.edu to upload your photo online after you have registered for your NSC.
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. Attendees should select the option below that best meets their needs.

OPTION 1a: Purchase a New Student Conference Surface Lot Permit

The NSC Surface Lot Permit allow attendees to park in the following lots: 30, 40, 43, 49, 50, 61, 71, 88, 100, 122, 126, West Campus Garage and Southside Garage. The NSC Surface Lot Permit is $15 and only valid for the dates selected during the purchase process.

OPTION 1b: Purchase a New Student Conference Cain Garage Permit

The NSC Cain Garage Permit allows attendees to park in the following lots: 30, 40, 43, 49, 50, 61, 71, 88, 100, 122, 126, West Campus Garage, Southside Garage and Cain Garage. Cain Garage is located across the street from NSC check in and the Memorial Student Center offering the closest parking to all NSC activities. The NSC Cain Garage permit is $30, only valid for the dates selected during the purchase process and is recommended for individuals being housed in White Creek Apartments for their New Student Conference. Due to current construction around Cain Garage, visit transport.tamu.edu/Parking/faqmscstreet.aspx for street closures and garage access points.

Attendees purchasing the Option 1a or 1b permits must print the permit after purchase and display it on the dashboard at all times while parked on campus. When parking in West Campus Garage or Cain 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 one of the above NSC permits, they can pay hourly parking rates in Cain Garage, University Center Garage, Central Campus Garage, Northside Garage, West Campus Garage, or lots 24, 30, 51, 61, 72, 74, 88, 97 or 122. 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: Use Your Fall 2018 Permit (August NSC Attendees Only)

August NSC attendees who have ordered and received their Fall 2018 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.

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transport.tamu.edu/ns
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 vaccination 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 into your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative you submit documentation at least two weeks prior to your NSC.**

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 2018 semester must receive the vaccination by August 17 or before your conference (whichever date is earlier).

Upload your proof of vaccination through AIS ([howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu) - Applicant tab) by choosing “Upload Documents” under the “My Documents” tab. 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 “Additional documents required if admitted” 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. 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 course for MATH 150; otherwise, you will have to take the MPE.

**How to access the MPE:** The MPE is taken online. To take the MPE, log into [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu) and go to the “Applicant Tab” and follow the instructions for the Math Placement Exam. Use the online review material available at [math.tamu.edu/placement/](http://math.tamu.edu/placement/) to help you prepare for the 90-minute MPE. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. No calculators or help from other resources is permitted on the MPE.

If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu.

For students enrolling in courses summer 2018, you need to submit your meningitis documentation by the following deadlines:

- Summer Session I: May 19th
- Summer Session II: June 23rd

**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/Registrar/media/REGI_SpecPDFDocs/LSAInstructions.pdf](http://Registrar.tamu.edu/Registrar/media/REGI_SpecPDFDocs/LSAInstructions.pdf). Your Howdy portal is accessible at [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu).

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of the Registrar at (979) 845-7117.

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**Math Placement Exam**

If you have completed the math courses needed for your degree at Texas A&M, then you do not need to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE).

If you still need to take the required math course for your degree at Texas A&M, then you are required to take 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 course for MATH 150; otherwise, you will have to take the MPE.

**How to access online orientation:**

All transfer students are required to complete an online orientation module before they attend their New Student Conference. Students who arrive at their NSC without completing online orientation will have a hold placed on their account and will not be able to register for courses until they have completed this requirement.

**How to access online orientation:**

Online orientation is accessible through the Applicant Tab in the Howdy Portal at [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu). If you have any difficulties, visit [newaggie.tamu.edu/online](http://newaggie.tamu.edu/online) for support or contact the Office of New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826.
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 these tests.

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 conference.

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

The state of Texas requires a demonstrated level of competency in the key areas of reading, writing, and mathematics for all students enrolled at public institutions of higher education. To demonstrate college-readiness in reading, writing and mathematics, a student must either meet a TSI Exemption criteria or pass the TSI Assessment.

You can check to see if you have fulfilled the TSI requirements online through the Applicant Information System. After logging in, look for the “Tasks to Complete Prior to Enrollment” checklist, then “Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative requirements”. If a red X is present, further action is required. Non-compliant students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the New Student Conference, so it is critical that students satisfy this requirement two weeks prior to their scheduled NSC date.

Not all incoming students need to take the TSI Assessment Test. A list of possible exemptions can be found at successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative/TSI-Exemptions. If you believe you are exempt but a red X is present in your AIS Checklist, further documentation is needed to verify your exemption. Please contact the Academic Success Center at (979) 845-2724.

All students who are not exempt must first complete the mandatory TSI Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and then take the TSI Assessment test. Non-exempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the New Student Conference until the TSI Pre-Assessment Activity has been completed, the TSI Assessment test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M University. For more information about fulfilling the TSI requirement, exemptions and testing options, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/prepare-for-your-nsc/testing/.
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:
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Code Maroon: Emergency Notification System

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Enroll online at codemaroon.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 28–June 29 NSC, it is a combined freshman and transfer conference, which will follow a 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 18–19 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on July 17.

You will have the opportunity to go through Check-In early, pick up your student ID 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>The main Residence Hall Tour is available to guests wishing to see furnished rooms of Hullabaloo Hall, Modular, Corridor, Balcony and Ramp style buildings. This tour starts in the lobby of Hullabaloo Hall. We also offer White Creek Apartment tours and Commons tours. White Creek tours start at the White Creek Community Center and Commons tours start at the Commons Tours desk. For specific times visit reslife.tamu.edu/tour/ or call (979) 845-0557.</td>
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<td>On-Campus Conference Accommodations Check-In</td>
<td>Students and families staying in on-campus conference housing may check into housing at the following times: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Zone Club of Kyle Field, 1st Floor 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at residence halls/apartments Please call (979) 845-2821 if you arrive after 8:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>3:30 p.m. –</td>
<td>Student &amp; Family 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.</td>
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<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, departing from conference Check-In about 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>
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<td>During college, students have to make tough financial decisions which can help shape the rest of their lives. 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.</td>
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Purchase your Official Class of 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022 T-Shirt! T-shirts are $15 each and will be available at Check-In.
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. Times and details are subject to change. Visit newaggie.tamu.edu one week prior to your conference for a complete schedule.

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<td>8:00 a.m. –</td>
<td>Student &amp; Family</td>
<td>Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. You</td>
<td>Mandatory if you did not check in on Pre-</td>
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<td>9:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Check-In</td>
<td>will receive orientation materials, an official conference schedule</td>
<td>Conference Day.</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m. –</td>
<td>Campus Tours</td>
<td>Orientation Leaders conduct 45 minute walking tours of the inner campus,</td>
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<td>9:15 a.m.</td>
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<td>weather permitting. An alternative tour is available for those who</td>
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<td>would prefer a virtual tour experience. Video loops every 10 minutes.</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m. –</td>
<td>Student ID Cards</td>
<td>Pick up your student ID card. Lines are longest on the morning of Day 1.</td>
<td>Mandatory during mandatory sessions.</td>
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<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Not available during mandatory sessions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>8:40 a.m. –</td>
<td>Veteran Services</td>
<td>Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits. Get</td>
<td>Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for</td>
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<tr>
<td>9:25 a.m.</td>
<td>Session</td>
<td>connected with the Aggie veteran community and both campus veteran offices.</td>
<td>military dependents.</td>
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<td>Professional School</td>
<td>Students interested in careers within medicine, dentistry, allied health,</td>
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<td>Advising Session</td>
<td>veterinary medicine or law and planning to pursue professional school</td>
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<td>credentials, regardless of major, should attend this session.</td>
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<td>Career Center Introduction</td>
<td>Designed to introduce you to the services and resources of the Career</td>
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<td>Center and plan activities that will improve future employment options.</td>
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<td>Study Abroad</td>
<td>Learn how you can study abroad at Texas A&amp;M! This session presents</td>
<td>studyabroad.tamu.edu.</td>
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<td>information on high impact international educational opportunities and</td>
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<td>funding resources.</td>
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<td>Secondary Teacher</td>
<td>For students interested in pursuing Secondary (grades 8-12) teacher</td>
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<td>Certification</td>
<td>certification. This session will explore the certification program options</td>
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<td>available through the College of Education and Human Development.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9:40 a.m. –</td>
<td>Welcome Session</td>
<td>This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from</td>
<td>Mandatory Session for all Students.</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>New Student &amp; Family Programs!</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Joining a Community of</td>
<td>This session will provide you with important information about the</td>
<td>Mandatory Session for</td>
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<tr>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Scholars</td>
<td>opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas</td>
<td>all Students.</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Academic Meeting</td>
<td>Students will receive critical information regarding academic policies and</td>
<td>Mandatory Session for all Students.</td>
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<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Keys to Financial Matters</td>
<td>Staff will discuss tuition and fees, how to pay your bill, deadlines and</td>
<td>Mandatory Session for all Students.</td>
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<td>11:25 a.m.</td>
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<td>financial resources including scholarships, grants, and loans.</td>
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Day One, Continued
There are separate programs for students and families on Day One from 11:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. At 2:10 p.m., students and families will attend the Campus Services session together.

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<td>11:40 a.m. –</td>
<td>Partners in Success</td>
<td>Explore the challenges of a transition into college and how the university</td>
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<td>12:35 p.m.</td>
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<td>and families can partner to provide support to increase student success.</td>
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<td>12:45 p.m. –</td>
<td>Family Lunch &amp; Aggie</td>
<td>Centered around our Core Values, current students and staff will talk about</td>
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<td>1:55 p.m.</td>
<td>Family Programs</td>
<td>being part of the Aggie Family.</td>
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<td>Lunch on Your Own</td>
<td>See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations.</td>
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<td>11:40 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.</td>
<td>Student Lunch &amp; Panel</td>
<td>Network with other new Aggies and Orientation Leaders, learn about resources for our new students, and participate in Yell Practice. A panel of current students will also host a Q&amp;A session. Lunch is free for students. Serving lines close at 11:55 a.m. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. Specific dietary needs submitted in advance to be accommodated.</td>
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<td>Lunch on your own</td>
<td>See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations.</td>
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<td>12:45 p.m. – 1:35 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. Mandatory Session for all Students.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1:35 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Healthy Ags</td>
<td>This session provides information about various components of overall health and wellness at Texas A&amp;M University. Students will learn strategies to improve general health, identify campus resources that support wellness, and encourage the prioritization of student well-being to improve academic success. Mandatory Session for all Students.</td>
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<td>2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.</td>
<td>Campus Services Session</td>
<td>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. Mandatory Session</td>
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<td>2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Resource Tables</td>
<td>Various offices from the University community are represented. Gather info and ask questions at your leisure. Get your passport stamped and entered into the drawing for a $50 gift card!</td>
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<td>3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Off-Campus Living Session</td>
<td>Learn how to live off campus successfully, including managing a lease, city ordinances, roommate relations, transportation, and ways to search for housing.</td>
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<td>Corps of Cadets Orientation</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>
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<tr>
<td>5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Evening Social</td>
<td>The Aggie Orientation Leader Program and The Association of Former Students invite transfer students and family members for light refreshments. This is a come and go social where you can play trivia, compete for prizes, try on an Aggie Ring, and meet other students and Orientation Leaders in a casual environment.</td>
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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>7:45 – 8:10 a.m.</td>
<td><a href="#">Conference Shuttles</a></td>
<td>Beginning at 7:45 a.m., shuttles are available to transport you to West Campus.</td>
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<td>7:45 a.m.</td>
<td><a href="#">Trailblazing</a></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>8:30 a.m.</td>
<td><a href="#">Mandatory College Meeting &amp; Academic Advisement</a></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Various</td>
<td><a href="#">Lunch on Your Own</a></td>
<td>See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations. Time will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.</td>
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<td>2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td><a href="#">Course Registration</a></td>
<td>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.</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 Resource and Support Center and the Veteran Services Office, have a unique and powerful relationship that is specifically designed to facilitate your transition and success.

The Veteran Resource and Support Center serves the needs of all veterans and military-affiliated students with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. 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. 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 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 (aggieveteranlife.com).
- 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

Student Veterans Association
aggieveteranlife.com

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 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 29 and summer two term is July 3. The first day of the 2018 Fall Semester is August 27.
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 AIS, howdy.tamu.edu - Applicant Tab. As conferences 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 via AIS by going to the ‘Contact Us’ tab, clicking ‘Ask A Question’, 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 be registered online and pay the respective conference charges. Register family members and guests online through the Applicant Information System at applicant.tamu.edu by selecting “Register Family Members or Guests”. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Priority registration is open until May 1st; after May 1, 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 in this publication 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 reviewed for and admitted to a specific degree granting program. Changes of major 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. For change of curriculum requirements see tap.tamu.edu/main/changofmajor.pdf.

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, & 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 Incoming 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, Venture Camp: Base Camp, Venture Camp: Leadership, or Transfer Student Program, is optional but highly encouraged! For information on the various programs available, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/after.

Howdy Week: Aggieland’s Week of Welcome, August 19–26

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? Howdy 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.

Howdy Week provides you an opportunity to learn more about the campus, other students and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls and community members. Howdy 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 howdyweek.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 Division of 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

1 West Campus Garage and Lot 61
Recommended Parking with NSC Permit (201 John Kimbrough Blvd.)

2 Northwest Corner of Kyle Field
(Zone Club)
NSC Check-In

3 Pavilion
Scholarships & Financial Aid and International Student Services
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. These materials are valuable resources you can use throughout your first year at Texas A&M University.

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.

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 and guests during the New Student Conference. Programs designated for Spanish translation will be noted in the NSC schedule and provided via headset.

Family members interested in having programs translated will need to visit the Help Desk on Day One of the NSC to receive a headset. 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.

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 are located inside.

CONFEREE CHECKLIST

- NSC confirmation letter and this NSC Handbook. If you do not have your confirmation letter, print out a copy of the NSC Confirmation page in AUS (applicant, tamu.edu), which will be located in the “My App Status” tab after clicking the Registration Details button.
- Transcripts for all college work previously completed, if they have not already been accepted by Texas A&M.
- Texas Success Initiative test results or scores showing exemption, if they have not already been sent to Texas A&M.
- Government-issued picture identification (driver’s license, passport, etc.) for verification at testing, and to get your Texas A&M ID card.
- Money for meals and extras.
- Comfortable clothes and walking shoes. You will be walking frequently around a large campus for different meetings.
- A light jacket. Weather during the summer in College Station is very hot and humid, but conference rooms can be chilly.
- Umbrella or raincoat (as needed).
- A pen and paper to take notes.
- A refillable water bottle.
- Laptop computer (optional). You will have access to Texas A&M computers in the lab; however, some find it convenient to bring their own laptop to view the online course catalog, course schedules, etc.

New Student Conferences en Español

Notícias de los estudiantes nuevos

Gracias a la generosidad de la Asociación de Antiguos Estudiantes, la Oficina de Estudiantes Nuevos y Programas de Familia ofrece traducción al español para los miembros de la familia y los acompañantes durante la Conferencia de Estudiantes Nuevos. Los programas designados para la traducción en español se indicarán con el NSC. Se registrará aparte para los miembros de la familia. Para obtener más detalles, visite newaggie.tamu.edu/es.

General Services Complex (GSC) Student Business Services/Admissions/Data & Research Services

Rudder Theatre Complex Major Conference Programs

Memorial Student Center Major Conference Programs

Need a parking permit? Visit transport.tamu.edu for more details and to purchase a parking permit.
HELPFUL NUMBERS

Aggie Card Office
(979) 845-4661

Conference Housing, On-Campus
(979) 845-2579

Corps of Cadets
(979) 845-9232

Dining Plan Information
(979) 845-3305

Disability Services
(979) 845-5537

ExCeL
(979) 862-2842

Honors and Undergraduate Research
(979) 845-1587

Housing Assignments Office, On-Campus
(979) 845-4744

Multicultural Services
(979) 845-2003

New Student Conference Registration
(979) 458-5155 (Students)
(979) 845-5826 (Families)

New Student & Family Programs
(979) 845-5826

Office of Admissions
(979) 845-1400

Off-Campus Student Services
(979) 845-1741

Offices of the Dean of Student Life
(979) 845-3111

Office of Professional School Advising
(979) 845-9398

Student Business Services
(979) 847-3537

Student Counseling Service
(979) 845-4427

Student Health Services
(979) 458-8306

Aggie Transition Camps (T-Camp)
(979) 862-1785

Testing Services
(979) 845-4532

Texas Success Initiative Information
(979) 845-4000

Transportation Services
(979) 862-PARK (7275)

University Police Department
(979) 845-2345

Veteran Services
(979) 845-8075

Veteran Resource and Support Center
(979) 845-3161

Academic Colleges

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
(979) 845-3712
aglifesciences.tamu.edu

College of Architecture
(979) 845-1344
arch.tamu.edu

Mays Business School
(979) 845-3005
mays.tamu.edu

College of Education & Human Development
(979) 845-5311
education.tamu.edu

Dwight Look College of Engineering
(979) 845-7210
engineering.tamu.edu

College of Geosciences
(979) 845-3501
geosciences.tamu.edu

College of Liberal Arts
(979) 845-3143
liberalarts.tamu.edu

College of Nursing
(979) 458-0110
nursing.tamhsc.edu

College of Science
(979) 845-7342
science.tamu.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
(979) 845-4941
vms.tamu.edu/bims

School of Public Health
(979) 436-9463
sph.tamhsc.edu

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:

❑ Take your Math Placement Exam, Foreign Language Placement Test and/or Texas Success Initiative Assessment. See pages 7-8.

❑ Submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis. See page 7.

❑ Complete required online orientation via the Howdy Portal. See page 7.

❑ Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the Howdy Portal. See page 7.

❑ Register any family members or guests who are attending the NSC with you. See page 16 and insert.

❑ Make your NSC overnight accommodations. See page 5.

❑ Purchase an NSC parking permit. See page 6.

❑ Begin checking your Texas A&M Gmail account. See page 17.

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