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To learn how, visit hdc.tamu.edu/ConnectingEmail/Mobile_EmailIndex.aff. If you have questions about your Texas A&M Email account or NetID, call the Texas A&M Information Technology Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300 or visit IT.tamu.edu.
Welcome to the Aggie Family! The coming years promise to be exciting ones for you. Texas A&M will bring you in contact with students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds, cultures and countries. You will be unifying with them in the rewarding pursuit of knowledge and the thrill of learning.

At your New Student Conference (NSC), you will learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student life services and extracurricular activities Texas A&M University has to offer. Your orientation process begins with your NSC, and it’s a critical component of your future success at Texas A&M University. Over the course of your NSC you’ll participate in sessions and programs that have been designed to assist you with the transition from your previous environment to Texas A&M University.

At your New Student Conference, you can expect to develop:

- Awareness of information concerning the university’s academic requirements, policies and procedures — including course selection and registration.
- Awareness of information concerning personal safety and security on campus.
- Understanding of the broad range of student activities and leadership opportunities on campus.
- Awareness of the university’s offerings related to housing, dining, transportation, financial assistance, academic support and career guidance.
- Interactions with current students to discuss expectations and ask questions.

This New Student Conference Handbook was developed to help you make the most of your NSC experience. 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.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions! You’re receiving a lot of information right now, and we’re here to help you figure it all out — that’s what the Aggie Family is for! You will also have the opportunity to participate in social programs during your New Student Conference. This is a great time to meet other members of your class and learn more about Aggie traditions.

Conference staff and Orientation Leaders will be available throughout your conference, so please take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Your best chance for success comes through combining careful planning, informed decision making, and timely use of services and resources with your dedication and commitment to the ultimate goal — academic success!
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When you come to your New Student Conference, make sure you bring:

- NSC confirmation letter and NSC Handbook. If you do not have your confirmation letter, print out a copy of the applicant.tamu.edu screen that has your confirmed date under the last step. You can attend ONLY the NSC for which you registered.
- Transcripts for all college work previously completed that have not already been sent to 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 have your Texas A&M ID card made.
- Money for meals and extras. Please note that some services do not take credit cards.
- Comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Please note you will be walking frequently around a LARGE campus for different meetings. Weather during the summer in College Station is very hot and humid, but conference rooms can be chilly, so pack a light sweater.
- Umbrella or raincoat (as needed).
- Canvas bag or backpack for gathering and carrying materials from resource tables and meetings.
- A pen and pad of paper to take notes.
- 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.
- A refillable water bottle.
Texas A&M University provides equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment or admission, and the public regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Texas A&M University will promptly investigate all complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, and related retaliation in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Further, Texas A&M University will maintain a work and educational environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

CONFERENCE QUESTIONS?
For information concerning conference registration for students, please contact:
Texas A&M University
Admissions Processing Office
P.O. Box 40003
College Station, TX 77842-4003
(979) 845-1060
nsc-help@tamu.edu
applicant.tamu.edu

For information concerning conference programs or family/guest registration, please contact:
New Student & Family Programs
(979) 845-5826
nsfp@tamu.edu
newaggie.tamu.edu
MESSAGE TO FAMILY MEMBERS

Texas A&M University believes the college experience represents a collaboration involving the student, the family of the student and the university. While the New Student Conference is mandatory only for students, we invite family members and guests to attend and participate in a variety of sessions and services specifically designed for them. Accompanying your student to the New Student Conference will provide you with valuable information to help support your student’s transition into the Texas A&M University community. By participating, you will become informed about the university’s academic programs, policies, facilities and services. While all family members are welcome to attend, conference activities are not designed for the enjoyment of younger children. If possible, alternate arrangements are encouraged.

Each family member or guest who wishes to attend must register online and pay the respective conference charges ($25 per family member 18 and older; $10 per family member 5–17; no charge for children under 5). Registration for family members is a separate process than the student registration. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Priority registration is open until May 1st; after May 1st, late charges will apply. For questions related to family member registration, please contact New Student & Family Programs at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu or (979) 845-5826. Further information regarding support for family members beyond the New Student Conference can be found at parents.tamu.edu.

NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE STAFF

OFFICE OF NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS (NSFP)
In support of Texas A&M University’s mission, the goal of the Office of New Student & Family Programs 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 strives to provide you with the framework to adjust to the expectations, standards, academic rigsors and social community at Texas A&M University. NSFP also facilitates collaboration between university services in order to provide a comprehensive new student experience.

Office of New Student & Family Programs
(979) 845-5826
studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp
Follow us on Twitter @NSFPtamu

AGGIE 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 apply and are carefully selected and 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.

Aggie Orientation Leader Program (AOLP)
aolp.tamu.edu

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 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.
CONFERENCE 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
The Department of Residence Life invites you, family members and friends to stay in on-campus conference housing. Conference housing will be available on the south side of campus, conveniently located near conference session locations. On-campus conference housing tends to fill quickly and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring items such as a cell phone, mattress pads, travel 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. Conference housing is NOT available for the August 25–26 conference.

ROOM RATES
Room rates for summer New Student Conferences on-campus guest housing can be found in the New Student Conference Housing online reservation site. Links to this site can be found at newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/housing. Housing costs will be billed to the student’s account (all rates subject to change) after the student and his or her family have checked out of housing. Costs for housing are NOT included in the New Student Conference registration fee.

OFF-CAMPUS CONFERENCE HOUSING
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.

DINING ON CAMPUS
MEALS ON YOUR OWN
Texas A&M University Dining invites you to dine with us on campus during your New Student Conference. We offer a variety of options around campus and welcome students, parents and visitors. For location and facility hours, please refer to the summer schedule handout you will receive at NSC.

CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS
- Class of 2018 shirts
- Aggie Family shirts
- All t-shirts are $15 each (cash or check only) and will be available at Check-In, Howdy Lunch and evening programs on Day One
Check-In or visit m.tamu.edu/dining. For additional information regarding University Dining and your dining plan options, please visit dining.tamu.edu, or contact us at (979) 845-3005 or TAMUMealPlans@compass-usa.com.

HOWDY LUNCH TICKETS
Join the Aggie community for lunch on Day 1 at the newly renovated Duncan Dining Center. Tickets are available for purchase at New Student Conference Check-In and at the door: $10 per adult and $6 per child (5–12 years old); all prices include tax.

STUDENT/FAMILY DINNER
Dinner on the evening of Day 1 of the New Student Conference is included in your conference fee for both students and registered guests. Enjoy a relaxed dinner on campus while you meet other students or family members and interact with the Aggie Orientation Leaders. See page 14 for more details.

DISABILITY SERVICES
Disability Services (DS) promotes an inclusive environment at Texas A&M University by facilitating appropriate accommodations, empowering students to be self-advocates and educating the campus community. Students with documented disabilities such as mobility, hearing or visual impairments, or learning and/or psychological disorders may be eligible for services. 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 DS at least two weeks prior to your New Student Conference. For more information contact Disability Services:

Disability Services
Cain Hall, Room B-118
(979) 845-1637
disability.tamu.edu
OPTION 2: Pay to Park in a Garage or Visitor Parking Area
If attendees do not wish to purchase a Summer Weekly permit, they may park in University Center Garage, Central Campus Garage, Northside Garage, West Campus Garage or lots 51, 61, 72, 74, 88, or 97 and pay the hourly rates. Payment for surface lots and Northside Garage is required upon arrival, and payment for other garages is required upon exit. For more information please visit the Transportation Services website at transport.tamu.edu/parking/visitor.aspx.

OPTION 3: Use your Fall 2014 permit (August NSC attendees only)
For August NSC attendees who have ordered and received their Fall 2014 permit, you may display it and park in your assigned lot.

PARKING QUESTIONS?
For information concerning conference parking, please contact: Transportation Services at (979) 862-PARK (7275) or visit transport.tamu.edu/nsc.
VETERAN AND DEPENDENT SERVICES AND RESOURCES

At Texas A&M University we are proud of our rich military heritage. We also take great pride in our standing as a national leader in service to our students who are veterans, active duty, military dependents and survivors. Texas A&M University is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium affirming our commitment to serving well those who have served. 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 to our nationally ranked campus so you can achieve your educational goals.

The Veteran Services Office provides services and support for all of your Veteran Affairs and State of Texas 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 military-affiliated students and prospective student veterans with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. Both offices work with other campus offices to focus on the transition and retention of veterans. 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 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 August & January each year) — An in-depth orientation about campus and community resources (spouses welcome).
- Vet Success on Campus (VSOC) Counselor — Your direct connection to the VA.

Services from the Veteran Services Office

- Certifying GI Bill or Hazlewood educational benefits.
- Assistance with scholarships and financial aid.
- Referrals to other Student Affairs offices, student services, course credit for military service, academic resources and military service withdrawals.

Services from the Veteran Resource and Support Center

- Academic Support & Student Life Skills
- Aggie Vet Network & Vet Connect Programs
- FREE Tickets for Student Vets (as available)
- Military Admissions
- Relocation/Housing Assistance Referrals
- Disability Services Referrals
- Veteran/Military-Related Student & Professional Organizations
- Career Services (both part-time as a student and full-time after graduation)
- Join the Student Veterans Association at tamuveterans.tamu.edu
- Corps of Cadets Delta Company is only for combat veterans who want to join the Corps.

The mission of the Veteran Services Offices and the Veteran Resource and Support Center is to “Serve Well Those Who Have Served!” Contact us today to find out how we can help you make the transition to Aggieland!

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

Veteran Resource and Support Center
Koldus Bldg, Suite 112
(979) 845-3161
aggievets@tamu.edu
BACTERIAL MENINGITIS REQUIREMENT

TEC 51.9192 requires all students under age 22 entering an institution of higher education to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation of vaccination have a meningitis deficiency hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. The meningitis deficiency hold will prevent you from checking in to your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis/.

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 2014 semester must receive the vaccination by August 21 or before your conference (whichever date is earlier). For students attending the August 25–26 conference, you are strongly encouraged to submit your Evidence of Vaccination by July 7 so that you can be pre-registered for your classes by your academic college.

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. Vaccinations will be available at the Beutel Health Center on campus at a cost comparable to local pharmacies.

Payment by check or credit card can be made when the vaccination is administered, or the charge can be added to your fee statement. Students are highly encouraged to take care of this requirement prior to the New Student Conference, as the cost of the vaccination may be lower through your current health care provider.

To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement for bacterial meningitis for your student file, go to the Applicant Information System (AIS) website, applicant.tamu.edu, and ensure that a check mark is present on the Bacterial Meningitis checklist item found under the ‘Additional credentials required prior to Enrollment/Registration’ section. For more information including where to send your documentation, visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis/. Or, upload your proof of vaccination through AIS 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, which should then show a green checkmark next to this item under the ‘Additional credentials required prior to Enrollment/Registration’ section.
NSC TESTING

WHAT IS THE MATH PLACEMENT EXAM (MPE)?
The Math Placement Exam is a 33 question multiple-choice examination. The MPE is important because it helps your advisor determine which mathematics course you should take.

DO I NEED TO TAKE THE MATH PLACEMENT EXAM?
Students entering any major in the colleges and programs listed below are required to take the MPE. You will not be permitted to register for any mathematics course until you have completed the MPE:

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, in the following majors: Biological and Agriculture Engineering, Entomology, Forensic Science, Horticulture, Biochemistry and Genetics
- College of Architecture
- College of Education and Human Development
- Dwight Look College of Engineering (no exemptions; all incoming students must take the MPE)
- College of Geosciences (no exemptions; all incoming students must take the MPE)
- Mays Business School (no exemptions; all incoming students must take the MPE)
- College of Science (no exemptions; all incoming students must take the MPE)
- Transition Academic Programs (Blinn TEAM and Aggie Gateway to Success)

Students entering a major in the College of Liberal Arts do not have to take the Math Placement Exam.

Students entering the Bachelor of Science in Public Health program at Texas A&M Health Science Center or the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences who desire to take MATH 147/151/171 must either have completed MATH 150 (or equivalent, such as TCCNS 2412) or must complete the MPE with an acceptable score before they will be allowed to register for MATH 147/151/171.

Testing Instructions
- Calculators are not permitted.
- Exam must be taken before you attend your NSC.
- The exam may be repeated up to three times; however, there is a 30-day waiting period between attempts.
- You cannot register for any math course until you have completed the exam.

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 TSI requirements, please contact the Department of Disability Services (DS) 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 to DS 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.

EXEMPTIONS
(Do not apply to students entering the Dwight Look College of Engineering, College of Geoscience, Mays Business School and College of Science)

- Students who successfully have completed MATH 150 (TCCNS 2412) or MATH 147, 151 (TCCNS 2413), 171 or equivalent
- College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Students are not required to take the MPE if they do not desire to take MATH 147/151/171
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health program at Texas A&M Health Science Center: Students are not required to take the MPE if they do not desire to take MATH 147/151/171

Other Information
Calculus credit by examination is earned through a different test. Please contact Data and Research Services at (979) 845-0532 to schedule additional examinations. Please note: Data and Research Services does not administer the Math Placement Exam. For questions regarding the Math Placement Exam, please contact the Math Department at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu or your academic advisor.
REQUIRED 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, but it is highly recommended. Heritage language learners must always take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests, because these tests sometimes are not a good reflection of the language abilities of those students.

The Spanish Language Placement Test is administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $20.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, call (979) 458-0672 and to register for this test please select “Hispanic Studies” at marketplace.tamu.edu.

All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $20.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, call (979) 845-5144 and to register for this test, please select “International Studies” and then the appropriate language at marketplace.tamu.edu.

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

LAB SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIREMENT

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 New Student Conference 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.

HOW DO I MEET THE TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) REQUIREMENT?

All students who are non-exempt must first complete the 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 Assessment Test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M University. If you have further questions concerning the Texas Success Initiative, please contact the Academic Success Center, Peer Education at (979) 845-2724 or visit the website at successcenter.tamu.edu/Programs/Texas-Success-Initiative.

The TSI Assessment Test is available for students who have not met the Texas Success Initiative requirement and is offered on the Pre-Conference Day of each New Student Conference. Students need to register for the test prior to the test date at 1101 General Services Complex at the corner of F&B and Agronomy Roads or by contacting Data and Research Services at (979) 845-0532. Students who reside in a Texas city other than Bryan/College Station may take the TSI Assessment Test at a college in their area and send the scores to Texas A&M University.
CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

There are three days of NSC programs; however, the Pre-Conference Day, while recommended, is not required. If you do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then you should note that Check-In on the morning of Day One is mandatory. You will receive an official schedule at Check-In; however, 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.

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY (MAY, JUNE AND JULY NEW STUDENT CONFERENCES ONLY)

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 June 4–5 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 3. You will have the opportunity to take advantage of supplemental programming, go through Check-In early, have your student ID made and take care of many of the other 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 are arriving for the Pre-Conference Day, Check-In is from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The location can be found on the newaggie.tamu.edu website. *For the August Conference, the only Pre-Conference event offered is the Evening Social with the Orientation Leaders.

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>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 you may have on your account and buy an official Class of 2018 or Aggie Family T-shirt for $15.</td>
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<td>2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.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 walking tours of central campus, which last approximately 45 minutes. Groups leave 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>10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Residence Hall Tours</td>
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<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 after 2:00 p.m. on the Pre-Conference Day at the Commons Lobby Desk. Guests arriving on Day One of the conference may check in at the Commons Lobby Desk at any time.</td>
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<td>Times Vary</td>
<td>TSI Assessment Test</td>
<td>Students who are not exempt from the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) and have not taken the TSI Assessment Test prior to the conference must do so at this time, or they will not be allowed to register for classes. See page 10 to determine if you need to take this.</td>
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<td>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Fraternity and Sorority Life Session</td>
<td>More than 3,000 Aggies have chosen to experience fraternity or sorority life at Texas A&amp;M. Come learn about the impact Greek students have on campus and the community, and how you could fit into the picture.</td>
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<td>Open</td>
<td>Recreation</td>
<td>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 be accompanied by an adult at all times.</td>
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<td>6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Evening Social with the Orientation Leaders</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. Orientation Leaders will also host several activities, and be available to socialize and answer any questions you may have.</td>
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DAY ONE
You will not be at a disadvantage if you are unable to attend the Pre-Conference Day. You will have plenty of time to accomplish everything you need to during your New Student Conference.

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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 you may have on your account and buy an official Class of 2018 or Aggie Family T-shirt for $15.</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 walking tours of central campus, which last approximately 45 minutes. Groups leave from conference check-in about every 10 minutes. Last tour departs at 8:45 a.m. 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 participants.</td>
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<tr>
<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 the Commons Lobby Desk.</td>
<td>If applicable.</td>
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<td>8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Veteran Services Session</td>
<td>Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits at Texas A&amp;M.</td>
<td>Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for military dependents.</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.</td>
<td>Professional School Advising Session</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>
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<td>From Backpack to Briefcase</td>
<td>This session is designed to help students make a successful transition to A&amp;M and plan activities that will improve future employment options.</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!</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. – 1:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Howdy Lunch (or)</td>
<td>The come-and-go atmosphere of the Howdy Lunch along with the chance to visit resource tables is a wonderful way to experience dining on campus and find out about a number of university services. Tickets will be pre-sold at conference Check-In or can be purchased at the door. Vegetarian dishes will be available.</td>
<td>Optional but encouraged for all participants.</td>
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<tr>
<td>12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Corps Orientation and Registration</td>
<td>Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session for families and students. Session includes information on Corps housing, uniforms, meal plans, unit assignments, ROTC enrollment and cadet scholarships.</td>
<td>If applicable.</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>FOCUS Learning Community Briefing</td>
<td>Learn more about the FOCUS program, meet FOCUS staff and advisors, complete their FOCUS course reference sheet and ask any questions regarding the program.</td>
<td>Mandatory for students admitted to the FOCUS Learning Community Program. Guests welcome.</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>On-Campus Housing Session (or)</td>
<td>Students will learn about the hall and room assignment process, housing policies, what to bring and what to expect as on-campus residents.</td>
<td>Mandatory for students who have been confirmed with an on-campus residence hall space.</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Off-Campus Housing</td>
<td>Learn about special services for off-campus students including roommate referrals, apartment searches, general rental information, budgeting and how to get involved as an off-campus student.</td>
<td>Students who will be living off campus. Family members are welcome to attend.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Family On-Campus Housing and Services</td>
<td>Learn about on-campus living arrangements and find out more information about housing-related support services including parking, dining, and computing.</td>
<td>Families only.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Campus SaVE Training</td>
<td>This mandatory session will focus on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 with special emphasis on our students’ rights and available resources.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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<td>3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Aggieland… A Community of Respect (or)</td>
<td>Centered around the Core Value of Respect, this program reviews university and community expectations and your role in the Aggie Family.</td>
<td>Students only.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4:40 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Academic Meeting</td>
<td>This session will provide you with critical information regarding academic policies.</td>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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On the evening of Day One of the conference, we offer a separate track of activities for students and family members. While these programs are optional, many participants tell us these activities were the highlight of their conference experience. Don’t miss out!

## DAY ONE: EVENING

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<td>5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Freshman Dinner</td>
<td>This is an opportunity to relax and dine with your fellow classmates in this special dinner planned just for you! 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.</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Aggie Insights</td>
<td>Want to find out everything about Aggieland but not sure who to ask? Aggie Insights offers the chance for new students to meet in small, informal groups with Orientation Leaders. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about college life, and Orientation Leaders will share their personal experiences as students at Texas A&amp;M.</td>
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<td>7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Aggie Energizer</td>
<td>Have fun and meet other Aggies by participating in a variety of games that will energize you.</td>
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<td>7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>CSI: Aggieland</td>
<td>Focusing on “Campus Safety Issues,” this session will inform students of the tough safety and social issues many college students face, as well as the resources available at Texas A&amp;M to support them.</td>
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<td>5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Ask an Aggie</td>
<td>A panel of current students will provide an expanded Q&amp;A session to address any questions or concerns.</td>
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<td>6:45 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.</td>
<td>Family Dinner and Being an Aggie Family Member</td>
<td>This relaxed dinner on campus is a great way to meet other family members and interact with the Aggie Orientation Leaders, plus a representative from the Federation of Texas A&amp;M University Mothers’ Club will speak about getting involved in your local Aggie Moms Club. The cost of this dinner is included in the family member registration charge.</td>
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<td>8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Being an Aggie and Yell Practice</td>
<td>Being an Aggie means developing in many aspects! Hear from some current student leaders on what it truly means to be an Aggie. The evening concludes with the Aggie Yell Leaders leading you in your first Yell Practice as a member of the Class of 2018!</td>
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ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION
On Day Two of the New Student Conference, students will spend the day with their academic college and register for their fall classes. Please be prepared to remain until 6:00 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration.

DAY TWO

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<td>8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>College Meetings and Academic Advising</td>
<td>These meetings will give you the opportunity to meet with representatives from your specific college. The representatives will discuss requirements for each college as well as 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>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</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 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>
<td>Mandatory session for all participants.</td>
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES?
For questions regarding scoring or how courses will apply to your degree plan, please contact your departmental advisor. If you took an Advanced Placement test in May, scores will not be received by Texas A&M University until mid-July. Students will need to accept AP credit to have it applied to their transcript for course credit. This should only be done after consulting with your academic advisor within your department. Once you register for classes, you may accept AP credit online through the Howdy Portal. Simply click on the “Credit by Examination” link in Howdy in the Grades and Transcripts channel on the My Record tab. To contact your academic advisor, please refer to the contact information listed for each academic college on page 23 of this handbook.

HOW CAN I CHANGE MY CONFERENCE DATE?
It is important 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 are allowed to change your conference date as long as dates are shown to be available on the NSC registration website, accessible through AIS. Once dates are full, they will be removed from the site and are no longer available due to seating capacity limits and safety regulations. Each year students request to be forced into conferences to accommodate changes in their personal schedule due to work conflicts or travel; these types of requests are denied by the NSC Registration Appeals Committee in order to ensure the safety of the other participants.

Appeals to change a conference date are only granted for military orders, medical emergencies or other extenuating circumstances that students can substantiate with written documentation. Appeals should be addressed to the NSC Registration Appeals Committee at nsc-help@tamu.edu.

IF MY PARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS PLAN 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 ($25 per family member 18 and older; $10 per family member 5–17; no charge for children under 5). Registration for family members is a separate process than the student registration. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Priority registration is open until May 1st; after May 1st, additional charges will apply. For questions related to family member registration, please contact New Student & Family Programs at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu or (979) 845-5826.

HOW CAN I CHANGE MY MAJOR?
Admitted freshman students may request a change of major by submitting an online request through AIS at applicant.tamu.edu from the time they are admitted up to three (3) business days prior to their New Student Conference. Please be aware that it may not be possible to grant your request to change your major. Also, a change of major may result in a need to change your conference since not all colleges participate in each conference.

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!
Be advised that the following colleges and departments have enrollment restrictions and a change of major into these programs may not be an option: College of Architecture (with the exception of Region and Urban Planning); College of Engineering (all majors); Mays Business School; Biomedical Science in the College of Veterinary Medicine; Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology within the College of Science; Psychology and Communications within the College of Liberal Arts; and Public Health in the College of Rural Public Health. All students wanting to major in music must audition first; no exceptions.

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 email 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). State law requires that tuition and fees be paid prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before classes begin to ensure registration is not canceled. Classes or options added after the semester begins are due the same day they are added in order to avoid late payment penalties, late registration charges and cancelation of classes. If classes are canceled, students must pay a $100 late registration charge to reregister during the first week of classes.

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 on the website 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 ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

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 Fish Camp, is optional but highly encouraged! For information on the various programs available, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/after-your-new-student-conference/.

GIG ‘EM WEEK: AGGIELAND’S WEEK OF WELCOME AUGUST 24–31

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 college life in general 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 at Texas A&M University. For more information, please visit gigemweek.tamu.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE CONVOCATION: AUGUST 31 AT 2:00 P.M., 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 to develop an important connection to one another and to the University. Family members are welcome to attend.

For additional information, please visit: undergrad convo.tamu.edu.
Visitors, please park in designated spaces. Permits are required for all other parking areas on campus.
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<td>West Campus Garage</td>
<td>Recommended Parking with NSC Permit ($12)*</td>
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<td>North End Zone of Kyle Field (Zone Club)</td>
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<td>Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center/The Association of Former Students</td>
<td>Pre-Conference Evening Social</td>
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*Please visit transport.tamu.edu for more details and to purchase a permit.

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
ACADEMIC COLLEGES

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

Dwight Look College of Engineering  
(979) 845-7200  
engineering.tamu.edu

College of Architecture  
(979) 845-1144  
arch.tamu.edu

College of Geosciences  
(979) 845-3651  
geosciences.tamu.edu

Mays Business School  
(979) 862-3850  
mays.tamu.edu

College of Liberal Arts  
(979) 845-5143  
liberalarts.tamu.edu

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

College of Rural Public Health  
(979) 845-2387  
srph.tamhsc.edu

College of Science  
(979) 845-7361  
www.science.tamu.edu

Transition Academic Programs (Blinn TEAM and Gateway)  
(979) 845-5916  
tap.tamu.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences  
(979) 845-4941  
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims
Welcome to the Aggie Family! The coming years promise to be exciting ones for you. Texas A&M will bring you in contact with students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds, cultures and countries. You will be uniting with them in the rewarding pursuit of knowledge and the thrill of learning.

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You’re receiving a lot of valuable resources you can use throughout your first year at Texas A&M University. Don’t be afraid to ask questions! You’re receiving a lot of information right now, and we’re here to help you figure it all out — that’s what the Aggie Family is for! You will also have the opportunity to participate in social programs during your New Student Conference. This is a great time to meet other members of your class and learn more about Aggie traditions.

Conference staff and Orientation Leaders will be available throughout your conference, so please take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Your best chance for success comes through combining careful planning, informed decision making, and timely use of services and resources with your dedication and commitment to the ultimate goal — academic success!
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 page 4.
- Purchase an NSC parking permit and print out the receipt at the end of the purchasing process for use as a permit. Bring it with you to the conference, and place the printout on your dashboard. See page 6.
- Submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis. See page 8.
- Take your Math Placement Exam and Spanish or French Placement Exam, if applicable. See pages 9 and 10.
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the Howdy Portal. See page 10.
- Begin checking your TAMU email account as this is now the university’s primary official means of communicating with you. See below.
- Connect on Facebook and Twitter. “Like” the Facebook page “New Aggie” and follow us on Twitter @NSFPtamu for updates and reminders.

**CONFERENCE CHECKLIST**

**ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE?**

More on back

**TEXAS A&M EMAIL**

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

To check your email, visit email.tamu.edu and log in with your NetID and password.

You can also set up Texas A&M Email on your smartphones so you won’t miss any important emails! To learn how, visit hdc.tamu.edu/Connecting/Email/Mobile_Email/index.php. If you have questions about your Texas A&M Email account or NetID, call the Texas A&M Information Technology Help Desk Central at (979) 845-3000 or visit IT.tamu.edu.