



Now That You're Admitted

The College of Engineering has expanded its programs to the Galveston campus. "Engineering at Galveston" provides students an opportunity to begin their engineering studies on the Texas A&M Galveston campus as part of the College of Engineering. This allows more students the opportunity for admission to engineering and addresses space limitations experienced in College Station. The Galveston campus is located on Galveston Bay, only two miles from the open ocean in the Gulf of Mexico. Just like students on the Texas A&M College Station campus, you will be advised by General Engineering advisors and follow the first year engineering curriculum. This program allows you the opportunity to learn about the different engineering majors, prior to seeking entry into a degree granting major at Texas A&M College Station or Ocean Engineering at Texas A&M Galveston. Being an Aggie is being part of a worldwide network of Texas A&M graduates who follow the Aggie core values, hold the Aggie spirit in their hearts and have committed their lives to the well-being of each other and service to others above self. You will be part of our Aggie family.

Students that choose to participate in Engineering at Galveston are entitled to:

- earn Texas A&M course credit and progress at the same rate as first-year students on the College Station campus.
- apply for 'Entry to a Major' in a degree-granting program in the College of Engineering as early as their second semester.
- enroll in top quality courses offered by Texas A&M University at Galveston with smaller student-faculty ratios which provides many opportunities to interact with faculty.
- live on campus to help develop a community of engineering academic peers and opportunities for enriching academic experiences outside of the classroom.
- experience campus life including athletics, recreational sports, student activities and programs such as the Corps of Midshipmen, part of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy.
- the same Aggie Ring, Aggie Network and Aggie Spirit regardless if you choose to complete your bachelor's degree on the Texas A&M College Station campus or Texas A&M Galveston campus.

Welcome to the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2021!

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NSC Registration Deadline

Important information regarding your admission to Texas A&M Engineering at Galveston:

1 Register for a New Student Conference

Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC).

Using your NetID, sign in to howdy.tamu.edu, select the Applicant Tab and enter the Applicant Information System (AIS). Once in AIS, follow the instructions for registering for a conference. The conference fee is \$100 and is nonrefundable. NSC Fees can be deferred if you used an application fee waiver for the Texas A&M application for admission. NSC fee deferral means the fee will be added to your tuition bill. You may choose this option online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making a payment.

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

Fee Questions: 979.458.5155 | Registration Questions: 979.845.1060

Each academic college participates in select conferences dates. You will be able to choose a conference date based on seats available for your academic college at the time of registration. NSC dates fill quickly and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

2017 New Student Conference Dates
June 12-13 | July 27-28

What happens at Your NSC?

You will register for your first classes, tour the campus, meet Texas A&M University faculty and staff, learn about financial aid and scholarships, and much more. All new Texas A&M at Galveston students must attend a New Student Conference before their first semester.

Can I bring guests to my NSC?

Yes, we welcome family members to come support their new Sea Aggies as they begin this next part of their lives. All family members or other guests who plan to attend a conference must register and pay a \$45 attendance fee.

tamug.edu/nsc/Family.html

Can I reschedule my NSC?

Yes, students are allowed to change their NSC date. There is a reschedule button available in AIS on the My App Status Tab. Only conferences with available seats will be displayed. For many reasons, including safety, we ask that you do not request to be forced into conference dates that are already full. Only medical or military appeals will be granted.

How do I know if my registration is complete?

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

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

2 Apply for On-Campus Housing

Students at Texas A&M at Galveston are required to live on campus until the age of 21. Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend submitting your housing application as soon as possible. You may apply for housing at tamug.edu/reslife/Housing/Apply.html.

Housing Questions: 409.740.4445

3 Take the Math Placement Exam

The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your academic advisor determine which mathematics course you should take to ensure academic success in your major. This exam does not result in college credit. All students are required to take the MPE.

To take the MPE, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu and go to the Applicant Tab and follow the instructions. Online review material is

available to help you prepare for the exam. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu.

Math Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.7554 (Mathematics Department)

4 Purchase a device for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) requirement

The College of Engineering requires students to purchase a computer to complement the course instruction.

engineering.tamu.edu/easa/areas/academics/byod

5 Submit Your Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record at least Two Weeks Before Your NSC

At least two weeks prior to your NSC, upload your evidence of bacterial meningitis vaccination. The immunization record may not be more than five years old. Notarized Affidavits to Decline Vaccination must be mailed to: Office of Admissions, Texas A&M University, P.O. Box 30014, College Station, TX 77842-3014.

All students under age 22 will need 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. Declining the vaccination requires completing an original Texas Department of State Health Services Vaccine Exemption Affidavit form that

can only be provided by the TDSHS office and takes a significant amount of time to obtain.

Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation will have a hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. This hold will prevent you from checking in to your NSC and registering for classes. It is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC.

admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis

6 Select a Tuition Rate Code

Students will be offered a choice between a variable rate tuition plan or a locked-rate (fixed) tuition plan allowing them and their parents to better plan and budget for college expenses. You will need to select the best option for you prior to registration. See below for rate differences to begin your planning.

Variable rate plan: Tuition and fees may fluctuate each academic year (Fall through Summer), using the Higher Education Price Index.

Locked-rate (fixed) plan: Tuition and fees are locked into a per semester rate for 12 consecutive semesters, or 4 years, from the point of initial enrollment after high school at a public or private institution. Those paying non-resident tuition will be billed the state mandated non-resident rate, but other required fees will remain locked. (Does not apply to Nursing and Dental Hygiene)

It is presumed that students will enroll in 30 hours an academic year for 4 years allowing completion of most degree plans. Some majors such as engineering and architecture are offered 1-2 additional semesters at the locked rate.

Select your rate code via the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu, select the My Finances Tab and follow the instructions. The choice will be offered prior to your first semester of enrollment and cannot be changed in future semesters.

Texas A&M University meets requirements of the Texas Education Code, Section 54.017 regarding fixed tuition for undergraduate students.

7 Complete the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity and the TSI Assessment Test

Exemptions will be noted in AIS. All students who are not exempt must first complete the mandatory Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and then take the TSI Assessment Test before attending an NSC. Non-exempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the NSC until the TSI PAA has been completed, the TSI Assessment Test has been

taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M at Galveston. If you have taken the TSI Assessment Test anywhere other than Texas A&M at Galveston, please do not assume that your test scores have been sent here. You must order a transcript with your test scores and have it mailed to the Office of Admissions. Students needing TSI will know by checking AIS.

8 Plan to Send a Final High School Transcript when Available

We know your final official high school transcript may not be available by the time you attend your conference. If it is not, plan to send it as soon as it is available. If we do not receive your final official transcript, you will not be able to register for subsequent semesters. Uploaded, faxed and emailed transcripts are NOT considered official final transcripts. Please

submit your final transcript from your school via TReX—the electronic transcript service offered by the State of Texas, or you may mail your final transcripts to:

Office of Admissions
Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 30014
College Station, TX 77842-3014

Entry to a Major / Texas A&M Engineering at Galveston

Entry to a Major

The entry-to-a-major (ETAM) process is designed for students to take ownership of their future to identify at least three majors that are a good match for their career goals and academic performance. The ETAM process utilizes a priority method that is designed to place students in the highest ranked major based upon capacity and student performance.

Required Coursework

To apply for ETAM, general engineering students are required to complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C or higher:

ENGINEERING: ENGR 111, ENGR 112.

SCIENCE: Two science courses from the following list – PHYS 218, PHYS 208, CHEM 107/117, CHEM 101/111, CHEM 102/112.

MATH: Two math courses from the following list – MATH 151, 152, 251, 253, 304, 308.

General Information

Applicant Information System and the Howdy Web Portal

The Applicant Information System (AIS) has been created to take you through the admissions process, the application, admission decision and accepting your offer via registering for an NSC. Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information, such as guidance in applying for financial aid, locating housing, class registration information, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information.

howdy.tamu.edu

Howdy Portal Questions/Problems:
979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu

Activate your Texas A&M email account

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

Apply for Financial Aid

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

tamug.edu/finaid

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, we recommend fall admits complete the 2017–2018 FAFSA by March 15, 2017.

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

International students may qualify for financial aid depending on their visa status.

financialaid.tamu.edu/international

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services.

tamug.edu/veterans

Incoming Freshman Scholarships

Scholarships & Financial Aid offers academic scholarships for incoming freshmen. Students apply for university-level scholarships by submitting the scholarship module along with the Admissions Application.

In the scholarship competition, a student’s test score is only one of many components considered in the review process. Consideration is given to academic achievement in a college preparatory curriculum within the context of a student’s academic environment. Additional factors for selection include, but are not limited to, leadership, community service, special talents, first-generation (neither biological nor stepparent has a bachelor’s degree) college status and academic achievement under difficult circumstances. Some scholarships also have a financial need component.

scholarships.tamu.edu

Academic Calendars

Texas A&M at Galveston Academic Calendar mirrors the Texas A&M University (College Station) Calendar, with minor changes.

tamug.edu/catalog/calendar.html

Salt Camp

SALT Camp registration will open on April 1, 2017. Register at tamug.edu/saltcamp.

Pre-Enrollment Checklists

This checklist will help you prepare for your first year at Texas A&M Engineering at Galveston.

- Register for a New Student Conference (NSC) in AIS before completing anything else.
howdy.tamu.edu
- Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.
tamug.edu/nsc/family.html
- Apply for Fall/Spring on-campus housing.
tamug.edu/reslife
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) by March 15.
tamug.edu/finaid (Financial aid is awarded by TAMU-CS.)
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at **google.tamu.edu**.
- Purchase a device for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) requirement.
engineering.tamu.edu/easa/areas/academics/byod
- Upload your proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination in AIS.
- Select a Tuition Rate Code in Howdy at **howdy.tamu.edu** on My Finances Tab.
- Verify residency in AIS.
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at **tx.ag/tamugTSI** (if applicable).
- Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at **howdy.tamu.edu**, Applicant Tab. Engineering students must complete the MPE by May 20, 2017.
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment at **howdy.tamu.edu**.
- Send your final official high school transcript via TReX or mail when it is available.
- Send your AP/IB scores to qualify for and claim college credit (if applicable).
- Request that all official college transcript(s) be sent (if applicable).

Learn more about:

- student employment at **tx.ag/tamugemployment**.
- credit by examination at **tamug.edu/acen/Services/CBE.html**.
- services for students with disabilities at **tamug.edu/counsel/Disabilities.html**.
- recommended immunizations at **shs.tamu.edu/immunizations**.
- health insurance at **shs.tamu.edu/insurance**.
- extended orientation programs like SALT Camp at **tamug.edu/saltcamp**.

Support at Texas A&M at Galveston

Academic Enhancement
tamug.edu/acen

Campus Jobs
tx.ag/tamugjobs

Career Services
tamug.edu/career

Club Sports
tamug.edu/stuact/Athletics.html

Counseling Services
tamug.edu/counsel

Disability Services
tamug.edu/counsel/Disabilities.html

Health Services
tx.ag/tamughealth

Honors Program
tamug.edu/honors

Information Services (Tech Support)
tamug.edu/computing

International Student Services
tamug.edu/diversity/ISS

Library
tamug.edu/library

Living Learning Communities
tamug.edu/acen/Involvement/LLCs.html

Recreational Sports
tamug.edu/recsports

Student Activities
tamug.edu/stuact

Student Organizations
tamug.edu/stuact/studentorgs

Supplemental Instruction
tamug.edu/acen/Tutoring/SI.html

Texas Maritime Academy
tamug.edu/corps

Tutoring
tamug.edu/acen/Tutoring/Tutoring.html

Veterans
tamug.edu/veterans

Writing Lab
tamug.edu/writing