TAMU-Blinn TEAM Program
College Meeting

Transition Academic Programs
Texas A&M Blinn “TEAM” Program
(Transfer Enrollment at A&M)

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Engineering Academy at Blinn

If your major is “TEAB” instead of “TEAM” please go to Rudder Theater for the Engineering meeting.
Why TEAM?

TEAM’s purpose is to enable more of the highly-qualified students who applied to Texas A&M to have the four-year Aggie experience than would have otherwise been possible due to enrollment limitations.
Total Freshman Applications vs Enrollment

- 2007: 21,852
- 2008: 24,363
- 2009: 26,039
- 2010: 26,634
- 2011: 29,713
- 2012: 31,479
- 2013: 34,541
- 2014: 35,690
- 2015: 38,435
- 2016: 40,637
- 2017: 42,684

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Congratulations!

You competed:
- For limited spaces
- Against the most applicants in Texas A&M history
And were selected!

I'M GOING TO BE AN AGGIE!
WHOOP!

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Your “College”

**Transition Academic Programs**, a unit within the Undergraduate Studies Division, provides:

- Academic advising
- Accurate, timely information
- Administrative Support
- Advocacy

in support of student success in the TEAM program and TAMU.
Overview

8:30 - 11:30 College Meeting
- 8:30 – 9:45  Things you need to know before you begin
- 9:45 – 10:00  Break / Transition
- 10:00 – 11:30  Academic Advising Sessions

Break for Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Registration
- 1:00 – 2:00  Blinn Registration
- 2:00 – 5:00  A&M & Blinn Registration
Full A&M Enrollment Through TEAM

- Identify, plan, and take prerequisite courses for your intended major
- Stay “on track” with grades and credit hours at each school
- For timely graduation, average 15 credit hours per semester
- Consider attending summer school next year
  - Remember: only Blinn and A&M courses will satisfy TEAM admission requirements (no hometown summer school)
- Meet regularly with an A&M advisor
- New TEAM Memorandum of Agreement might include two-semester and three-semester transition opportunities
Co-Enrollment Challenge

Co-enrolled students must pay attention to double the details of students enrolled at a single school.

• You will be attending 2 separate schools with 2 different sets of rules!
  • Examples: Attendance policy, holidays

• You will have to accomplish most tasks twice (once for each school), but at different times.
  • Examples: transcripts, test scores, registration, payment, etc.
Previously-Earned College Credits

Freshmen with Dual Credit:

- Submit your community college transcripts to both A&M and Blinn ASAP.

- Dual Credit cannot be awarded from a high school transcript.
Previously-Earned College Credits

Freshmen with Credit by Exam:

• Send your AP, IB, CLEP, etc. scores to both A&M and Blinn.

• Do not accept any credit by exam until you talk with an advisor.
Our Goals for TEAM Students

- Facilitate students’ full enrollment at A&M
- Help students “prepare to declare” their majors
- Maximize students’ major/career options through careful course selection
- Enable student graduation without excessive credit hours
  - Excessive hours can lead to extra semesters and expenses
There are 120+ majors at A&M

• 65-85% of all college students change their majors during their academic careers!

• It’s OK to still be deciding on your major.

• Academic Advisors are available to assist.
Access to Majors

College Affiliation of TEAM Graduates

- AG 22%
- LA 28%
- EN 11%
- ED 18%
- VM 1%
- SC 2%
- GE 2%
- BA 12%
- AR 4%

• It is possible for TEAM students to graduate from any A&M college and department, but some are more challenging to enter than others... Plan ahead.
What is Your Official Major at A&M?

• While in TEAM, your official A&M major will be “TEAM.”

  • You will not have a degree-granting major until you are fully enrolled at A&M.
What is Your *Intended* Major at A&M?

- TEAM students must report their *intended* major.
  - This is nothing new: You had to indicate a major on your application for admission last year.

- Only courses that satisfy degree requirements in your intended major may be used to qualify for financial aid.

- You may change your intended major at any time in the Fall by meeting with a TAP academic advisor.
What is Your Major at Blinn?

- At Blinn your major will initially be “General Liberal Arts,” but you may change it if you decide to earn an Associate Degree.

- Blinn doesn’t have the same majors as A&M.
  - Consult a Blinn advisor to choose a major for your Associate Degree.

- Students can do a reverse transfer process to graduate from Blinn after becoming fully enrolled at A&M.
Advisors “Exist to Assist”

• Advising = GPS
  • *Global* knowledge
    • Transferability of Courses
    • Academic Majors
    • Policies
    • Processes
  • *Positioning* students to enter a major
    • Identifying Prerequisites
    • Following Degree Plans

• *Systems* to help students succeed
  • Referrals: Academic Success Center, Student Counseling Service, Scholarships & Financial Aid, etc.
When should I meet with an academic advisor?
Advising Locations

- **Blinn Advising:**
  - Blinn Advising & Counseling Center (includes administrative services)
  - Tejas Center in Bryan
Advising Locations

A&M Advising (Your primary advising location)

• Hotard Hall
  • Opposite Northgate
  • Near the water tower
  • Next to the A&M Post Office
Make an Advising Appointment

For A&M appointments go to:
  tap.tamu.edu
Click on “Make an Appointment”

For Blinn appointments go to:
  http://www.blinn.edu/advising/hours.html
Click on “Appointments”
Communication with Advisors

• The quality of the advice you get is impacted by the quality of information you provide your advisor

• There are shorter waits to meet with advisors in October and February

• The official means of communication between students and advisors is email.
  • Always email from your TAMU or Blinn account
  • Always include your name & UIN
Transition Academic Programs Website

May 4, 2017

Welcome to Transition Academic Programs

The General Studies major is designed to accommodate students needing one or two semesters to complete coursework necessary for entrance into a specific major course of study. It is very important to determine and declare your desired major as soon as possible. Each student's designated major must be approved each GEST semester as being realistically within reach given your academic history and the limit of majors in GEST for no more than two semesters. For example, if this is your first year at TAMU and you only made a 2.0 last fall, it will not be possible to meet the GPA requirements for majors such as ALHE, BUAD, CHEN, COSC, MEEN and PETE within the limit of two GEST semesters. Our goal is to help make your transition to a realistic designated major a smooth one.

Students in the Texas A&M Blinn TEAM Program may be allowed three or four semesters to complete TEAM requirements before they can declare a specific major course of study.

Corresponding with Transition Academic Programs: Only TAMU e-mail addresses can be used during any exchange or discussion of students' grades, admission or other private information. Please only use your official TAMU e-mail account when engaging in an on-line academic discussion that includes your personal information. TAMU staff and faculty will only send and accept student-originated email when its source is TAMU. Do not rely on monitoring your TAMU e-mail from any mobile device. Regularly check your TAMU e-mail via a University-based computer terminal.

It is time to prepare to declare . . . .

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

APPLICATION TO GENERAL STUDIES (GEST): The Application for Continued Enrollment at TAMU as a General Studies (GEST) student for Spring 2017 is now available on-line. STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN
TAMU-Blinn TEAM Website

http://blinnteam.tamu.edu/

May 4, 2017

Transition Academic Programs

Welcome to the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Website

The Texas A&M-Blinn “Transfer Enrollment at A&M” (TEAM) Program is a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between a major university (Texas A&M) and a community college (Blinn). Each year since 2001 this pioneering initiative has allowed the admission of hundreds of additional qualified students into the Texas A&M freshman class than would have otherwise been possible due to enrollment limitations.

Participating students enroll in one or two academic courses at Texas A&M each semester, and the remainder of their courses at the Bryan Campus of Blinn College. Students who complete 45 Blinn credit hours and 15 A&M credit hours within a two-year period, while maintaining academic standards, transition into degree-granting majors upon completion of the program.

TEAM students benefit from enrollment at both institutions; students enjoy the university experience afforded by...
Keys to Success

• Pay attention to details

• Read Your Email daily (A&M and Blinn)
Guarantee

Guarantees are rare at Texas A&M, but if you don’t read and heed TEAM emails you are guaranteed to encounter problems.
Keys to Success

• Assemble an efficient Blinn/A&M class schedule

• Attend Class

• Budget Your time and be disciplined
  • Study Effectively
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Employment

• Limit to 15 or less hours per week

• Work Study & other on-campus work opportunities

• Work in Bryan/College Station
Keys to Success

• Ask Questions, Seek Help

• Take personal responsibility
Keys to Success

Take personal responsibility

- Do not rely on your parent or guardian to take care of your details
- Give your parent or guardian access to your grades
- Sign and submit the Certification of Dependency Form
High School vs College

College deadlines are REAL deadlines.
High School vs College

AP & Dual Credit are not as rigorous
Extracurricular Activities

• Choose from more than 1,000 recognized organizations

• Make new friends, network

• Develop leadership skills

Limit your involvement to one activity during your first semester.

NCAA varsity sport participation is not available to TEAM students.
Transportation

• **Route 12 (“Reveille”)** connects A&M and Blinn

• **Schedule at least one hour between classes when changing campuses**

• For route and times, go to [transport.tamu.edu](http://transport.tamu.edu)

• **Catch the earliest bus you can** during the first two weeks while many students are
GPA Calculation

Four Point Scale

A = 4 grade points per credit hour
B = 3 " "
C = 2 " "
D = 1 " "
F = 0 " "

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GPA Calculation

Formula: Grade Points ÷ GPA Attempted Hours = GPA

\[ \frac{13}{4} = 3.25 \]

Successful Student Example:

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# Importance of 1st Semester Grades

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* Student does not successfully complete TEAM Program
Q-Drop

- There are 2 Deadlines (A&M’s and Blinn’s)
  - A&M Deadline = 60\textsuperscript{th} class day
  - Blinn Deadline = 12\textsuperscript{th} week
- Q-drops begin after the 12\textsuperscript{th} class day
  - Drops before the 12\textsuperscript{th} day are “schedule adjustments”
- ALWAYS see an advisor to discuss possible Q-Drops
Q-Drop

GEOG 202  Q  3 hours
KINE 198  A  1 hour

Semester credit: 1 hour / A&M GPA: 4.00
TEAM Terms & Conditions

Terms and Conditions for Student Participation 2017-2018

NOTE: The TEAM Partnership between Texas A&M and Blinn is currently undergoing its “quinquennial“ renewal. Major rule changes are expected, all of which are anticipated to be popular among students!
TEAM Terms & Conditions

Guaranteed Admission

• Successful completion of the TEAM Program academic requirements guarantees full admission to Texas A&M University
  • but does not guarantee admission to a particular college or major.
TEAM Terms & Conditions

Academic Requirements

• 45 Blinn transferable credit hours
  • 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
  • Courses must be appropriate for the student’s desired major

• 15 A&M credit hours
  • 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
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For timely graduation you need to average 15 credit hours per semester. This often equates to taking five courses per semester.
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Academic Requirements

• Transferable credits earned before beginning the TEAM Program count toward the Blinn 45 credit hour requirement
  • Credit by exam (AP, CLEP, IB, etc.)
  • Dual enrollment
  • Summer school at hometown community colleges

• Courses completed at other schools after entering TEAM can satisfy A&M degree requirements, but will not satisfy TEAM academic requirements
TEAM Terms & Conditions

GPA Calculation

- A Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated at each institution
  - Grades for *all* transferable Blinn courses are used in the computation
  - Grades reported as “Incomplete” are computed as F until replaced with a final grade
  - Only grades for A&M and Blinn courses count toward completion of the TEAM academic requirements
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Timely Completion

• Students must complete the TEAM academic requirements by end of 1st Summer Session, 2019
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Removal from TEAM

• A TEAM student removed from the program for academic or disciplinary reasons will not be permitted continued enrollment at A&M, and will not be guaranteed full admission to A&M.

• A TEAM student removed from the program may continue at Blinn College at the discretion of Blinn College officials.
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Removal from TEAM

• A TEAM student may be removed from the program for not following the enrollment guidelines (minimum 12 hours, one solid academic course at A&M, etc.).

• A TEAM student who is not projected to successfully complete the program requirements may be removed from the program.
In the Next Session

• Advising for Registration
  • Identifying Appropriate Courses
  • Registration procedures
  • Paperwork

Attendance of this New Student Conference will be taken after the conclusion of the next session when you sign and submit your TEAM contract. Admission will be cancelled for students who do not submit a TEAM
Careers in STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
(Generally majors requiring at least one 4-hour calculus course)

• Biochemistry
• Biology (for research)
• Chemistry (for research)
• Computer Science
• Engineering
• Genetics

• Geology
• Geophysics
• Industrial Distribution
• Mathematics
• Meteorology
• Physics
• Visualization
Careers in Business & Administration

- Agribusiness
- Agricultural Economics
- Economics
- Accounting
- Finance
- Management Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
- Ag. Communication & Journalism
- Ag. Leadership & Development
- Communication
- Telecommunication Media Studies
- International Studies Commerce
- Human Resource Development
- Technology Management
- Sport Management
- Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Careers in Education, Liberal Arts, and Architecture (Plus Undecided* Students)

Liberal Arts
• Social Sciences
  • Psychology
  • Sociology
• Communication
• Humanities
• Languages

Education (Teaching)
• Elementary
• Middle Grades
• Health Education
• Physical Education

Architecture
• Construction Science
• Environmental Design
• Landscape Architecture
• Urban & Regional Planning

* Undecided = “I’m interested in many different majors,” or, “I’m clueless!”

NOTE: For high school teaching, major in the subject you plan to teach.
Careers in Health Fields (medical, vet, nursing, etc.)
Environmental & Agricultural Careers

- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Biology (for pre-med)
- Bioenvironmental Science
- Biomedical Science
- Entomology

- Environmental Studies
- Food Science
- Forensic & Investigative Sciences
- Health
- Horticulture
- Kinesiology
- Nutritional Sciences
15 Minute Intermission

PLEASE SAVE YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

Please report in 15 minutes to the appropriate classroom based on your desired career field:

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Majors

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