NSC NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE

HOWDY! Welcome to Texas A&M and your New Student Conference! If you have questions, feel free to visit our Help Desk located in the Rudder Lobby. We also provide a complimentary electronics charging station for your convenience!

New Student Conference Help Desk Hours: | **Day 1:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | **Day 2:** 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

January 9-10 New Student Conference Schedule

What to expect at your NSC

Day 1 features informative sessions regarding academics, resources, and responsibilities and opportunities as an Aggie.

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

Attendance at the conference is mandatory and it is the University's expectation that students attend all sessions. This schedule will serve as your reference for all sessions taking place during your conference.

Aggie Spirit is highly encouraged! Say Howdy! Take advantage of opportunities to meet fellow new Aggies, and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Questions about your NSC?

New Student & Family Programs can help!

Call us:
(979) 845-5826

Tweet us:
@NSFPtamu

Snap us:
@New_Aggie

Connect to Wifi at Texas A&M

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

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

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300.

Changing Your Major

Transfer students may not change their major at the conference. Freshmen may change their major by visiting the "Change your Major" table at check-in. **Check-in is the only opportunity to change your major at the conference.** Certain colleges and departments have enrollment restrictions and a change of major into these programs will not be an option.

International Students

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

Online Orientation

All students are required to complete the University's online orientation before course registration. If you have not completed the required online orientation, please visit the NSC Help Desk. Family members can review online orientation information by signing in as a guest at www.onlineorientation.net/tamu.

NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE **CHECKLIST**

- [ ] **Visit it.tamu.edu/getstarted to receive your personalized TechList!** This list will give you Texas A&M technology advice and requirements tailored to you, including printing, software and more.
- [ ] **Purchase your official Class and Aggie Family T-shirt!** T-shirts can be purchased at check-in.
- [ ] **Get your student ID card made or pick up your ID if you submitted your photo online.** Lines to make IDs are longest on the morning of Day 1. Must have government issued photo ID.
  - **Day prior to NSC:** 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the General Services Complex
  - **Day One:** 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall
  - **Day Two:** 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall
- [ ] **Sign up for Code Maroon.** Code Maroon is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly with campus members. Sign up at codemaroon.tamu.edu.
- [ ] **If you are a veteran or military student, check in with the Veteran Services Office**, located in the Pavilion Room 205 (2nd Floor).
- [ ] **You may want to rent a Private Mail Box** for Southside or Northside. To lease, visit Hullabaloo Hall Room 136 or Commons Lobby Room 126 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Rental details are available at baurservicesinc.com. For more information, contact the Student Mail Service (SMS) at (979) 268-7727. The Northgate Post Office also offers P.O. Box Rental and is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- [ ] **Add your preferred emergency contact information** on the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu.
- [ ] **Pick up your sports pass.** If you registered for a sports pass (online at 12thmanfoundation.com/students) you may pick it up at the ticket window inside the 1st Floor Zone Club Lobby (north end zone - Entry 6) of Kyle Field after you have received your student ID card. Ticket Office is open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- [ ] **Follow us on Twitter & Instagram @NSFPtamu.** This is a great way to stay connected before, during, and after your NSC. If tweeting about your NSC experience, use the hashtag #TAMUNSC.
- [ ] **Reserve your textbooks before you leave campus!** Texas A&M and Barnes & Noble have paired up to create a textbook and materials list that is automatically generated after class registration so you can order textbooks more easily. Stop by Barnes & Noble at Texas A&M University to pick up your NEW STUDENT PACKET and ask any questions. The bookstore is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday–Friday. You can also visit them online at tamu.bncollege.com. *Please note: TAMU students are not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer.*
- [ ] **Download the TAMU Mobile App** for detailed NSC information as well as instant access to bus routes, dining information, maps and much more. Just search "Texas A&M University" in the App Store or Google Play.
- [ ] **Complete your NSC Evaluation which you receive via email 7-10 days after your conference.**

Day One: Tuesday, January 9

Keys to reading the schedule:

Mandatory Session | (F) For Family Members | Students Only

Spanish translation for Family Members offered at these sessions. A Spanish translator will provide details about checking out a listening device during Family Check-In. Additionally, you can visit the help desk in Rudder Tower to receive a listening device. *Proudly supported by The Association of Former Students.*

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	**Student & Family Check-In**	**Zone of Kyle Field, 4th Floor**
Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. You will receive orientation materials, an official conference schedule and students must clear any holds, turn in transcripts, or change their major, if desired. Class & Family T-shirts are available for purchase.		
8:15, 8:30, 8:45 a.m.	**Campus Tours**	**Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor**
Orientation Leaders conduct 45-minute walking tours of the inner campus, weather permitting.		
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	**Virtual Campus Tours**	**Zone of Kyle Field, 1st Floor**
Available for students or family members who prefer a virtual tour experience. Video loops every 10 minutes.		
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	**Student ID Cards**	**Rudder Exhibit Hall**
Get your student ID card made. Lines to make IDs are longest on the morning of Day 1. Not available during mandatory sessions. Check the front page of this schedule for more detailed times and availability.		
8:40 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	**Veteran Services Session**	**Koldus 110-111**
Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits. Get connected with the Aggie veteran community and both campus veteran offices. ***Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for military dependents.***		
or	**Career Center Introduction**	**MSC 2500**
Designed to introduce you to the services and resources of the Career Center and plan activities that will improve future employment options.		
or	**Study Abroad Introduction**	**MSC 2501**
Learn how you can study abroad at Texas A&M! This session presents information on high impact international educational opportunities and funding resources. **studyabroad.tamu.edu**.		
or	**Professional School Advising Session**	**MSC 1400**
Students interested in careers within medicine, dentistry, allied health, veterinary medicine or law and planning to pursue professional school credentials, regardless of major, should attend this session.		
or	**Secondary Teaching Session**	**MSC 2502**
For students interested in pursuing Secondary (grades 8-12) teacher certification. This session will explore the certification program options available thru the College of Education and Human Development, especially Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies.		
9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	**Welcome Session**	**Rudder Auditorium**
This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student & Family Programs!		
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	**Joining a Community of Scholars**	**Rudder Auditorium**
This session will provide you with important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&M's Community of Scholars.		
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	**Academic Meeting**	**Rudder Auditorium**
Students will receive critical information regarding academic policies and receive instructions on class registration.		
11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.	**Keys to Financial Matters**	**Rudder Auditorium**
Staff will discuss tuition and fees, how to pay your bill, deadlines, and financial resources including scholarships, grants and loans.		

Day One, Continued (Students):

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.

11:40 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.	**Student Lunch & Panel**	**MSC Bethancourt Ballroom**
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&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 accommodated.*		
or	**Lunch on Your Own**	**Various**
See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations.		
12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.	**Aggieland: A Community of Respect**	**Rudder Theatre**
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.		
1:35 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	**Step In, Stand Up in Aggieland**	**Rudder Theatre**
This session provides information about our students' rights and available resources pertaining to the prevention of and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking and related retaliation. Students will learn how each one of us can commit to a safe and welcoming campus community.		

Day One, Continued (Families):

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.

11:40 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.	Partners in Success	Rudder Auditorium
(F) 🎧 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.		
12:45 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	**Family Lunch & Aggie Family Programs**	**MSC Bethancourt Ballroom**
(F) 🎧 Meet other family members and learn about ways to get involved and support your student. You'll hear from the Office of New Student & Family Programs and a panel of current students. This lunch is included in the family member registration charge. *Serving lines close at 1:00 p.m. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. Specific dietary needs submitted in advance accommodated.*		
or	**Lunch on Your Own**	**Various**
See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations.		

Day One, Continued (Students and Families):

2:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	Campus Services Session	Rudder Auditorium
🎧 Information will be shared regarding important campus services such as transportation, dining, and information technology (IT).		
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	**Resource Tables**	**Memorial Student Center**
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!		
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	**Off-Campus Living Session**	**MSC 2400**
Learn how to live off campus successfully, including managing a lease, city ordinances, roommate relations, transportation, and ways to search for housing.		
or	**Corps of Cadets Orientation**	**Sanders Corps Center**
Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session for students and families. Session includes info on Corps housing, uniforms, meal plans, unit assignments, ROTC enrollment and Cadet Scholarships.		
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	**Evening Social**	**MSC Bethancourt Ballroom**
Play trivia, compete for Aggie gear and other prizes, try on an Aggie Ring, and meet other new students and Orientation Leaders in a casual environment.		

Day Two: Wednesday, January 10

7:45 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.	Conference Shuttles	Rudder Fountain
Beginning at 7:45 a.m., shuttles are available to transport you to West Campus.		
7:45 a.m.	**Trailblazing**	**Rudder Fountain**
Orientation Leaders walk you to college meetings or direct you to West Campus shuttles. All groups depart from Rudder Fountain at 8:00 a.m.		
8:30 a.m.	**Mandatory College Meeting & Academic Advisement**	**Various**

Meeting begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who do not attend the meeting for its entirety will be blocked from course registration.

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

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

- **Agriculture & Life Sciences (AG)**
  Kleberg 115 (KLCT)*
- **Architecture (AR)**
  Architecture Center Building B (ARCB)
  Geren Auditorium (Room 101)
- **Education (ED)**
  Harrington 108 (HECC)
- **Engineering (EN)**
  Rudder Theatre (RDER)
- **Liberal Arts (LA)**
  Memorial Student Center 2406 (MSC)

Denotes building on West Campus. We suggest riding the conference shuttles.

Various	Lunch on Your Own	Various
See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations. Time will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.		
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	**Course Registration**	**Location specified by college**
Exact time and location announced during College Meetings. Students will register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Please be prepared to remain until 6 p.m. if necessary.		