Introductions

Name
Major
Hometown
Why Texas A&M?
Know Your Resources: Academic Advising
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What is an Academic Advisor?

• An Academic Advisor:
  • Assists with course registration
  • Answers questions about college life
  • Refers you to campus resources
  • Helps locate enhanced undergraduate experiences
  • Helps navigate and decipher degree plans, policies, and procedures

Don’t know something? ASK!
Academic Advising Syllabus

• Your advisor is here to help you, but you have responsibilities too!

• Learn where to find information on curriculum and student rules.

• Schedule regular appointments.

• Prepare for your appointments – come with a list of questions/topics you would like to discuss.

• Take responsibility for major and career exploration, goal-setting, course selection, and academic planning.
ENVP Advising Folder

• Keep this folder until you graduate!

• Contents:
  • Advising Syllabus
  • Conference PowerPoint
  • Degree Plan
  • 4 Year Ideal Degree Plan
  • Unofficial Transcript, if applicable
  • AP Scores, if applicable
  • Recommended Courses for Fall 2018
  • Blank Schedule Worksheet
  • First Semester Checklist for Success
  • Careers for Environmental Studies and Environmental Geosciences Majors Handout
  • Study Spaces for Environmental Programs Students
Enhanced Undergraduate Experiences

• Internship Credit
  • Up to 6 hours of internship credit can be used toward ENVP degrees
  • Examples of past internships: Public Policy Internship in Washington D.C. (Department of Energy), City of College Station, Keep Brazos Beautiful, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency
  • 66% of past internships had compensation

• Undergraduate Research
  • Work on a research project with faculty in Geosciences

• Study Abroad
  • Earn credit during the summer or a full semester
  • Locations where our students have studied abroad in the past: Costa Rica, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Turks and Caicos, Germany
  • Attend Overseas Day
Get Involved

• Student Representative on the Environmental Programs Advisory Committee (EPAC)

• Environmental Programs Involvement Committee (EPIC)

• Join other campus, state, or national organizations

• Attend the MSC Open House: Sunday, September 2, 2017, 1-5PM
Strategies for Student Success

- Complete the First Semester Checklist for Success
- **Check your TAMU email daily!**
- Take advantage of campus resources
- Meet your professors – visit office hours
- Go to class!!!
- Find a good place to study
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions or seek help!
- Know the Aggie Honor Code
- Keep moving forward – find your motivation!
Environmental Programs Structure

Department of Atmospheric Sciences  Department of Geography

Environmental Programs

Department of Geology and Geophysics  Department of Oceanography

B.S. in Environmental Studies (Environmental Policy/Social Science)
B.S. in Environmental Geosciences (Environmental Science)
Curriculum – Environmental Geosciences

Themes:

• Biosphere
• Climate Change
• Coastal and Marine Environments
• Human Impact on the Environment
• Water
Curriculum – Environmental Studies

Themes:

• Urban Environment

• Occupational Health and Safety

• Environmental Regulation and Compliance

• Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST)

• Global Environment
Core Curriculum

• What is the core curriculum?
• What courses count toward the core curriculum?
Math Placement Exam

• Transfer Students: Must take the MPE if you plan on taking MATH courses at TAMU.

• Freshman Students: All incoming freshmen must take the MPE. You will not be permitted to register for a MATH course unless you have taken the MPE

• The MPE is available in the Howdy portal (howdy.tamu.edu) in the applicant tab. The MPE takes approximately 90 minutes to complete.

• MPE 1 – MATH 151/MATH 152; MPE 2 – MATH 140/141/142
Credit by Exam

• Credit by exam submitted to TAMU available to view and accept in the Howdy portal

• Always consult your advisor before accepting AP Credit or other credit by exam
Transfer Credits

• Part of the Texas Common Course Number System?
  • Transferred in by TAMU equivalent

• Transferred in by title (TRNS XXX)?
  • Need a syllabus to see if course is equivalent
Excess Credit Hour Rule

- If total hours attempted by a resident undergraduate student exceed more than the allowed over what is required for completion of the degree plan, they will pay out of state tuition.
  - Students initially enrolling in the fall 2006 semester and subsequent terms: 30 hours over degree plan requirement

- Go to website for complete information and exceptions, as well as contact information: [http://registrar.tamu.edu/general/excesscredhr.aspx](http://registrar.tamu.edu/general/excesscredhr.aspx)
Dropping Courses and Registration Holds

Dropping a Course:

• You can drop a course during the first 5 days of Fall or Spring with no record.

• You can Q-Drop a course up to the 60th class day (Nov. 17th for Fall 2017) and (April 17th for Spring 2018). See your advisor to Q-Drop.

• You can only Q-Drop 4 times at TAMU.

Registration Holds:

• There is a hold placed on your account prior to registering for each semester. You must meet with your advisor.

• Degree Planner Hold

• Other Holds

• Hold visible in the Howdy portal.
Course Registration

• If you want to make changes to your schedule, we will meet in the Blocker computer lab at 2:00 PM.

• Registration will begin at 2:30 PM. Only students and advisors will be permitted in the computer lab during registration.

• Course schedule is available at http://howdy.tamu.edu.
Important Registration Tips

• Lab Safety Acknowledgement: You must accept the lab safety acknowledgement before you register for labs

• If registering for CHEM 101 & CHEM 111 or CHEM 102 & CHEM 112 you must add both classes and CRN’s at the same time!
Thanks and Gig’em!