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Our goals for today:

- Provide information about our department and our degree programs;
- Give you the necessary information regarding your transfer coursework and degree applicable coursework;
- Provide information about academic advising;
- Discuss departmental and student expectations;
- Prepare you for Fall 2018 course registration!
TLAC Advising Office

- [http://tlac.tamu.edu](http://tlac.tamu.edu)
- Suite 115 Heaton Hall
- 979.845.5312
- Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
- Appointments: Monday-Friday
- swan.tamu.edu/tlac
- Come and visit us!
Academic Advising

• **ALL TLAC students MUST** attend a mandatory advising session with an advisor once per semester.

• [swan.tamu.edu/tlac](swan.tamu.edu/tlac)

• Students are blocked from registering for subsequent semesters until they have been advised.

• Your first appointment will take place within the first two months of the Spring semester!

• Be on time for your appointment! If you are 10 minutes late, your appointment will be cancelled and it will be your responsibility to schedule another appointment.

***Appointment system might change. The advising office will give you email updates!***
What happens in Mandatory Advising Sessions?

• Plan the next three semesters at a minimum, or through graduation!
  *this will help when you’re creating your Degree Planner
  *Degree Planner must be updated before each advising session!!

• Inform students to take certain classes in the correct sequence order.

• Address questions or concerns about grades and classes

• Discuss catalog and degree plan requirements and any adjustments.

• Check in about transition to Texas A&M.
## Fall 2018 Mandatory Advising Schedule:

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*Check TAMU email
TLAC Newsletter will remind you each month!
Grades & Academic Progress

You must maintain a GPR of 2.75 or better at TAMU to continue as a TLAC student.

- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better; no grades of D or F allowed.
- If this requirement is not met, you WILL be dismissed from TLAC and be asked to change your major.
- (F) You must have this requirement met by the end of your first year at TAMU.
- (T) You must have this requirement met by the end of your first semester at TAMU.

- Q-Drop/Withdrawal Deadline is Nov. 16th at 5:00pm.
- See an advisor if you are thinking of Q-Dropping or Withdrawing - one of these may help you save your GPR so that you can remain in TLAC.
TLAC Communications

All TLAC communication goes through your OFFICIAL TAMU email address. Students are responsible for checking this address daily.

- DO NOT forward this email to Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, etc.
- Your TAMU email address is: NetID(at)email(dot)tamu(dot)edu
- Please make sure your email address and email are professional!
- Include your NAME and UIN!!!!
The Advising Office sends out a monthly newsletter (via departmental listserv), as well as emails concerning course announcements, professional development, and other opportunities.

- **If it says it’s from Jennifer Lopez!** You will miss important information if you don’t.

Information is also posted on the TLAC Website, [http://tlac.tamu.edu](http://tlac.tamu.edu).
Degree Plans

• TLAC offers three teacher certification options:
  • EC-6 Generalist **
  • 4-8 Language Arts/Social Studies **
  • 4-8 Math/Science (Catalog 140+ **)

• All three certification options meet requirements for a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies

• **These options include ESL Supplemental Certification.

• Degree Plans are located on TLAC website
  • http://tlac.tamu.edu/
# Certification Requirements

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Professional Phase

Admission to the professional phase of Teacher Education (or “upper level”) is contingent upon completion of:

- MATH 140 or 141 and 142 (or equivalents)
- 8 hours of laboratory science courses
- ENGL 103 or 104 (or equivalents)
- TEFB 273 or INST 210 (or equivalents)
- Minimum of 60 hours of coursework
- Minimum 2.75 GPR

Delays in completing these requirements will delay admission to the professional phase and could affect graduation. **No upper level coursework until prerequisites are complete!**
Field Based Experiences

One reason Aggie Teachers are in high demand- extensive field preparation.

- **Junior Methods:** associated with TEFB 371 and EDCI 354 (6 credit hours with 8 field based hours)
  
  *All coursework needs to be completed before Senior Methods/Clinical Teaching*

- **Senior Methods:** two days per week for 12 weeks; associated with Sr. Methods block of coursework (12 credit hours with 16 field based hours)

- **Clinical Teaching:** five days per week for 14 weeks, with four weeks of full responsibility; associated with TEFB 426, MEFB 497, or TEED 425 (6-12 credit hours with 40 field based hours)

- Field placement office will make placement assignments.

- Complete Criminal History Background Check paperwork each semester for field placement.
Success at Texas A&M

• Byrne Student Success Center
  • 116 Heaton Hall
  • Mr. Kelley O’Neal – koneal@tamu.edu
  • FREE Tutoring, workshops

• Academic Success Center
  • Rudder Tower, 9th Floor
  • Academic Coaching, success plans, workshops
Get Involved!

- Professional Development
  - Texas State Teachers Association, Student Program
  - Association for Childhood Education International, Bluebonnet Chapter
  - AECT Chapter

- Service
  - Aggie School Volunteers
  - HOSTS

- Social
  - Aggie Storytelling Association

- 800+ student organizations on campus!
Advice for your transition...

• Ask for help.

• When in doubt, talk it out with your academic advisor.

• Get to know your professors.

• Study abroad (Go Away!)

• Don’t be afraid to make mistakes.

• This is YOUR education, take charge!

• It may get difficult at times, but you can do it!

• Go to class!
Spring 2019...

• Study abroad during **spring break**.
• Poland/The Czech Republic (March 6\(^{th}\) – 16\(^{th}\), 2019)
• Contact:
  
  Dr. Robin Rackley rrackley@tamu.edu
  Dr. Janet Hammer jhammer@tamu.edu
TLAC opportunities

• U-STAR program
  • Start asking questions during your Jr. year (4 semesters before graduation)
  • Spring ISD field opportunity (high needed areas)
  • Extra field hours

• 4+1 program
  • Start asking questions as a Junior, during Jr. Methods (3 semesters before graduation)
  • M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction
  • Grad courses during your Sr. year (Sr. Methods /Clinical Teaching)
Getting ready for Registration

• We will call your name and break into small groups to meet with each advisor;
• Please let us know if your name ISN’T called!
• During this time we’ll answer any questions you may have about your transfer coursework, your degree plan, registration, etc.
Getting ready for Registration

• Registration is this afternoon.

• Please enjoy your lunch and do not stress about registration.

• Parents, there is an optional parent meeting hosted by Mr. O’Neal in BLOC [ ] at (T) 2:00 PM, (F) 2:30 PM

• June 29\textsuperscript{th} follow the (F) 2:30 schedule – only transfer students!

• General questions?
• **Meet at the Student Computing Center (SCC), 2nd floor, 1:30PM or 2:00 PM.**
  ***Depends on date and F/T schedule track
• **Registration begins at 2:00PM or 2:30 PM**
  ***Depends on date and F/T schedule track
• **We will have course recommendations for you!**