

NEW AGGIE NEWS

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New Student &
Family Programs

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

HOWDY

Howdy is the official greeting of Texas A&M University. Members of the Aggie family often greet each other with a "Howdy!"

On behalf of the entire Texas A&M community, we hope this warm welcome stays with you as you prepare for your transition to Aggieland.

The Office of New Student & Family Programs is excited to welcome you to Texas A&M University! Now that it is time for you to start your journey in Aggieland, our office is dedicated to making your transition to Texas A&M a success from the start.



As part of the Aggie spirit, Texas A&M takes pride in the support and encouragement our faculty and staff provides each student during their time on campus. We encourage you to participate in the academic enrichment opportunities, develop your leadership skills by getting involved in campus organizations, attend Fightin' Texas Aggie athletic events, and participate in campus traditions that make Aggieland special!

We are here to help every step of the way. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of New Student and Family Programs at (979) 845-5826,

or visit the **New Student & Family Programs website** for assistance. Our office is located at Student Services @ White Creek in building 0068. Bus Route 03 (Yell Practice) travels from main campus to Student Services @ White Creek.

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As you begin your journey in Aggieland, be sure to share your memories with your fellow Aggies! We invite you to connect with us on social media, post pictures as you complete items on your bucket list, tell us your thoughts, and connect with your fellow students! Have a great year, Ags!



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Living in Aggieland

You have been admitted to Texas A&M, attended your New Student Conference, and arranged a living space on or off campus. Now it is almost time to move in! For those living on campus, visit the **Residence Life website** to determine your move-in date, learn more about Move-In Assistance Day on Sunday, August 19, as well as parking procedures. When you arrive to campus, fellow Aggie students, faculty, and staff will be available to help



you unpack your car and welcome you to campus. Students living off campus should contact their leasing office for specific move-in information.

Whether you are living on or off campus, it is important to make your new living space feel like home. If you are living on campus, know what can and cannot be brought with you and leave items not allowed at home. Also, if you have a roommate, have a conversation about what you are bringing to cut down on duplicate items. Be proactive and talk about habits, pet peeves, and living styles with your roommate to start the relationship on a positive note.

When you arrive in College Station and get settled, take some time to drive around campus and the surrounding community. Familiarize yourself with the **Transportation Services website** and transit stops across campus that will help you get around. In addition, determine shopping centers, grocery stores, and other locations that will assist you during your time here at Texas A&M. Walk across campus to locate your classes, find good places to study, and meet your fellow Aggies!



Moving In



Packing Checklist: Items to Bring

- Academic Supplies
- Alarm Clock
- Bedding
- Bicycle and Lock
- Cleaning Supplies
- Command Strips or Poster Putty
- Computer/Laptop/Tablet
- Desk Lamp
- Ethernet Cable
- First Aid Kit
- Hangers
- Laundry Basket
- Posters, Pictures, and Wall Hangings
- Power Strips
- Shower Caddy
- Toilet Paper and Toiletries
- Towels
- Waste Basket

Items to Coordinate with your Roommate

- Coffee Maker
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Microwave (max 700 watts)
- Printer
- Refrigerator (max 4.4 ft³)
- Television
- Utensils

Items to Leave at Home: Items Not Allowed in On-Campus Housing

- Air Conditioning Units
- Camping Stoves
- Candles
- Ceiling Fans
- Electric Skillets
- Extension Cords, Multiple Plug Adapters, Power Strips without Circuit Breakers
- Griddles, Grills
- Halogen Lamps
- Hot Oil Popcorn Poppers
- Nails for Wall Hangings
- Pets - See **Pets and Service / Assistance Animals on the Residence Life website**
- Space Heaters
- Wireless Routers not issued by Texas A&M

Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS)

OCSS is dedicated to providing education services, outreach, information, involvement opportunities, and programs to students who live off campus. If you have questions, email ocss@tamu.edu or call (979) 845-1741 for assistance.

Howdy Week

Howdy Week is Aggieland's official Week of Welcome. Held the week before classes start, from August 19-26, this week is full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become familiar or reacquainted with the Texas A&M campus, fellow Aggies, and the Bryan/College Station community. Howdy Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs in partnership with many campus and community sponsors.



The Summer Reading Experience takes place on Tuesday, August 21 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This is a unique opportunity to read a book selected by a faculty member and then discuss the book with the faculty facilitator and a group of students. For more information and to sign up by August 6, visit newaggie.tamu.edu/summerreading.

Class of 2022, don't miss the opportunity to be a part of your class photo! The Class of 2022 photo will be taken on Tuesday, August 21 at 9:00 PM on Kyle Field.

A full schedule of events can be found online on the [Howdy Week website](#).

2018 Signature Events

Monday, August 20

Aggie Transition Camp (ATC) Backyard Bash 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 21

Aggie Fest 3:00 – 5:00 PM

GatheRing & Yell Practice 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 22

Ice Cream Carnival 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

University Libraries Open House 1:00 – 3:00 PM

MSC Aggie Cinema Movie Night 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Party on the Plaza 8:00 – 11:00 PM

Thursday, August 23

StuAct Block Party 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Rec-A-Palooza 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Download the TAMU Mobile App on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) to keep up-to-date with Howdy Week events, updates, and ways to get involved!

Navigating the First Week of Class

The first week of classes can be a bit stressful, especially in your first year in College Station. Do not worry though, you are not alone. There are roughly 13,000 other new students alongside you that are going through the same process. Below are some tips that you are encouraged to do before and during your first week of classes to help you succeed. And, of course, do not be afraid to ask your fellow Aggies, or any faculty or staff to assist you!



- Make sure your books are ordered – You will need your textbook for your classes! Visit the **Barnes & Noble at Texas A&M website** to rent or buy your textbooks.
- Know where your classes are located – It might be a good idea to walk around campus a day or two before classes are to familiarize yourself with where your classes are.
- Keep your syllabi – When your professors give you a syllabus, hold onto it. Put important dates in your calendar and take note of any important aspects of the class.
- Find your place to study – Can you study in your room with possible distractions or at the library in silence? Everyone thrives in their own unique environment so try out a few different spots early on in the semester to determine what will be best for your academic success.



Texas A&M Athletics

Being the 12th Man means more than just supporting Fightin' Texas Aggie football at Kyle Field during the fall. As Aggies, we constantly support all 18 of our men's and women's athletic teams throughout the entire year!

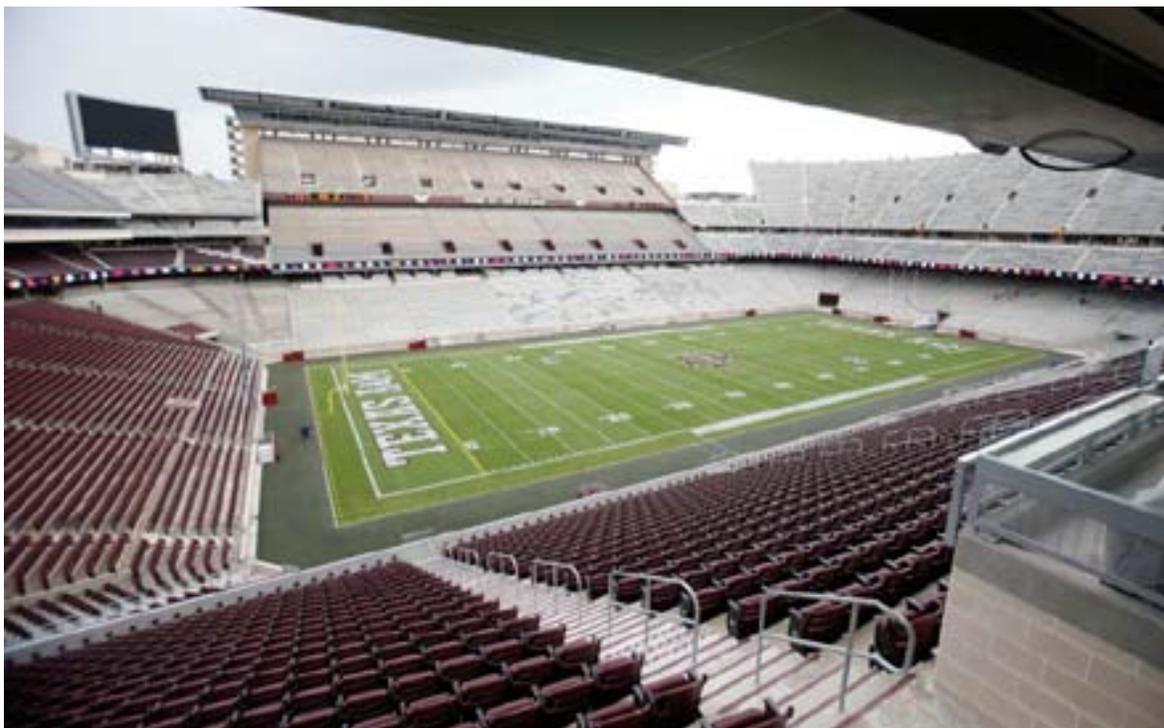
Your 12th Man Sports Pass gives you access to every regular season home game for all ticketed sports - that is more than 170 sporting events each year! No matter the sport, Texas A&M student-athletes depend upon the 12th Man for their ability to impact the game.

We encourage you to support all Texas A&M sports during your time here. After all, the 12th Man is not just a name. It is a way of life!

Haven't had a chance to reserve your 12th Man Sports Pass? No problem! For more information on how to pick up your Sports Pass and a full schedule of all Texas A&M sports, please visit 12thman.com.



Fightin' Texas Aggie Football



Kick-off for the first home Fightin' Texas Aggie Football game of 2018 against Northwestern State is on Thursday, August 30 at 7:30pm. Don't miss the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band & Corps step-off! Be in your seat early to watch the world's largest military-style marching band and witness the Corps of Cadets march-in. For more information, visit footballthursday.tamu.edu.

Your 12th Man Sports Pass gives you the opportunity to pull a ticket according to your classification on your assigned day. Once you arrive at the correct deck, show your ticket to event staff to enter the seating area from the concourse. You will use your assigned seat to sit, but should stand on the row in **front** of you.

If you purchased a parking pass for a surface lot reserved during home football games, you must move your car the night before the game. A list of reserved areas can be found on the **Transportation Services website**.

You will notice that the sidelines of Kyle Field are missing traditional cheerleaders. Here at Texas A&M, fans do not cheer - they yell. Yells are led by the Yell Leaders, who can be spotted on the sidelines in their traditional all-white attire. By kick-off, you will already have had a chance to practice with the Yell Leaders at Midnight Yell. First held in 1931, Midnight Yell occurs the night before football games and is regularly attended by more than 25,000 Aggies.

Wondering what to bring to the game? Use this list to make sure you are prepared:

- Ticket & valid TAMU student ID
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- 12th Man towel
- Large bottle of water
- Cash for snacks and drinks
- A clear bag following the **12-1-1 policy**

The Aggie Ring

Serving as the most visible symbol connecting the Aggie network, the Aggie Ring has been a standing tradition for over 100 years symbolizing the core values all Aggies should hold. Those values are: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Selfless Service.



Photo courtesy of the Aggie Network

Earning the right to wear the Aggie Ring is an honor. With some of the toughest requirements for a class ring in the nation, the Aggie Ring is one of the most prized possessions of any Aggie. The requirements were established by the Official Senior Ring Committee of 1933.

Aggie Ring Day, which occurs three times each year, is one of the most anticipated events for the Aggie family. Each of these events is held in the Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center in April, September, and November. Maintained by the Association of Former Student Aggie Ring Program, over 13,000 rings are ordered and delivered each year.

To be eligible to order an Aggie Ring, undergraduate students must complete 90 total credit hours, 45 of which must have been completed at Texas A&M, have a minimum of a 2.0 GPR, and not be on academic probation, suspension, or expulsion. Your official eligibility can be viewed on your **Howdy Portal**.



New Aggie Bucketlist

- ❑ Attend Fish Camp
- ❑ Participate in Howdy Week
- ❑ Participate in Midnight Yell
- ❑ Attend Silver Taps on the first Tuesday of each month
- ❑ Visit the MSC Fall Open House on September 2, 2018 from 1-5 PM
- ❑ Join any of our 1,000+ student organizations
- ❑ Stand as the 12th Man during all home football games at Kyle Field
- ❑ Go to the Maroon Out Game on November 10, 2018
- ❑ Visit the George Bush Presidential Library & Museum
- ❑ Attend the Campus Muster Ceremony on April 22, 2019
- ❑ Take a picture with Reveille
- ❑ Visit the Bonfire Memorial
- ❑ Visit First Friday in downtown Bryan
- ❑ Put a penny on Sully's boot for good luck
- ❑ Participate in the Big Event on March 30, 2019
- ❑ Go to the "Game of Thrones" exhibit in Cushing Library
- ❑ Walk through the Flag Room in the Memorial Student Center
- ❑ Take a picture with the Yell Leaders
- ❑ Take a weekend trip to Austin, Houston, Dallas, or San Antonio
- ❑ Order your Aggie ring after completing 90 hours of courses
- ❑ Visit the Century Tree next to the Academic Building (Don't walk under it!)
- ❑ Spend time in the Gardens on west campus



Academic Calendar



Friday, August 24	Last day to register for fall semester classes
Monday, August 27	First day of fall semester classes
Friday, August 31	Last day for adding and dropping courses for the fall semester
Monday, October 15	Mid-semester grades due
November 8-28	Pre-registration for 2019 spring semester
Friday, November 16	Last day to: drop courses with no penalty; change KINE 198/199 Grade Type; officially withdraw from the University
Sunday, November 18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
Wednesday, November 21	Reading day, no classes
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23	Thanksgiving holiday, University closed
Monday, December 3	Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes. Does not apply to programs offered by the College of Nursing.
Tuesday, December 4	Redefined day, students attend their Thursday classes. Does not apply to programs offered by the College of Nursing.
Wednesday, December 5	Last day of classes for fall semester classes
Thursday, December 6	Reading day, no classes
December 7, 10-12	Fall semester final exams for all students

All dates are subject to change. To find the full Academic Calendar, visit the **Office of the Registrar's website**.