Howdy! Welcome to Texas A&M! This schedule will help you navigate your New Student Conference and prepare for your transition to the university.

### CONFERENCE CHECKLIST
- 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.
- Purchase your official Aggie Family t-shirt at the MSC Barnes & Noble bookstore.
- 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.
- 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 mailbox if you are living on campus. Boxes may be rented in person for the Southside or Northside of campus by visiting Commons Lobby Room 126 or Hullabaloo Hall Room 136 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. during your NSC. You can also download the rental forms at baurservicesinc.com and mail in the application. The Northgate Post Office offers P.O. Box rental and is open 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., or you can rent online at usps.com.
- 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 a.m. to 6 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.
- Complete your NSC Evaluation, which you will receive via email 7-10 days after your conference.
- Add your preferred emergency contact information on the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu.

### WHAT TO EXPECT
- **Day 1** features sessions regarding academics, resources, and responsibilities as an Aggie. Evening programs help students and families understand what it means to be an Aggie.
- **Day 2** begins with students meeting their college to learn about the requirements and expectations of their specific discipline. Class registration takes place in the afternoon.

### 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.

### STUDENT ID CARD
- Students who submitted their photo online prior to arriving for their conference will receive their student ID card at check-in.
- If you did not submit your photo in advance and would like to pick up your ID card on Day 2 of the conference, you must upload a photo at myaggiecard.tamu.edu by 3 p.m. on Day 1. If your photo is accepted, you may pick up your ID from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. outside MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom.
- You must have government-issued photo ID to receive your Aggie ID card.

### 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.

### QUESTIONS?
- Feel free to stop by our NSC Help Desk (see schedule for times and locations), call us at (979) 845-5826, or send us a message on social media.

### CONNECT WITH US
- @nsfptamu
- new_aggie
- /AggieParentsandFamily
DAY 1 - SAMPLE

HELP DESK: 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom

8:00–9:15 a.m.  
Student & Family NSC Check-In
Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. You will receive orientation materials, an official conference schedule, and a t-shirt, and students must clear any holds, turn in transcripts, or change their major, if desired.

Campus Tours (tentative)
Orientation Leaders conduct 45-minute walking tours of the inner campus, weather permitting. Last tour leaves promptly at 8:40.

Virtual Campus Tour
Available for students or family members who prefer a virtual tour experience. Video loops every 10 minutes.

8:40–9:25 a.m.  
Optional Morning Sessions | Choose One

Professional School Advising  
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.

Secondary Teaching  
MSC 2502
Students interested in teacher certification for secondary education, regardless of major, should attend this session.

Veteran Services  
Rudder Tower 301
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.

Career Center  
MSC 2500
Hear about services and resources including resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and planning for future employment!

Study Abroad  
MSC 2501
You can study abroad! Learn about international education opportunities and funding resources.

9:40–10:00 a.m.  
Welcome Session
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom
This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student & Family Programs!

10:00–10:20 a.m.  
Joining a Community of Scholars
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom
This session will provide important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&M's Community of Scholars.

10:20–10:50 a.m.  
Academic Meeting
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom
Students will receive critical information regarding academic policies and receive instructions on class registration.

10:50–11:20 a.m.  
Keys to Financial Matters
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom
Staff will discuss tuition and fees, how to pay your bill, deadlines, and financial resources including scholarships, grants and loans.
At this point, students and family members/guests will attend separate sessions until 2 p.m.

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<td>12:35 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch. MSC Dining Facility; Overflow into MSC 2400, Gates Ballroom. You will receive a meal voucher to purchase a meal from an MSC dining facility for lunch.</td>
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<td>12:45-1:35 p.m.</td>
<td>Community of Respect. MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom. 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.</td>
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<td>1:35-2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Step In Stand Up. MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom. 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.</td>
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<td>11:30 a.m.-</td>
<td>Partners in Success &amp; Aggie Family Programs. MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom. 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. You’ll also hear from the Office of New Student &amp; Family Programs about opportunities and resources available to you.</td>
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<td>2:10-2:40 p.m.</td>
<td>Campus Services. MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom. Information will be shared regarding campus services such as dining, transportation, and information technology (IT).</td>
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<td>2:45-3:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Resource Tables. MSC, Main Hallway. Various offices from the University community are represented. Gather info and ask questions at your leisure. Get your punch card stamped, and entered into the drawing for a $50 gift card!</td>
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<td>3:15-4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Off-Campus Living. MSC 2406. Learn how to live off campus successfully, including managing a lease, city ordinances, roommate relations, transportation, and ways to search for housing.</td>
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<td>5:00-7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Evening Program. Williams Alumni Center. The Orientation Leaders and The Association of Former Students invite students and family members for an Aggie basketball watch party complete with light refreshments and snacks. You can play trivia and other games, try on an Aggie Ring, and meet other new students at this casual, come-and-go event.</td>
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7:45–8:10 a.m.  Trailblazing & Conference Shuttles
Orientation Leaders walk you to college meetings or direct you to shuttles to West Campus locations. All groups depart from the MSC at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.  Mandatory College Meeting & Academic Advisement
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)
  Location TBA
• Architecture (AR)
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• Business (BA)
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• Education (ED)
  Location TBA
• Engineering (EN)
  Location TBA
• Geosciences (GE)
  Location TBA
• Liberal Arts (LA)
  Location TBA
• Nursing (NU)
  Location TBA
• Public Health (PH)
  Location TBA
• Science (SC)
  Location TBA
• Veterinary Medicine (VM)
  Location TBA

Various  Lunch On Your Own
See handout in your check-in bag for campus dining locations. Time will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.

2:00-6:00 p.m.  Course Registration
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.