DEAN’S MEETING FOR FRESHMAN
AGENDA

• Introduction
• College of Liberal Arts Priorities
• Admission Contract Review
• Tips for Success
• Dismiss to Advisors
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The skills that a liberal arts degree gives a student are the very skills that employers today value highly. They are skills that never grow obsolete. Although the world is constantly changing, the abilities, attributes, and skills gained through liberal arts prepare one for a lifetime of learning.

Employers consistently state that the skill sets offered by a Liberal Arts degree are more important than that a specialized area of study. They want to hire people who:

- Have the ability to make ethical judgments.
- Possess intercultural skills; and
- Have skills in critical thinking, complex problem-solving and written and oral communication.
Common Ground is our first-year reading program, designed to create intellectual community among incoming students based on a shared reading experience.

Watch for events such as lectures, symposia, and films throughout the academic year as important themes in the book are discussed. Be prepared to read chapters in many of your Liberal Arts classes.
CORNERSTONE HONORS

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• The Liberal Arts Cornerstone Honors Program provides a community of highly motivated students the means to become significant citizen-leaders of tomorrow. Email us at: liberalartshonors@tamu.edu
PERKS FOR HONORS STUDENTS

- Priority registration
- Small classes
- Taught by most prestigious College faculty
- Enhanced critical thinking skills
- Global awareness through study abroad
- Specialized one-hour seminar
- Honors distinction on transcript
FRESHMEN INNOVATION GROUP (FIG)

A FIG provides incoming, first-generation freshmen a learning community that helps smooth their transition into college life

Program Perks

- Guaranteed enrollment for 2 courses in Fall 2019 and 2 courses in Spring 2020
- FIG success bursary of $1000
- Course sizes maxed at 25
- Meals with faculty
- Develop networks with peers, faculty members, and administrators
STUDY ABROAD

- Christie Dunn, International Programs Manager
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- Many scholarships available
- Students can go abroad and still graduate on time
- Financial Aid is portable
- Gain skills employers want:
  - Critical thinking
  - Problem solving
  - Adaptability
  - Flexibility
  - Communication

liberalarts.tamu.edu/study-abroad
studyabroad.tamu.edu
Complete the University Scholarship Application for Continuing Students every year between Oct 15 – Feb 1 & in the appropriate cycle before studying abroad to be considered for any scholarships: uwide.tamu.edu
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- Oversees/coordinates Common Ground First-Year Experience for all incoming Freshmen in the college
- Assists departments in providing academic support for students
- Supports students in successfully navigating the challenges of pursuing a higher education
  - Using the Academic Success Center
LIFELONG LEARNING

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hireaggies.com

• Come in early and often to work on résumés, take mock interviews, check out internships and job lists!
• Career Fairs
• Seek internships, externships, part-time positions
• Volunteer in areas related to your career goals
• Choose a student organization that is meaningful
• Use directed study or research projects for experience
Admission Contract

As a student in the College of Liberal Arts, I agree to the following:

1. I am responsible for familiarizing myself with the policies and regulations as described in the Texas A&M University Student Rules (http://student-rules.tamu.edu) and the Texas A&M University Undergraduate Catalog (http://catalog.tamu.edu).

2. I am responsible for making progress on my degree. Every semester, I will register for courses that follow the specified program of study for a baccalaureate degree. Failing to do so may lead me to be administratively removed from courses not on my degree plan and/or being blocked from registration by the Dean of the College. I will enroll in basic course work as outlined in the General Degree Requirements, sections I and II in the Undergraduate Catalog 2018-2019. This excludes courses that will serve as electives or that will meet the requirements of a minor. (Student Rule 1.5 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule17).

3. I am responsible for meeting with my departmental major advisor early enough each semester to ensure I am following my degree plan. I will graduate upon completion of all course work for my degree plan including prerequisites.

4. I will complete and submit my student degree planner by the appropriate deadline (Student Rule 1.9 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule01/).

5. I will be placed on probation or dismissed from the College if I do not meet established academic standards (Student Rule 12.1 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule12/).

6. I am responsible for successfully completing a minimum of 36 hours of 300 and/or 400-level coursework in residence at Texas A&M in order to obtain my degree. A minimum of 12 of these 36 hours must be in the major. (Student Rule 14.20 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule14/).

7. I am responsible for sending all emails to staff, faculty and leadership from my official TAMU email account. Correspondences sent via non-TAMU addresses will not be acknowledged. I am also responsible for checking my university authorized email account (@email.tamu.edu) daily for any university related correspondence. I understand that not all messages sent to my email account will forward thus necessitating that I check it daily.

8. I am responsible for keeping the University informed of my current local and permanent address and my phone number through howdy.tamu.edu.
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Part I: Academic Rules

1. Student Registration
2. Special Course Status
3. Seminars, Directed Studies, Research Courses
4. English Proficiency
5. Change of Curriculum
6. Non-Degree Seeking Students
7. Attendance
8. Examinations
9. Transfer Credit
10. Grading
11. Distinguished Students
12. Scholastic Deficiency/Probation
13. Classification
14. Degree Requirements
15. Graduation with Honors
16. University Honors Program
17. Withdrawal Procedures
18. Payment of Fees and Charges
19. Refunds
20. Academic Misconduct
21. Classroom Behavior
22. Computing Services: Rules for Responsible Computing

61. Student E-Mail
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1.5 Curriculum Violation: Degree-Seeking Graduate and Undergraduate Students

1.5.1 A student is expected to register for a schedule of courses that follows the program of study for a degree in his or her college. A student who elects not to follow the program of study must obtain approval from his or her academic advisor, department head or college Dean or designee, and the Dean or designee of the college offering the courses. A student who fails to obtain approval may be, by his or her Dean or designee, held from registration, removed from the inappropriate course(s) and/or required to register for a prescribed schedule of courses.
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4. I will complete and submit my student degree planner by the appropriate deadline (Student Rule 1.9 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule01/).

1.9 Undergraduate Degree Plans: All degree-seeking undergraduate students admitted to Texas A&M University in or after Fall 2013 must complete and annually update an undergraduate degree plan:

1.9.1 Initial submission: All degree-seeking undergraduate students must submit their initial degree plan before the deadlines as defined below:

1.9.1.1 For undergraduate students entering Texas A&M University in a spring term, September 30 of the same year.

1.9.1.2 For undergraduate students entering Texas A&M University in a summer or fall term, September 30 of the following year.

Accessing the Undergraduate Degree Planner in Howdy (under the “My Record” tab:
Click on the Undergraduate Degree Planner link to view your Curriculum Information screen
5. I will be placed on probation or dismissed from the College if I do not meet established academic standards (Student Rule 12.1 – 12.2 http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule12/).

12.1 An undergraduate student is scholastically deficient when

12.1.1 His or her semester grade point ratio is less than 2.00; or
12.1.2 His or her cumulative grade point ratio is less than 2.00; or
12.1.3 The cumulative grade point ratio in his or her major field of study is below a 2.00; or
12.1.4 He or she is not meeting college and/or major course of study grade point requirements.

12.2 In the event an undergraduate student becomes scholastically deficient, he or she, may be:

12.2.1 Warned of scholastic deficiency after review by his or her academic Dean or designee; or
12.2.2 Permitted to continue in school on scholastic probation after review by his or her academic Dean or designee; or
12.2.3 Dismissed from continued enrollment in his or her college or major after review by his or her academic Dean or designee; or
12.2.4 Suspended from the university for deficient scholarship; a scholastically-deficient undergraduate student may, after review by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies or designee, be suspended from the university because of scholastic deficiency by the following action:

- Suspension: Separation of the student from the university for a definite period of time. The student is not guaranteed readmission at the end of this period of time. The student is guaranteed a review of the case and a decision regarding eligibility for readmission.
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1.2 Current Address: To avoid missing important communications from the university, it is the student’s responsibility to keep the registrar informed of current local and permanent addresses. Communications mailed to either address of record, or to a student’s official TAMU email account, will be deemed to be adequate notice.
UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

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• MSC Open House
  • September 1\textsuperscript{st} from 1-5 pm

• Liberal Arts Career Fair
  • September 18\textsuperscript{th} from 10am-3pm – MSC 2300 Bethancourt Ballroom

• Midterm Seminar

• Q-Drop and Withdrawal Deadline
  • November 15\textsuperscript{th}
TRANSFER COURSEWORK EVALUATION:

Equivalent: HIST 1301 = HIST 105

Substitution: Possible course substitution or used as a general elective (TRNS)

Non-transferable: Dental Hygiene, EMT or Freshman Orientation (NTRN)
TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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• Go to class!

• Get involved/engaged in your studies

• Full-time job

• Be intentional with your time
IMPORTANT LINKS FOR STUDENTS

- liberalarts.tamu.edu (the college webpage)
- registrar.tamu.edu/Registrar/media/REGI_Forms/Dependency_Certification.pdf (this gives parents the right to have access to educational records)
- student-rules.tamu.edu (covers all things related to attendance, grades, appeals, course syllabi, etc.)
- catalog.tamu.edu (Undergraduate Catalog with degree requirements and other information)
- registrar.tamu.edu/general/calendar.aspx (Academic Calendar)
- lasc.tamu.edu (Liberal Arts Student Council)
- careercenter.tamu.edu (Career Center)
- disability.tamu.edu (Disability Services; access for accommodations)
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