As a confirmed new student, you now have a Texas A&M Gmail account. Your email address is NetID@tamu.edu. Your NetID is the same ID you use to log in to Howdy and the Applicant Information System (AIS).

You should start checking your Texas A&M Gmail account regularly because important information will be sent there prior to your New Student Conference. To check your email, visit google.tamu.edu and log in with your NetID and password. You can also set up Texas A&M Gmail on your smartphone so you won't miss any important emails! To learn how, visit u.tamu.edu/emailmobile.
The New Student Conference is a collaborative effort among the entire university community, coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs housed in the Division of Student Affairs.
Welcome to the Aggie family! The next four years promise to be exciting as you connect with students, faculty and staff from varied backgrounds, diverse cultures and unique experiences. Your time at Texas A&M will be spent in the pursuit of knowledge and the engagement of lifelong learning.
This New Student Conference Handbook was developed to help you make the most of your mandatory New Student Conference (NSC). Please take time to read through this and any other materials you receive from the university as these are valuable resources you can use throughout your first year at Texas A&M University.

Your NSC is a critical component of your future success as an Aggie. Over the course of two days, you'll participate in sessions and programs designed to assist in your transition to Texas A&M.

Some of the topics we'll cover at your NSC include:

- University academic requirements, policies and procedures — including course selection and registration.
- Personal safety and security on campus.
- Student involvement and leadership opportunities on campus.
- Housing, dining, transportation, financial assistance, academic support and career guidance.

The NSC is a great time to meet other members of your class, learn more about Aggie traditions, participate in social programs, and interact with conference staff and Orientation Leaders. During your NSC, take advantage of the opportunity to gain valuable advice and get your questions answered as you start your journey at Texas A&M.

NSC QUESTIONS?

For information concerning conference registration or programs for both students and family members, please contact:

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS
(979) 845-5826
nsfp@tamu.edu
newaggie.tamu.edu

ACCOMPANYING FAMILY/GUESTS

While the NSC is only mandatory for students, we invite family members and guests to attend and participate in sessions designed for them. Registration for family members and guests is required, and one guest is included in the conference fee.

Further details about registration and NSC programs for family members are located in the center of this handbook. Please remove the special insert and share with family members and/or accompanying guests.

NSCs EN ESPAÑOL

Thanks to the generosity of The Association of Former Students, the Office of New Student & Family Programs offers Spanish translation and a Spanish-speaking dinner for family members and guests during the NSC.

Programs designated for Spanish translation will be noted in the NSC schedule and provided via headset.

Family members interested in having programs translated will need to visit the Help Desk in Rudder Exhibit Hall on Day 1 of the NSC to receive a headset. Additionally, a Spanish-speaking staff member will be available at Check-In and the Help Desk for family members to ask questions as needed.

These services are provided free of charge, but we do request that families indicate their interest in utilizing this service on their family/guest registration form. More details at newaggie.tamu.edu/es.

Texas A&M University provides equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment or admission, and the public regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Texas A&M University will promptly investigate all complaints of illegal discrimination, sexual harassment, and related retaliation in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Both days of the NSC are mandatory, so you will need accommodations for at least one night. Costs for housing are NOT included in the student or family member registration fee, and arrangements must be made separately. You may choose to stay on or off campus during your NSC.

On-Campus Accommodations (May, June & July NSCs only)
The Department of Residence Life offers on-campus NSC Overnight Accommodations as an affordable option for any traveling students and families in need of a place to stay during their conference.

NSC Overnight Accommodations offers two options for students, families, and guests: residence halls and apartments. Both options tend to fill quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. NSC Overnight Accommodations costs will be billed to the student’s account after the student and their family have checked out of their NSC Overnight Accommodations.

Students and families staying in NSC Overnight Accommodations may check in during the following times:

- **Pre-Conference Day:**
  - 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Zone Club, 1st Floor
  - 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at residence halls/apartments

- **Conference Day 1:**
  - 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zone Club, 1st Floor
  - 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at residence halls/apartments

Please bring items such as mattress pads, blankets and pillows to use during your stay. Bed linens and towels are provided, but you may want to bring your own items to make your stay more comfortable. Each room has two twin beds in the residence halls. Apartment rooms are all single full size beds. Roll-away beds or cribs are not available.

On-campus NSC Overnight Accommodations are NOT available for the August conference. Residence hall/apartment rates, registration, and more details for NSC Overnight Accommodations are online at reslife.tamu.edu/guests/nsc.

Texas A&M Hotel
Stay in the heart of campus at Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center. The conveniently located ‘guest house’ of the university is a mere 96 yards from Kyle Field and steps from the Memorial Student Center. Visit TexasAMHotelCC.com for more information.

Off-Campus Accommodations
For accommodations in Bryan/College Station, please contact Experience BCS at (979) 260-9898 or experiencebcs.com for information on area hotels and motels. If you are staying off campus, you will need to provide your own transportation.
PARKING

NSC attendees receive one parking permit included with registration.

Two weeks prior to the conference, you will receive an email containing your parking permit. Print this permit and display on the dashboard of your vehicle. Parking locations are listed on the permit and the online NSC map at transport.tamu.edu/nscmap.

Additional Option: Upgrade to NSC Parking in Cain Garage. Attendees can purchase a 3-day permit to Cain Garage for an additional $30 by logging into My Account at transport.tamu.edu. Cain Garage is located near the Memorial Student Center and offers in-and-out access throughout the 3-day permit period. Available for purchase beginning May 1.

ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on university property (other than pay-by-the-hour visitor parking areas). If you are bringing more than one vehicle to campus, hourly visitor parking is available for your additional vehicle(s) as indicated in blue on the Visitor Parking map at transport.tamu.edu/vismap.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(979) 862-PARK (7275)
transport.tamu.edu/nsc

DINING

Lunch and dinner on Day 1 are included in your conference fee for both students and registered guests. Enjoy a relaxed meal on campus while you meet other students or family members and interact with the Aggie Orientation Leaders. See the Schedule on page 13 for more details.

Also included for all attendees are breakfast and lunch on Day 2 of the conference.

Additional information on University Dining and semestery dining plan options are available at dining.tamu.edu, (979) 845-3005 or TAMUDining@compass-usa.com.
BACTERIAL MENINGITIS DOCUMENTATION

All students under the age of 22 entering an institution of higher education are required to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (within five years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation of vaccination have a meningitis vaccination deficiency hold placed on their account.

Texas A&M has partnered with Med+Proctor for the submission of bacterial meningitis vaccination records. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided through Med+Proctor. Please go to medproctor.com/tamu-immunization to register and upload your proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination.

The meningitis deficiency hold will prevent you from checking into your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative you submit documentation at least two weeks prior to your NSC.

Students must receive the vaccination no later than 10 days before the first day of the semester in which the student enrolls. Therefore, all new students enrolling for the fall 2019 semester must receive the vaccination by August 16 or before your conference (whichever date is earlier). For students attending the August 20-21 conference, you are strongly encouraged to submit your Evidence of Vaccination by July 6 so you can be preregistered for your classes by your academic advisor.

To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement, log into AIS at applicant.tamu.edu and ensure that a check mark is present on the bacterial meningitis checklist item found under the “Additional documents required if admitted” section. Please allow a few days for Med+Proctor staff to complete processing on your immunization document.

If you arrive at your NSC and have not yet fulfilled this requirement, you will not be able to check in and must take care of your immunization requirement immediately. If you have not received a vaccination against bacterial meningitis, you may go to the A.P. Beutel Health Center on campus for the vaccination. For more information, including where to send your documentation prior to your NSC, visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis.

For students enrolling in courses summer 2019, you need to submit your meningitis documentation by the following deadlines:

**Summer Session I:** May 18th
**Summer Session II:** June 22nd

LAB SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Many courses require students to submit a Lab Safety Acknowledgment (LSA) before course registration is permitted. All NSC attendees must submit the acknowledgment prior to their NSC to ensure registration access.

Submit your LSA via the Howdy portal at howdy.tamu.edu. Step-by-step instructions are available at tx.ag/LSAinstructions.

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of the Registrar at registration@tamu.edu or (979) 845-1003.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM

All freshmen are required to take the MPE. Students will not be permitted to register for any mathematics course until MPE test scores are on file.

Students enrolling in the College of Engineering and the College of Science (excluding Biology majors) will take the MPE on Day 2 of their NSC. Students in these two colleges may take two practice exams prior to their NSC and are encouraged to do so.

All other students should take the MPE online at least 24 hours before attending their NSC. Students will be able to see their MPE scores under the ‘My Test Scores’ in AIS and will want to make sure the MPE scores are posted prior to coming to an NSC.

How to access the MPE & practice exam
Log into howdy.tamu.edu, go to the “Applicant” tab and follow the instructions for the MPE.

Use the online review material available at math.tamu.edu/placement to help you prepare for the 90-minute MPE. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. No calculators or help from other resources is permitted on the MPE.

If you experience technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu. For information about disability accommodations for the MPE, please see page 11.

ONLINE ORIENTATION

All new students are required to complete a series of online orientation modules before they arrive for their NSC. Students who arrive at their NSC without completing online orientation will have a hold on their account and will not be able to register for courses until they have completed this requirement.

How to access online orientation
Online orientation is accessible through the Applicant Tab in the Howdy Portal at howdy.tamu.edu and will take about an hour to complete. If you have any difficulties, visit newaggie.tamu.edu/online for support or contact the Office of New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826.

SUBMIT PHOTO FOR ID CARD

The Aggie Card is your official ID at Texas A&M University and allows you to access numerous campus services.

You must submit an ID photo online on myaggiecard.tamu.edu by noon the day before your NSC Check-In.
The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a requirement by the state of Texas that all students enrolled at public institutions of higher education demonstrate college-readiness in reading, writing, and mathematics. To do so, students must either meet the TSI Exemption criteria or pass the TSI Assessment.

You can check to see if you have fulfilled the TSI requirements online using these steps:

- Go to applicant.tamu.edu and log in.
- Find the “Tasks to Complete Prior to Enrollment” checklist.
- Find “Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative requirements.”

If a red X is present, you will be blocked from registering for classes during the NSC, so it is critical that students satisfy this requirement two weeks prior to their scheduled NSC date. Note that TSI information is not updated until at least 48 hours AFTER you register for your NSC.

The TSI Assessment is not required for all incoming students; many are exempt based on ACT/SAT scores. A list of possible exemptions can be found at: successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative/TSI-Exemptions.

If you believe you are exempt but a red X is present in your checklist, further documentation is needed to verify your exemption. Please contact the Academic Success Center at (979) 845-2724.

All students who are not exempt must first complete the mandatory TSI Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) found on Howdy on the “My Record” tab under “Texas Success Initiative.” Once completed, they must then take the TSI Assessment.

For more information about fulfilling the TSI requirement, exemptions and testing options, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/prepare-for-your-nsc/testing.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TESTING

Students who intend to enroll for the first time in a college foreign language course, who have previous knowledge of the language, however acquired, and who have no college credit in the language MUST take a placement test to determine the appropriate course for their level of ability. The foreign language placement test also serves as a basis for credit by examination.

Second language learners who take the Advanced Placement (AP) test, the College Board Achievement test, the International Baccalaureate test (IB) or the SAT II Subject Test in their foreign language of choice do not have to take the required foreign language placement tests, as the results of these tests may be used for placement. However, it is highly recommended you complete the placement test. Heritage language learners must always take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests or college level credit examinations, because these tests sometimes are not a good reflection of the language abilities of those students.

The Spanish Language Placement Test is administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, including accommodations, contact Hispanic Studies at (979) 845-2125. Hispanic Studies offers placement tests in Spanish.

All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30.00 fee that is due at the time of registration. For more information, including accommodations, please contact International Studies at (979) 845-5144. International Studies offers placement tests in other foreign languages.

To register for this test, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/languageplacementexam.

Please note: Seats in language courses are limited; taking the Language Placement Exam does not guarantee the ability to register for a language course during your first semester.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a disability and require specific accommodations to complete any of the NSC placement exams or Texas Success Initiative requirements, please contact Disability Services to discuss your needs. Reasonable testing accommodations are provided to allow students with documented disabilities an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

In order to coordinate testing accommodations for any of the tests offered through New Student Conferences, students must submit documentation of their disability at least two weeks prior to the scheduled testing date for review.

Please contact the Disability Services office at (979) 845-1637 or visit disability.tamu.edu for more information.
You will receive an official schedule at Check-In; however, the following pages will provide an overview of the NSC Schedule and programs. Date specific schedules are posted one week prior to your NSC date at newaggie.tamu.edu.

**PRE-CONFERENCE DAY**

*(May, June, & July Only)*

There are two days of required NSC programs; however, we encourage you to arrive on the day prior to your NSC, which we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the June 5–6 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 4.

You will have the opportunity to check in early, meet other new students at the Howdy Social, and complete to-do items on your NSC Schedule Checklist. Students attending the Pre-Conference Day typically experience shorter wait times to accomplish necessary tasks. If you do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then you must attend Check-In on the morning of Day 1.

**International students:** Please keep in mind when choosing an NSC date that you are required to complete an online Check-In process with International Student Services approximately one week prior to your conference. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/international-students for additional information.

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<td><strong>Open Recreation</strong></td>
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<td>Use the Student Recreation Center, also known as Rec Center, at your leisure. Check in at the Member Services Desk for more information. Equipment fees may apply. Proper attire is required. Minors (under the age of 18) must be under adult supervision during the entirety of their visit.</td>
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<td>8 a.m.–5 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Veteran Services Office Open</strong></td>
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<td>9 a.m.–4 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Residence Hall Tours</strong></td>
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<td>Northside Residence Hall Tours provide the opportunity to see a furnished room in Hullabaloo Hall, Modular, Corridor, Balcony and Ramp building styles only. Tours of both the Southside Commons &amp; White Creek Apartments are also available. Please visit reslife.tamu.edu/tour for specific times or call (979) 845-0557.</td>
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<td>Students not exempt from the Texas Success Initiative and who have not taken the TSI Assessment Test prior to the NSC must do so at this time or they will not be able to register for classes. Register in Suite 1101, General Services Complex or call (979) 845-0532.</td>
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<td>1:30–5 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>On-Campus Accommodations Check-In</strong></td>
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<td>Students and families staying in on-campus conference accommodations may check in from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Zone Club of Kyle Field, first floor. After 5 p.m., call (979) 845-2821 for your check-in location.</td>
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<td>3:30–4:45 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Student &amp; Family NSC Early Check-In</strong></td>
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<td>Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. Everyone will receive orientation materials and an official conference schedule. Students will receive their student ID (if they submitted a photo in advance) and a t-shirt. Students must also clear any holds and turn in transcripts if needed.</td>
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<td>4:45–5:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Corps Open House</strong></td>
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<td>Joining the Corps or seeking more information? Meet with outfit representatives at the Corps of Cadets Open House.</td>
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<td>5–6:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Howdy Social</strong></td>
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<td>The Orientation Leaders and The Association of Former Students invite students and family members to enjoy light refreshments and snacks, 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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DAY 1

Your NSC begins with Check-In, provided you did not arrive and check in on the Pre-Conference Day. Programs on Day 1 provide an overview of resources and services available to students and highlight important details for your transition to Texas A&M. Students are expected to attend all sessions on Day 1 and Day 2 of the conference. Times and details are subject to change. Visit newaggie.tamu.edu one week prior to your conference for a complete schedule.

During parts of Day 1, we offer a separate track of activities for students and family members. Students will participate in small groups led by Orientation Leaders to learn helpful information about life in Aggieland and Day 2 of the NSC in an interactive setting. Students and family members will come back together for our evening program featuring information about engaging in the Aggie experience and a yell practice.

* For the August Conference, evening programs on Day 1 will vary. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen to view a full August NSC schedule, which will be available one week before your conference.

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<td>9:15–9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Welcome</td>
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<td>This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student</td>
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<td>9:30–9:50 a.m.</td>
<td>Joining a Community of Scholars</td>
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<td>This session provides important information about the opportunities, rights and</td>
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<td>responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&amp;M’s Community of Scholars.</td>
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<td>Faculty &amp; Advisor Insights</td>
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<td>Students will receive information regarding classroom behavior, academic rigor and</td>
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<td>the role of their academic advisor.</td>
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<td>10:10–10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Orientation Leaders will assist with the transition of students to housing sessions.</td>
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<td>Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session providing</td>
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| 12:30–1:15 p.m. | **Lunch**  
Students will be escorted to lunch by Orientation Leaders and will sit according to residential areas. |
|               | **STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT**  
See insert inside this handbook for more information about family programs |
| 1:30–2 p.m.   | **Financial Matters**  
Staff will discuss tuition and fees, methods of payment, direct deposit, important due dates, and financial resources including scholarships, grants, and loans. |
| 2–3:30 p.m.   | **Resource Tables**  
Various offices from the University community are represented. Gather info and ask questions at your leisure. Get your passport stamped and entered into the drawing for a $50 gift card! |
| 2:15–2:45 p.m. | **Interest Session #1**  
Attendees will choose which breakout session they would like to attend:  
- **Professional School Advising—Law**: Students interested in careers within law and planning to pursue professional school credentials, regardless of major, should attend this session.  
- **Professional School Advising—Health Professions**: Students interested in careers within medicine, dentistry, allied health or veterinary medicine and planning to pursue professional school credentials, regardless of major, should attend this session.  
- **Career Center/Transition Academic Programs**: Hear about services and resources including resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and planning for future employment.  
- **Fraternity & Sorority Life**: Learn about how you can enhance your leadership skills and make an impact as an Aggie Greek.  
- **Money Education Center**: This presentation provides recommendations which can help students be more financially successful during college so that they can be in a great financial position upon graduation.  
- **Secondary Teacher Certification**: Students interested in teacher certification for secondary education, regardless of major, should attend this session.  
- **Study Abroad**: You can study abroad! Learn about international education opportunities and funding resources.  
- **Student Counseling Service**: Learn ways to be proactive about managing your stress and the importance of self-care as you begin your Aggie journey.  
- **Academic Success Center**: Come learn the best strategies and skills successful students use to excel in college and how the Academic Success Center can help you achieve your academic goals. |
| 2:30–3:30 p.m. | **Veteran Services**  
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.** |
| 3–3:30 p.m.   | **Interest Session #2**  
Attendees will choose which breakout session they would like to attend. See options above. |

**STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL ATTEND SEPARATE SESSIONS AT THIS POINT**  
See insert inside this handbook for more information about family programs.

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| 3:45–5:15 p.m. | **Aggies Respect**  
Centered around Texas A&M’s Core Value of Respect, students will learn how to foster an inclusive community and respect others. |
| 5:30–6:30 p.m. | **Small Group Discussion**  
Students will rejoin their small group to follow up on the previous session. Orientation Leaders will introduce academic systems such as the TAMU Mobile App, Howdy Portal, and Navigate, as well as provide an overview of conference Day 2. |
| 6:45–7:30 p.m. | **Dinner**  
Students will attend dinner with their small group and Orientation Leader. |
| 7:45–8:30 p.m. | **Engage Your Aggie Experience**  
Learn about campus involvement, student support resources and attend a Fightin’ Texas Aggie Yell Practice with the Yell Leaders. |

**STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT**

*See insert inside this handbook for more information about family programs*

**DAY 2**

On Day Two of the New Student Conference, students will spend the day with their academic college and register for courses. Please be prepared to remain until 6 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration.

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| 7:15–8:15 a.m.| **Breakfast**  
Breakfast will be available for all registered attendees in various locations on campus. |
| 7:45 a.m.     | **Travel to College Meetings**  
Orientation Leaders will walk you to college meetings. All groups depart at 8:05 a.m. |
| 8:30 a.m.     | **Campus Shuttles**  
Orientation Leaders will direct you to shuttles for meetings on West Campus. Last shuttle departs at 8:10 a.m. |
| 8:30 a.m.     | **College Meetings & Academic Advising**  
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. |
| 9:15–10:45 a.m.| **Math Placement Exam — College of Engineering/College of Science Only**  
Students in the College of Engineering and College of Science (excluding Biology majors) sit for a proctored Math Placement Exam. Disability accommodations will be made through virtual proctoring prior to the conference. |
| 11 a.m.–2 p.m.| **Lunch**  
Lunch is available for all registered attendees in various locations on campus. Times will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting. |
| 2:30 p.m.     | **Course Registration**  
Exact time and location will be announced during College Meetings. Students register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Blinn TEAM and Gateway students will arrive earlier. More details will be provided at your NSC. |

**Times, locations & specific program descriptions in this publication are subject to change."**
How can I change my conference date?
You are required to attend the conference date for which you are registered. Students are not allowed to participate in a conference they are not registered for in advance. You can change your conference date as long as dates are available on the NSC registration website, accessible through the Applicant Information System (AIS) at applicant.tamu.edu. As conferences are filled, they are removed from the site and are no longer available due to capacity limits.

Students will not be forced into conferences to accommodate changes in their personal schedule due to work conflicts or travel. Appeals to change into a restricted or full conference are only granted for military orders, medical emergencies or extreme extenuating circumstances which students can substantiate with written documentation.

Appeals are submitted online via AIS by going to the “Contact Us” tab, clicking “Ask A Question,” selecting a subject type of “NSC Appeal” and completing the required fields.

How can I change my major?
Admitted students may request a change of major via the Howdy Portal at howdy.tamu.edu through May 1, after which requests can only be made at the conference. Under the “Applicant” tab, select “Manage Applications.” Some colleges and majors have enrollment limits and will not accept a change of major once filled. Students may choose from only those colleges and majors with space available at the time of request.

Please be aware that a change of major is never guaranteed and majors can fill up prior to processing your request. A change of major may mean a change in your NSC date; therefore, verify that your new college is participating in the NSC in which you are currently registered. If not, you must reschedule your conference.

If a family member or guest plans to attend the NSC with me, do they need to register?
Yes. Each family member or guest who wishes to attend must be registered. One guest is included in the freshman conference fee. Register any included or additional family members and guests online through AIS by selecting “Register Family Members or Guests.” For more information, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. For questions related to family member registration, contact New Student & Family Programs at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu or (979) 845-5826. See “Aggie Family Member” insert for more information.

Who do I contact with questions about Advanced Placement (AP) scores?
For questions regarding scoring or how courses will apply to your degree plan, please contact your academic advisor. If you took an Advanced Placement test in May, scores will not be received by Texas A&M University until mid-July. Students should only accept AP credit after consulting with their academic advisor, which you can do during Day 2 of your NSC. Contact information for academic colleges is on the back cover of this publication.
At Texas A&M, we take great pride in our standing as a national leader in service to our veterans and other military-affiliated students. We are committed to serving well those who have served through a uniquely collaborative support network that provides personalized resources and services. The Veteran Resource and Support Center and the Veteran Services Office together have a unique and powerful relationship specifically designed to facilitate your transition and success.

The Veteran Resource and Support Center serves the needs of all veterans and military-affiliated students with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. The Veteran Services Office (VSO) helps veterans and their eligible dependents maximize their funding at Texas A&M University. The VSO provides services and support for accessing Veteran Administration (VA) and state education benefits. In addition to certifying your benefit eligibility, they can assist with financial aid and scholarship questions. We are here to serve you and connect you to the rest of campus. THANK YOU for your service to our country, and we stand ready to serve you as you pursue your education.

Veteran and Dependent Services and Resources

Services from the Veteran Resource and Support Center:
- Academic support and student life skills through the Aggie Vet Network.
- Course credit for military service, academic resources and military service withdrawals.
- Military admissions and Vet Success (VA) on Campus Support.
- Relocation/housing and Disability Services assistance referrals.
- Student Veterans Association (aggieveteranlife.com).
- Corps of Cadets Delta Company — for combat veterans who want to join the Corps.

Veteran Resource and Support Center
Koldus Building, Suite 112
(979) 845-3161
aggievets@tamu.edu

Services from the Veteran Services Office:
- Federal and state veterans’ education benefits processing
- Scholarship and financial aid advising

Veteran Services Office
Pavilion Building, Room 205
(979) 845-8075
veterans@tamu.edu
veterans.tamu.edu

Student Veterans Association
aggieveteranlife.com

Services from both the Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource and Support Center:
- A mandatory New Student Conference orientation for student veterans (highly encouraged for military dependents).
- VetCamp (held in the fall and spring) — an in-depth orientation about campus and community resources (spouses welcome).
NSC STAFF

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

In support of Texas A&M University’s mission, the goal of the Office of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) is to facilitate your success as a new student through your first year at Texas A&M.

Through various programs and publications, including NSCs, NSFP staff strive to provide you with the framework to adjust to the expectations, standards, academic rigors and social community at Texas A&M. NSFP also facilitates collaboration between university services in order to provide a comprehensive new student experience.

ORIENTATION LEADERS

Orientation Leaders (OLs) are passionate New Student & Family Programs student leaders who dedicate their time to welcome and assist new students and their families. Orientation Leaders can be identified by their distinctive maroon polos and welcoming smiles. These students are trained to help make the conference a memorable and fun experience, and will be on hand to assist you throughout your conference.

Have a question or a problem? Seek out an Orientation Leader — they’re here for you! Visit tx.ag/OrientationLeaders to learn more.
**BEYOND YOUR NSC**

**EXTENDED PROGRAMMING**

Extended orientation programs are designed to provide new students with additional opportunities to socialize and network with new and continuing students. While attendance at a New Student Conference is mandatory for all new undergraduate students, participation in extended orientation programs, such as ExCEL, Fish Camp, Venture Camp: Base Camp, or Venture Camp: Backpacking, is optional but highly encouraged!

For information on the various programs available, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/after.

**HOWDY WEEK**

*Aggieland’s Week of Welcome, August 18–25*

Your classes are set, you’ve moved in, and you have learned some of the traditions that make this place so special...what’s next? Howdy Week! 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 provides you with an opportunity to learn more about the campus, other students and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls and community members. You’ll also have the chance to be a part of the Class of 2023 class photo on Kyle Field!

Howdy Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs and takes place the week before classes begin in the fall. For more information, please visit howdyweek.tamu.edu.

**HULLABALOO U**

Hullabaloo U is Texas A&M’s first-year experience course. First year students will learn about Hullabaloo U during their NSC. These courses are specifically designed to help new first year students make a successful transition to campus, both academically and personally.

Each student walking into a Hullabaloo U course will find a welcoming and affirming environment, a faculty or staff instructor who is committed to their success, a peer mentor to help them navigate the transition experience, and a community of other first year students. Because it is a zero-credit course, there are no additional tuition or fees assessed for it; it is free for new students! Learn more about Hullabaloo U at studentsuccess.tamu.edu.
HELPFUL NUMBERS

Aggie ID Card Office
(979) 845-4661

NSC Accommodations, On Campus
(979) 845-1279

Corps of Cadets
(979) 845-9232

Dining Plan Information
(979) 845-3005

Disability Services
(979) 845-1637

ExCEL
(979) 862-2642

Fish Camp
(979) 845-1627

Housing Assignments Office, On-Campus
(979) 845-4744

Multicultural Services
(979) 862-2000

NSC Registration
(979) 458-5155 (Students)
(979) 845-5826 (Families)

New Student & Family Programs
(979) 845-5826

Office of Admissions
(979) 845-1060

Off-Campus Student Services
(979) 845-3111

Offices of the Dean of Student Life
(979) 845-3111

Student Business Services
(979) 847-3337

Student Counseling Service
(979) 845-4427

Scholarships & Financial Aid
(979) 845-3236

Student Health Services
(979) 458-8316

Testing Services
(979) 845-0532

Texas Success Initiative Information
(979) 458-4900

Transportation Services
(979) 862-PARK (7275)

University Police Department
(979) 845-2345

Veteran Services
(979) 845-8075

Veteran Resource & Support Center
(979) 845-3161

ACADEMIC COLLEGES

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
(979) 845-3712
aglifesciences.tamu.edu

College of Architecture
(979) 845-1144
arch.tamu.edu

Mays Business School
(979) 862-3850
mays.tamu.edu

College of Education & Human Development
(979) 862-5311
education.tamu.edu

College of Engineering
(979) 845-7200
engineering.tamu.edu

College of Geosciences
(979) 862-3240
geosciences.tamu.edu

College of Liberal Arts
(979) 845-5143
liberalarts.tamu.edu

College of Science
(979) 845-7362
science.tamu.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
(979) 845-4941
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims

School of Public Health
(979) 436-9463
sph.tamhsc.edu

Transition Academic Programs
Blinn TEAM and Gateway
(979) 845-5916
tap.tamu.edu