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 few 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.

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.

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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.

NSC Handbook
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 our 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 our Visitor Parking map at transport.tamu.edu/vismap.

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

DINING

Lunch on Day 1 is included in your conference fee for both students and registered guests. Enjoy a relaxed meal on campus while you meet other students 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 regarding University Dining and semesterly 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

If you have completed the math courses needed for your degree at Texas A&M, then you do not need to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE).

If you need to take a math course for which you have not fulfilled the prerequisite course at Texas A&M, then you are required to take the MPE.

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; it 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.
TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) REQUIREMENT

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.

Many transfer students are exempt from the TSI. 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/transfer/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, citizens from Spanish speaking countries, which of the two tests to register for and more, call (979) 845-2125.

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, exemptions and more call (979) 845-5144.

All tests are administered the day before the NSC. Students who do not take the placement test prior to their NSC will not be able to register for a foreign language course during their conference.

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 6–7 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 5.

You will have the opportunity to check in early 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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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 a small group 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 in the afternoon to attend an interest session, visit the resource tables, and enjoy refreshments and fun activities at the Howdy Social.

8–9 a.m.  **Student & Family NSC Check-In**
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.

9:15–9:30 a.m.  **Welcome**
This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student & Family Programs!

9:30–9:50 a.m.  **Joining a Community of Scholars**
This session provides important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&M’s Community of Scholars.

9:50–10:20 a.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.

10:20–10:40 a.m.  **Student Transition**
Orientation Leaders will assist with the transition of students to the small group discussion sessions.

10:40–11:30 a.m.  **Small Group Discussions**
Students will be divided into groups with an Orientation Leader to get to know other new Aggies and learn about campus services including dining, parking, information technology and Code Maroon, as well as become familiar with the Texas A&M app, the Howdy portal and the Navigate app.

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  **Lunch + Engage Your Aggie Experience**
Students will be escorted to lunch by Orientation Leaders and will sit with their small group. During the lunch program, students will learn about campus involvement and Texas A&M Core Values and participate in a Fightin’ Texas Aggie Yell Practice with the Yell Leaders.

12:45–2:15 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.

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### 2:15-2:30 p.m. A Look at NSC Day 2

Staff from the Office of New Student & Family Programs will give a brief overview of what you can expect during the second day of your conference.

*STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT
See insert inside this handbook for more information about family programs*

### 2:45–3:45 p.m. Interest Session

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:** Hear about services and resources including resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and planning for future employment.
- **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.
- **Off-Campus Living:** Learn how to live off campus successfully, including managing a lease, city ordinances, roommate relations, transportation, and ways to search for housing.
- **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.*

### 2:30–4:15 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!

### 4–5:30 p.m. Howdy Social

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.

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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 walk you to college meetings or direct you to West Campus shuttles. All groups depart at 8:05 a.m. |
|            | **Campus Shuttles**  
Orientation Leaders direct you to campus 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. |
| 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | **Lunch**  
Lunch is available for all registered attendees in retail locations on campus. Times will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting. |
| 2 p.m. | **Course Registration**  
Exact time and location announced during College Meetings. Students register for their fall classes and optional campus services. More details at your NSC. |

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**TEXAS A&M GMAIL**

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 into 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 NSC. 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! Learn how at u.tamu.edu/emailmobile.

If you have questions about your Texas A&M Gmail account or NetID, call the Division of Information Technology Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300 or visit IT.tamu.edu.
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 howdy.tamu.edu under the “Applicant” tab. 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 at applicant.tamu.edu 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?
Transfer students are reviewed for and admitted to a specific major. Changes of major will not be considered for at least one full semester. Many departments and colleges have grade point and course requirements, that must be satisfied to be eligible for a change of major. For change of major requirements, see tap.tamu.edu.

Your course registration at your NSC will be limited to the degree program to which you have been admitted. For more information, please contact your specific academic college. Contact information for each college is listed on the back cover of this handbook.

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. Register 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.

When do I pay for tuition, fees, & optional campus services?
Visit sbs.tamu.edu to find out when your tuition and fees payments are due. Payments may be submitted online through the Howdy portal or in person at the General Services Complex located in Suite 2801.

Online Payment
Review statements and pay online using the Howdy portal.

Installment Plan
• Most required fees, room, board and parking can be divided into installment payments throughout the semester. This plan comes with a $15 charge per semester (not refundable).
• Students who wish to be under the installment plan must enroll at the beginning of each semester. There are penalties for failure to make payments under this plan by their specified due dates.

Forms of Payments Accepted
• Online credit cards (2.25% convenience fee)
• E-Check (Free)
• Check, cashier’s check or money order
• Debit card (In-person at SBS office)
• Wire transfer (Flywire)

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan (TGTP)
If you’re signed up for TGTP, you can request or activate your plan at sbs.tamu.edu.

More tuition and fees payment information can be found at sbs.tamu.edu. Students will be able to view fee statements and pay online as early as August. After a payment is made, the student will receive an email notification on the Texas A&M Gmail account with a link to the online statement.
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, 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).
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.
Extended orientation programs are designed to provide new students with additional opportunities to socialize and network with new and continuing students.

While attendance at an NSC is mandatory for all new undergraduate students, participation in extended orientation programs, such as T-Camp, ExCel, Venture Camp: Base Camp, Venture Camp: Leadership, or Transfer Student Program, is optional but highly encouraged!

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

**TRANSFER STUDENT PROGRAM (TSP)**

Transferring to a university this size provides opportunity and challenges. The goal of the Transfer Student Program (TSP) is to facilitate your transition to Texas A&M. You are not new to the college experience; however, you may have many questions, need support, face unique challenges, or want allies to help you navigate a new campus and campus culture as you become a new Aggie.

TSP provides Transfer Student Peer Mentors to welcome you to the university, answer questions, make referrals, assist in finding resources, offer one-on-one academic support and acclimate you to campus as well as the surrounding Bryan/College Station area. TSP also offers high-impact programming, the Tau Sigma National Honor Society, and social and academic events.

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**Disability Services**  
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**Multicultural Services**  
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**NSC Registration**  
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**Office of Admissions**  
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**Offices of the Dean of Student Life**  
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**Student Counseling Service**  
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**Texas Success Initiative Information**  
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**University Police Department**  
(979) 845-2345

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**College of Architecture**  
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**Mays Business School**  
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**College of Education & Human Development**  
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**College of Engineering**  
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**College of Geosciences**  
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**College of Science**  
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