ENGINEERING ACADEMY AT BLINN

• If your major is not “TEAM” you are in the wrong location.

• Please check the back of your nametag:
  • If your major is “TEAB” or “TEAM-EB” instead of “TEAM” this indicates you are a participant in the TAMU Engineering Academy at Blinn Program.
    • If TEAB, please go to Rudder Theater for the Engineering meeting.
OVERVIEW

8:30-11:30 “College Meeting”
  • 8:30 – 9:45 Things you need to know for A&M and Blinn before you begin
  • 9:45 – 10:00 Break / Transition to classrooms
  • 10:00 – 11:30 Academic Advising Sessions

Break for Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Registration
  • 1:00 – 2:00 Blinn Registration
  • 2:00 – 5:00 A&M & Blinn Registration

Terms and Conditions for Student Participation 2019-2021
KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR THIS MEETING

• Why there is a TAMU-Blinn TEAM Program
• What your TEAM experience will be like
• Guidelines for transitioning out of TEAM into a degree-granting program
• When and how to access academic advising
• Familiarity with the terms and conditions of TEAM

Please write down any questions you have during this meeting and they can be answered in the following session.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• Feel free to photograph slides for future reference, especially those containing web addresses or important information.
WHY TEAM?

- Enrollment capacity does not keep pace with demand. Co-enrollment between A&M and Blinn enables additional hundreds of the highly qualified freshman applicants (you) to have a four-year Aggie experience than would otherwise be possible due to limitations (course availability).
CONGRATULATIONS!

You competed during the most competitive year in A&M admissions history...

...and were selected!

WHOOP!
HOW TEAM WORKS

• TEAM is designed to be a 2-year co-enrollment program

• It is possible for students to transition out of TEAM when they have:
  • Completed 2 or more semesters, and
  • Maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at both schools, and
  • Satisfied all entry requirements for their intended major

• Students who are still in TEAM at the end of the 2 years must meet specific credit hour requirements at each school.
CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE

• Co-enrolled students must pay close attention to twice the number of details as students enrolled at only one school.

• You will be attending 2 separate schools with 2 different sets of rules!
  • Examples: Attendance policy, holidays, deadlines

• You will have to accomplish most tasks twice (once for each school), but at different times.
CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE

• Examples:
  • Send your AP, IB, CLEP, etc. scores to both A&M and Blinn.
  • Send your dual credit transcripts to both A&M and Blinn.

• You have a TAMU ID card
• Get your Blinn ID card at the Central Administration Services Building (Tejas Center)
  • 3125 South Texas Avenue, Ste 1900, Bryan, TX 77805

• Consider how you will get to both the A&M and RELLIS campuses (Bus, Drive, etc.)
  • Parking permits for each if you will drive
CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE: TRANSPORTATION

- University buses provide transit service between the A&M and RELLIS campuses.
  - Monday–Friday: Service begins from Main Campus at 7:00 a.m. and ends with the last bus leaving RELLIS Campus at 9:30 p.m.
    - Buses depart every 20 minutes
  - Saturday–Sunday: Service begins from Main Campus at 9:00 a.m. and ends with the last bus leaving RELLIS Campus at 5:30 p.m.
CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE: TRANSPORTATION
• Students who will drive to class will need a RELLIS parking permit (separate from a TAMU permit), or may park by the hour using pay stations or the Parkmobile app.

• RELLIS parking permits are available for purchase online.
  • Log into your account at transport.tamu.edu/account.
  • Use the option in the top left section

• For more information go to:
  • TAMU: http://transport.tamu.edu/Parking/FAQpermit.aspx
  • RELLIS: http://transport.tamu.edu/Parking/faqrellis.aspx#when
CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE: DINING

• Consider your weekly schedule when selecting a TAMU dining plan.

• TAMU meal plans are not usable on the RELLIS Campus.

• The Blinn Market convenience store sells snacks, sandwiches, drinks, etc.
EXAMPLES OF DIFFERING DEADLINES

• Payment Dates
  • Blinn Fall payment deadline: Wednesday, July 17 at 5:00 p.m.
  • A&M Fall payment deadline: Friday, Aug 23 at 5:00 p.m.

• Registration for Spring 2020 courses
  • Blinn: October
  • A&M: Late November

• Start of Spring 2020 classes
  • Blinn 1st day of semester: January 21
  • A&M 1st day of semester: January 13
YOUR HOME AT A&M

Transition Academic Programs, a unit within the Undergraduate Studies Division, provides:

- Academic advising
- Accurate, timely information
- Administrative Support
- Advocacy

in support of student success in the TEAM program and TAMU.
THE BLINN CAMPUS AT RELLIS

- The TAMU System’s RELLIS campus combines a major university system and a community college (Blinn) at a single location.
- RELLIS = an acronym of Texas A&M’s core values: Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service
THE BLINN CAMPUS AT RELLIS

Blinn College’s 83,000 square foot Schwartz Building at RELLIS includes 18 classrooms and eight laboratories.
WHAT IS YOUR OFFICIAL MAJOR AT A&M?

• While in TEAM, your official A&M major will be “TEAM.”
  
  • You will not have a degree-granting major until you are fully enrolled at A&M.
WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED MAJOR AT A&M?

• Even if you are still deciding on your eventual major, TEAM students must report an “intended” major.
  • This is nothing new: You had to indicate a major on your application for admission last year.

• Only courses that satisfy degree requirements for your intended major may be used to qualify for financial aid.

• You may change your intended major at any time by meeting with a TAP academic advisor.
WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED MAJOR AT A&M?

- [http://tap.tamu.edu](http://tap.tamu.edu)
- Change of Major tab to view available majors and entry criteria
WHAT IS YOUR BLINN MAJOR?

Blinn doesn’t have the same majors as A&M.

• Your Blinn major will initially be “General Liberal Arts,” but you may change it if you decide to earn an Associate Degree.

• Students can participate in a reverse transfer process to graduate from Blinn after becoming fully enrolled at A&M.

• Consult a Blinn advisor to
There are 160+ majors/tracks at A&M

• 65-85% of all college students change their majors during their academic careers!

• It’s OK to still be deciding on your major.

• Academic Advisors are available to assist.
ACCESS TO MAJORS

It is possible for TEAM students to graduate from any A&M college and department, but some are more challenging to enter than others. Plan ahead.

Top 10 TEAM Majors 2001-2018

- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Psychology
- Health
- Communication
- Finance
- Agricultural Economics
- Kinesiology
- Agricultural Leadership
- Marketing
- Construction Science
ADVISORS “EXIST TO ASSIST”

Advising = GPS

- **Global knowledge**
  - Transferability of Courses
  - Academic Majors
  - Policies
  - Processes

- **Positioning students to enter a major**
  - Identifying Prerequisites
  - Following Degree Plans

- **Systems to help students succeed**
  - Referrals: Academic Success Center, Student Counseling Service, Scholarships & Financial Aid, etc.
ADVISORS’ GOALS FOR TEAM STUDENTS

• Facilitate students’ full enrollment at A&M
• Help students determine their majors
• Maximize students’ major/career options through careful course selection
• Enable student graduation without excessive credit hours
  • Excessive hours can lead to extra semesters and expenses
When should I meet with an academic advisor?
ACADEMIC ADVISING: LOCATIONS

• TAP Advising (Your primary advising location)
  • Hotard Hall
    • Opposite Northgate
    • Near the A&M water tower
    • Next to the A&M Post Office

• Blinn Advising
  • Primarily through Lindsay Stadter
  • Available at Hotard Hall, Blinn Bryan Academic Advising, and RELLIS campus
  • bit.ly/teamappointment
TO MAKE AN A&M ADVISING APPOINTMENT

Go to: tap.tamu.edu
Click: Make an Appointment
The Navigate Student app can help you make A&M advising appointments and more.
COMMUNICATING WITH ACADEMIC ADVISORS

• The quality of the advice you get is impacted by the quality of information you provide to your advisor

• The official means of communication between students and advisors is email.
  • Always email from your TAMU or Blinn account
  • Always include your name & UIN or Blinn ID number.
Guarantees at Texas A&M are rare, but here’s one:

If you don’t read and heed TEAM emails we GUARANTEE you will encounter problems!
HIGH SCHOOL VS COLLEGE

College deadlines are REAL deadlines.
HIGH SCHOOL VS COLLEGE

AP and Dual Credit are not as rigorous
KEYS TO SUCCESS: LIMIT EMPLOYMENT HOURS

• Limit work to 15 or less hours per week

• Work Study & other on-campus work opportunities

• Work in Bryan/College Station
KEYS TO SUCCESS: TIME MANAGEMENT

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

• Ask Questions, Seek Help

• Take personal responsibility

• But give parents/guardians access to your grades
KEYS TO SUCCESS
PARENT ACCESS & CERTIFICATION OF DEPENDENCY INFORMATION

• Per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the parents of a student claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes (as defined by the Internal Revenue Code) may be given access to the student’s educational records.

• Academic advisors cannot legally discuss a student’s academic record with a parent or guardian without a Certificate of Dependency form on file.

• Students must initiate the request, which will also require parent name(s) and signature(s).
KEYS TO SUCCESS
PARENT ACCESS & CERTIFICATION OF DEPENDENCY INFORMATION

• For A&M, the Certificate of Dependency form is located here:
  https://registrar.tamu.edu/Registrar/media/REGI_Forms/Dependency_Certification.pdf

• For Blinn, the Certificate of Dependency form is located here:
• Students may authorize parent/guardian access to view certain information (e.g., grades) within Howdy. Click Parent/Guardian Access for more information about setting up a parent profile in Howdy.
GPA CALCULATION

Four Point Scale

A = 4  grade points per credit per hour
B = 3  "    "
C = 2  "    "
D = 1  "    "
F = 0  "    "
### GPA CALCULATION

#### GPA Formula

Total Grade Points ÷ GPA Attempted Credit Hours

Successful Student Example: 13 ÷ 4 = 3.25

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* Student does not qualify to enter majors requiring a 3.0 GPA
COURSE DROPS

• There are 2 Deadlines (A&M’s and Blinn’s)
  • A&M Deadline = 60th class day
  • Blinn Deadline = 12th week
• Q-drops begin after the 12th class day
  • Drops before the 12th day are “schedule adjustments”
  • Dropping from 12 or more total credit hours to less than 12 credit hours will not remove a student from TEAM.
• ALWAYS see an advisor to discuss possible Q-Drops
COURSE DROPS

• GEOG 202   Q  3 hours

• KINE 120   A  1 hour
  Semester credit:  1 hour / A&M GPA:  4.00
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• Choose from more than 1,000 recognized organizations
• Make new friends, network, develop leadership skills
• Limit your involvement to one activity during your first semester
• NCAA varsity sport participation is not available to TEAM students.
• Some Greek and Sports Club organizations are bound by national organizational rules which require full-time enrollment at the sponsoring university for participation
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS
Terms and Conditions for Student Participation 2019-2021
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• [http://tap.tamu.edu](http://tap.tamu.edu)
  • Programs
    • TEAM
      • Terms & Conditions
• Guaranteed Transition to Full Enrollment

• Students who complete the TEAM Program are guaranteed to be admitted to a degree-granting major, but it may or may not be your first choice major.

• TEAM Students need to identify an intended major, as discussed earlier in this session.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Grade and Credit Requirements

  • TEAM students’ GPAs are calculated separately at TAMU and Blinn and each school uses their own method of GPA calculation
    • The main difference is that A&M will include grades from all attempts at a course in the GPA, while Blinn will only use the best grade for a repeated course in the GPA.

  • Students will successfully complete the TEAM Program when they have:
    • Completed* 2 or more semesters, and
    • Maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at both schools, and
    • Satisfied all entry requirements for their intended major

  • Students who remain in the TEAM Program to the end of Summer Session I following the sophomore year must also have the following credits to transition:
    • 45 Blinn credit hours
    • 15 TAMU credit hours

*Note: “Completed” means after the 2nd semester has ended, not during the 2nd semester.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Grade and Credit Requirements
  • At least 12 of the 15 TAMU credits must consist of 3 or 4 credit hour courses that satisfy core curriculum or degree requirements in the student’s intended major.
  
  • All requirements must be completed within a consecutive two-year period that begins with the Fall semester of the year of admission and ends at the completion of the first summer session of the second academic year of enrollment in the program.

Note: For timely graduation a student needs to average 30 credit hours per year. This often means taking five courses per semester or attending summer school.
• Previously Earned Credits
  • Any college credits accepted by TAMU that were earned by a student prior to beginning the TEAM program shall apply toward the Blinn College 45 credit hour requirement.

  • These include credits from dual/concurrent enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP) or other recognized means by which credit is awarded by examination.

  • The use and application of these credits will be determined by the student’s eventual degree program.

• After a student begins the TEAM program only credits earned from Blinn College will count toward the Blinn College 45 credit hour requirement.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Reverse Transfer of Credits

• A TEAM student may transfer course credits from TAMU to Blinn College in accordance with the policies of Blinn College.

• The use and application of these credits at Blinn College shall be determined by the student’s Associate Degree program.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Fees
  • A TEAM student will pay applicable fees and tuition to each institution and must meet the respective payment deadlines for all applicable fees and tuition payable to each institution.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Rule Compliance & Removal From TEAM (continued)

• A student not allowed to continue at Blinn College will also not be allowed to continue at TAMU.

• A TEAM student appealing academic or disciplinary decisions will be directed to the institution under whose jurisdiction the matter falls and will follow established procedures at that institution.

• If a student voluntarily drops out of the TEAM program, the student may pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to current readmission criteria.
  • Upon withdrawal from TAMU, a student immediately forfeits access to services provided by TAMU.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Rule Compliance and Removal From TEAM

  • A TEAM student is expected to be knowledgeable about the TAMU and Blinn College Student Rules and to comply with all rules.
    • A student who does not remain on track to complete TEAM academic requirements may be removed from the TEAM program
    • A student who violates TAMU student rules is subject to sanctions including dismissal from TEAM or suspension from TAMU.
    • A student removed from the TEAM Program for either academic or disciplinary reasons will no longer be eligible to continue enrollment at TAMU, however, the student may continue at Blinn College with the approval of Blinn officials and pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to current readmission criteria.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Student Records

• A TEAM student’s academic and disciplinary records will be maintained and kept current at both institutions with appropriate periodic exchange of information between the two institutions.

• To facilitate the transfer of student records and the appropriate application of course work toward the fulfillment of degree requirements, a TEAM student will be asked to sign a document that will permit the release of academic records and allow the bilateral sharing of those records between the two institutions.
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Enrollment Requirements
  - TEAM students will enroll for courses at both institutions in accordance with published registration periods for all students. (Registration periods are different at each school)
  - Each TEAM student must attempt a minimum of 12 total credit hours each Fall and Spring semester with 3-6 credit hours at TAMU and the remainder at Blinn College.
    - The 3-6 TAMU credit hours must include at least one 3 or 4 credit hour course that satisfies a degree requirement in the student’s intended major.
  - Co-enrollment is not required during the summer.
    - The maximum combined enrollment limit for TEAM students in summer school is 14 credit hours (7 per session).
TEAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

• Texas Success Initiative
  • Blinn College will be responsible for assuring a TEAM student’s compliance with Texas Success Initiative (TSIA) requirements and will provide remediation for any TEAM student needing such additional course work.
    • Courses required for remediation shall not be counted toward the minimum requirements of the TEAM program at either institution.
IN THE NEXT SESSION...

• Advising for Registration
  • Identifying Appropriate Courses
  • Registration procedures
  • Paperwork

• Attendance of this New Student Conference will be taken after the conclusion of the next session when you sign and submit your TEAM contract. Admission will be cancelled for students who do not submit a TEAM contract.
Sometimes multiple undergraduate majors can facilitate the same career.

- For example, careers in Medicine or Law may be pursued with any undergraduate major (if prerequisites are completed).
- Often it will be a graduate or professional program that will solidify the career (i.e., Law School, Medical School, MBA, etc.).

Until you become aware of more majors available at A&M, it might be easier to identify the type of career you want than the specific academic major to choose. (While in TEAM you may change your intended major at any time.)

The following slides will direct you to the appropriate pre-registration advising session.
CAREERS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING, & MATH (STEM)

• These majors require at least one 4-hour calculus course

• Biochemistry
• Biology (for research)
• Chemistry (for research)
• Computer Science
• Engineering
• Genetics

• Geology
• Geophysics
• Industrial Distribution
• Mathematics
• Meteorology
• Physics
• Visualization
CAREERS IN BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

• Agribusiness
• Agricultural Economics
• Economics
• Accounting
• Finance
• Management Information systems
• Management
• Marketing
• Supply Chain Management

• Ag. Communication & Journalism
• Ag Leadership & Development
• Communication
• Telecommunication Media Studies
• International Studies Commerce
• Human Resource Development
• Technology Management
• Sport Management
• Recreation, Parks & Tourism
CAREERS IN EDUCATION, SOCIAL & PUBLIC SERVICES, ARCHITECTURE + UNDECIDED*

STUDENTS

- Social & Public Services
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
  - Communication
  - Geography
  - Political Science
  - Languages

- Education (Teaching**)
  - Elementary
  - Middle Grades
  - Health Education
  - Physical Education

- Architecture
  - Construction Science
  - Environmental Design
  - Landscape Architecture
  - Urban Regional Planning

* Undecided = “I’m interested in many different majors, or, “I’m clueless!”

** For high school teaching, major in the subject you plan to teach.
CAREERS IN HEALTH,* ENVIRONMENTAL & AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

*Health = Medical, Veterinary, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Optometry, Dental, etc.

- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Biology (for pre-med)
- Bioenvironmental Science
- Biomedical Science
- Entomology

- Environmental Studies
- Nutritional & Food Sciences
- Forensic & Investigative Sciences
- Health
- Horticulture
- Kinesiology
15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

• PLEASE SAVE YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

• Please return in 15 minutes to the appropriate classroom based on your intended academic major:

  CAREER AREAS
  ROOM
  • Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
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  • Health, Environmental & Agricultural
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  • Business & Administrative
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