

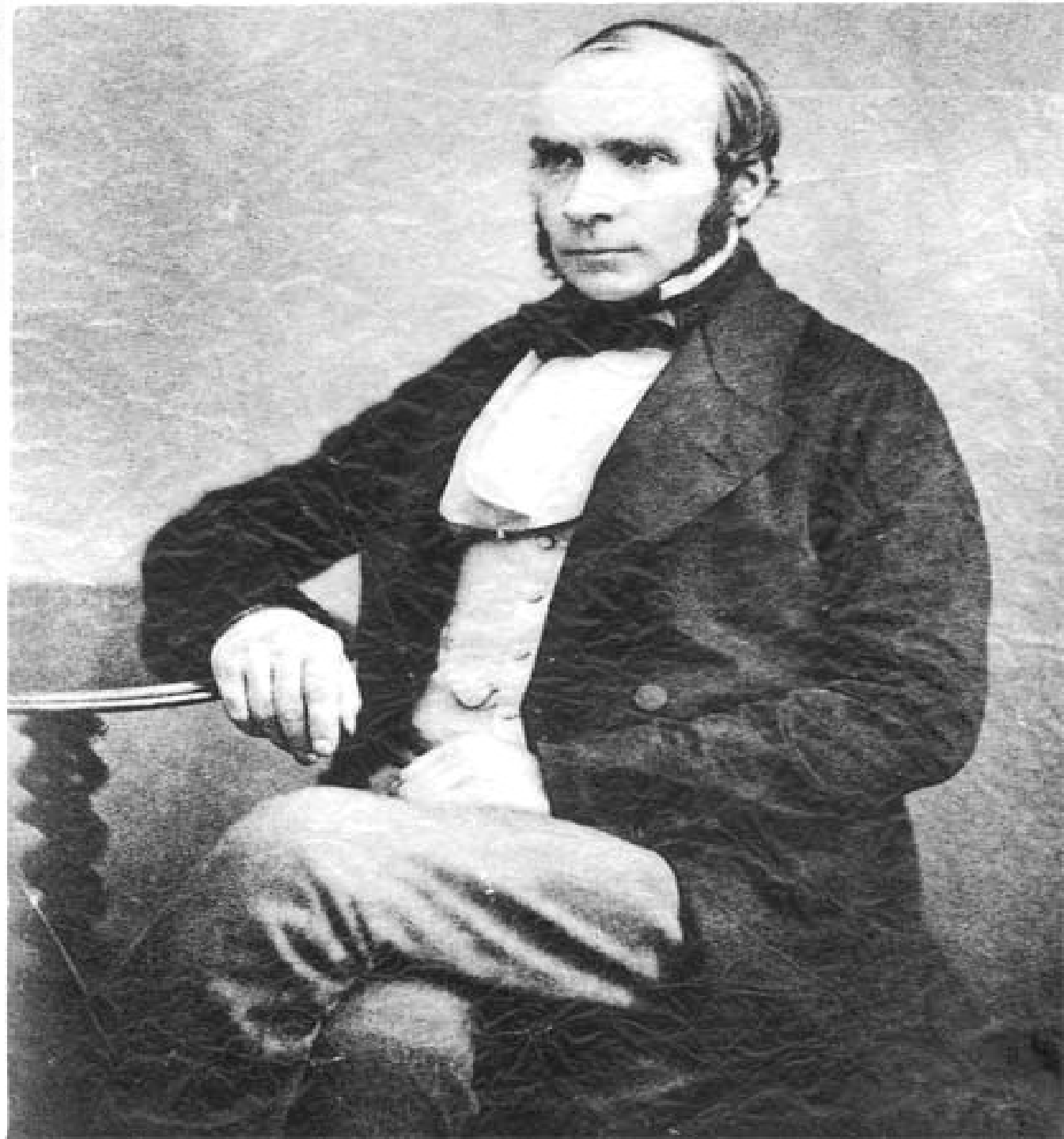


PUBLIC HEALTH
TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

**IT ALL STARTS
WITH JOHN
SNOW...**



**NO! THIS JOHN
SNOW!**



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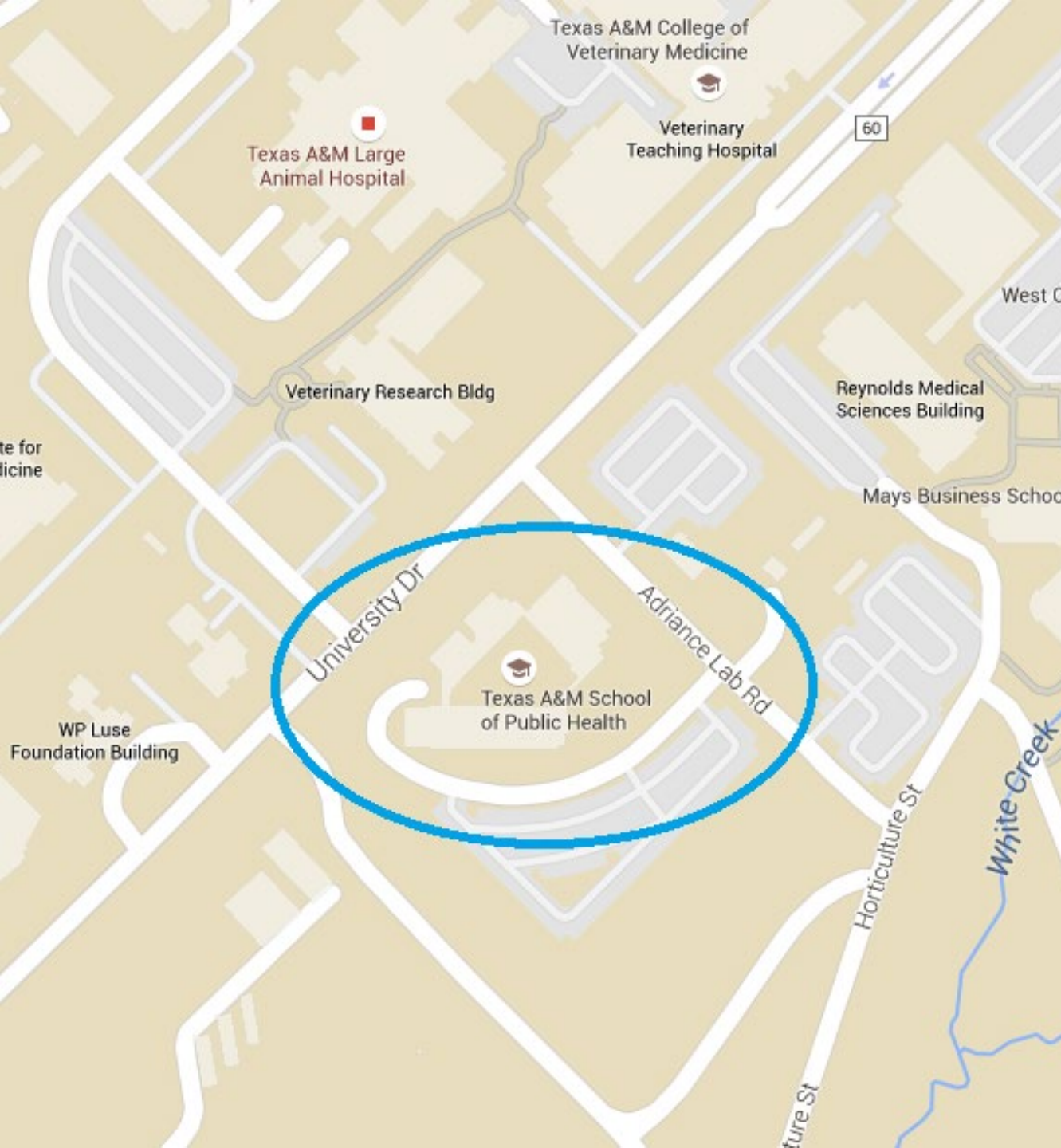


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WHERE WE ARE...

- School of Public Health – Administration Building
 - **SPHA** on the Aggie Map (aggiemap.tamu.edu)
 - 1st Floor
 - Suite 163 (front glass office right when you walk in building)
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BSPH FOLDER

- Lab Safety Agreement
- AP/IB Information
- Certification of Dependency Form
- Academic Advising Syllabus
- Handbook
- Registration Card



STUDENT RECORDS

FERPA

- You can give access to some of your records (grades, schedules, enrollment verification, etc.) by setting up a parent password on HOWDY via the “MyRecord” tab.
- Once you set up this password, it is your responsibility to share this password with your parent/guardian.
- Your parent/guardian will use this password and your UIN to access your records on the MyRecord website.



BSPH STUDENT HANDBOOK

- In your packet!
- Departmental policies, rules and regulations
- Important contacts, phone numbers, emails and websites
- Academic Calendar
- Study skills guide



CLAIMING YOUR HSC EMAIL ACCOUNT

- Information is in your packet.
- You **MUST** claim your HSC email account in addition to your TAMU email account to gain access to computer labs in the School of Public Health and to ensure that you receive emails from the Health Science Center and SPH.



YOUR DEGREE PLAN

- BSPH is a 120 hour degree plan. You are required to have at least two years of the same foreign language in high school or two semesters in college.
- If you exceed the number of semester credit hours required for the completion of your degree program by 30 hours, you will be charged out-of-state tuition.
- If you are attempting coursework after 192 hours you may become ineligible for financial aid.



REGISTRATION

- You will be registered for your first semester coursework by our professional advising staff
 - You will have a first-semester schedule of 13-16 credit hours. The courses you will be enrolled in depend on your college transcripts.
 - **Learning Cohorts:** You will be “clustered” in course sections with your fellow BSPH majors – this is to facilitate a common experience, study groups, and getting to know your fellow BSPH students.
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CRITICAL THINKING

- Welcome to the Big Leagues!
- The ability to think for oneself, to analyze and process information, and to reflect critically on what you are being taught is one of the most important skills that you need in higher education.
- Active participation in your education, through class, review sessions, intensive study, and interaction with your professors and fellow students is the surest way to guarantee success at Texas A&M University.



MOVING INTO PUBLIC HEALTH COURSEWORK

- Major-Specific Coursework
- Freshman public health students will complete their core curriculum requirements first.
- Public Health coursework primarily begins at the 300/400 level and is dependent on maintaining a **3.00** cumulative GPA.
- **Public Health does not offer a probationary semester** – you must earn a 3.0 or we must find you a new major



SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Some courses may indicate supplemental instruction, study groups, exam review, or other course related “help sessions” in the course description. In cases where you note this opportunity, BSPH advisors highly recommend participating in supplemental instruction.



**DID WE
MENTION YOU
NEED TO KEEP A
3.0?!**



**3.436 OVERALL
GPA: IT'S NOT AN
ACCIDENT!**



UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

- Incoming students will be governed by the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Catalog: catalog.tamu.edu
- Degrees offered
- Generic outline of courses per degree plan
- Course descriptions
- Course pre-requisites
- Semesters courses are offered
- Calendar for academic year
- Texas Common Course List
- List of professors and their credentials



Q-DROPS...WHAT ARE THEY?

Q= "Quit" the course.

- Students are only allowed 4 Q-drops their entire undergraduate academic program, regardless of changing major/college/departments.
- For Fall 2019, the Q-drop deadline is November 15th
- Public Health majors CANNOT Q-drop courses in which they have a grade of C or better, and must meet with an academic advisor prior to Q-dropping.



WITHDRAWING FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

- This is not “dropping out of school”
- All TAMU coursework will be recorded as a “W”. This will not affect your GPA.
- No tuition or fees are refunded.
- You must consult with your academic advisor in BSPH prior to withdrawing.



THE THREE-PEAT RULE

- A student attempting certain courses more than twice at Texas A&M University will be subject to a supplementary fee of \$125 per semester credit hour (\$375 for a 3 hour course) for the repeated course, in addition to tuition and required fees associated with the course.
- Students will be notified at the time they register for a course that:
 - it has been taken twice at TAMU, and
 - is subject to the supplementary fee.



INFORMATION FOR PRE-NURSING STUDENTS...

- Sometimes, what a nursing program requires in terms of coursework is different than what is required in BSPH – an example is ENGL 103 – fine with nursing, NOT with BSPH.
- For pre-Nursing questions and advising, please check with the nursing programs that you are interested in applying for, or with Professional School Advising in the Career Center.



FLAT RATE TUITION

- **Full-time students** (12 semester credit hours or more) are charged a flat rate for designated tuition and most required fees, based on a 15 semester credit hour course load.
- Students are encouraged to take at least 15 semester credit hours to receive full value under the flat rate policy and will benefit from significant savings for hours in excess of 15.
- **Part-time students** (1-11 semester credit hours) Charged tuition and fees based on the number of hours they take, plus fees.
- This policy applies only to the fall and spring semesters.



SEE YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR IF...

- Your GPR is in danger of falling below a 3.0 or is below a 3.0 at midterms.
- You need to Q-Drop a class (only 4 allowed). Only D & F grades can be dropped.
- You need to withdraw (documentation required)
- You are blocked from registration (blocks for financial or registrar issues contact those offices). Contact BSPH advisor as well.
- If you have any other personal or academic concerns – we need to know!



MOST COMMON BLOCKS/HOLDS

- Bacterial Meningitis
- TSI Compliance
- Tuition Rate Selection



AGGIE CODE OF HONOR

**AN AGGIE DOES NOT LIE, CHEAT, OR STEAL, OR
TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO.**



CLOSET MAJORS

Pursuant to Student Rule 1.5.1, students **MUST** follow the curriculum in the major into which they have been admitted. Failure to do so will result in the student being dismissed from The School of Public Health.



GET INVOLVED! (BUT BE SMART ABOUT IT)

- Over 1,000 student activities at Texas A&M
- First year, no more than two or three activities max.
- Your primary job is to excel academically...everything else is secondary.



STUDENT RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
<http://successcenter.tamu.edu/>
- Professional School Advising
<opsa.tamu.edu>
- Course Schedules & More...
<howdy.tamu.edu>
- Disability Services
<http://disability.tamu.edu/>
- Student Counseling Center
<https://scs.tamu.edu/>
- Texas A&M Student Rules
<student-rules.tamu.edu>
- Undergraduate Catalog
<catalog.tamu.edu>



STUDENT SCHEDULES

- After our meeting adjourns, you are DONE!
- We will register you for your courses immediately after the Dean's Meeting.
- Check HOWDY after 5:00 PM this afternoon to see your Fall 2019 schedule
- If you have any questions, contact your academic advisors at:
 - J. Roy Mitchell – jrmitchell@tamhsc.edu
 - Maggie Walker – maggie.walker@tamhsc.edu
 - Juanita Rodriguez – juanita@tamhsc.edu






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SEE YOU IN
AUGUST!

