Welcome to the Aggie Family! Share a pic of yourself with your Fightin' Texas Aggie banner and #Aggiebound.
MORE INFO FOR NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS IS AVAILABLE AT ADMISSIONS.TAMU.EDU/IGOTIN.
Register for a New Student Conference

Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M University’s Higher Education Center at McAllen (HECM) by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC).

NSC fees can be deferred if you used an application fee waiver for the Texas A&M application for admission. NSC fee deferral means the fee will be added to your tuition bill. You may choose this option online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making a payment. Your conference fee is nonrefundable.

If you DO NOT register for an NSC in AIS by the deadline we will assume you have declined your offer and cancel your admission. Please note, accepting your financial aid package does NOT mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. That process is independent from NSC Registration.

Fee Questions: 979.458.5155
Registration Questions: 979.845.1060 or call 956.271.1300

NSC REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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Note: New student conference dates will be posted in the Applicant Information System.

New Student Conference Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT HAPPENS AT NSC?
Your NSC is a critical component of your future success as an Aggie. At your NSC you will register for courses as well as learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student services and extracurricular activities the Higher Education Center at McAllen has to offer.

CAN I BRING GUESTS TO MY NSC?
Yes, we welcome family members to come support their student as they begin this next part of their lives. Family members and guests must register to attend.

HOW DO I RESCHEDULE MY NSC?
There is a reschedule button in AIS on the My App Status tab. Only conferences with available seats will be displayed.

IF I REGISTER FOR MY NSC, AM I OBLIGATED TO ATTEND TEXAS A&M?
We consider registration for an NSC as a confirmation that you will be attending the Higher Education Center at McAllen. If you decide not to attend after registering for a conference, please cancel your admission at howdy.tamu.edu via the Applicant tab, Manage Applications. Your conference fee is nonrefundable.

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HOUSING OPTIONS
No on-campus housing is available at the Higher Education Center at McAllen; however, the HECM can provide recommendations for student housing.

Contact the HECM: 956.271.1300

Submit Your Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record
All incoming students are required to use Med+Proctor to submit Bacterial Meningitis immunization records. Visit medproctor.com and click “register” to create your account and download the required immunization forms.

Proof of vaccination must be provided at least two weeks prior to your NSC. You will not be able to check-in for your conference or register for classes until this requirement is met.

support.medproctor.com
admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis

Complete NSC Online Orientation
Before attending the NSC all students must complete the mandatory online orientation. The modules will set you up for success at the NSC. Summer and Fall admits should wait until May to complete this orientation. Complete online orientation at howdy.tamu.edu, My Record tab.

newaggie.tamu.edu/requirements
New Student & Family Programs: 979.845.5826

Select a Tuition Rate Code
In-state residents will be offered a choice between a variable rate tuition plan or a locked rate (fixed) tuition plan. Non-resident students are not eligible for locked rate tuition and will be assigned the variable rate.

You must select your rate code before attending your NSC. Go to howdy.tamu.edu, click the icon labeled ‘Howdy Checklist’ at the top then choose the ‘Undergraduate Tuition Rate Code Selection’ checklist item to make your selection. The choice will be offered prior to your first semester of enrollment and cannot be changed in future semesters.

admissions.tamu.edu/freshman/cost

Texas A&M University meets requirements of the Texas Education Code, Section 54.017 regarding fixed tuition for undergraduate students.
REGARDING YOUR FRESHMAN ADMISSION

5 Take the Math Placement Exam
The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your academic advisor determine which mathematics course you should take to ensure academic success in your major. All students are encouraged to take two practice exams before attempting the exam. To take the MPE, go to howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant tab. Students in the College of Engineering must take the Math Placement Exam in person before their New Student Conference. To register to take the Math Placement Exam in person, visit tx.ag/McAllenMPE.

math.tamu.edu/placement
Math Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.7554

6 Complete the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity and the TSI Assessment Test
Your TSI status will be noted in AIS. If you are not exempt, you must complete the mandatory Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and then take the TSI Assessment Test before attending an NSC. Non-exempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the NSC until the TSI PAA has been completed, the TSI Assessment Test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M. If you have taken the TSI Assessment Test anywhere other than Texas A&M, please do not assume that your test scores have been sent here.

successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative
Texas Success Initiative Questions: 979.458.4900

7 Send A Final High School Transcript with Graduation Date by August 15
Final high school transcripts are due by August 15. Please send them as early as possible.

8 Send Official College Transcripts (if applicable)
If you took dual credit or attended college prior to enrolling at Higher Education Center at McAllen, send ALL college transcripts.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

9 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
The College of Engineering requires students to purchase a computer to complement the course instruction.

tx.ag/BYOD

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Obtain Appropriate Immigration Documents (if applicable)
International Student Services (ISS) issues the I-20 and DS-2019 for international students to apply for an F1 or J1 visa. The process for applying for an I-20 or DS-2019 is located at tx.ag/issdocuments.

Document Issuance Questions: 979.845.1824, 979.862.4633 (fax) or iss@tamu.edu

Complete the Mandatory International Student Orientation and Check-In
International students should complete the mandatory online orientation at tx.ag/ISSorientation prior to arriving. Once you complete the online orientation, please sign up for a check-in appointment so that your registration hold may be removed.

Health Insurance
International students with F1 or J1 visas are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at Texas A&M University.

tx.ag/ISSinsurance
WELCOME TO THE AGGIE FAMILY
HULLABALOOO, CONNECT, CONNECT!

GET CONNECTED TO THE AGGIE FAMILY BEFORE YOU GET HERE

SHARE YOUR BIG MOMENT

Post a video of you finding out you got accepted and tag @Aggiebound on Twitter or Instagram. We might reshare it!
PRE-ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

The checklist on this page will help you prepare for your first year. This checklist is also available in AIS with links to help you complete tasks required for enrollment.

- Register for a New Student Conference (NSC) in AIS at howdy.tamu.edu via the Applicant Tab. Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.
- Complete New Student & Family Programs online orientation. newaggie.tamu.edu/online
- Explore local housing options.
- Apply for financial aid. Financial aid is awarded by Texas A&M, College Station. (FAPSA/TASFA). financialaid.tamu.edu
- Provide proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination. medproctor.com/tamu-immunization
- Select a tuition rate code (if applicable). howdy.tamu.edu
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements (if applicable). Successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative
- Prepare for the Math Placement Exam and complete as instructed. math.tamu.edu/placement
- Engineering students can register online at tx.ag/McAllenMPE
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the My Record tab. howdy.tamu.edu
- Verify residency in AIS via the Applicant tab. howdy.tamu.edu
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password. google.tamu.edu
- Send your final official high school transcript via TREx or mail by August 15.
- Send your AP/IB scores to qualify for and claim college credit (if applicable).
- Send your official college transcript(s) (if applicable).
- Submit your photo online for your Aggie ID Card. myaggiecard.tamu.edu/AggieCard/Photo

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Learn about international student visa information.
- Complete the International Student Services (ISS) Online Orientation.
- Complete your ISS check-in online.
- Submit the required paperwork to ISS.
- Review the university policy requiring all international students to maintain health insurance. tx.ag/ISSinsurance
- Apply for financial aid (ISFAA). financialaid.tamu.edu/international/apply-for-aid
Howdy Web Portal
Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information about financial aid, housing, registration, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information.

howdy.tamu.edu
Howdy Portal Questions/Problems: 979.845.8300

Activate Your Texas A&M Email Account
Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email account is available for you. Your email address will be your NETID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official school correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

Apply For Financial Aid
Texas A&M University offers many financial aid options to help you pay for college. Scholarships & Financial Aid can assist you with learning about and applying for aid.

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, priority is given to students who apply early. The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632.

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

financialaid.tamu.edu
Financial Aid Questions: 979.845.3236 or call 956.271.1300

Commitment to Diversity
Texas A&M University has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, admission to The Higher Education Center at McAllen and any of its sponsored programs is open to all qualified individuals. Texas A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual’s disability and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment and employment of students in its programs and activities.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act)
Information regarding campus security and safety resources, policies, and procedures for safety (reporting crimes and emergencies, crime awareness and prevention, and security of campus facilities and residence halls), alcohol, drugs, weapons and sexual assault, and crime information is on the websites upd.tamu.edu and ed.gov/lead/safety/campus.html.

GENERAL INFORMATION
ACADEMIC COLLEGES

College of Engineering
979.845.7200
engineering.tamu.edu

School of Public Health
979.845.2387
sph.tamhsc.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine &
Biomedical Sciences
979.845.4941
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims

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956.271.1300
mcallen.tamu.edu