

NSC NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE

SPRING 2020 SAMPLE

WHAT TO EXPECT

Day 1 features sessions regarding academics, resources, and responsibilities as an Aggie. An afternoon program provides a fun opportunity for students and families to meet other new Aggies.

Day 2 begins with students meeting with their college to learn about the requirements and expectations of their specific discipline. Class registration takes place in the afternoon.

Attendance at both days of the conference is mandatory, and students are expected to attend all sessions. Failure to attend will result in a registration hold on your account.

STUDENT ID CARD


Students are required to submit their photo online at myaggiecard.tamu.edu by noon the day prior to arriving for their conference and have the photo approved to receive their Aggie ID card at Check-In.

You must have government-issued photo ID to receive your Aggie ID card.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All students who are neither U.S. Citizens nor U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents must complete the online check-in prior to their NSC through Terra Dotta to have their course registration hold removed. Detailed information is available through International Student Services (ISS) at iss.tamu.edu.

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DAY 1 - SAMPLE

8:00–9:00 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 Texas A&M 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.

STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL ATTEND SEPARATE SESSIONS AT THIS POINT

STUDENT TRACK

- 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.
- 11:30 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's 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 understand the role and responsibility they have in creating a community that supports all members of the Aggie Family. Presenters will discuss ways each individual contributes to our campus and will explain bystander intervention tips that students can use to help create a community of respect.
- 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.

FAMILY TRACK

- 10:40–11:20 a.m. Introduction to being an Aggie Family Member**
New Student & Family Programs staff will offer an introduction to the various Aggie parent and family programs in place to support you through your student's time at Texas A&M.
- 11:20 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Safety & Wellness**
Learn about safety and wellness on campus and hear from a panel of representatives from the University Police Department, Student Health Services, and Counseling and Psychological Services.
- 12:00–12:40 p.m. Partners in Success**
Representatives from the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and Counseling and Psychological Services discuss ways the university partners with families to support and encourage students throughout their career at Texas A&M.
- 12:45–1:45 p.m. Family Lunch**
Enjoy lunch in a relaxed atmosphere while you meet other Aggie parents and family members and interact with Orientation Leaders.
- 1:45–2:15 p.m. Coffee & Dessert**
Enjoy coffee and dessert while interacting with representatives from various campus offices.

STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT

- 2:15–4:00 p.m. Resource Tables**
Visit with various offices from the University community to gather info and ask questions at your own pace. Get your passport stamped and entered into the drawing for a \$50 gift card!
- 3:00–3:45 p.m. Interest Session**
Attendees will choose which breakout session they would like to attend:
- **Professional School Advising:** Students interested in careers within law, 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.
 - **Education Abroad:** You can study, intern, volunteer, or research 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.
 - **Counseling & Psychological Services:** Hear about the mental health services and resources available to students.
- 3:00–4:00 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.*
- 4:00–5:30 p.m. Howdy Social**
The Orientation Leaders and The Association of Former Students invite students and family members to enjoy light refreshments, play trivia and other games, try on an Aggie Ring, and meet other new students at this come-and-go event.

DAY 2 - SAMPLE

7:30–8:15 a.m.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be available for all registered attendees near the College Meeting locations.

7:30 a.m.

Campus Shuttles

Orientation Leaders will direct you to campus shuttles as needed. Last shuttle departs at 8:00 a.m.

7:45 a.m.

Travel to College Meetings

Orientation Leaders will walk you to college meetings or direct you to NSC shuttles. All groups depart at 8:05 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.

GETTING TO YOUR COLLEGE MEETING

COLLEGE	SHUTTLE/PARKING OPTIONS	BREAKFAST LOCATION	MEETING LOCATION
Agriculture & Life Sciences (AG)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Architecture (AR)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Business (BA)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Engineering (EN)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Education (ED)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Geosciences (GE)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Liberal Arts (LA)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Nursing (NU)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Public Health (PH)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Science (SC)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Veterinary Medicine (VM)	TBD	TBD	TBD

9:15 a.m.

Math Placement Exam (*Freshmen in Colleges of Engineering & Science, excluding Biology, Only*)

Freshmen in the College of Engineering and College of Science (excluding Biology majors) are required to take the MPE during their NSC.

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Lunch

Lunch is provided for all registered attendees using a voucher provided at Check-In to either purchase a meal at a retail location on campus or pick up a boxed lunch. Times will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.

2:00 p.m.

Course Registration

Exact time and location announced during College Meetings. Students register for their Spring classes and optional campus services.