WELCOME to Aggieland
Howdy!

Welcome to your new home for the next few years! Texas A&M University is a school rich in tradition, dedicated to honoring our history but also committed to innovation and growth. By choosing to attend Texas A&M, you’re joining a family and lifelong network of more than 500,000 Aggies from all over the world.

We stand as the 12th Man not only at athletic events, but also for our community and each other. With over 1,100 student organizations available, every student can find a place to build strong friendships and develop leadership skills.

Your New Student Conference (NSC) will lay the foundation for your success at Texas A&M and introduce you to resources and services to help provide a smooth transition to the University.

1. Keep this workbook handy throughout your NSC and use it to engage with the presentations and take notes

2. Get social with us!
   Follow @NSFPtamu on Twitter and Instagram, like @NewAggie on Facebook, and add new_aggie on Snapchat. Use #TAMUnsc when posting about your NSC experience.

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IMPORTANT DATES

* Dates subject to change. Please visit registrar.tamu.edu for the Academic Calendar.

AUGUST
8/23-8/27 — Howdy Week
8/27 — Last day to register for fall classes
8/30 — First day of fall classes

SEPTEMBER
9/3 — Last day to add/drop fall classes
9/6 — Tuition and fee payment due date

OCTOBER
10/18 — Mid-semester grades due

NOVEMBER
11/4 — Pre-registration for spring classes begins
11/17 — Pre-registration for spring classes ends
11/18 — Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
11/19 — Last day for Q-drop or withdrawal from the university
11/24 — Reading Day (no classes)
11/25-11/26 — Thanksgiving; University closed

DECEMBER
12/6 — Redefined Day – Students attend Friday classes
12/7 — Redefined Day – Students attend Thursday classes
12/8 — Last day of fall classes
12/9 — Reading Day (no classes)
12/10 — Fall final exams
12/13-12/15 — Fall final exams
12/20 — Final grades due
12/24-12/31 — University closed

JANUARY
1/1 — New Year's Day; University closed
1/14 — Last day to register for spring classes
1/17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; University closed
1/18 — First day of spring classes

JANUARY (CONTINUED)
1/24 — Last day to add/drop classes for spring

FEBRUARY
No dates

MARCH
3/7 — Mid-semester grades due
3/14-3/18 — Spring Break
3/18 — University closed
3/31 — Pre-registration for fall and summer classes begins

APRIL
4/15 — Reading Day (no classes)
4/8-4/10 — Family Weekend
4/15 — Pre-registration for fall and summer classes ends
4/19 — Last day for Q-drop or withdrawal from the university
4/21 — Muster

MAY
5/3 — Last day of spring classes, Redefined Day – Students attend Friday classes
5/4 — Reading Day (no classes)
5/5-5/6 — Spring final exams
5/9-5/10 — Spring final exams
5/16 — Final grades due
5/27 — Last day to register for first summer term and 10-week classes
5/30 — Memorial Day; University closed
5/31 — First day of first summer term and 10-week classes

JUNE
6/3 — Last day to add/drop classes for first summer term and 10-week classes
NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

In support of Texas A&M University’s mission, the goal of New Student & Family Programs is to facilitate the success of new students through their first year at A&M, thereby retaining them for their second year and through graduation. Recognizing the important role that family members play in a student’s college success, we equip families with resources to aid their student throughout their student’s college career.

What we do:

• **New Student Conferences (NSC):** The mandatory orientation for all incoming undergraduate students [newaggie.tamu.edu](http://newaggie.tamu.edu)

• **Howdy Week:** Aggieland’s Week of Welcome held each August, full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become acquainted with campus [howdyweek.tamu.edu](http://howdyweek.tamu.edu)

• **Family Weekend:** A weekend dedicated to Aggie parents and family members that began in 1919 and provides students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives [familyweekend.tamu.edu](http://familyweekend.tamu.edu)

• **Aggie Parent & Family Programs:** Keeping family members informed about university activities through the Aggie Parent & Family Connection portal (see below), webchats and various publications [familyprograms.tamu.edu](http://familyprograms.tamu.edu)

Student Leadership

• **Orientation Leaders (OLs):** A select a group of dedicated undergraduate leaders who assist in welcoming new students and families to Aggieland during the NSCs

• **Aggie Parent & Family Ambassadors (APFAs):** Student leaders dedicated to selflessly serving Aggie family members by providing exceptional Aggie family experiences and assisting with Family Weekend, Parents of the Year, and communication and outreach

Encourage your family members to sign up for the Aggie Parent & Family Connection portal to enhance their Aggie family experience! This online portal will allow your family to customize the information they receive from Texas A&M.

E-newsletters from New Student & Family Programs can be tailored to their interests, and they can decide how often they would like to receive updates.

Your family can sign up to receive the parent and family newsletters at [tx.ag/FamilyPortal](http://tx.ag/FamilyPortal).

Once a member of the Aggie Parent & Family Connection portal, family members will have access to a specially curated news feed, calendar of important dates, helpful resources and more!
ENHANCE YOUR AGGIE EXPERIENCE

FISH CAMP
fishcamp.tamu.edu
Occurring in the few weeks preceding the fall semester, Fish Camp offers an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of being a new Aggie on campus. In four days, you will learn all of the yells, traditions, tips and tricks needed to be one of the loudest, proudest members of your fightin' Texas Aggie class.

T-CAMP
t-camp.tamu.edu
Transfer Camp, known as T-Camp, is a three-day extended orientation program that introduces transfer students to the many opportunities at Texas A&M and the long-standing traditions that embody the true meaning of being an Aggie. The camp gives transfer students the opportunity to meet fellow students and learn more about life at A&M.

TRANSFER STUDENT PROGRAM
successcenter.tamu.edu
The goal of the Transfer Student Program (TSP) is to facilitate your transition to Texas A&M. 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.

VENTURE CAMPS
tx.ag/VentureCamps
Are you interested in jump-starting your college career at Texas A&M by sharing in exciting experiences with fellow new Aggies? Venture Camps are designed with you in mind. The Extended Orientation Team in the Department of Student Activities has partnered with other areas on campus to welcome all incoming students through these new opportunities.

• Venture Camp: Backpacking is the newest extended orientation program to be offered and is a 9-day program led by trip leaders from Outdoor Adventures who will guide incoming Aggies through the beautiful Gila Wilderness in New Mexico.

• Venture: Base Camp is an outdoor extended orientation experience that takes place both on the Texas A&M campus and in the Texas Hill Country. Base camp is sure to provide you with many fun and exciting activities including camping, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, team building activities, and more.

HOWDY WEEK
howdyweek.tamu.edu
Howdy Week is Aggieland's official week of welcome held the week before fall classes begin. Howdy Week provides new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community groups. Howdy Week is coordinated by the Howdy Week Committee and the Office of New Student & Family Programs.

HULLABALOO U
studentsuccess.tamu.edu
Hullabaloo U is Texas A&M's first-year experience course. These courses are specifically designed to help new first year students make a successful transition to campus, both academically and personally. Hullabaloo U will help you build community among your classmates and make Aggieland feel like home. You will learn more about Hullabaloo U during Day 2 of your NSC.
GUIDE TO COMMON HOLDS

These holds **WILL** block you from registration on Day 2

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