



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Ecology &
Conservation Biology



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Rangeland, Wildlife
& Fisheries Management

Advising Centers



Advising Center 1 Supports the Agriculture and Life Sciences program and incoming transfer students

Advising Center 2

- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences

Advising Center 3

- Animal Science
- Poultry Science

Advising Center 4

- Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Advising Center 5

- Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Entomology
- Food Sciences and Technology
- Nutrition

Advising Center 6

- Plant Pathology & Microbiology
- Horticultural Science
- Soil and Crop Sciences

Advising Center 7

- Ecology & Conservation Biology
- Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management



AGLS Advising Center 7



- **Ecology and Conservation Biology(ECCB):** Ecology & Conservation Biology Track; Ecoinformatics Track; Forestry Resources Track; Vertebrate Zoology Track
- **Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management (RWFM):** Aquaculture & Fisheries Track; Rangeland Management Track; Natural Resource Management & Policy Track; Wildlife Management Track



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Undergraduate Handbook



The purpose of the Undergraduate Student Handbook is:

- to be used as a supplement to the Texas A&M University Catalog.
- to provide information and references you need to fulfill your responsibilities as a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

As a student you:

- bear the responsibility for being fully acquainted with and complying with the rules, policies and requirements of Texas A&M University, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and your degree program.
- are advised to use this handbook, along with other important information sources, for guidance in the ECCB & RLEM undergraduate programs.
- should refer to one of these publications or contact your advisor when information regarding policies and procedures is needed.





Academic Advisor Responsibilities—What You can Expect Us to Do —————>

As your advisor, you can expect us to:

- **Protect and secure the integrity of your degree** by enforcing all university and departmental policies and requirements
- **Treat you with respect** as an adult by listening carefully to your questions, concerns and problems
- Understand and **effectively communicate** the curriculum, requirements, and academic policies and procedures
- **Assist you in making academic decisions** consistent with your goals, interests and abilities
- **Provide referrals** to campus resources and services appropriate to your needs
- **Monitor and accurately document** your progress toward meeting your educational goals
- **Maintain confidentiality** (will not discuss issues with parents or non-university persons without your written permission; will respond to academic questions only via tamu.edu email accounts)

Advisee (Student) Responsibilities – What You are Expected to Do



As an advisee, you have clear responsibilities in this partnership in order to be successful:

- **Be respectful** by being on time, prepared and treating advisors and other students as you would wish to be treated
- **Be an active learner** by participating fully in the advising experience, ask questions if you do not understand an issue or have a specific concern
- **Keep a personal record** of your progress toward your academic goals; be open to clarifying personal values and goals
- **Read all correspondence** from the department and university and act accordingly
- **Be proactive** in checking often the electronic resources via HOWDY Portal to keep track of your academic progress (Degree Evaluation, Unofficial Transcript, Course Offerings)
- **Become knowledgeable** about college programs, degree requirements, policies, and procedures
- **Use campus resources** to enhance your academic experience and develop personal and professional goals



Department of Ecology & Conservation Biology (ECCB)



- BS-Ecology and Conservation Biology
 - Ecology and Conservation Biology Track
 - Ecoinformatics Track
 - Forest Resources Track
 - Vertebrate Zoology Track
- Minor in Ecology and Conservation Biology

Please refer to the Advising Center 7 handbook for curriculum information and program descriptions



Department of Rangeland, Wildlife & Fisheries Management (RWFM)



- BS-Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management
 - Aquaculture & Fisheries Management Track
 - Natural Resource Management & Policy Track
 - Rangeland Management Track
 - Wildlife Management Track

Please refer to the Advising Center 7 handbook for curriculum information and program descriptions



Hullabaloo U – FYE Course



- **ALL** of you will be in our Dept's FYE course:
 - **ECCB 101 - Introduction to Ecology and Conservation Biology**
 - **RWFM 101 - Exploring Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management**
- This is a 1 credit hour course that is required for your degree and fulfills the University's FYE requirement



- Please take this course seriously, as it can significantly help you succeed during your first term at A&M!
- Students who do not meaningfully participate in their FYE course are 3 to 7 times more likely to do very poorly in their first semester



Success Strategies



Resources:

Academic Success Center

Supplemental Instruction

Peer Tutoring

Academic Workshops

Math Learning Center

Help Sessions

Tutoring by Appointment

Week-In-Review

Disability Services

University Libraries

University Writing Center

Career Center

Professional School Advising

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UNIVERSITY
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CENTER



CAREER
CENTER



PROFESSIONAL
SCHOOL
ADVISING



ACADEMIC SUCCESS
CENTER



UNIVERSITY
LIBRARIES

Time to Study



Semester Credit Hours – Weekly Requirement

Semester Credit Hours	Contact Hours Per Week	Prep Hours Per Week	Total Combined Hours Per Week	Contact Minutes Per Week	Prep Minutes Per Week	Total Combined Minutes Per Week
1	1.0	2.0	3.0	50	100	150
2	2.0	4.0	6.0	100	200	300
3	3.0	6.0	9.0	150	300	450
4	4.0	8.0	12.0	200	400	600
5	5.0	10.0	15.0	250	500	750
6	6.0	12.0	18.0	300	600	900
7	7.0	14.0	21.0	350	700	1,050
8	8.0	16.0	24.0	400	800	1,200
9	9.0	18.0	27.0	450	900	1,350
10	10.0	20.0	30.0	500	1,000	1,500
11	11.0	22.0	33.0	550	1,100	1,650
12	12.0	24.0	36.0	600	1,200	1,800

12 credit hours requires a minimum of **36 hours** of course preparation **a week**, **IF YOU WANT TO EARN A "C"!**

15 credit hours requires a minimum of **42 hours** of course preparation **a week!** **IF YOU WANT TO EARN A "C"!**

Semester Credit Hours – Semester

Semester Credit Hours	Contact Hours Per Semester	Prep Hours Per Semester	Total Combined Hours Per Semester	Contact Minutes Per Semester	Prep Minutes Per Semester	Total Combined Minutes Per Semester
1	14.0	28.0	42.0	700	1,400	2,100
2	28.0	56.0	84.0	1,400	2,800	4,200
3	42.0	84.0	126.0	2,100	4,200	6,300
4	56.0	112.0	168.0	2,800	5,600	8,400
5	70.0	140.0	210.0	3,500	7,000	10,500
6	84.0	168.0	252.0	4,200	8,400	12,600
7	98.0	196.0	294.0	4,900	9,800	14,700
8	112.0	224.0	336.0	5,600	11,200	16,800
9	126.0	252.0	378.0	6,300	12,600	18,900
10	140.0	280.0	420.0	7,000	14,000	21,000
11	154.0	308.0	462.0	7,700	15,400	23,100
12	168.0	336.0	504.0	8,400	16,800	25,200

12 credit hours requires a minimum of **504 hours** of course preparation **a semester!!** **IF YOU WANT TO EARN A "C"!**

15 credit hours requires a minimum of **630 hours** of course preparation **a semester!** **IF YOU WANT TO EARN A "C"!**

These time requirements are the equivalent to a full time job!





Scheduling your
appointments
just got easier



Looking to save time?

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- Quickly **Schedule Advising Appointments**
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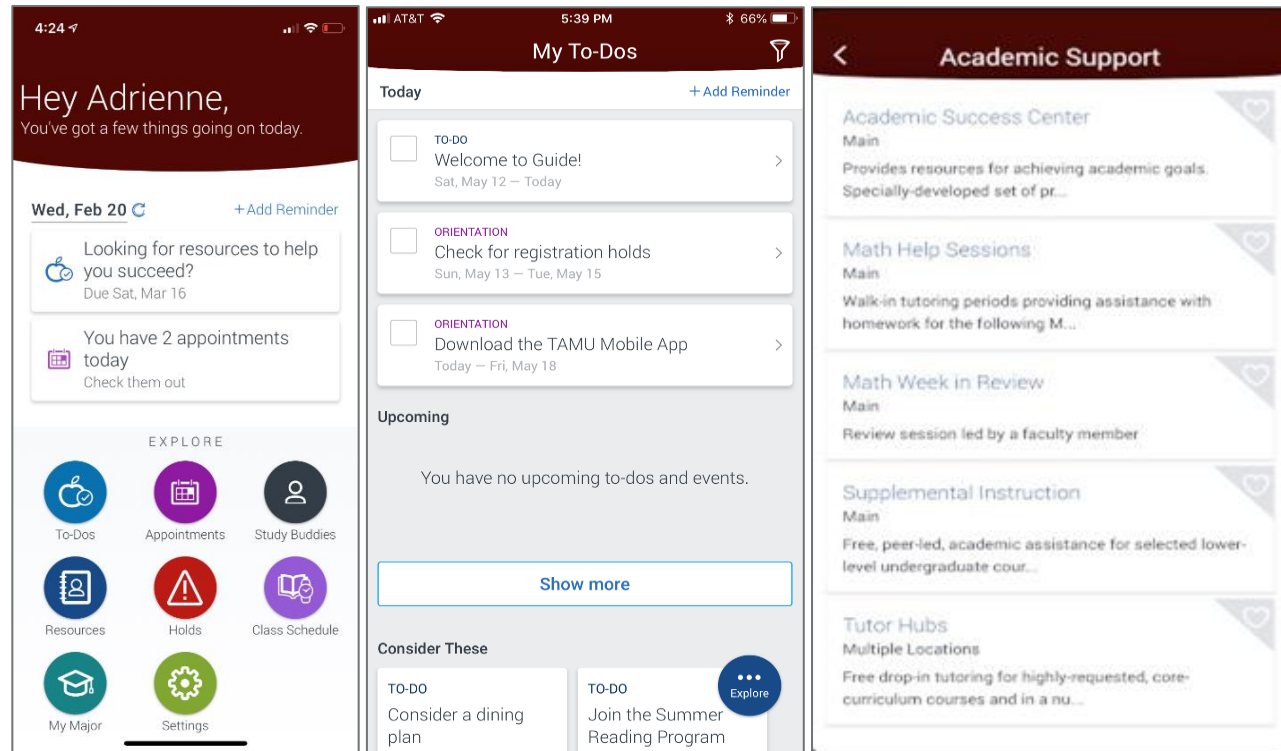
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Scholarships

Each year the University Scholarship Application is open from October 15th to February 1st.



ECCB SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://eccb.tamu.edu/undergraduate-financial-support/> →

- Freshman Scholarships – Applications are available at the **Texas Common Scholarship Website**
- Continuing UG Scholarships – Apply through the **University Scholarship Application**

RWFM SCHOLARSHIPS



- Freshman Scholarships – Applications are available at the **Texas Common Scholarship Website**
- Continuing UG Scholarships – Apply through the **University Scholarship Application**

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



- Visit the Scholarship and Financial Aid website to learn about applying for financial assistance at financialaid.tamu.edu



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- The Range Club
- TAMU Plant Identification Team
- Alpha Zeta
- Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- TAMU Society for Conservation Biology
- Texas A&M Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) Student Guild
- Texas A&M Society of American Foresters
- Texas A&M Chapter of American Fisheries Society



Things To Let Us Know

ARE YOU IN ANY LEARNING COMMUNITY?

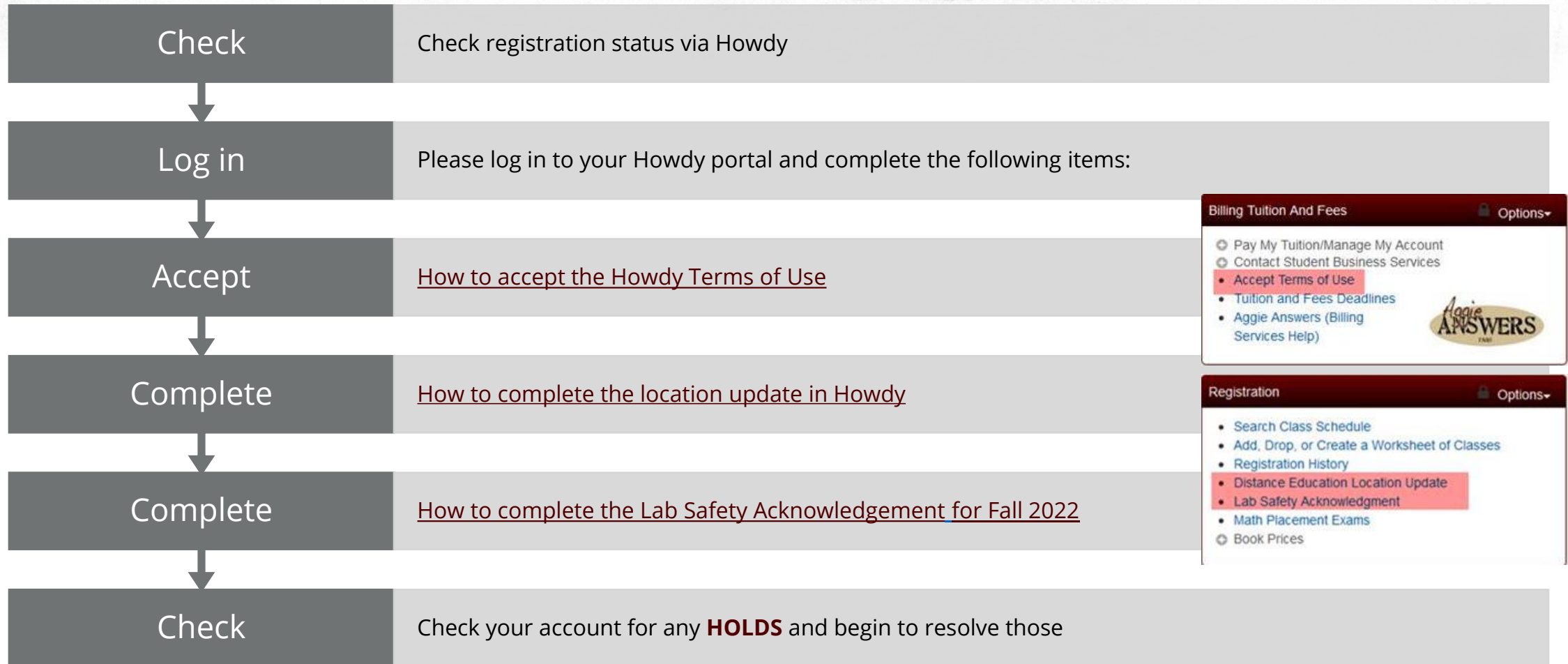
UNIVERSITY HONORS?

WILL YOU BE JOINING THE CORPS OF CADETS? AGGIE BAND?

STUDENT ATHLETE?



Preparing for Course Registration



THANK YOU!

We look forward to visiting with you at your New Student Conference and again, welcome to the Departments of ECCB & RWFM!

