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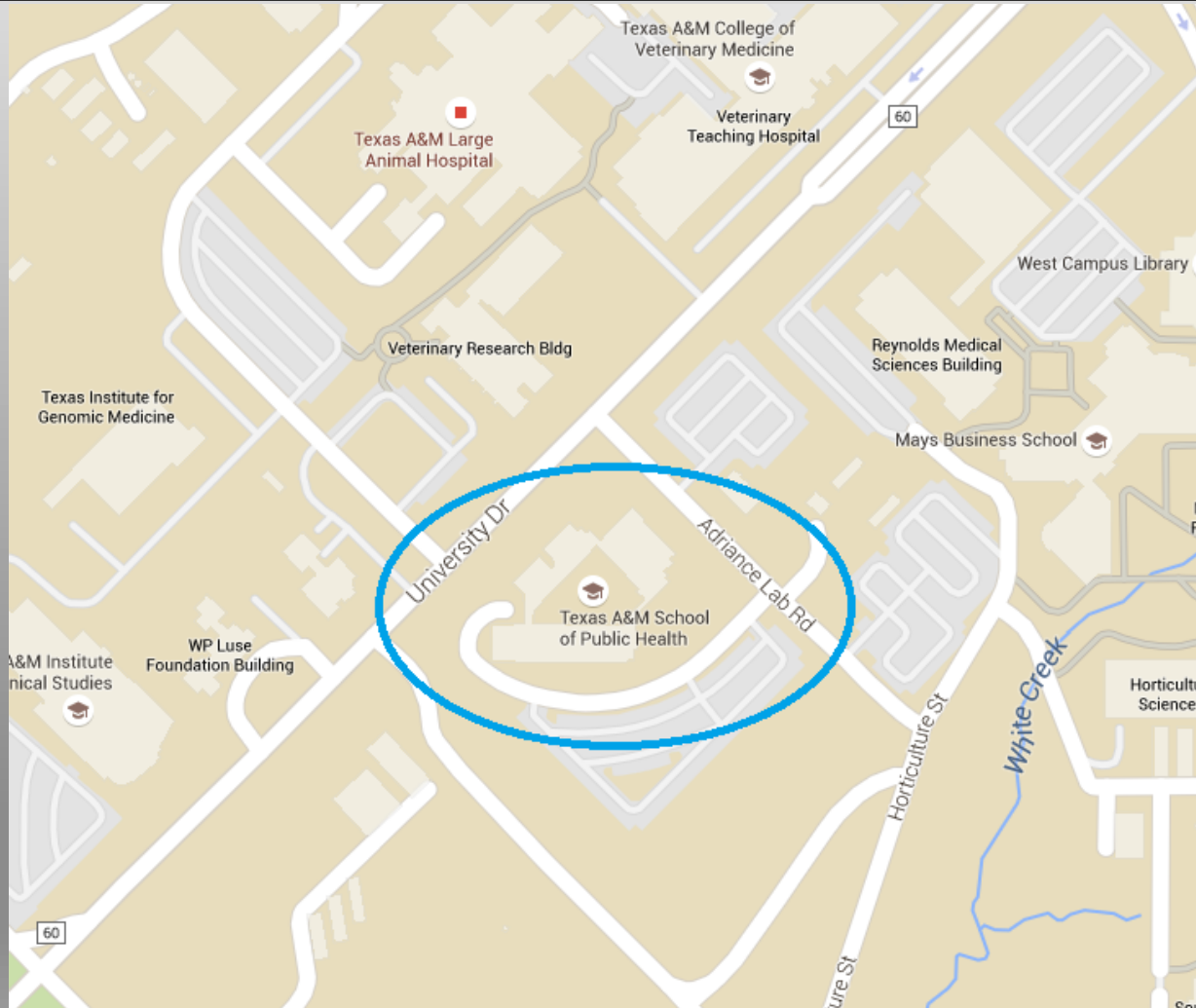
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Where We Are...



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BSPH Folder

- Lab Safety Agreement
- Certification of Dependency Form
- Academic Advising Syllabus
- Handbook
- Academic Contract (Sign and turn in)



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 through 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.



SPH Student Handbook

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



Your HSC IT Account

- You will receive an email from HSC IT after you are registered for classes with your HSC account information.
- You must use your HSC account and password to log onto Wi-Fi and computers in HSC buildings.



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 this afternoon.
- You will have a first-semester schedule of 13-15 credit hours, including at least one of your science courses (**Biology or Chemistry**), a math course, literature, and humanities and social sciences depending on your college transcripts, AP, and IB test scores.
- **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.



Hullabaloo U

- Texas A&M's first-year experience course
- Designed to help new students transition to TAMU
- Led by a faculty/staff instructor and peer mentor to serve as resources
- Small community of no more than 25 new students
- Most sections meet once a week for 50 minutes
- Some students who are recipients of a specific scholarship, in a learning community, or the Corps of Cadets will have a specific Hullabaloo U section assigned to them.



Core Curriculum

Texas A&M University requires students complete the Core Curriculum – a series of course requirements in the following categories:

- **American History (6 Hours)**
- **Communication (6 Hours)**
- **Creative Arts (3 Hours)**
- **Government and Political Science (6 Hours)**
- **Mathematics (6 Hours)**
- **Language, Philosophy, and Culture (3 Hours)**
- **Life and Physical Sciences (9 Hours)**
- **Social and Behavioral Science (3 Hours)**



WELCOME TO THE BIG LEAGUES!

- This ain't high school.
- 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.
- Thinking that you can achieve the same grades you did in high school by doing the same thing **does not work here.**



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.
- **Remember** – you must earn a 3.0 or we have to find you a new major!



Help Yourself!

Some courses may indicate supplemental instruction (“SI”), 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 any sort of review, help session, or SI.



Did We Mention You Need to Keep a 3.0?



Undergraduate Catalog

- Incoming students will be governed by the 2021-2022 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/department.

*For Fall 2022, the Q drop deadline is November 18.
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

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.



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!!

- 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-ever*) Only D & F grades can be dropped.
- You need to withdraw (*documentation will be 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!
- EVERY semester prior to registration.



Academic Advising Breakdown

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Check for Blocks/Holds

Common Holds:

- **Bacterial Meningitis**
- **TSI Compliance**
- **Tuition Rate Selection**



IMPORTANT: Location Update & Terms of Use

Please go into HOWDY after this meeting and do the following:

- 1. Go in My Record**
- 2. Select “Registration”**
- 3. Select “Location Update”**
- 4. Select “Term” (ie, Fall 2021)**
- 5. For location, select “Texas”**
- 6. Hit “Submit”**



IMPORTANT: Terms of Use

Please go into HOWDY after this meeting and do the following:

- 1. Go in My Record**
- 2. Select “Registration”**
- 3. Select “Accept Terms of Use”**

You MUST update location and accept the Terms of Use – otherwise, we will not be able to register you for classes.



The Aggie Honor Code

“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 1100 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/>
- **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



3.51 Overall GPA: It's Not An Accident!



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Student Schedules

- After we finish this presentation, you are **DONE!**
- Check **HOWDY** after 5:00 pm this afternoon to see your fall 2022 schedule.
- **Keep Your Phones and Computer Handy!**
- If you have any questions, contact your academic advisors.



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