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Presentation



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
College of Architecture

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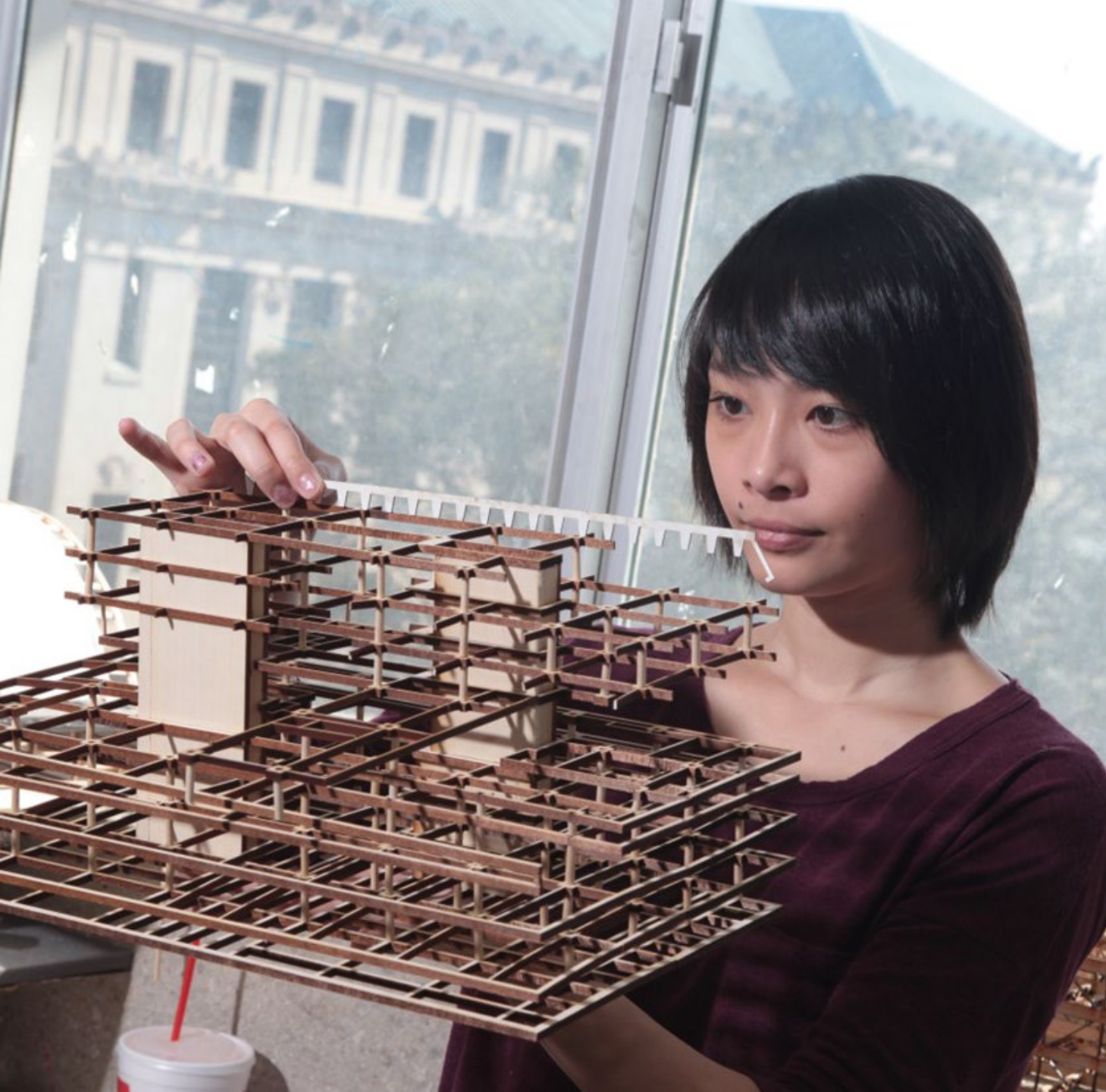






# OUR DEPARTMENTS





# Department of Architecture

## **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

*(Pre-Professional Architecture Program)*

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Master of Architecture

Master of Science in Architecture

PhD Architecture

## **MINORS**

Architectural Fabrication & Product Design

Architectural Heritage Conservation

Art & Architectural History

Sustainable Architecture & Planning

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# Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Bachelor of Science in Urban & Regional Planning

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Landscape Architecture

Master of Urban Planning

Master of Land & Property Development

PhD Urban & Regional Science

## MINORS

Urban Planning

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# Department of Construction Science

## **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Bachelor of Science in  
Construction Science

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Master of Science in Construction  
Management

PhD Construction Science

## **MINORS**

Facility Management  
Leadership in the Design &  
Construction Professions

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# College of Architecture

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in  
University Studies – Global Arts,  
Planning, Design and  
Construction\*

\*No longer accepting new students





# **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

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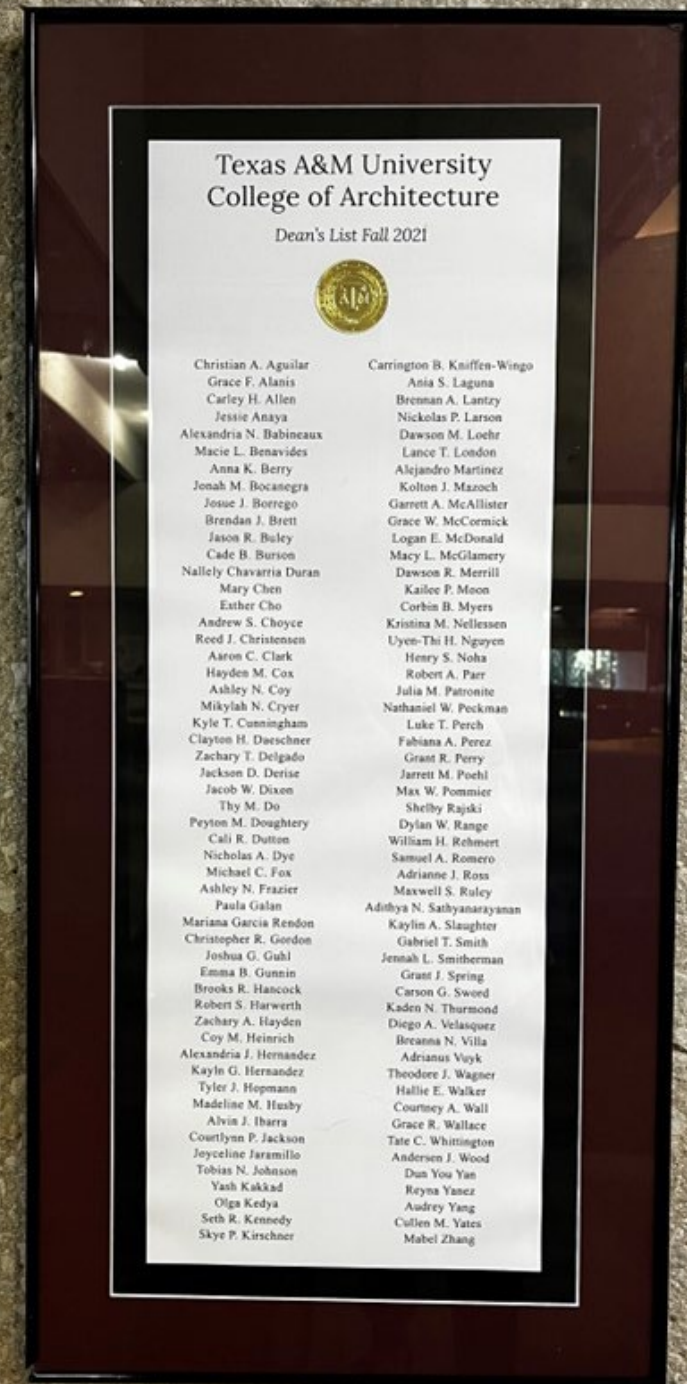
# Class Statistics

Class of 2026 and 2027	Factoids
Admitted from Review	63
Freshmen Admits	341
Transfer Admits	63
Applicants	333
Largest Graduating Class	1569
Smallest Graduating Class	37



# Academic Recognition

- Semesterly
  - Distinguished Student – 3.50 – 3.74 GPA
  - Dean's List – 3.75+ GPA
    - *Must be enrolled in 15 hours*
    - *No q-drops*
    - *C or better in every class*



# Academic Recognition

- Graduation – Latin Honors
  - Summa Cum Laude
    - *Cumulative GPA 3.90+*
  - Magna Cum Laude
    - *Cumulative GPA 3.70-3.899*
  - Cum Laude
    - *Cumulative GPA 3.50-3.699*

*\*Cumulative GPA includes only TAMU Hours*



# Expected Performance

- **Be enrolled in at least 12 hours**
  - *The College of Architecture will not penalize you for being registered below 12 hours, but your financial aid and scholarships could be impacted*
- **Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA**
  - *If you fall below a 2.0 GPA, you will be suspended from the College of Architecture and will need to apply for readmission*
  - *Two (2) back-to-back semesters below a 2.0 GPA is grounds for suspension!*
- **Making progress toward a degree**
  - *You must be taking courses that are prescribed for your degree and making satisfactory academic progress to be eligible for financial aid*

**THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE IS A NO PROBATION COLLEGE.**





# **COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE POLICIES**





# Changing Majors

- There are multiple opportunities to change your major throughout the year
  - Please check the academic calendar for specific dates
- Each major has specific requirements
  - You must apply through Howdy and have a TAMU GPA
  - Departments will notify you if you have been accepted
  - Decisions may occur after semester grades have been posted
  - Contact Transition Academic Programs for programs outside the COA or the department for programs in the COA
- Programs within the College of Architecture do not accept change of major applications with more than 60 hours
- Changing your major is not permitted at your New Student Conference
- Please note that this is a competitive application process
- Admission is not guaranteed



# Lower & Upper Division

ARCH and COSC students in the College of Architecture are admitted into lower division. To get into upper division you must do the following:

- Complete a prescribed set of classes
- Meet a program specified GPA and/or portfolio review
- Complete an application
- Only ARCL and COSL majors

**Admission is NOT automatic!**

**You may be required to change your major to ultimately graduate from TAMU if you cannot get into your upper-level coursework.**



# Semester Away

- Required for **all** majors
- Can be completed through
  - Education abroad
  - Exchange programs
  - Internship (required for Construction Science)
- Education Abroad opportunities
  - Italy, Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, China, Peru, Costa Rica, Japan



# Student Computing

- **All students must have their own laptop/computer**
- Consider: Weight, Battery, Construction, and Power
- Minimum specs:
  - 16 GB Ram
  - 256 GB Memory
  - Good graphics card
- Software – only buy software from [software.tamu.edu](https://software.tamu.edu)
- Resources
  - ITS – printing and equipment checkout
  - LinkedIn Learning – [linkedinlearning.tamu.edu](https://linkedinlearning.tamu.edu)



**THERE ARE NO OPEN ACCESS LABS IN THE College OF ARCHITECTURE**



# First-Generation

- What does it mean to be a First-Generation student?
  - Being a First-generation student means your parents did not attend or complete a 4-year college or university degree.
  - First-generation students make up 25% of Texas A&M University's student enrollment.
  - There are so many resources available to help. Reach out!
  - Be on the lookout through your email from your College of Architecture First-Generation Representative
    - Alondra Rojas – [arojas@arch.tamu.edu](mailto:arojas@arch.tamu.edu)

**Fall 2024**

Aug.30  
Sept. 20  
Oct. 25  
Nov. 22

- **First-Gen Fridays!**

- Find help and resources, chat about classes, struggles & meet other First-Gen students!
- Ask questions, talk about Grad College, etc.
- Typically, Food Provided!



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Apply annually to be reviewed for aid
  - Many scholarships require FAFSA/TAFSA/ISFAA completion
- Department Scholarships
  - **ARCH** – Departmental Application
  - **COSC, LAND, URPN** – Continuing Student Application through Aggie One Stop (Oct. – Feb.)
- Contact Aggie One Stop at [aggieonestop@tamu.edu](mailto:aggieonestop@tamu.edu) for questions



# Dropping Classes

- The State of Texas allows you **6 Q-Drops** during your entire academic career
  - Q-Drops follow you from institution to institution
- Texas A&M University allows you to use **4 Q-Drops**
  - Q-Drops in 1-hour classes do not count towards the TAMU count but do for the State count
  - If you Q-Drop a class with a lab, it will count as 1 Q-Drop for TAMU and the State – they must be dropped **at the same time**



# Excess Tuition Charges

- *Since funding will not be provided by the State, and as permitted by State law, TAMU will charge tuition at the non-resident rate to all students that exceed the semester credit hour limit of their program.*
- Excess Credit Limit – attempting over 150 in credit hours
  - Degree Plans are normally 120 hours
  - Some hours from your high college career will count towards your credit limit
- **Three Peat Rule** - If you repeat a class more than twice, you will be charged excess tuition.
  - This includes Q drops.





# Student Privacy - FERPA

- Student information falls into 2 categories
  - Directory Information (public information)
  - Academic Information (not public information)
    - Only available to people who have a **legitimate academic interest**
    - Parent/Guardians **DO NOT** have a legitimate academic interest in their college-age student
    - Parents/Guardians can access this information if the student completes a *Certificate of Dependency*
    - Parents/Guardians, DO NOT use your child's NET ID/Log In information to access their account and academic information



# Academic Understanding

- All students in the College of Architecture must sign an Academic Understanding prior to registering for classes.
- This sets out the basic expectations that are needed to effectively matriculate through your degree program.
  - Catalog & Student Rules
  - No Probation Policy
  - Regular advising meetings
  - Residency requirements
  - Checking your TAMU email daily
  - Keeping your local and permanent address up to date
  - Semester away

## Academic Understanding

1. I am responsible for familiarizing myself with:
  - The *University Catalog*, which can be found on [catalog.tamu.edu](http://catalog.tamu.edu).
  - Texas A&M University Student Rules ([student-rules.tamu.edu](http://student-rules.tamu.edu)).
2. **I understand that the School of Architecture is a NO PROBATION school.** I am responsible for making satisfactory progress toward my degree.
  - I understand that if my **overall grade point average (GPR)** falls below 2.00, I will be suspended from the School of Architecture and must find a new major.
  - I understand that if I have two consecutive semesters with a **semester GPR** below a 2.00, I may be suspended from the School of Architecture.
3. I am responsible for meeting with my academic advisor early enough each semester to ensure that I am following my degree plan. I will graduate upon completion of all course work (with the required course grade) for my degree plan including prerequisites.
4. I am responsible for completing a **minimum of 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework at Texas A&M University with at least 12 hours being in my major** to fulfill the University Degree Residency Requirement.
5. I am responsible for checking my TAMU email account daily for any university-related correspondence. I understand that all academic messages from the school will be sent to my TAMU email account and that not all messages sent to my TAMU account will forward thus necessitating that I check it daily. Student rule 61.1-61.2.7 (<http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule61/>).
6. I am responsible for keeping the University informed of my current local and permanent address and phone number through [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu).
7. I understand that there is a semester away requirement for all majors in the School of Architecture. I am responsible for meeting with my advisor regarding all options available to me and with my major.

**I accept admission into the School of Architecture and my major with full recognition and acceptance of the above.**

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Student Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

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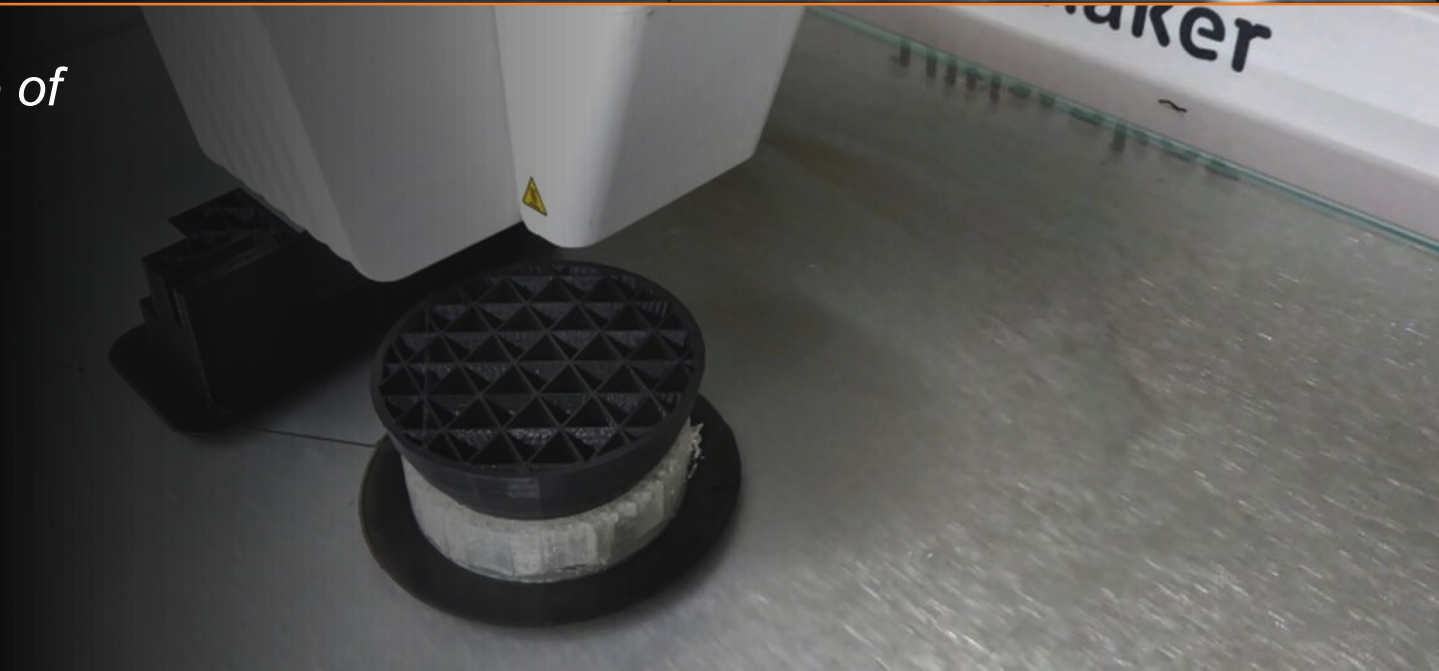
# Don't Miss Out on College Resources!

- The Innovation Hub
- ITS Printing Services – Langford Building A 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Photo Studio – Langford Building A 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Wright Gallery – Langford Building A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- **Academic Advising Office – Langford Building A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **Shelley Holliday – “Dean of Students” – Coke Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**



# The Innovation Hub

*Modern Manufacturing with the College of Architecture*





# The Woodshop

**Manager:** Jim Titus

**Services Offered:**

- Laser Cutting
- CNC milling of wood
- 3D Printing
- General Woodworking
- Material Sales (Chipboard & Taskboard)

**Location:** ILSQ West Campus Bldg.  
1500

# The MakerPlace

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**Manger:** Alex Nipper

**Services Offered:**

- 3D Printing in FDM, SLA, SLS
- 3D Modeling and Repair
- 3D Scanning
- Laser Cutting
- Computer Stations
- Pop-Up Classes
- Material Sales (Chipboard and Taskboard)

**Location:** Langford B





# The Automated Fabrication Lab (The Ranch)

**Manager:** David Goltz

**Services Offered:**

- CNC Machining(Wood, Metal, Foam, Plastics)
- Manual Machining
- Water jetting
- Welding
- Laser Cutting
- 3D Modeling
- General Fabrication

**Location:** RELLIS Campus Bldg. 7007

# Keys to Success

- This is a very competitive place – you will work harder to make good grades than ever before
- Keep your priorities in order-academics first
- Be an effective time manager
- Get a study partner
- Be proactive
- Attend Every Class
- Become an active listener
- Engage in your education
- Work with your academic advisor

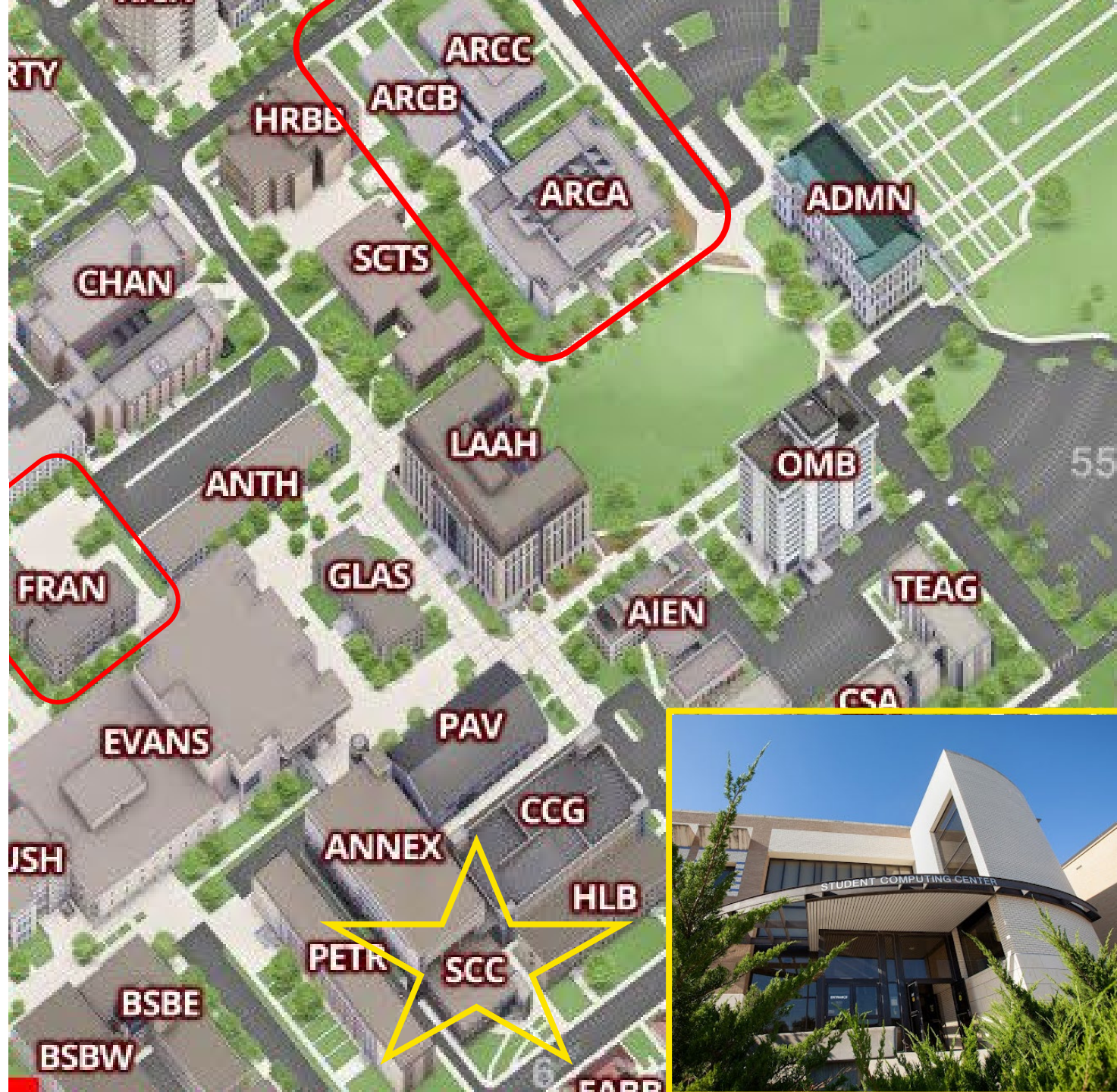
***You can and you will succeed!!!***

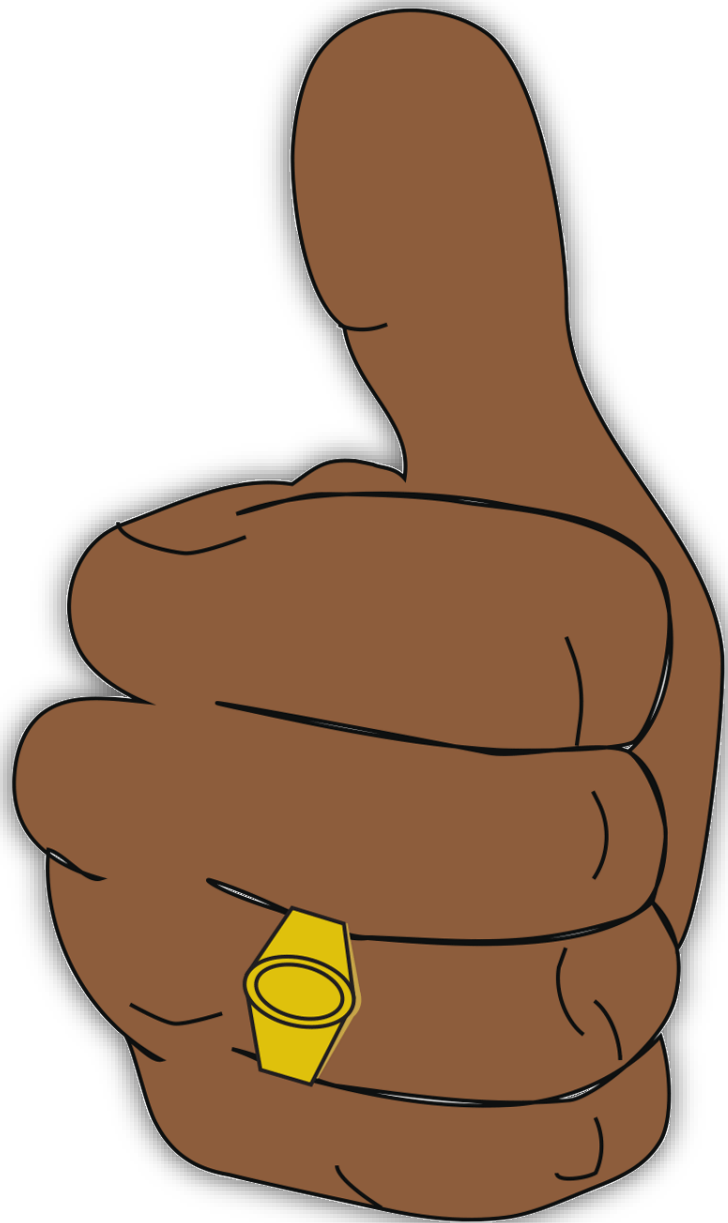




# Registration Time

- Meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor** of the **Student Computing Center (SCC)**
- Registration begins at 2:30 pm
- Students **ONLY**
- Family Study Abroad Presentation at 1:30 pm





**Thanks!  
Gig 'em!  
&  
Welcome to  
Aggieland!**

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**What's Next?**  
**Departmental Meetings**