

TAMU-BLINN TEAM PROGRAM COLLEGE MEETING



Transition Academic Programs



TEXAS A&M-BLINN TEAM





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TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING ACADEMY AT BLINN (TEAB)

This meeting is not for students in the TEAB Program

Please check the back of your nametag:

If your major is "TEAB" or "TEAM-EB" instead of "TEAM," you are not at the right meeting!

Please check the NSC Schedule and relocate to the College of Engineering meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

 Please save screen images for future reference, especially those containing web addresses or contact information.



ATTENTION STUDENTS USING VETERAN BENEFITS



- We need to know who you are!
 - If you will be using military education benefits, please check with the TEAM Director at the front of the room after this presentation
 - There are deadlines for finalizing and submitting your schedule for certification each semester
 - Each course on your schedule must satisfy a degree requirement toward your intended major



- The Veteran Services Office (VSO) certifies education benefit eligibility
 - Part of the Scholarships & Financial Aid Office
 - Located in the Aggie One Stop
 - https://aggie.tamu.edu/financial-aid/veterans
- The Don & Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource & Support Center (VRSC)
 - Offers many support services, to include free loaner textbooks for Aggie Veterans and military-connected students
 - Located in the MSC
 - (<u>https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/</u>)





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Dr. Arthur Watson

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR THIS MEETING



This meeting contains the information you need to know before you begin

- There will be an additional required meeting in the fall semester covering information you will need later in the year. There will be several opportunities to attend in mid-September at RELLIS (dates to be announced).
- What the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program is, and why it exists
- What your TEAM experience will be like
- Guidelines for transitioning out of TEAM into a degree-granting program
- How to access academic advising
- Familiarity with the terms and conditions of the TEAM Program

Please write down any questions you have during this meeting.



TEAM: **Your Admission to A&M**

Congratulations on your admission to the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2024! Blinn College welcomes you and says, "Howdy!"

We are excited to have you on campus, wh at Blinn College and Texas A&M University. other in the nation, and we are proud to s Higher Education Coordinating Board's Star

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January 2, 2020

John Smith 101 Reveille Drive San Antonio, TX 78209

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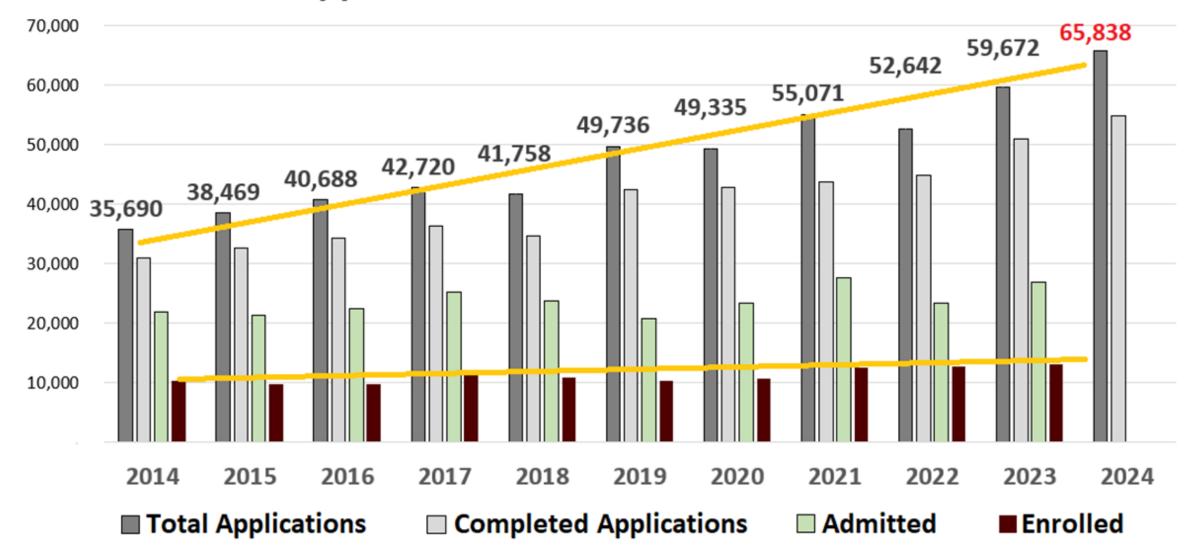
TEAM: WHAT? WHY?

The Texas A&M University-Blinn TEAM program (TEAM) is a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between a major university and a respected community college.

Simply stated, there are many more highly-qualified applicants for freshman admission to Texas A&M than spaces in basic courses. By partnering with Blinn College, co-enrollment enables additional hundreds of the highly-qualified applicants (you) to have a four-year Aggie experience than would otherwise be possible.

FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS VS ENROLLMENT 2014-2024

Applications for Freshman Admission



CONGRATULATIONS!

You applied during the most competitive year in A&M history...

...and were selected!



HOW TEAM WORKS

TEAM students are co-enrolled at Texas A&M and Blinn College

- Each regular semester they must attempt a minimum of 12 total credit hours
 - 3-6 credit hours at Texas A&M and the remainder at Blinn College
- TEAM was designed to be a 2-year co-enrollment program.
 - However, it is possible for students to transition from TEAM "early" when they have:
 - Completed 2 or more semesters, and
 - Maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at both schools, and
 - Satisfied all entry requirements for their intended major
 - Entry requirements = prerequisite courses with specified grades, specified GPA, etc.
 - Students who transition from TEAM early do not need any particular number of A&M or Blinn credit hours to satisfy TEAM requirements.
- Students who haven't transitioned from TEAM by the end of the second year must have completed at least 60 total credit hours (≥ 36 from Blinn with 2.5 GPA, and ≥ 15 from A&M with 2.5 GPA) and qualify for a major to continue at A&M.

HOW TEAM WORKS

- Early transition is more realistic to achieve for some majors than others.
- In recent years 20% 25% of TEAM students have been able to transition out of TEAM after only 2 semesters.
 - Most of these students entered majors in:
 - College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
 - College of Education & Human Development
 - liberal arts majors in the College of Arts & Sciences
- It has usually taken 2 years for students to qualify for business, architecture, and STEM majors.

CO-ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE

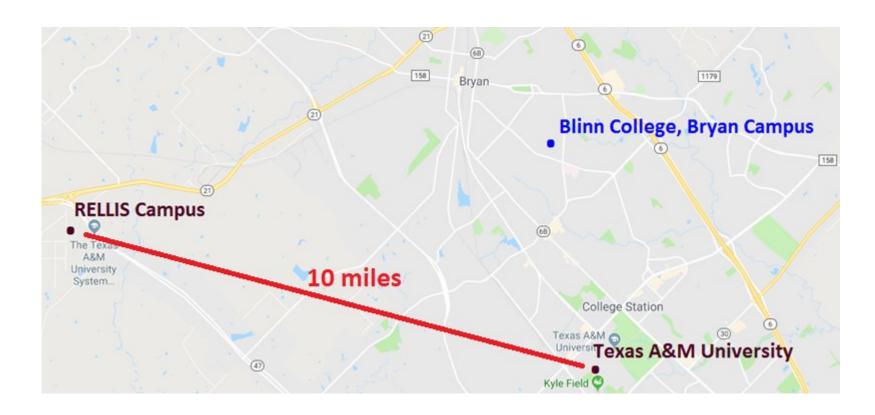
You will be attending 2 <u>separate</u> schools with 2 <u>different</u> sets of rules!

You will have to accomplish most tasks twice.

• You will need to focus on <u>double the details</u> as students who attend only one school.

THE RELLIS CAMPUS

- The Texas A&M University System's RELLIS campus is home to an academic alliance of schools, including Blinn College.
 - RELLIS = an acronym of Texas A&M's core values:
 Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service



BLINN AT THE RELLIS CAMPUS



RELLIS CAMPUS MAP



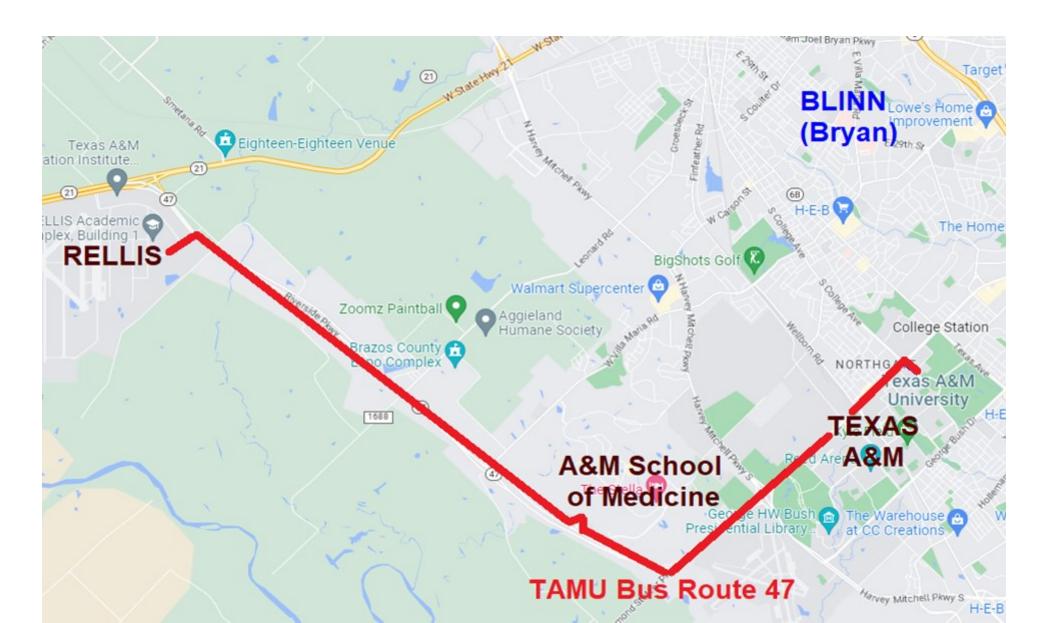
TRANSPORTATION TO 2 CAMPUSES





- University buses provide transit service between the A&M and RELLIS campuses.
 - Monday–Friday: Regular service begins from Main Campus at 6:50 a.m. and ends with the last bus leaving RELLIS Campus at 7:45 p.m. (6:45 p.m. on Fridays)
 - Buses depart every 20 minutes

TRANSPORTATION TO 2 CAMPUSES



TRANSPORTATION TO 2 CAMPUSES



- If you will need to park on the A&M campus you will need a permit.
 - For details see: https://transport.tamu.edu/Parking/FAQpermit.aspx
 - Students who have an A&M parking permit will <u>not</u> need a separate permit to park at RELLIS.
- Students without an A&M permit may purchase a RELLIS permit, or pay for parking at RELLIS by the hour using pay stations or the Parkmobile app.
 - RELLIS parking permits are available for purchase online.
 - Log into your account at transport.tamu.edu/account.
 - Use the option in the top left section
- For additional RELLIS parking information see: https://transport.tamu.edu/Parking/faqrellis.aspx#park

DINING AT 2 CAMPUSES





- Consider your weekly schedule when selecting your A&M dining plan.
- The Blinn Marketplace convenience store sells snacks, sandwiches, drinks, etc. It is in the Schwartz Building.
- The Houston Street Deli
 offers hot & cold food options. It is in
 the RELLIS Academic Complex Bldg. 1
- A&M dining dollars are accepted by the Houston Street Deli but are not usable in the Blinn Marketplace.

PAPERWORK AT 2 CAMPUSES



- Submit your Bacterial Meningitis shot record to both A&M and Blinn.
- Send your final high school transcript to <u>both</u> A&M and Blinn.
- Send your dual credit college transcripts to <u>both</u> A&M and Blinn.
- Send your credit-by-exam (AP/IB) scores to both A&M and Blinn.
- You will need ID cards for both schools
 - A&M: See https://sbs.tamu.edu/aggiecard/
 - Blinn: Log into myBlinn click on "Admission Forms" and "Student ID" to upload your photo and order your card.

DATES TO REMEMBER AT 2 CAMPUSES



First day of Fall 2024 classes

• Blinn: Wednesday, August 21st

• A&M: Monday, August 19th

Last day to add a course

• Blinn: 2nd day of a term—August 22nd

• A&M: 5th day of a semester—August 23rd

Last day to drop a course

• Blinn: 1st 8-weeks term—September 27th / 2nd 8-weeks & 16-weeks term—December 2

A&M: November 13th

Registration for Spring 2025 courses

• Blinn: October 7th

A&M: November (TBA)

Fall Break

A&M: October 7-8th

• Blinn: N/A

Payment Deadline

Blinn: July 24th (Students with financial aid: August 27th)

A&M: August TBA

FINANCIAL AID AT 2 CAMPUSES



- Students receiving financial aid from A&M will have their aid dispersed by A&M two weeks before classes begin (see Financial Aid website for exact date).
- Aid is applied to your A&M bill. Any excess will be placed in your direct deposit account.
- You may then use the deposited money to pay your Blinn bill, which is due August 27th. Students who do not pay for their classes will have their courses dropped.
- Students who make last minute schedule changes, or do not have their intended major correctly reported, can encounter delays in the process.
 - To avoid this:
 - Make sure your intended major is reported to TAP and alert them to any changes.
 - Do not make any late changes to your schedule, as these can delay your aid being dispersed.
 - If you can afford to pay Blinn in advance and be "reimbursed" by your aid, consider doing so.
 - If you can afford to start a payment plan at Blinn in advance and be "reimbursed" by your aid, consider doing so.

COURSE FORMATS AT 2 CAMPUSES

- A&M: 16-week terms
 - Traditional (face-to-face)
 - Online
- Blinn: Options for 8-week and 16-week terms
 - Multiple Modalities (each course will be conducted in one of these modes)
 - Traditional (face-to-face)
 - Live Online (Zoom)
 - Flex Online (asynchronous weekly assignments)
 - Blended (mix of face-to-face and asynchronous weekly assignments online)
 - Blended Zoom (mix of Zoom and asynchronous weekly assignments online)

Your Support at A&M:

Transition Academic Programs (TAP) provides:

- Academic advising
- Accurate, timely information
- Administrative Support
- Advocacy

in support of student success in the TEAM program at A&M.





Transition Academic Programs (TAP) received the University Advisors & Counselors' "Advising Team Award" as the best advising office at Texas A&M University for 2022-23.

Your support at Blinn:

Blinn College TEAM Program Manager—Mr. Caleb Mullins

- Services:
 - Academic advising for Blinn classes (must see a TAP advisor prior to)
 - Accurate, timely information from Blinn College
 - Administrative Support (holds, overrides, registration, etc.)
 - Advocacy



A&M Advising Location

- TAP (Your primary advisors)
 - Hotard Hall, suite 300 (third floor)
 - North Side of Campus
 - Next to the Post Office

Blinn Advising Location

- TEAM Program Manager (for all Blinn matters)
 - RELLIS Campus Administration Building
 - Student Services suite (first floor)
 - Next to the Schwartz Building





TO MAKE AN A&M ADVISING APPOINTMENT





• Go to: tap.tamu.edu

Click: "Make an Appointment"

Or

 Use the Navigate Student App https://tamu.guide.eab.com/

Check TAP website for Walk-in advising times

TO MAKE A BLINN ADVISING APPOINTMENT





Appointments:

- Call: 979.209.8967 or email: team@blinn.edu
 - In-person or Zoom
 - RELLIS Campus Administration Building Student Services suite (first floor)

Walk-in Advising:

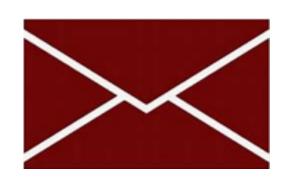
- In-person, afternoons only
 - RELLIS Campus Administration Building Student Services suite (first floor)

Quick Questions (5-10 minutes):

• Call: 979.209.8967 or email: team@blinn.edu

COMMUNICATING WITH 2 CAMPUSES







For A&M advisor questions email tap-blinnteam@tamu.edu

Always include



For Blinn advisor questions email

your UIN!

GUARANTEE

An actual email from a campus advisor:

"[student's name] was initially accepted but did not respond to our communications. We require all students who are accepted to meet with us before they can change their major. We sent him multiple e-mails.... Since we didn't hear back from him, we denied his application."



THERE ARE 160+ MAJORS/TRACKS AT A&M

• 65-85% of all college students change their majors during their academic careers!

It's OK to still be deciding.

Advisors are available to assist.



WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR AT 2 CAMPUSES?

- Your <u>official</u> A&M major = "TEAM."
 - You will not have a degree-granting major until you transition out of TEAM into full enrollment status at A&M.
- Your <u>intended</u> major will be the one you hope to see on your diploma.
 - TEAM students must report an "intended" major (as you did on your application) even if still deciding.
 - You may change your intended major at any time by meeting with a TAP advisor.
 - The intended major is important because only courses that satisfy degree requirements for your intended major may be used to qualify for financial aid.
- Your <u>Blinn</u> major will initially be "Liberal Arts."
 - You may change this if you plan to complete an associate degree
 - Blinn offers more than 70 majors.

DISABILITY RESOURCES AT 2 CAMPUSES



































If you had accommodations for a disability in high school:

- Your first semester of college is the worst possible time to experiment with foregoing those accommodations.
- Register for disability services/resources at both campuses.
- For information, follow these links:
- A&M: https://disability.tamu.edu/requestingaccommodations/
- Blinn: http://www.blinn.edu/disability/request-accommodations.html

DISABILITY RESOURCES AT 2 CAMPUSES

• If you plan to request accommodations which might include extended time testing, you will need to allow open time following each class.

 At Blinn (RELLIS) there are limited appointments for extended time testing, therefore allow two hours between RELLIS classes.

KEYS TO SUCCESS: TIME MANAGEMENT – SCHEDULING

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16-week A&M courses (August - December)

16-week Blinn courses (August - December)

1st 8-week Blinn courses (Aug - Oct)

2nd 8-week Blinn courses (Oct - Dec)



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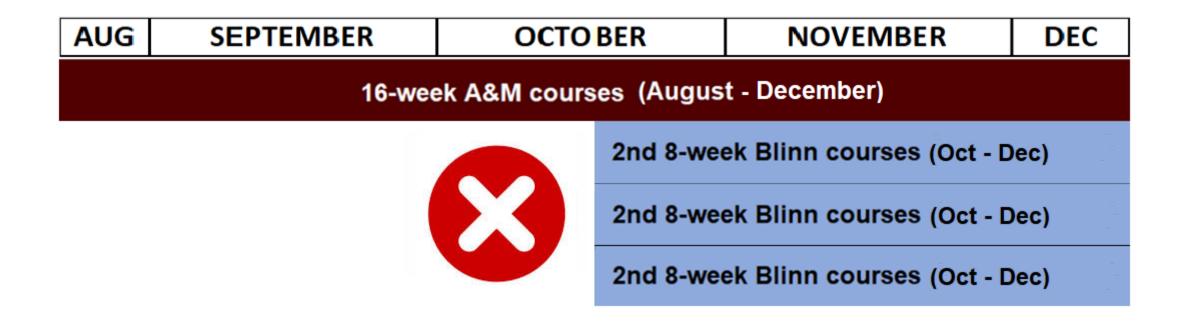
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KEYS TO SUCCESS: TIME MANAGEMENT – SCHEDULING





KEYS TO SUCCESS: AVOID PITFALLS (SCHEDULING)

Certain courses at Blinn have harder prerequisites than TAMU, which is mandated by state law for two-year colleges. These are some of the most frequent courses TEAM students often encounter with these harder prerequisites:

- CHEM 1409 (CHEM 107) Must have completed MATH 1314 or 1414
- CHEM 1411 (CHEM 119) Must have completed any college math course
- ENGL 1302 (ENGL 103) Must have completed ENGL 1301
- PHYS 1401 (PHYS 201) Must have completed MATH 1314 & 1316, or 2312 or 2412

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• Per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the parents of a student claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes (as defined by the Internal Revenue Code) **may be** given access to the student's educational records.

 Academic advisors cannot legally discuss a student's academic record with a parent or guardian without a Certificate of Dependency verification on file.

• <u>Students must initiate the request</u>, which will also require parent name(s) and signature(s).



• For A&M, the Certificate of Dependency online form is located here:

https://aggie.tamu.edu/getmedia/a4da1f0a-3a61-4838-b428-20b399eeec61/Dependency_Certification.pdf

• For Blinn, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) Release form is located here:

https://www.blinn.edu/admissions/admissions-forms.html

Students may authorize parents or guardians access to view certain information (grades) within Howdy. Click Parent/Guardian Access for more information about setting up a parent profile in Howdy.



Students - expand the **Student Section** below to learn how to give your parent/guardian access to some of your university financial and academic information.

Parent/Guardian - expand the Parent/Guardian Section below to learn what steps you need to perform after your student requests your access.

Student

O Parent/Guardian

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Permission to Release Education Record Information

This document is intended for use by a student to grant permission for a Texas A&M University employee to disclose their education records/data to a third-party. This form is not intended to replace either the Certification of Dependency process or Howdy self-service access, but should be utilized to document specific, one-time instances of student education record release.

Requested by (Student):					
Last Name	First Name				
Student Identification Number (UIN)	Date				
Release to (Recipient):					
Last Name	First Name				
Organization/School					
Address					
City, State, Zip					
Check here for permission to disclose all education records, OR					
Specify education record information to be released below:					



- http://tap.tamu.edu
 - Programs
 - TEAM
 - Terms & Conditions

Assured Transition to Full Enrollment

- Students who complete the TEAM Program are assured of being admitted to a degree-granting major, but TAP cannot promise it will be your first choice major.
- TEAM Students need to identify an intended major, as mentioned earlier in this session, as well as the course and grade requirements to enter that major.

- Grade and Credit Requirements
 - TEAM students' GPAs are calculated separately at TAMU and Blinn, and each school uses its own method of GPA calculation
 - The main difference is that A&M will include grades from <u>all</u> attempts, while Blinn will only use the best grade for a repeated course.
 - Students will successfully complete the TEAM Program when they have:
 - Completed* 2 or more semesters, and
 - Maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at both schools, and
 - Satisfied all entry requirements for their intended major
 - Applied for a change of major and been accepted

*Note: "Completed" means after the 2nd semester has ended, not during the 2nd semester.

- Students who remain in the TEAM Program to the end of Summer Session 1
 following the sophomore year must also have the following credits to transition:
 - 60 total credit hours
 - Minimum of 36 Blinn credit hours
 - Minimum of 15 A&M credit hours

- Grade and Credit Requirements
 - At least 12 of the 15 TAMU credits must consist of 3 or 4 credit hour courses that satisfy core curriculum or degree requirements in the student's intended major.
 - All requirements must be completed within a consecutive two-year period that begins with the Fall semester of the year of admission and ends at the completion of the first summer session of the second academic year of enrollment in the program.

Note: For timely graduation, a student needs to average 30 credit hours per year. This often means taking five courses per semester or attending minimesters or summer school.

- Previously Earned Credits
 - Any college credits accepted by TAMU that were earned by a student prior to beginning the TEAM program will apply toward the Blinn College 36 credit hour requirement.
 - These include credits from dual/concurrent enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), or other recognized credit-by-exam.
 - The use and application of these credits will be determined by the student's eventual degree program.
 - After a student begins the TEAM program, only credits earned from Blinn College will count toward the Blinn College 36 credit hour requirement.

- Reverse Transfer of Credits
 - A TEAM student may transfer course credits from TAMU to Blinn College in accordance with the policies of Blinn College.
 - The use and application of these credits at Blinn College shall be determined by the student's Associate Degree program.



• Fees

 A TEAM student will pay applicable fees and tuition to each institution and must meet the respective payment deadlines for all applicable fees and tuition payable to each institution.

- Rule Compliance and Removal From TEAM
 - A TEAM student is expected to be knowledgeable about the TAMU and Blinn College Student Rules and to comply with all rules
 - A student who does not remain on track to complete TEAM academic requirements may be removed from the TEAM program
 - A student who violates TAMU student rules is subject to sanctions including dismissal from TEAM or suspension from TAMU
 - A student removed from the TEAM Program for either academic or disciplinary reasons will no longer be eligible to continue enrollment at TAMU
 - The student may continue at Blinn College with the approval of Blinn officials
 - The student may pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to current criteria

Rule Compliance & Removal From TEAM

- A student not allowed to continue at Blinn College will also not be allowed to continue at TAMU
 - A TEAM student appealing academic or disciplinary decisions will be directed to the institution under whose jurisdiction the matter falls and will follow established procedures at that institution
 - If a student voluntarily drops out of the TEAM program, the student may pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to current criteria
 - Upon withdrawal from TAMU, a student immediately forfeits access to services provided by TAMU

Student Records

- A TEAM student's academic and disciplinary records will be maintained and kept current at both institutions with appropriate periodic exchange of information between the two institutions.
- To facilitate the transfer of student records and the appropriate application of course work toward the fulfillment of degree requirements, a TEAM student will be asked to sign a document that will permit the release of academic records and allow the sharing of those records between the two institutions.

- Enrollment Requirements
 - TEAM students will enroll for courses at both institutions in accordance with published registration periods for all students.
 - (Registration periods are different at each school)
 - Each TEAM student must attempt a minimum of 12 total credit hours each Fall and Spring semester with 3-6 credit hours at TAMU and the remainder at Blinn College
 - The 3-6 TAMU credit hours must include at least one 3 or 4 credit hour course that satisfies a degree requirement in the student's intended major
 - It is not required to "max" enrollment at A&M with 6 hours each semester

- Enrollment Requirements
 - Co-enrollment is not required during the summer.
 - The maximum combined enrollment limit for TEAM students in summer school is 14 credit hours (7 per session)
 - Attend either A&M or Blinn (or both, or neither) depending upon your specific needs
 - Summer courses taken at schools other than Blinn College will not count toward the 36 Blinn credit hour total
 - Blinn offers many online summer school courses which can be taken from home

Texas Success Initiative

- Blinn College will be responsible for assuring a TEAM student's compliance with Texas Success Initiative (TSIA) requirements and will provide remediation for any TEAM student needing such additional course work
 - Courses required for remediation shall not be counted toward the minimum requirements of the TEAM program at either institution

IN THE NEXT SESSION...

- Advising for Registration
 - Identifying Appropriate Courses
 - Registration procedures
 - Paperwork
 - Please take a short break and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. in your designated classroom shown on the next slide.
 - Attendance will be verified.



YOUR NEXT MEETING

- Thank you for your attention.
- Please save your questions for the pre-registration advising breakout session.
- To enable similarly sized audiences, please attend the advising session corresponding to your surname, unless you are pursuing Mays Business School. (All students pursuing business majors will be in Group 5.)
 - Room 200 Group 1, Students with surnames A-E
 - Room 203 Group 2, Students with surnames F-L
 - Room 204 Group 3, Students with surnames M-R
 - Room 209 Group 4, Students with surnames S-Z
 - Room 207 Group 5, All students pursuing Mays Business School

Students using Veteran Education Benefits please see the TEAM Director before moving to the next meeting.