



#### **Meet the Team**



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# Today's Agenda

1

**Defining Economics**What can **you** do with an Economics degree?

2

Careers in Economics
What can you expect when joining our department?

3

**Keys to Success**What resources are available to **you** at Texas A&M?

4

Academic Planning
What are the details of your
A&M Economics degree and
what will you take in the fall?



# The College Experience

What is my long-term goal?

Get Involved!

How can I be successful?

Interact!

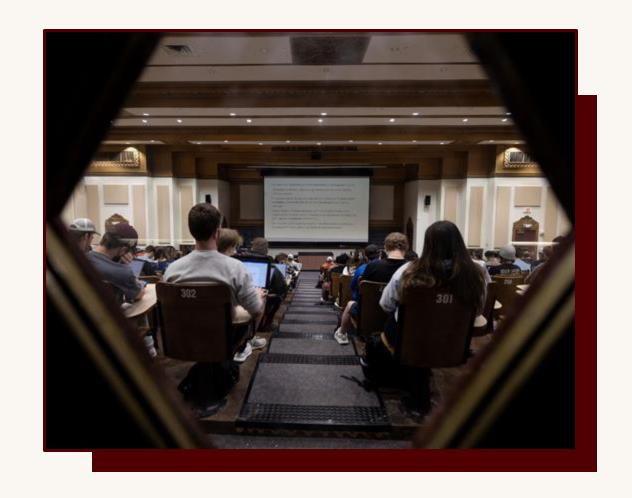
Where can I go for help?

Check TAMU Email!

### **Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics at Texas A&M University is a highly-ranked program with world-class faculty in a variety of fields.

The most recent U.S. News and World Report (2024 rankings) shows the Department as the number 38 overall and 17 among public universities. We are tied with Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Georgetown University, Rice University, University of Indiana, UC-Irvine, University of Southern California and University of Pittsburgh.



### What can an Economics Degree do for me?

#### **FOUNDATION**

Strong foundation for analytical economic problemsolving

#### **DEMAND**

Notable demand for professional and academic programs

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

High employment rate across a variety of industries

### Economics vs. Business As a Major

#### **Economics**

Theoretical Framework

Data Interpretation

**Data Prediction** 

Robust Toolkit

Dives Deeper into the

**How** and **Why** 

Research & Critical

Thinking

#### Overlap

**Foundational Courses** 

Financial Analysis

Management

Leadership

Strategy

**Decision Making** 

#### Business

Focus on Application

**Broad Overview** 

Entrepreneurship

**Profit Generation** 

Specific Focus Area

#### What do Economists do?

- Provide economic advice to various entities
- Interpret & forecast market trends
- Research & analyze economic issues
- Design policies or propose economic problem solutions
- Analyze data using mathematical models & statistical techniques
- Prepare reports, tables & charts then present research findings



### Skills & Attributes Employers Seek

- Data Analytics
- Programming
- Critical Thinking
- Research
- Diverse Teamwork
- Ability to contextualize
   & interpret data



# **Employers & Positions**

Employer	Position	Employer	Position
Alvarez & Marsal	Analyst	JP Morgan Chase	Corporate Analyst
Amazon	Financial Analyst	KPMG	Tax Associate
American Airlines	Revenue Analyst	Lockheed Martin	Financial Management
Bank of America	Wealth Manager	Matador Resources	Data Analyst
Capital One	Associate Product Manager	Merit Advisors	Consultant
Citigroup	Financial Analyst	Phillips 66	Marketing Analyst
Deloitte	Tax Associate	Raymond James	Investment Banker
Department of Labor	Economist	Shell	Finance Advisor
Goldman Sachs	Operational Risk Analyst	Southwest Airlines	Revenue Analyst

#### **Further Studies & Institutions**

Institution	Area of Study
Bush School of Government & Public Service	International Affairs
Emory University	Economics, Law
Pennsylvania State University	Law
Rice University	Data Science
Texas A&M University	Agricultural Economics, Finance, Financial Management, Real Estate
Tobin Center Yale	Energy Finance
University of Chicago	Public Policy
University of Oklahoma	Law
University of Texas-Dallas	Medicine

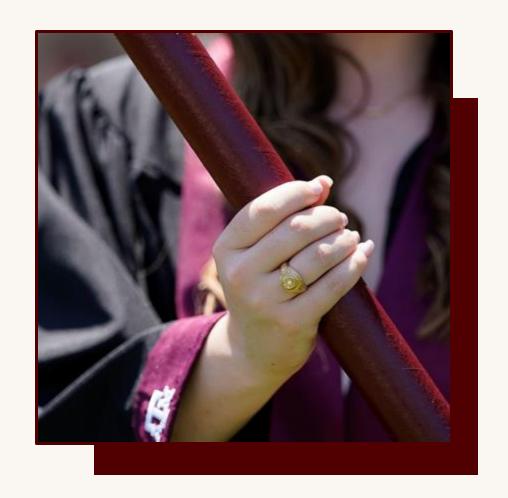
# **Starting Salaries: Spring 2024**

Average: \$65,600

Student Count: 64

Average Hiring Bonus:

\$10,000+



#### **Arts & Sciences Career Services**

#### **Come in Early & Often**

- ✓ Schedule an appointment with your career advisor
- **✓** Explore career options
- ✓ Create your resume
- ✓ Identify high impact experiences
- ✓ Search opportunities in HireAggies
- ✔ Prepare for Arts & Sciences Career Fair

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Aggie Career
Success
Handbook
QR code



careercenter.tamu.edu





# Advisors Here to Help!

If **you** feel stuck or need help but do not know where to start – we are happy to be the first stop in helping you find an answer.



#### Talk to Us

- It is important to communicate openly with advisors.
   \*We may not know everything, but we can connect you to the right people
- Academic advisors are here to help you find resources and understand the requirements for your degree program.
- Ultimately, the decision rests with **YOU**.

#### **Mental Health**

- Have a self-care plan that fits your class and life schedule
- Recognize early signs of burnout and academic stress
- Stay connected with your support system
- Download the TELUS Health Student Support App now

Apple





Android

# Advising Appointments: Navigate

- Write a detailed comment regarding what you would like to discuss
- Extreme tardiness [5+ minutes] is considered "no-showing"
- After 3 "No Shows" Navigate blocks you from appointment scheduling for 180 days
- Please cancel your appointment if you are unable to attend



# **Email Etiquette Reminders**

Allow a *reasonable* amount of time for an email response, 24 - 48 hours

Faculty and staff will get back to you, but we **do not** work on the weekends or holidays

We have large caseloads, but please only email **one** advisor, not all of us

Your **OFFICIAL** 

Texas A&M
email is
required when
corresponding
with an advisor
or professor

Always include your full name and UIN

If you do not check your email daily, including holidays and breaks, you may miss important deadlines

**You** are responsible for monitoring **your** email

Advisors **cannot** fix everything

#### Student Google Hub

One Stop Digital Hub created for Economics students that contains guides, resources, a folder for opportunities and a calendar of events to keep you organized and informed!

\*\* Must use TAMU account for access!





### You are an **Economics** Major

**You** entered Texas A&M as an *Economics Major* for the Fall 2025 semester.

If you plan to change your major, we <u>cannot</u> advise you on a different major.

This fall, you need to meet with Transition Academic Programs about change of major requirements for your desired major (Mays, ENGR, COMM, etc).

Until you change majors, you ARE an ECONOMICS student and must register accordingly.

\*\*We <u>will NOT</u> give you FALL 2025 schedule advice on any major other than <u>ECONOMICS</u>\*\*

ДM	Economics
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BA & BS Requirement

Requirement

BS Requirement

Name:	

#### **Economics Degree Plan**

Date Undated

Core Curriculum Requirements (48 Hrs)	HR	S	EARNED
ENGL 103 or 104 [ENGL 1301 or 1302]	3	0	
CORE COMMUNICATION (KCOM*)	3	0	
ENGL LITERATURE	3	0	
ENGL LITERATURE	3	0	
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE PLPST	3		
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE INLPST	3		
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE BLPS1	3	0	
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE NUPCT	3	0	
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SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE IKSOC".	3	0	30
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AMERICAN HISTORY JKHIS"	3	0	
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POLS 206 [GOVT 2305]	3		40
POLS 207 [GOVT 2308]	3	0	

BA Requirements (26 hrs)	HRS	EARNED
Modern Language (14 hrs)		
(choose from ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, CLAS	ITAL JAPA	, RUSS, or SPAN)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE+	4	0
FOREIGN LANGUAGE+	4	0
FOREIGN LANGUAGE+	3	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE+	3	0
Supporting Coursework (3 hrs)	/25	
ACCT 209 [ACCT 2301/ACCT 229]	3	0
Mathematics (9 hrs.) [Grade of C or Higher Requir	ed to Pulti EC	ON Prerequisites]
MATH 140 or 152 [MATH 1324 or 2414]	3	
MATH 142 or 151 [MATH 1325 or 2413]	3	
ECMT 461" [UWRT]	3	

BS Requirements (18 hrs)	HRS		EARNED
Supporting Coursework (6 hrs)			
ACCT 209 [ACCT 2301/ACCT 229]	3		
ACCT 210 [ACCT 2302/ACCT 230]	3		
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Advisor Notes:	e (BA/BS), email an ECON advisor
	2025 schedule that will make degree progress
for an ECON degree at your NSC	

	Coursework (33 Hrs) of C or Higher Required	HR	S	EARNED
ECON 202" [ECON	2302]	3		
ECON 203" [ECON	2301]	3		
ECON 323**		3		
ECON 410**		3		
Major Electives (2	1 Hours Total) (Grade of C or	Higher	Requi	red]
ECON 300X-400X**		3		
ECON 30X-40X**		3		
ECON 3XX-4XX**		3		
ECON 3XX-4XX**		3		
ECON 3XX-4XX**		3		
ECON 3XX-4XX**		3		
ECON 3XX-4XX**	(UWRT) IF BA	3		

General Electives# (13 hrs for 8A; 21 hrs for 88)	HR:	5	EARNED	
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" BCONBONT courses must be passed with a C or higher for them to court in your BCON degree
<ul> <li>Complete 14 hours of a foreign language through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a pracement lest.</li> </ul>
# General Electives cannot be fulfilled using an ECON or ECNIT class.
Recidency: At least 36 credit hours of 300 or 400 level coursework must be completed at Texas. ASM or through an approved study abroad program. A minimum of 12 of these 36 credit hours must be in the major.
University Foreign Language: At least 2 semesters of college-level foreign language OR 2 years of the same foreign language in high school are required.
WYBing-InfaneIve Coursework: 6 hours of approved (JUWRT) coursework are required. ECON 100-499 or ECMT 100-499 with the UWRT attribute.
Infernational & Cultural Diversity (9000) and Cultural Discourse (9000); one course with a designation of (000) and one course with (000) must be factored into your degree plan
This document is intended to serve as a general outline for students to follow to meet the requirements for a bacheon's degree in economics. It does not constitute a contract, nor does it imply assurance of production.

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#### **Economics Degree Plan**

120 Hours

Green: BA & BS Requirements

Yellow: BA Only

Blue: BS Only

#### **Core Curriculum**

Core Curriculum Requirements (48 Hrs)	HRS		EARNED
ENGL 103 or 104 [ENGL 1301 or 1302]	3		
CORE COMMUNICATION [KCOM*]	3		
ENGL LITERATURE	3		
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LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE [KLPS*]	3		
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LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE [KLPC*]	3		
CREATIVE ARTS [KCRA*]	3		
CREATIVE ARTS [KCRA*] or LANG, PHIL, & CULT, [KLPC*]	3		
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE [KSOC*]	3		
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE [KSOC*]	3		
AMERICAN HISTORY [KHIS*]	3		
AMERICAN HISTORY [KHIS*]	3		
POLS 206 [GOVT 2305]	3		
POLS 207 [GOVT 2306]	3		

#### **Core Curriculum**

48 Hours

- BS & BA ECON require 48 hours of Core Curriculum coursework
- Provides foundational knowledge to enrich learning
- Promotes development of essential skills for learning
- Required for all students

### **Economics Major Coursework**

Economics Major Coursework (33 Hrs)  Foundations [Grade of C or Higher Required]		8	EARNED
ECON 202** [ECON 2302]	3		
ECON 203** [ECON 2301]	3		
ECON 323**	3		
ECON 410**	3		
Major Electives (21 Hours Total) [Grade of C or	Higher	Requi	ed]
ECON 3XX-4XX**	3		
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# **Economics Major Coursework**33 Hours

- All ECON/ECMT courses must be passed with a C or better to earn credit for the course in the ECON degree plan
- BA students must use an ECON elective as a writing intensive course

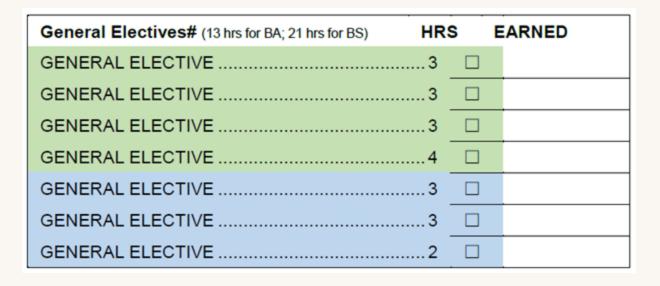
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Supporting Coursework (3 hrs)	-			
ACCT 209 [ACCT 2301/ACCT 229]	3			
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MATH 140 or 152 [MATH 1324 or 2414]	3		
MATH 142 or 151 [MATH 1325 or 2413]	3		
ECMT 461** [UWRT]	3		
ECMT 463** [UWRT]	3		

 Note a grade of C or higher in both mathematics courses is required to fulfill prerequisites

#### **General Electives**



#### **General Electives**

13 Hours for BA; 21 Hours for BS

- Cannot be fulfilled with additional ECON/ECMT courses
- Can be fulfilled through:
  - AP credit
  - Transfer coursework
  - Minors or certificates
  - Courses of interest

### Department Graduation Requirements

- A grade of "C" or higher is required for all ECON and ECMT courses
- ECON Major GPA area must be 2.0 or higher
- Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or higher
- Must meet all requirements on Degree Evaluation, including:
  - 36 hours of 300 400 level courses taken at Texas A&M
  - 2 years of high school foreign language or 2 semesters of the same foreign language in college
  - 2 courses with the writing intensive designation [900 section]
- Economics Majors are <u>required</u> to take at least one Economics [ECON] or Econometrics [ECMT] course each fall and spring semester

### Department Expectations Recap



UINs must be included in all emails to faculty and staff



You are expected to check and read emails **regularly** from your **official Texas A&M email** 



Economics, Econometrics, and Mathematics Courses **must** be completed with a grade of C or higher to apply to your degree



It is highly encouraged that you meet with your advisor regularly. Not doing so could lead to delays in graduation.



Students are responsible for knowing and following <u>all</u> college, department and university policies.

#### **Math Placement Exam**

- Math Placement Exam is NOT a credit granting test
- Despite how high your score is, you must still take 2 math courses
  - Even if you earned a "perfect" score
- The only way to satisfy your math requirements:
  - AP Credit
  - Dual Credit
  - Transfer Credit
  - Taking them at A&M
- If you scored a 22 or higher, please see Shelby after we are done

### **Creating a Schedule**

- 12 hours is the minimum for full-time status
  - A typical freshman schedule is 13 16 hours
- You may not be able to follow the catalog's 4-year plan exactly
  - Course credit could already be earned
  - Some courses may not have open seats or may not be offered this semester
- Do not register for a course in which you believe you have AP or transfer credit
- Your options for online courses while completing your ECON degree at Texas A&M will be very <u>LIMITED</u>

### Common Scheduling Combinations- Freshman

MATH 140*	3	MATH 140*	3
ECON 202	3	ECON 202	3
Core Curriculum	3	Core Curriculum	3
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ECON 285 (Hullabaloo U)	1	Core Curriculum	3
13	hours	ECON 285 (Hullabaloo U)	1
		16 ho	urs

\*Can take MATH 142 or MATH 151 depending on Math Placement Exam (MPE) score

**Note:** Every student's schedule will look different

Reminder: We will NOT give you FALL 2025 schedule advice on any major

other than **ECONOMICS** 

#### Yes, ECON 202 is Online. No, you don't need to worry!

Feedback from students who took **ECON 202** Fall 2024:

"When I applied to TAMU,
Finance was my first choice
major but I only got into
Economics and was worried I
wasn't going to like it.

However, I did very well in the class (despite it being online) and I'm now excited to further my economics knowledge and am confident this is the right career path for me."

"Two main takeaways I had:

- 1. You can learn a lot more from an online course than you might expect if you apply yourself and have a solid professor like Dr. Meer!
- 2. Economics is far more applicable than a bunch of confusing charts that the average person can't interpret."

"I honestly was a little worried because of the ECON 202 rumors, but it has turned out to be one of my favorite classes.

I feel that I'm making better decisions financially and in my academic life. I find myself weighing whether I should study or see my friends. It's been **drastically helpful** and I'm so glad I took

### Common Scheduling Combination- Transfer

ECON 323 3

ECON 311/330 3

Core Curriculum 3

Core Curriculum 3

ECON 485 (Transfer Seminar) 1

13 hours

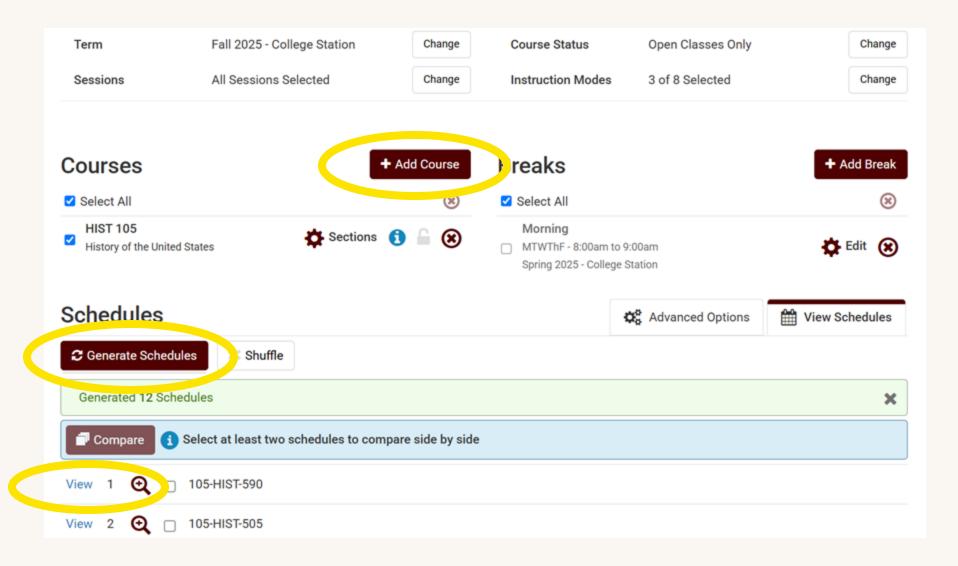
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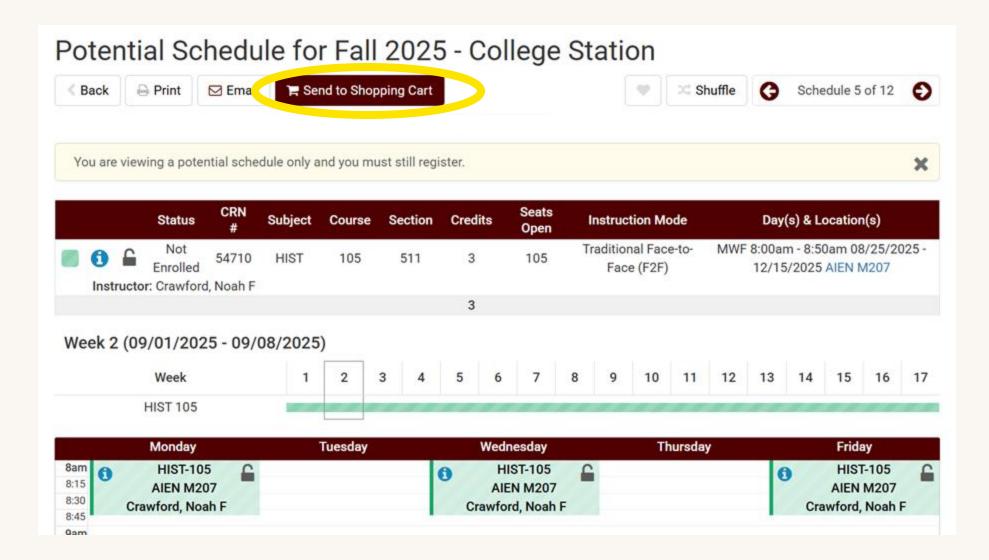
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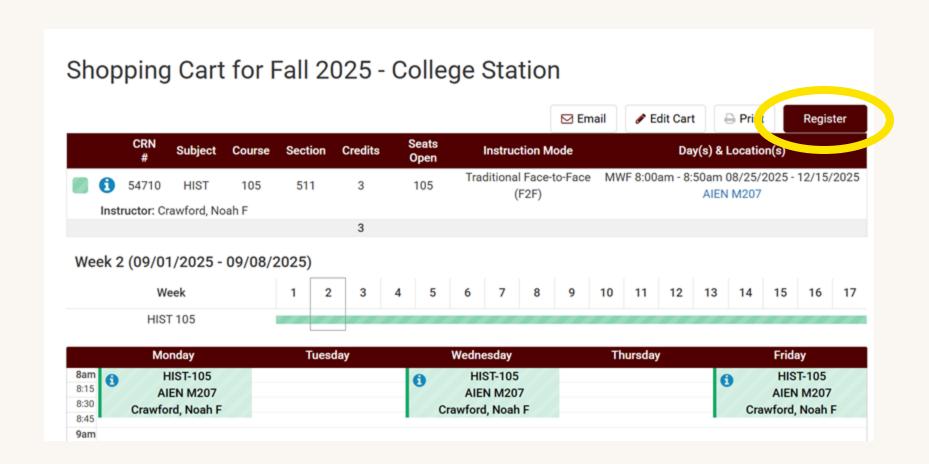
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- Check restrictions for all courses added to your shopping cart
  - **M**: McAllen Campus
  - 200 Section: Honors
  - **700 Section**: online with fees [up to \$1,200]
- Check prerequisites for all courses added to your shopping cart
- Advisors will be available to answer questions this afternoon
- Don't forget to Agree to Terms of Use and submit your Location Update on Howdy Registration Readiness

#### Select Term Term Full Yr Professional 2024-2025 Spring 2025 - College Station Spring 2025 - Galveston Spring 2025 - Qatar Spring 2025 - Half Year Term Summer 2025 - College Station Summer 2025 - Galveston Summer 2025 - Qatar Fall 2025 - College Station







# Are you a First-Generation student?

The ArtSci Undergraduate Student Success (UGSS) team is here for **you**!

#### What is "First-Generation"?

- Classified as neither parent having earned a bachelor's degree
- Parent(s) may have completed a degree nontraditionally later in life or obtained a degree internationally

#### Why F2F?

 Community, support, leadership opportunities, workshops, resources to succeed, networking, service events, and so much more!

Join us for our come and go Open House event during your lunch hour today in **ACAD 107**!

**Program Offerings | Cookies | F2F Goodies** 



#### Rev's Reserve: Pocket Closet

The Department of Economics Advising Suite's Pocket Closet is open to **all students** in need of business casual to business professional clothing.

Students can either check out and return the item after dry cleaning with a voucher or keep the items they choose.

We have full suits, jackets, pants, skirts and dresses.



#### Rev's Reserve: Pocket Pantry

The Department of Economics
Advising Suite's Pocket Pantry is
open to **all students** experiencing
food insecurity.

Our mobile pantry is placed outside the suite daily or let an advisor know if you need additional items from our larger pantry supply.

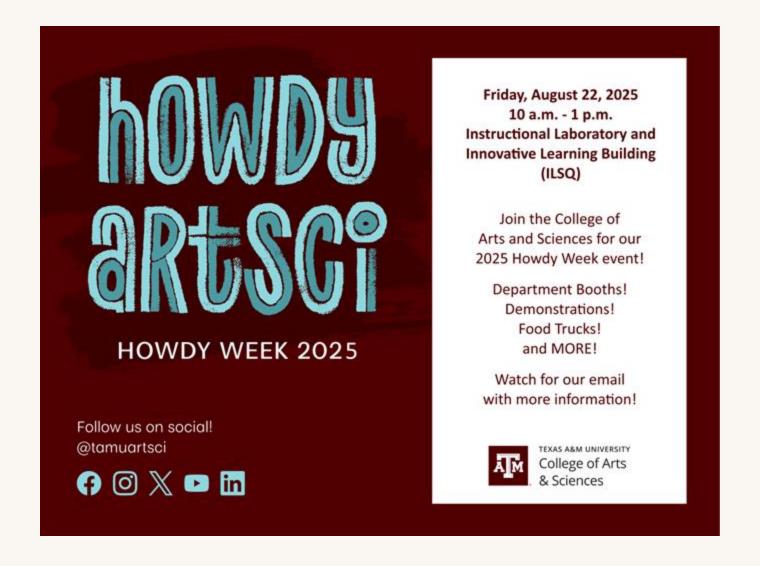
No questions asked.

We have a variety of food, hygiene and resource items all year.





# **Howdy Week**



#### Afternoon Registration Information

West Campus Social Sciences Building (WCSS on TAMU Map)

2935 Research Parkway College Station, TX 77843

#### Arrive by 1:30 pm

- Advisors review the potential schedules you created over lunch
- Family Briefing Begins
- 2:00 pm Registration Starts!

#### Things to Know

- Don't forget to eat lunch!
- **DO NOT WALK TO WCSS...**please drive or take bus #5
  - Your New Student Conference parking pass allows you to park in lot 113

The afternoon registration session is for **STUDENTS ONLY** 

# Thanks & Gig 'em!

#### **Contact Us**

- 2395 ResearchParkwaySuite 103
- econadvising@tamu.edu

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