



School of Public Health

Dean's Meeting





Day 2 Logistics and Details

Schedule for the Day

Time	Session	Location
8:30 a.m.	Dean's Meeting	REYN 141
10:00 a.m.	Advising – Students Only	REYN 141

- Students will discuss their fall 2025 courses with academic advisors
- Once courses are selected, students and their families can tour campus and go to lunch
- Academic advisors will register students for their selected courses in the afternoon

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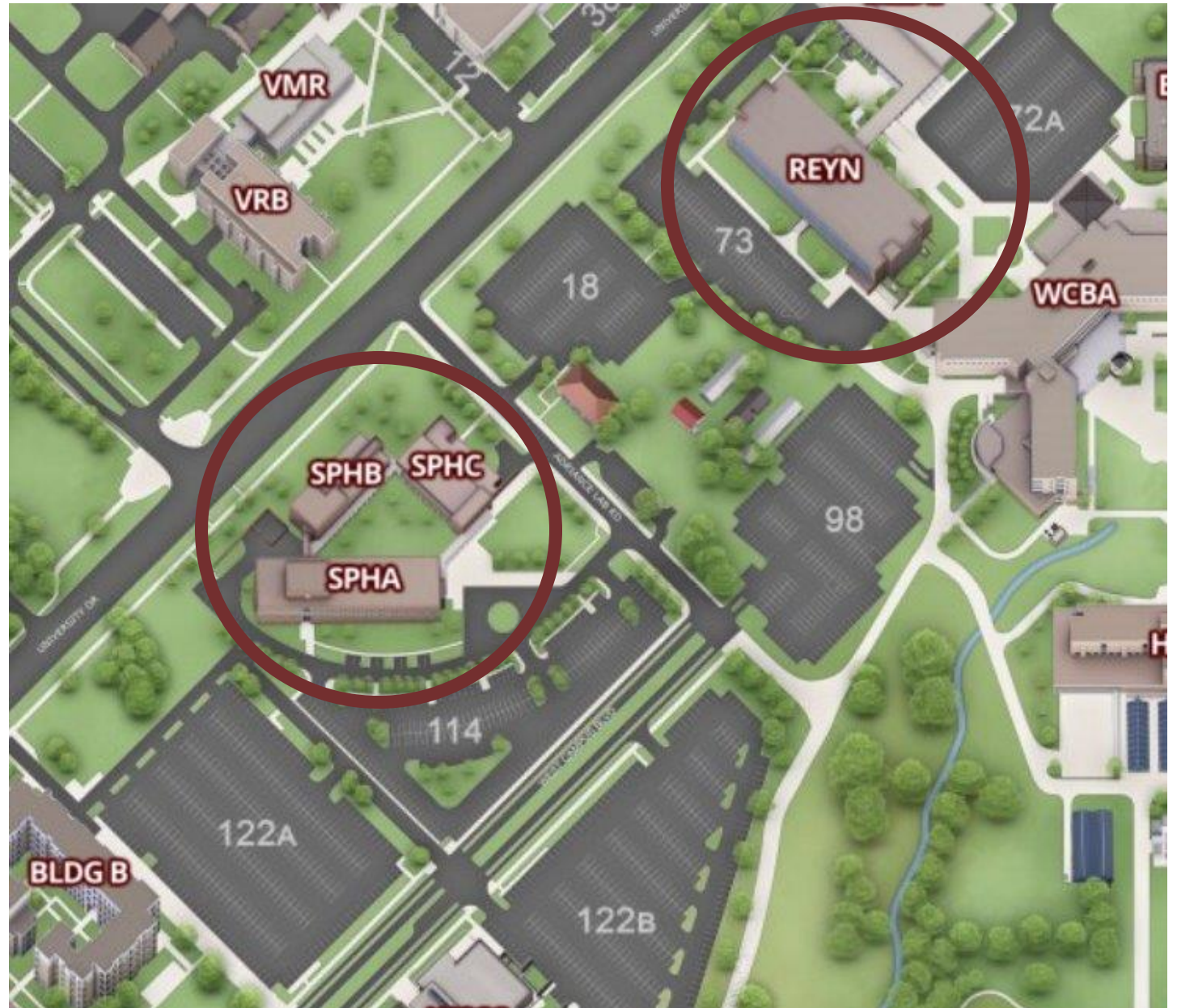


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WHERE
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Who to Contact When

FACULTY

Contact your teaching assistant (TA) or instructor if you have **concerns about your class (grades, etc.)**.

The appropriate next step is the instructor's department head.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Contact your academic advisor if you have **concerns about the following:**

- Choosing courses
- Q-Drops/Withdrawing
- Low GPA
- Registration blocks
- Personal or academic concerns

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Aggie One Stop:

Financial aid,
transcripts

Office of Professional School Advising:

Advising for
professional school
pre-requisites

Career Center:

Career advising

Advising Expectations

- NSC
 - Students may meet with an advisor that they are not assigned to
 - Students will share AP/IB/Dual Credit courses they have with an advisor
 - Advisors will share courses with students that will be balanced for first semester freshmen
- Fall 2025
 - Students will meet with their assigned advisors
 - Students will discuss career goals and any concerns about first semester
- Future Semesters
 - Students will meet with their assigned advisors
 - Students will come to their advisors with a complete degree planner and discuss their goals and course sequencing



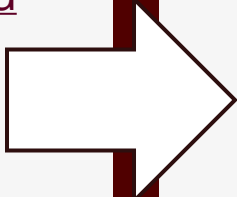
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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

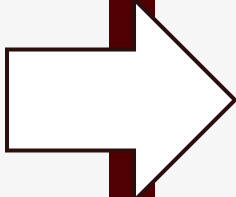
- FERPA rights reside with the student. Detailed information is provided in an annual notice (sent via email), the University Catalog, and on the Aggie One Stop website.
- Student rights include:
 - The right to inspect and review, with certain limited exceptions, your education record
 - The right to seek amendment of your education record when the records are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of FERPA
 - The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information
 - The right to file a complaint with the Department of Education concerning alleged failure by the university to comply with FERPA requirements.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (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 My Record 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 My Record tab.

Student Rules

- Each student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with and to comply with the Texas A&M University Student Rules
 - tx.ag/StudentRules

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/departments.
- For Fall 2025, the q-drop deadline is November 19th.

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 SPH 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:
 - has been taken twice at TAMU and
 - is subject to the supplementary fee.

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.
- Regardless of your professional school plans, you must follow the BSPH curriculum.

A photograph of two men in military uniforms, likely from the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, giving thumbs up. They are wearing gold rings with the Aggie Honor Code emblem. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting with other people and lights.

Aggie Honor Code

Academic Misconduct

There are 9 different definitions of academic misconduct at Texas A&M University:

- Cheating
- Fabrication
- Falsification
- Multiple Submissions
- Plagiarism
- Complicity
- Violation of College, Program, Departmental or Course Rules
- Abuse and Misuse of Access and Unauthorized Access
- Violation of University Rules on Research

“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.”

Aggie Honor Code – Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Refer to Course Policies
 - Acceptable use of AI varies by course. Always consult the syllabus and clarify expectations with your instructor.
- Use AI as a Learning Aid, Not a Substitute
 - AI tools can support your learning process but should not replace your original work or critical thinking.
- Maintain Academic Integrity
 - If AI tools are used, be transparent and provide proper attribution when required by the instructor or assignment guidelines.
- Evaluate AI-Generated Content Critically
 - AI output may include inaccuracies or bias. You are responsible for verifying the accuracy and credibility of any information used.



Dean's Message

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 or community college by doing the same thing **does not work here.**

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, SPH advisors highly recommend participating in any sort of review, help session, or SI.

Did I Mention You Need to Keep a 2.75 GPA?

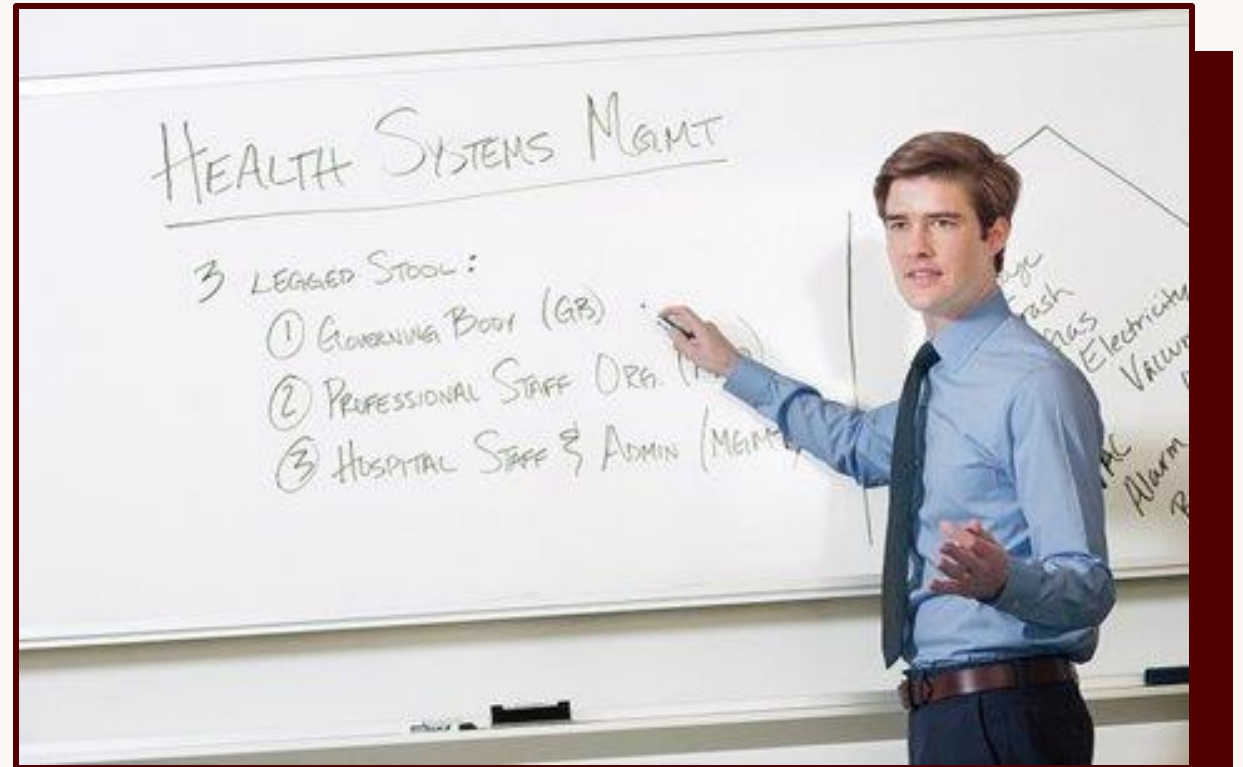


Get Involved! (But be smart about it)

- There are over 1100 student activities at Texas A&M.
- During your first year, you should be in no more than 2-3 activities max.
- Your primary job is to excel academically – everything else is secondary.

Student Resources

- **Academic Success Center**
 - successcenter.tamu.edu
- **Course Schedules & More**
 - howdy.tamu.edu
- **Disability Resources**
 - disability.tamu.edu
- **Counseling & Psychological Services**
 - uhs.tamu.edu/mental-health
- **Texas A&M Student Rules**
 - student-rules.tamu.edu
- **Undergraduate Catalog**
 - catalog.tamu.edu
- **Professional School Advising**
 - opsa.tamu.edu



TAMU Financial Aid vs HSC Financial Aid

- Students who are under 60 total hours are awarded financial aid based on TAMU financial aid models.
- Students over 60 total hours are awarded financial aid based on Health Science Center financial aid models and TAMU aid will be swapped for HSC aid.
- What this means: **If you receive a private loan, you will need to reapply for it prior to the semester that you fit 60+ hours.**
- This does not apply to academic scholarships, federal aid, or grants

An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the center is a tall, yellow clock tower with a square top and a clock face. Surrounding the tower is a circular plaza paved with grey bricks, which is currently under renovation. A yellow construction vehicle is parked on the left side of the plaza. The plaza is surrounded by green lawns, trees, and concrete walkways. A large, dark red banner with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Course Registration

SPH Student Handbook

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

Your Degree Plan

- Your degrees are 120-hour degree plans.
- 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.

Undergraduate Catalog

- Incoming students will be governed by the 2024 – 2025 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

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)

Moving into Coursework in Your Major

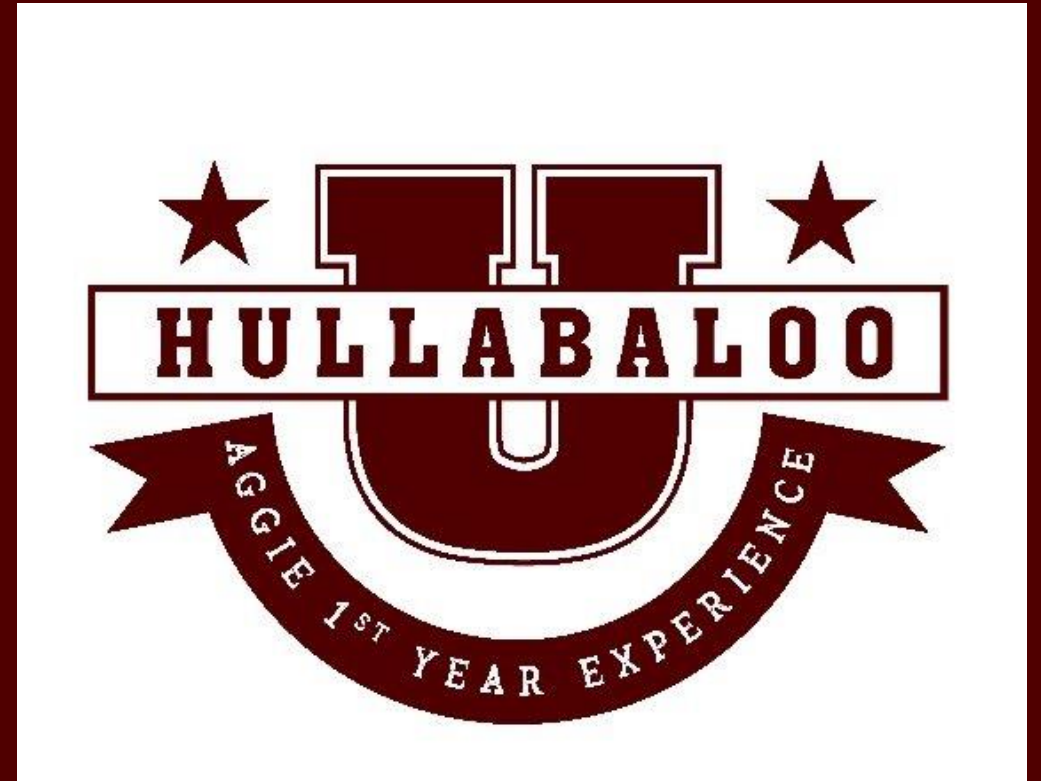
- Freshman students will complete their core curriculum requirements first.
- Continuing in SPH is dependent on maintaining a 2.75 cumulative GPA. You must earn a C or better in all Public Health coursework.
- **Remember** – you must earn a 2.75 or we must find you a new major!

Considering a 3+2 BSPH/MPH?

- SPH offers programs in all four departments for students to get their undergraduate degree and a Masters of Public Health in no more than five years.
- If you are considering a 3+2 program, let your academic advisor know.
- Certain courses must be complete or in progress at the time of application, so we need to get you on the right track.

Hullabaloo U

- Texas A&M's first-year experience course for freshmen.
- 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 1x/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.



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 that are dependent on AP/IB scores or college transcripts.
- **Learning cohorts:** You will be “clustered” in course sections with your fellow majors – this is to facilitate a common experience, study groups, and getting to know your SPH peers.

Course Registration Expectations

- Section availability
 - Freshmen are the last to register
 - Professor and time preferences
- Advisors will register students for the courses needed to set them up for success
- Students should tell advisors about:
 - Necessary time accommodations
 - Corps of Cadets details
 - Interest in SPH Honors
 - AP/IB or Dual Credit that hasn't been disclosed yet

Important Information

- Lab Safety Agreement (online)
- Certification of Dependency Form (online)
- Academic Advising Syllabus
- Handbook
- Academic Contract (sign and turn in)
- Degree Plan

Check for Blocks/Holds

Common holds:

- Bacterial Meningitis
- HS transcripts
- TSI compliance
- Tuition Rate Selection

Important: Location Update

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

1. Go to **My Record**
2. Select **Registration**
3. Select **Location Update**
4. Select **Term** (i.e., Fall 2024)
5. For location, select **Texas**
6. Submit

Important: Terms of Use

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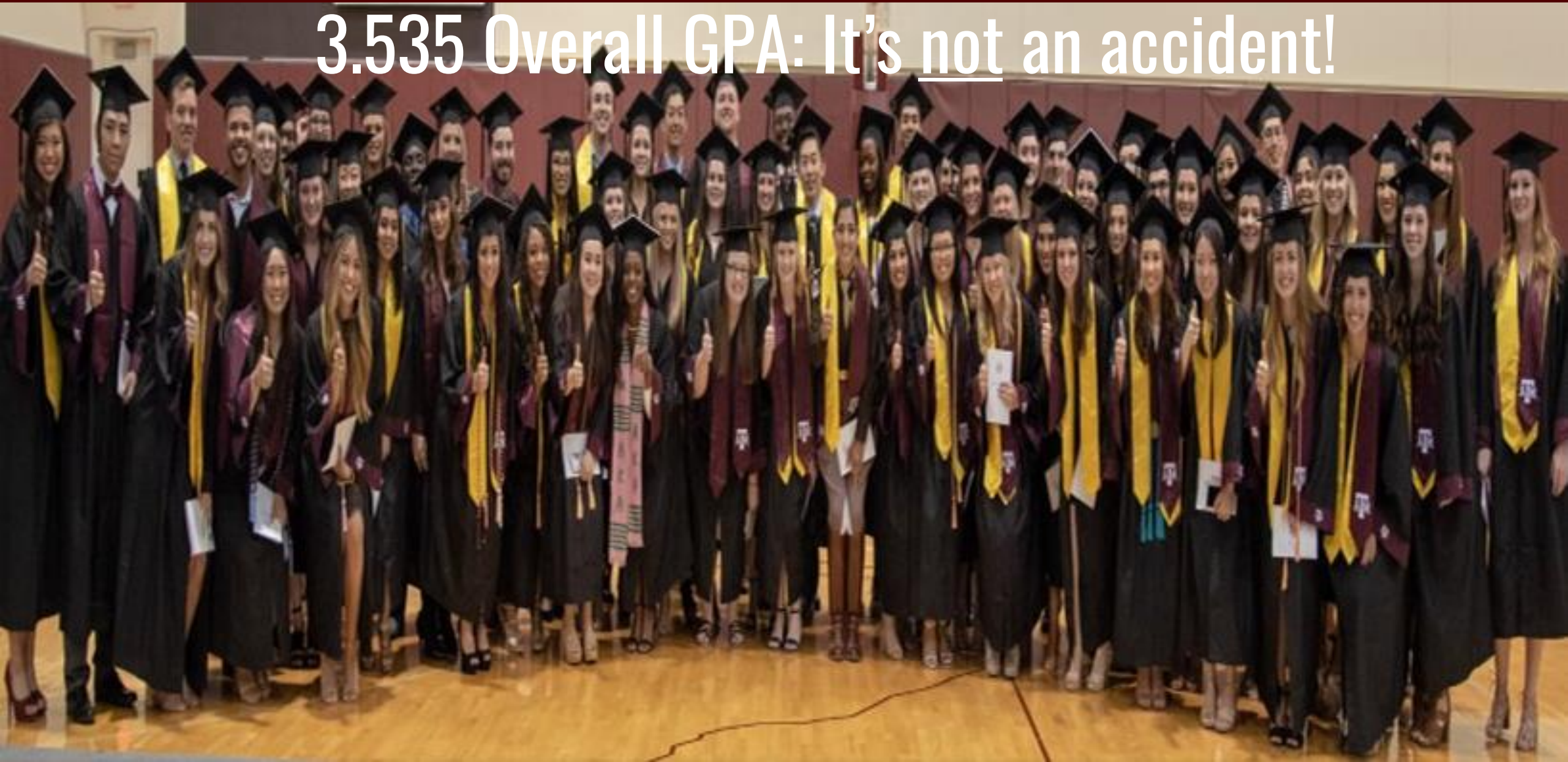
1. Go to **My Record**
2. Select **Registration**
3. Select **Accept Terms of Use**

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

Student Schedules

- After we finish this presentation, you are **DONE!**
- Check Howdy after 5:00pm to see your fall 2025 schedule.
- Stay out of Howdy between 2:00 and 5:00 this afternoon.
- Keep your phones and computer handy!
- If you have any questions, contact your academic advisors.

3.535 Overall GPA: It's not an accident!



See you in August!

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