



# Dean's Welcome for New Students

College of Arts and Sciences





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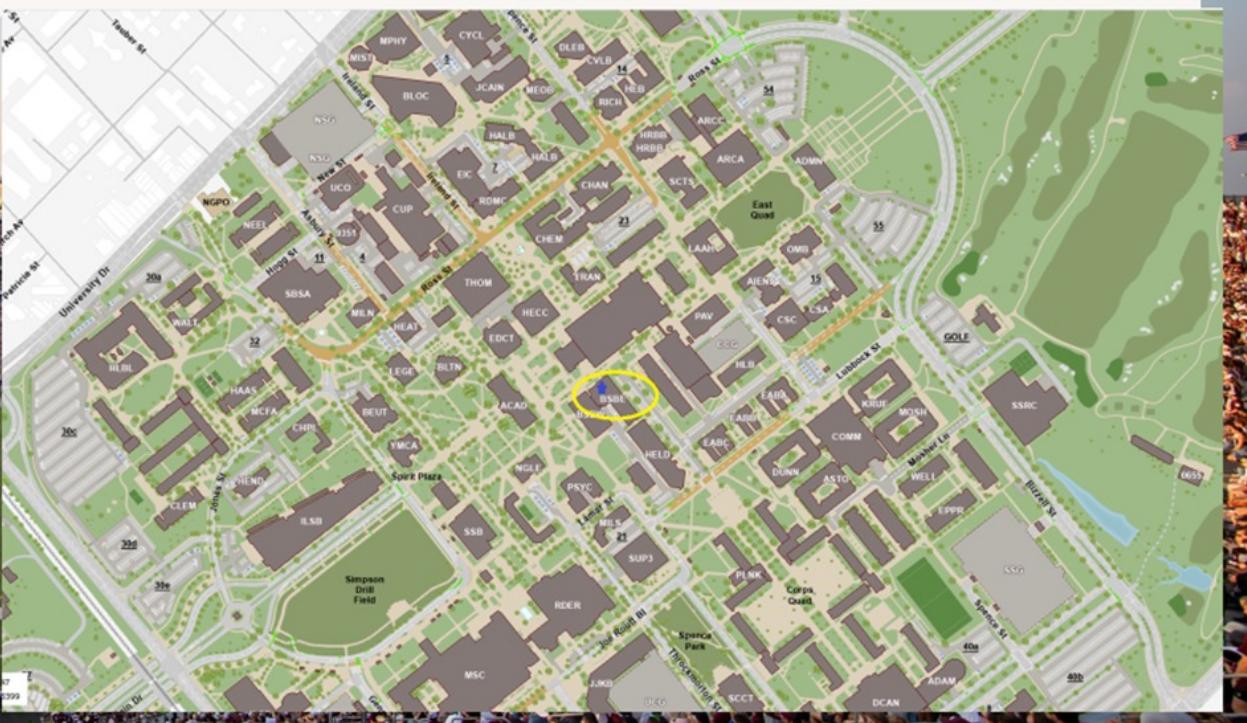


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# Schedule for the Day

Time	Session	Location
7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Check-In	MSC
8:25 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	University Block Programming	Rudder/MSC
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Travel to Lunch	TBA
11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	Lunch	TBA
11:50 a.m.-12:15 a.m.	Travel to College (Major) with Orientation Leader	Various
12:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	College (Major) Programming	Various
3:30 p.m.	Registration with Advisors (no parents)	Various
3:15 p.m.	Parent and Family Meeting with Dean	Biological Sciences Bldg. East Room 115

# For Parents and Guardians: How can we help you to support your students? 3:15 pm BSBE 115



# The College of Arts and Sciences

Arts & Sciences is the heart of the university and provides the foundation for almost every degree program at Texas A&M



Each of our students – from future anthropologists to zoologists – will be prepared for our changing world and the demanding, rewarding, and impactful careers ahead

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# GREAT Learning

- **Growth:** We promote intellectual and personal growth, through exposure to diverse ideas and novel challenges.
- **Respect:** We promote a culture of civil discourse.
- **Excellence:** We pursue the highest academic and ethical standards in teaching and learning.
- **Autonomy:** We encourage students and faculty to explore and question, to think freely and independently.
- **Trust:** We trust in one another's capacity for critical thinking, as we engage one another with respect during times of agreement and disagreement.

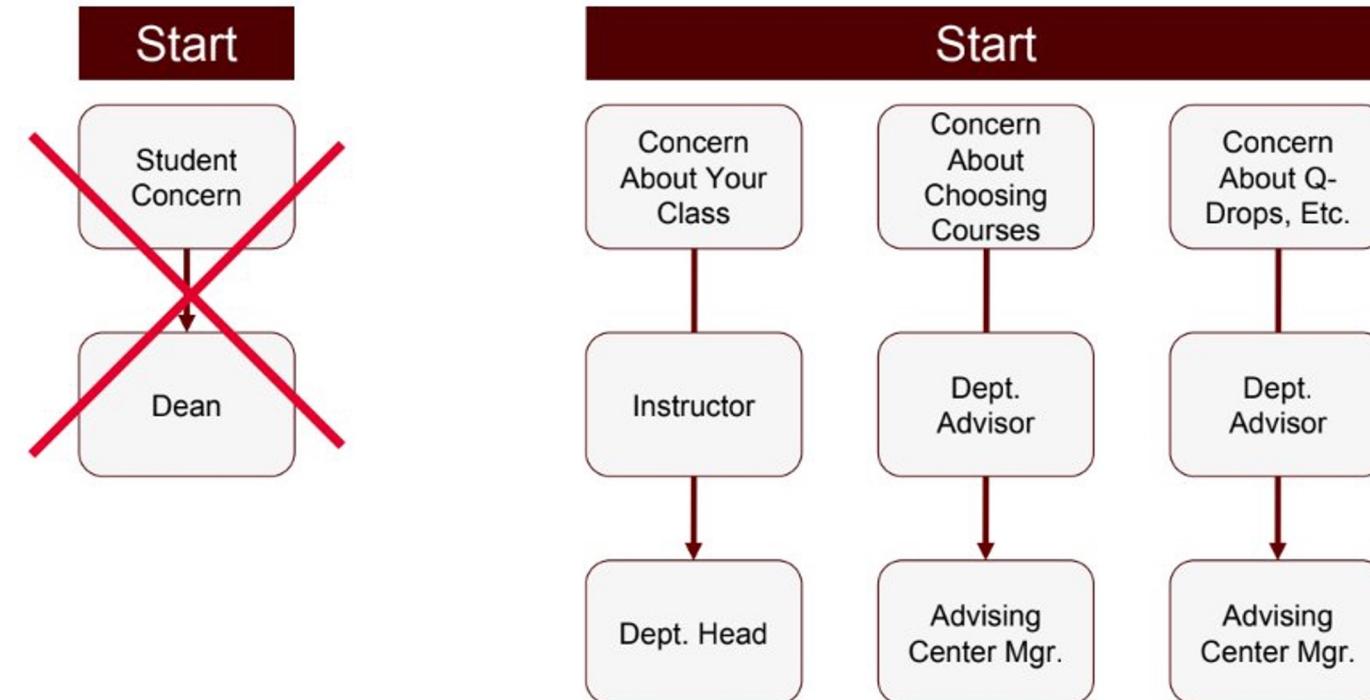
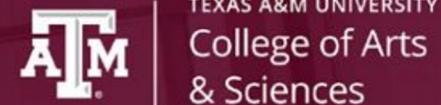
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# GREAT Outcomes

- **Critical Thinking & Problem Solving:** Understanding and analysis of complex topics
- **Communication Skills:** argument and debate; conflict resolution; working in teams
- **Emotional Intelligence:** empathy, understanding
- **Adaptability:** innovation, flexibility, and resilience
- **Leadership:** all of the above are critical for leadership

# Who to Contact When

Where to get help with your concerns?



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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.

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# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- Outside of information designated by Texas A&M as directory information, school officials can disclose your student education information only with your prior, written consent or utilizing an appropriate FERPA exception to written consent.
- Family Members: The best practice is for your student and you to have an ongoing conversation about their progress in their courses, including any grades. However, your student is able to grant you access to their grades through Howdy.

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# 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](http://tx.ag/StudentRules)
- Recognize academic excellence after each term as Distinguished Student and Dean's Honor Roll
- Class attendance (Rule 7)
  - Job interviews and graduate school interviews excused
  - If you are ill, inform your instructors and get documentation from Health Services for an excused absence

# 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.”*

# Reporting & Adjudication

## REPORTING

All suspected incidents of academic misconduct must be reported to the Aggie Honor System Office.

- Students are educated and provided resources regarding their rights and responsibilities through the Aggie Honor System Office.
- This education includes information about their right to file an appeal.

## ADJUDICATION METHODS

- Instructors may only impose academic and educational sanctions.
- The Honor Council may decide finding of responsibility and sanction through an Honor Council Hearing or Honor Council Conference. The Honor Council may impose academic, educational, and university level sanctions.

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# 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.

# College Resources



## Commit to Your Fellow Aggies

- Join a student organization
- Go on an overseas experience (Study Abroad)
- Participate in the Big Event
- Create your “Board of Directors”

## Commit to Your Academic Success

- Go to class
- Create a fixed-commitment calendar
- Use the Math Learning Center, Writing Center, and Success Center
- Read emails from your academic advisors

## Commit to Your Professional Success

- Go to the ArtSci Career Fair February 3, 2026
- Visit the Career Center
- Do an internship
- Participate in research with faculty
- Consider the AggieTeach program for future K-12 educators

# Advising Expectations

## What Can Your Advisor Do For You?

Help students navigate degree programs and build degree plans

Remove some (not all!) holds from accounts

Add minors or certificates

Advise on adding or dropping courses

Refer to campus resources

Suggest co-curricular opportunities that can enhance your studies

Navigate university or college policies and procedures

**Advisors cannot force students into classes or violate university policies or deadlines**

Where are your academic advisors? In an academic advising center in or near your academic department.

# Thanks & Gig 'em!

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