



Biology

Transfer & Freshman Meeting



Keene Biology Department Welcome 2025



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Q&A (Additional Information Slides on Auto-Play)

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An aerial photograph of a large football stadium, likely the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, filled with a massive crowd of spectators. The field is green with white yard lines, and the words "TEXAS A&M" are visible on the field. The stadium is surrounded by a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. A maroon banner with the text "Degree Plans" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Degree Plans

Common Body of Knowledge (CBK)

Freshmen

- **CBK courses** (indicated by **bold face** and ** on the degree plans)
 - **First Year: Introductory Biology:** BIOL 111 & BIOL 112
(Grade of "C" or better in each course)
 - **Second Year: Biology:** BIOL 213 & BIOL 214
(Neuroscience-MCB majors take NRSC/VIBS 277 or PBSI 235 instead of BIOL 214)
 - **First Year: Introductory Chemistry:** CHEM 119 & CHEM 120
 - **Second Year: Organic Chemistry:** CHEM 257 & CHEM 258
 - **Calculus:** MATH 147 (required) & either MATH 148, STAT 201, or equivalents
- These foundational courses must be completed before your 5th full semester. Failure to comply will result in:
 - **Registration Hold** being placed on the student's account.
 - **3 Strikes Policy:** Failure to comply for 3 semesters will result in mandatory change-of-major out of the department.

Common Body of Knowledge (CBK)

Transfers

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 - **Biology:** BIOL 213 & BIOL 214
(Neuroscience-MCB majors must take NRSC/VIBS 277 **or** PBSI 235 instead of BIOL 214)
 - **Organic Chemistry:** CHEM 257 & 258
- These foundational courses must be completed before your 3rd full semester. Failure to comply will result in:
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 - **3 Strikes Policy:** Failure to comply for 3 semesters will result in mandatory change of major out of the department.

Prior Credit and STEM Prep

Credit by Exam

Credit by Examination

- AP, IB, SAT II and DANTES score chart available at <https://testing.tamu.edu/credits>

CLEP Testing

- Contact Testing Services at 979-845-0532 or check <https://testing.tamu.edu>

Foreign Language Placement Tests

- <https://newaggie.tamu.edu> (NSC Requirements & Testing)

All

Math Placement Exam

MPE should already be completed and score known.

Need to retake? Retakes allowed twice, with a *two-week wait* in between attempts. Practice exams are available to take up to two times.

*Score ≥ 22 is *required* to enroll in **MATH 147**. Exception: if you have credit for pre-calculus (MATH 150)

*Score ≤ 21 we recommend you enroll in **STAT 201**.

Freshmen

Chemistry Preparatory Module

Complete before taking CHEM 119.

Must complete 90% or more.

Customized to each individual.

Similar to a review program.

Found at:



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Research & Honors

Registration



Registration Troubleshooting Guide

Registration HOLDS = (ex: bacterial meningitis, TSI compliance, tuition rate selection. Online orientation completion).
~Check Registration Readiness items in My Dashboard.

Registration Readiness = Accept terms of use and confirm location.

Field of study restriction = majors-only section. CHEM 119 and PBSI 107 common

Honors restriction = take only if admitted to Honors program or if minimum requirements are met. HNR is in the title of the course. Section numbers usually start with a 2 (ex: CHEM 119-201)

Student Attribute error/Prerequisite & Test Score error = Accept Lab Safety Acknowledgement for any lab course
(*repeat each semester*)
~Accept AP credits if it is a prerequisite for your desired course (ex: MATH 151 credit to enroll in MATH 148 or MATH 152).

Some classes fill up quickly. Core curriculum classes are generally flexible and may be taken in any semester.

Hullabaloo U

**Everyone will enroll in a
Hullabaloo U course.**

Freshmen:

**FYEX 101
(any section)**

Transfers:

BIOL100 section 500

**Other Cohorts will
participate in their
Cohort-specific HU.**

Cohort Examples:

Century Scholars (CSLC)

Terry Scholars (TERRY)

Corps of Cadets

Faction

GTF

Science Peer Learning Center

The SPLC is staffed by your peers: students who have demonstrated success in science courses.

Subjects: BICH, BIOL, CHEM, GENE, MATH, PBSI, PHYS, STAT

Schedule available at:
bio.tamu.edu/science-peer-learning-center/

FREE



Butler Hall 009

Mon-Thurs 9AM-6PM; Fri 9AM-4PM

Come-and-Go

ZOOM available

Are you a First-Generation student?

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

ACAD 107

Student Success Resources | F2F

What is “First-Generation”?

- Classified as neither parent having earned a bachelor's degree
- Parent(s) may have completed a degree non-traditionally 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!



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TO FINISH

LEARN



Double your career potential by obtaining a Texas middle and high school teaching certificate as you earn your degree.

TEACH

100%

of our students who want to teach find jobs upon graduation!



IMPACT

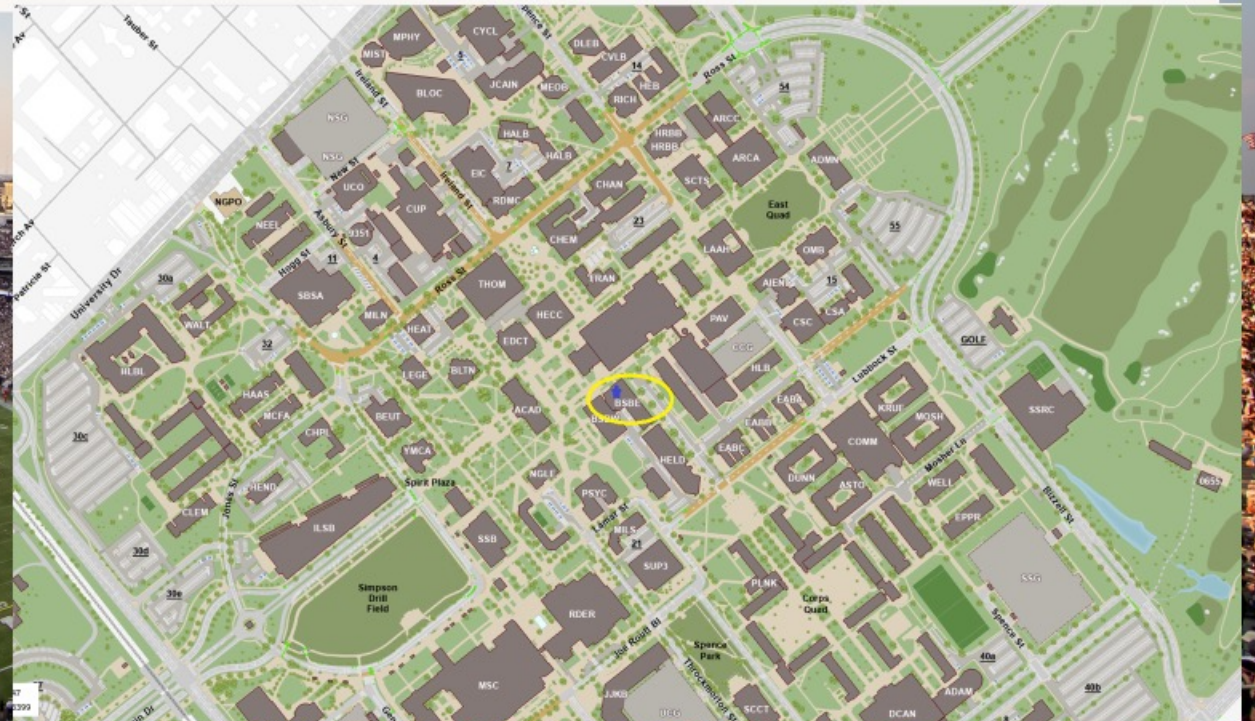


Next Step

Visit the website or email aggieteach-artsci@tamu.edu



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



End of Meeting Announcements and Reminders

ALL:

Q&A now until **3:00PM.**

Parent Drop Off.

Breathe.

STUDENTS:

Make sure that you have

- NetID and Password.
- Checked Holds.
- Completed **Registration Action Items**
(Terms of Use, Lab Safety Acknowledgement, Location Update).
- Selected your Tuition Rate Code.

You may work on Aggie Schedule Builder prior to your start time.

Registration will begin **promptly at 3:30PM** in the Student Computing Center (2nd floor). Advisors and student workers will be available for help and questions. *We will walk over together.*

PARENTS and SUPPORTING ADULTS:

Parents will be escorted to the Parent Meeting taking place in BSBE115.

Students will be escorted to registration in the Student Computing Center.

This meeting is designed to help you be the best support possible for your student.

Thanks & Gig 'em!

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See you at Registration!