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Student Handbook
2015

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In support of Texas A&M University’s mission, the goal of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) is to facilitate the success of new students through their first year at A&M, thereby, retaining them for their second year and through graduation. Recognizing the important role that family members play in a student’s college success, we strive to equip families with the resources to aid their student throughout their student’s college career. Programs and services provided by the Office of New Student & Family Programs include:

**New Student Conferences** are an integrated effort among all colleges, divisions, and departments of the University community to assist entering students with the transition from their previous environment to the Texas A&M University environment and to enhance their success in college.

[newaggie.tamu.edu](http://newaggie.tamu.edu)

**Aggie Orientation Leader Program** is a student organization that strives to continually connect new students to Texas A&M by personally supporting, serving, and using all available resources to help ease the transition for them and their families. These students play a significant role supporting the the New Student Conference experience.

[aolp.tamu.edu](http://aolp.tamu.edu)

**Aggie Families** can find a variety of support resources and information through a variety of information sources. Family members can sign-up for the Family Member Listserv and receive monthly e-mail updates about campus events and services. Additionally, families can connect with New Student & Family Programs and each other by liking us on Facebook (/AggieParentsandFamily).

[parents.tamu.edu](http://parents.tamu.edu)

**Gig ’Em Week** is Aggieland’s Week of Welcome held the week before fall classes begin. Gig ’Em Week provides new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about the campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community groups.

[gigemweek.tamu.edu](http://gigemweek.tamu.edu)

**Publications** There are several publications for all populations served by NSFP. For newly admitted students, there is the New Student Conference Handbook and the New Student Handbook. Family members can receive a monthly e-mail newsletter and a semi-annual publication, the Aggie Connection.

[newaggie.tamu.edu/publications](http://newaggie.tamu.edu/publications)

**Parents’ Weekend** is a tradition that has existed at Texas A&M University since 1919. This weekend is dedicated to all Aggie parents and family members, and provides students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives. Parents’ Weekend has become the official “HOWDY!” to Aggie Family members.

[parentsweekend.tamu.edu](http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu)

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welcome to a community of scholars
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*all dates subject to change, visit [registrar.tamu.edu](http://registrar.tamu.edu) for the most up to date information

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### Texas A&M University Purpose Statement:

**To develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.**

Our purpose statement carries with it the responsibility, the traditions, and the forward thinking of Texas A&M University exemplified by all who are associated with the university — its faculty and staff, and its current and former students.

This can be defined by six core values:

- **Excellence**
- **Loyalty**
- **Integrity**
- **Respect**
- **Leadership**
- **Selfless Service**
Howdy and welcome to the Aggie Family!

Maybe there are many Aggies in your family, or maybe you’re the first in your family to attend Texas A&M University. Either way, you’ll find that you have become part of a community of fellow students, faculty, staff and former students who care about you not only while you’re a student, but also long after you graduate.

Our professors are some of the world’s best teachers, scholars and researchers. They are passionate about what they do, and they are dedicated to helping you succeed. You’ll get to choose from more than 120 undergraduate degrees and 240 graduate degrees here at Texas A&M that will prepare you for success in your chosen field.

In your free time, you can meet people and develop your leadership skills through more than 800 student-led clubs and organizations. Whether you’re interested in volunteering to help others on campus or in the community, or finding students who share your particular interest or passion, there’s definitely a club for you.

Our campus is one of the largest in the country, both in terms of enrollment and physical size, but it’s also one of the friendliest, safest and most welcoming campuses anywhere. That’s why we call it Aggieland.

When you come here, you become part of something bigger than yourself. To me, that’s what the Aggie Family is all about, and why I’m so proud to be a fellow Aggie. I wish you the best of luck as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Young
President
Dear New Student:

Howdy! Welcome to Aggieland and to what is going to be a most exciting and important time in your life. During your college career, you will encounter a world of new ideas, new discoveries, and new friends. More than 58,000 students will be enrolled this fall, and you will have the opportunity to interact with students of various backgrounds from every county in Texas, most every state in the nation, and from over 125 countries.

One of the major advantages of Texas A&M University is having the opportunity to participate in an exceptional variety of out-of-classroom activities, the breadth of which few, if any, other universities in the nation can match. Starting with New Student Conferences, students are encouraged to get involved in one or more of our 1,000+ student organizations. Through these organizations you will complement and apply what you’ve learned in the classroom by blending it with invaluable organizational, teamwork, and leadership skills you can gain from your out-of-class activities.

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to providing you the highest quality educational environment, an environment that supports, and provides services to you which complement what you learn in the classroom. The purpose of this handbook is to assist you in identifying some of those opportunities – to offer some of the avenues to and the facets of our campus, student services, Aggie traditions, and more.

We invite you to make the most of your college years and enjoy your time in Aggieland. Welcome to the Aggie family!

Gig ‘Em!

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
By resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas in November 1866, Texas agreed to provide for a college under the terms of the Morrill Act, but no such institution was organized until the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas by the Texas state legislature on April 17, 1871. A commission created to locate the institution accepted the offer of 2,416 acres of land from the citizens of Brazos County in 1871, and instruction began in 1876.

Texas A&M was established as a military institution, and the Corps of Cadets has played an important part in its history and development. Although membership in the Corps of Cadets became voluntary in 1965, Texas A&M historically has produced more military officers than any other institution in the nation except for the service academies. Texas A&M remains one of only six senior military colleges today, and the Corps is the largest uniformed body outside the national service academies.

In keeping with the diversified and expanded character of the institution, in 1963, the name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas changed to Texas A&M University. In September 1971, the designation Sea Grant College was assigned to Texas A&M University in recognition of its achievements in oceanographic and marine resources development. Texas A&M was one of the first institutions nationwide to achieve this distinction. Texas A&M added a third special designation to its credentials in August 1989, when it was named a Space Grant College based on its continuing commitment to space research. Texas A&M is one of a select few institutions nationwide to hold the triple Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant designations. Texas A&M has two branch campuses: Texas A&M University at Galveston, the university’s marine-oriented branch, opened in 1962; and Texas A&M University at Qatar, an engineering branch established in the Middle Eastern country of Qatar in 2003, with full funding by Qatar Foundation.

Texas A&M University offers a variety of programs in both undergraduate and graduate studies through its academic colleges and programs: Agriculture & Life Sciences, Architecture, Bush School of Government & Public Service, Mays Business School, Education & Human Development, Geosciences, Health Science Center, School of Law, Liberal Arts, Science, and Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. In addition, its extensive research efforts in all fields total more than $800 million.

From humble beginnings in 1876 as Texas’ first public institution of higher learning, Texas A&M is now a bustling 5,200-acre campus (one of the nation’s largest) with over 50,000 students and a nationally recognized faculty. With a fall 2014 new student enrollment near 13,000, almost 27 percent are the first in their family to attend college. Average SAT scores are well above the national average and the university ranks in the top ten nationally in the number of National Merit Scholars.

In addition to the exemplary education students receive inside the classroom, Aggies also have the opportunity to experience “education in action” through participation in one or more of the University’s 1,000 clubs and organizations. In fact, more than 75 percent of students belong to at least one student organization. See the involvement section of this handbook to learn more about opportunities on campus.
Texas A&M University, the state’s oldest public institution of higher education, opened on October 4th.

The first Silver Taps was held to honor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former governor of Texas and president of A&M College. Silver Taps, one of Texas A&M’s most honored traditions, is held any student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held the first Tuesday of the month following the students’ passing.

“Pinky” Wilson wrote The Aggie War Hymn while standing guard on the Rhine River during World War I.

Pinky Downs shouted out at the Yell Practice before the TCU football game, “What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?” Answering his own question, he replied, “Gig ‘Em, Aggies!” while making a fist with his thumb extended.

Membership dues for The Association of Former Students were abolished because it was agreed that any Aggie graduate was automatically a member of their alumni association in spirit and fact.

First women admitted to the University on a limited basis. Full admission of women began in 1971. The Corps of Cadets allowed women to join in 1974.

November 18, 1999 Bonfire fell, taking 12 of our fellow Aggies with it. This marked the second time in A&M’s history Bonfire did not burn, the first being 1963 following John F. Kennedy’s assassination. At this time, on-campus Bonfire has been postponed indefinitely.

Aggie Ring

The Aggie Ring is rich in symbolism and tradition and is perhaps the most recognizable and enduring symbol of the Aggie Network. The Association of Former Students has the distinct privilege of protecting the spirit and integrity of the Aggie Ring.

The highly cherished Aggie Ring can only be obtained through The Association of Former Students. Students must meet eligibility requirements before they can order their Aggie Ring. Please visit AggieNetwork.com/Ring to learn more about the Aggie Ring requirements.

Aggie Bonfire

Aggie Bonfire began in 1907 when cadets lit a pile of wood and trash on fire at the train station to welcome the football team home from a victory on the road. Bonfire grew immensely throughout the years and it came to symbolize the undying love all Aggies hold in their hearts for Texas A&M, and eventually evolved into an exciting and eagerly anticipated tradition at Texas A&M.

For nearly a century, Bonfire was lit just prior to the annual football game with the University of Texas (referred to as “t.u.” by Aggies), representing the burning desire Aggies have to “beat the hell out of t.u.!” Aggie Bonfire has been a testament to Aggie spirit and what Aggie leadership, teamwork, and motivation can accomplish. Since the tragic fall of the stack on November 18, 1999, the Aggie Bonfire is now remembered in a memorial on campus dedicated to those who were lost and injured that day and throughout Bonfire’s history.

More information about Texas A&M traditions available at tamu.edu/about/traditions.html
Corps of Cadets
The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets, known as “The Keepers of the Spirit,” has been preserving Aggie traditions and producing leaders of character for 138 years. The over 2,250 member Corps provides a balanced, structured military lifestyle focused on academic excellence and offers a wide range of extracurricular activities. The Corps provides opportunities to master leadership and management skills that prepare cadets to become leaders in the military, private, and public sectors.

The Corps of Cadets may be best known for preparing students for commissions in the military; however, nearly 60% percent of graduating cadets do not join the military. Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — can declare themselves Academic Certificate in Leadership candidates after their second year in the Corps of Cadets.

Silver Taps
By far, one of Texas A&M’s most honored traditions is Silver Taps. Silver Taps is held for any graduate or undergraduate student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held in Academic Plaza the first Tuesday of the month following the student’s passing. The first Silver Taps was held in 1898 and honored Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former governor of Texas and president of A&M College.

On the day of Silver Taps, a small card with the deceased student’s name, classification, major, and date of birth is placed at the base of the flagpole in Academic Plaza. Around 10:15 that night, lights are extinguished around Academic Plaza and hymns chime from Albritton Bell Tower. Students silently gather at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. At 10:30 p.m. the Ross Volunteer Firing Squad marches into the plaza and fires a 21 gun salute. Buglers then play a special rendition of Taps, called Silver Taps, three times from the dome of the Academic Building: once to the north, south, and west. It is not played to the east because it is said that the sun will never rise on that Aggie’s life again. After the buglers play, those in attendance leave from Academic Plaza in complete silence.

Muster
Muster began in June of 1883 as members of the Ex-Cadets Association came together to “live over again our college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon drill ground and classroom” and to “let every alumni answer a roll call.” In 1922, April 21st became a formalized day of events for all A&M clubs to celebrate San Jacinto Day in the same fashion. Since then, events that occurred on April 21st have grown in size and number.

Muster gained national recognition in 1942 when newspapers reported that a Muster ceremony was held by 24 Aggies on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines, just days before the land fell to the Japanese.

Today, Aggie Muster is celebrated in more than 400 locations worldwide. Students coordinate the Campus Muster that is held for students and faculty. Each year Muster is dedicated to the 50-year reunion class. The Campus Muster involves a day of activities for all Aggies to come together on campus to enjoy a barbecue, friendship, and entertainment.

The day closes with the roll call for the absent ceremony, when over 13,000 people come together to honor and remember those who are no longer with us. Following the Singing Cadets, Aggie Band, and Muster speaker, lights are dimmed and the roll call begins. As each name is called, a candle is lit and a friend or family member answers “here” to remind us all that each Aggie, though no longer present in body, will always remain with us in spirit.

Muster is a time to look to the past, present, and future, not only to grieve but to reflect and to celebrate the lives that connect us to one another. A gesture so simple in nature yet so lasting in spirit, Muster is the lasting impression every Aggie leaves with us; it reminds us of the greatness that lies within these walls, of the loyalty we possess, of the connection that binds us, and of the idea that every Aggie has a place of importance—whether they are present in flesh or spirit. Muster will continue to serve as the foundation of Aggie Spirit, upholding those ideals and principles common to all students of Texas A&M, common to all Aggies, forever.
Reveille
Reveille, the first lady of Aggieland, is the official mascot of Texas A&M University. As an honorary Cadet General, she wears 5 diamonds, making her the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets. Reveille I came to Texas A&M in January 1931. A group of cadets hit a small black and white dog on the side of the road on their way back from Navasota. They picked up the dog and brought her back to school so they could care for her. The next morning, when "Reveille" was blown by a bugler, she started barking and was later named after this morning wake up call. The following football season she was named the official mascot when she led the band onto the field during their halftime performance.

When Reveille I died in January 1944, she was given a formal military funeral on the gridiron of Kyle Field. She was then buried at the north entrance to the field, as all Reveilles are, facing the scoreboard so that she can always watch the Aggies outscore their opponent. Reveille is the most revered dog on campus. Corps of Cadets Company E-2 has the privilege of taking care of Reveille. If she is sleeping on a cadet’s bed, that cadet must sleep on the floor. If she is in class and barks while the professor is teaching, legend is, the class is to be immediately dismissed.

Howdy
In true Aggie Spirit, “Howdy” is the official greeting of Texas A&M. The university is known for its welcoming attitude and for making sure no one who visits the campus feels like a stranger. Visitors often say they find the friendliness of the campus remarkable. They tell stories of looking lost only to have an Aggie walk up, say “Howdy,” offer to help and, to their amazement, walk with them to make sure they arrive at their destination. While the exact origin of this tradition is not known, “Howdy” has come to be a tradition that sets Texas A&M apart as one of the friendliest campuses in the world, where all are welcome.

Gig ‘Em
Pinky Downs, class of 1906, is credited with the “Gig ‘Em” hand sign. At the 1930 Yell Practice before the TCU football game, Downs shouted out, “What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?” Answering his own question, he replied, “Gig ‘Em, Aggies!” while making a fist with his thumb extended. A “gig” is a spear-like tool used for hunting frogs. The gesture became known as the first hand sign of the Southwest Conference. Now Aggies use this sign to encourage and motivate each other.

Yell Leaders
When A&M was an all-male military college in 1907, students often invited ladies from Texas Woman’s University to take the train to College Station to attend Aggie football games. According to legend, during one football game the Aggies were being out-scored so badly that the ladies were threatening to leave the game from boredom, and the upperclassmen ordered the freshmen to find a way to entertain them. The freshmen raided a janitor’s closet, changed into the white coveralls they found there, and began leading the crowd in yells from the track in front of the stands. The freshmen got so much attention from the ladies that it was decided that only upperclassmen would be allowed to participate in this entertainment in the future.

The Yell Leaders have evolved into a team of five upperclassmen (three seniors and two juniors). Student body elections to choose the Yell Leaders are held annually. The Yell Leaders attend all home and away football games, all home basketball games, all home volleyball games, all home soccer matches, and post-season football, basketball, and volleyball. They can always be found on the sidelines of the playing field in front of the student section.
Midnight Yell Practice

Where other schools have cheers, Aggies proudly (and loudly) show enthusiasm through their many yells. They shout these yells at Yell Practice to build motivation and spirit for an upcoming event, whether it is a football game or another competition.

Yell Practice began as a post dinner activity in early 1900’s, when different Corps companies would gather together to “learn heartily the old time pep.” However, it was not until 1931 that Midnight Yell Practice, as it is known today, was held before the t.u. game. It began when a group of cadets were gathered in Peanut Owen’s dorm room in Puryear Hall. Someone suggested that all of the freshmen should fall out and meet on the steps of the YMCA building at midnight. The Yell Leaders at the time said that they couldn’t make it official, but they just might show up. Needless to say, the word spread quickly, and when the freshmen began to arrive, railroad flares and torpedoes were stuck in flower pots around the YMCA building to light the area. The first Midnight Yell Practice had begun!

For home football games, Yell Practice occurs at midnight, Friday night before the game at Kyle Field. For an away game, a Yell Practice is held on Thursday evening at the Corps Quad arches and Friday at midnight in the town of the opponent. The purpose of Midnight Yell is to pump up the 12th Man for the next day’s big game!

The 12th Man

The tradition of the Twelfth Man was born on January 2, 1922. The Aggies were playing Centre College, the nation’s top ranked team at the time. As the hard-fought game wore on, the Aggies were forced to dig deep into their limited reserves because of injuries. Coach Dana X. Bible remembered that a former squad member, who was playing basketball at the time, was in the press box helping reporters identify players. His name was E. King Gill. Gill was called from the stands, suited up, and stood ready throughout the rest of the game, which A&M finally won 22 to 14. Gill later said, “I wish I could say that I went in and ran for the winning touchdown, but I didn’t. I simply got ready and waited—just in case I was needed.”

Although Gill did not play in the game, he had accepted the call to help his team. He came to be known as the “12th Man” because he stood ready in case the 11 men on the gridiron needed him. That spirit of readiness for service, desire to support, and enthusiasm helped kindle a flame of devotion among the entire student body, a spirit that has grown vigorously throughout the years. The entire student body at A&M is the “12th Man,” and they stand during the entire game to show their support. The “12th Man” is always in the stands waiting to be called upon if needed.

“Coming to Texas A&M after high school, I knew nothing about the many traditions and rich history the university has. I came here to get a quality education, but after my first week on campus, I knew there was so much more to this wonderful place. The history and traditions of Texas A&M create an atmosphere and camaraderie that transcends a simple college education. As an Aggie, you’re a part of something greater than yourself and something that you can always be proud of: the Aggie Family. My advice to every new Aggie is to give our quirky traditions a chance, get involved in student organizations, leave your mark on this university, and let the Spirit of Aggieland take hold.”
aggie yells

GIG 'EM
Aaaaaaa, gig 'em, Aggies!

AGGIES
A-G-G-I-E-S
A-G-G-I-E-S
Aaaaaaa, fight 'em, Aggies!

FARMERS FIGHT
Farmers, fight! Farmers, fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

MILITARY
Squads left; squads right!
Farmers, farmers we're all right!
Load, ready, aim, fire: BOOM!
Reload! (said by Seniors only)
A&M, give us room!

TEAM
Aaaaaaa, team, team, team!

HORSE LAUGH
Riffety, Riffety, Riff-Raff!
Chiffity, Chiffity, Chiff-Chaff!
Riff-Raff! Chiff-Chaff!
Let's give 'em a horse laugh:
Ssssss!

OLD ARMY
A---, R---, M---, Y---
T---, A---, M---, C---
Aaaaaaa, Old Army Fight!

FIFTEEN FOR TEAM
Rah! Rah! Rah! Team!
Farmers, fight! Farmers, fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

SKY ROCKET
Whistleeeeeeeeeeee
Boom
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
Whistleeeeeeeeeeee
Rah! Boom! Team! Yeaa!

LOCOMOTIVE
(slow)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
(faster)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
(very fast)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
Aaaaaaa
Rah! Rah! Rah! Team!

BEAT THE HELL
Beat the Hell Outta...
(whoever we are playing!)

KYLE FIELD
K-Y-L-E
F-I-E-L-D
Aaaaaa
Kyle Field, Aaa
aggie songs

SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND
Some may boast of prowess bold
Of the school they think so grand,
But there’s a spirit can ne’er be told,
It’s the Spirit of Aggieland.

(Chorus)
We are the Aggies -
the Aggies are we,
True to each other as Aggies can be.
We’ve got to fight boys,
We’ve got to fight!
We’ve got to fight for Maroon and White.

After they’ve boosted all the rest,
They will come and join the best,
For we are the Aggies -
the Aggies are we,
We’re from Texas AMC.

Fight! Fight! Fight-fight-fight-fight!
Fight! Maroon! White-White-White!
A-G-G-I-E
Texas! Texas! A-M-C!
Gig ‘em, Aggies, 1-2-3
Farmers fight! Farmers fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

THE TWELFTH MAN
(Sung if the Aggies are behind when
the time runs out)
Texas Aggies down in Aggieland,
We’ve got Aggie Spirit to a man.
“Stand united!”
That’s the Aggie theme,
We’re the 12th Man on the team.
When we’re down,
the goin’s rough and tough,
We just grin and yell:
“We’ve got the stuff
To fight together for the Aggie dream,”
We’re the 12th Man on that
FIGHTIN’ AGGIE TEAM!

AGGIE WAR HYMN
Hullabaloo, Canec! Canec!
Hullabaloo, Canech! Canech!

Good-bye to Texas University,
So long to the Orange and the White.
Good luck to dear ole Texas Aggies,
They are the boys
that show the real old fight.
“The eyes of Texas are upon you . . .”
That is the song they sing so well,
So good-bye to Texas University,
We’re going to beat you all to—
Chig-ga-roo-gar-em!
Chig-ga-roo-gar-em!
Rough! Tough! Real Stuff!
Texas A&M!

Saw Varsity’s horns off!
Saw Varsity’s horns off!
Saw Varsity’s horns off!

Short!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Short!

HOT TIME
(follows The Aggie War Hymn)
Late one night
When the t-sips were in bed,
Old Sul Ross
Took a lantern in the shed.
The Aggie kicked it over,
He winked and then he said,
There’ll be a hot time in Austin
tonight!

TEXAS, OUR TEXAS
(Official State Song)
Texas—Our Texas!—
All hail the mighty State!—
Texas—Our Texas!—
So wonderful and great!—
Boldest—and grandest,—
Withstanding ev’ry test,—
O, Empire wide and glorious,—
You stand supremely blest.
God bless—you Texas,—
And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth,
throughout the ages long.
God bless—you Texas,—
And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth, throughout the ages long.
**campus lingo**

**Add/Drop:** A period of time, at the start of the semester when students may add and drop classes online.

**Aggie:** A student or former student of Texas A&M University.

**Aggie Spirit:** Undefinable, yet an awesome force that radiates from students, former students, and friends of Texas A&M University.

**Aggieland:** (1) Home of the Fightin’ Texas Aggies; (2) Texas A&M’s yearbook.

**The Association of Former Students:** The alumni association - there is really no such thing as an Ex-Aggie; there are only Former Students. Once an Aggie, always an Aggie!

**Bad Bull:** Anything that does not promote the Aggie Spirit.

**Batt:** The Battalion, Texas A&M’s student newspaper.

**Blue Book:** A ruled paper booklet used in some classes for essay tests.

**Brass:** (1) Metal buttons, buckles and insignia on Corps uniforms; (2) Rank.

**Bonfire:** A past tradition that symbolized A&M’s desire to beat t.u. in football.

**Commons:** The residence hall complex consisting of Krueger, Dunn, Aston, and Mosher.

**Contract:** Advanced military science contracts (ROTC)-why some juniors and seniors in the Corps get paid.

**Corps Trip:** Trip made by the entire Corps to an out-of-town football game.

**D&C:** Drill and Ceremony. Junior or Senior in the Corps who does not have a contract with one of the military services.

**Elephant Walk:** Held around the last home football game, seniors celebrate their place in A&M’s history by wandering around the campus like dying elephants.

**ExCEL:** A student organization and orientation program designed to help freshmen find an academic, social and personal balance at Texas A&M.

**F.O.W.:** Freshman Orientation Week - held the week before classes begin to help Corps freshmen make the transition from a high school environment to the Corps of Cadets’ way of life.

**Final:** Final examination, last major exam of the semester.

**Final Review:** The last Corps review of the school year, held around graduation. Graduating cadets turn the command of their outfits over to the officers for the following year.

**First Yell:** Typically held the Friday before the first home football game. Hosted by the Yell Leaders, the event includes a major performer and Yell Practice.

**Fish:** A freshman.

**Fish Camp:** Freshman extended orientation camp held just before classes begin in the fall. Provides an overall introduction to Texas A&M and a community of peer support.

**Fish Pond:** The fountain outside of Sbisa Dining Hall.

**Frog:** Cadet who joins the Corps after he/she starts school.

**G.P.R.:** Grade point ratio. (G.P.A.)

**Good Bull:** Anything that promotes the Aggie Spirit.

**Greek(s):** The members of social fraternities and sororities.

**Guard Room:** Office of the Corps Staff, located on the 2nd floor of Dorm 6.

**Hole:** A Corps member’s room.

**Howdy!:** Traditional Aggie greeting; a derivative of “hello.”

**Howdy Camp:** An orientation camp designed for students entering A&M in the Spring semester.

**Hullabaloo:** The first word in the Aggie War Hymn.

**Humping It:** Position taken by an Aggie when giving a yell. To do this, put your hands on your knees and bend forward at the waist.

**Instructor:** Person who teaches and has not attained the rank of professor.

**Koldus Building:** The John J. Koldus Building houses the Prospective Student Center, Career Center, Student Activities, Student Government, Fraternity & Sorority Life, numerous student organizations, and several meeting rooms.

**Kyle Field:** The football field and stadium where staunch Aggie fans yell for an eager team.

**Mt. Aggie:** The practice ski slope that hosts ski classes and practice sessions before ski trips.

**MSC:** Memorial Student Center. A student union on campus that also houses student organizations, programs, the bookstore, dining options, and art galleries.
Non-Reg: An undergraduate student who is not a member of the Corps of Cadets.

OL: Orientation Leader - student leader in AOLP (Aggie Orientation Leader Program) who volunteers with New Student Conferences.

Ol’ Army: Like it “used to be” at A&M or term used to define an unknown, past time period.

Open House: Usually held the first Sunday after school starts. Recognized student organizations set up booths to inform the student body about opportunities for involvement and available services.

Parents’ Weekend: A University-wide activity set aside to honor Aggie parents, held in the Spring semester. Also, the Aggie Parents of the Year are announced and academic, Corps, organization, and Spirit Awards are presented.

Privilege: A benefit merited by virtue of class rank.

Q-Drop: The process of dropping a course after the designated add/drop period without penalty.

Quad/Quadrangle: Where the Corps residence halls are located.

R.A.: Abbreviation for resident advisor of a residence hall.

R.V.s: Ross Volunteers - members of the military honor company named for Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the oldest student organization in Texas and the honor guard for the Governor of Texas.

RHA: Residence Hall Association - a recognized student organization working for all students living in the residence halls.

Recruitment: Recruitment process used by fraternities and sororities. Usually at the beginning of the semester, it provides students interested in joining Greek social organizations an opportunity to meet members and ask questions.

Rest!: Be quiet!

Sbisa: Pronounced “sa-bee-sa”; located on the north side of campus, it is the second largest dining hall on any college campus.

SEC (Southeastern Conference): College athletic conference made up of 14 schools including University of Alabama, University of Arkansas, Auburn University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University, University of Missouri, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University.

Shuttle Bus: An alternative to driving to and from campus, as well as around campus.

SPO: MSC Student Programs Office; located on the 2nd Floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Student Activities: Central location for clubs and organizations, Student Government and other opportunities. Drop by 125 Koldus to see how getting involved can help you develop to your full potential.

Sully: Statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, former Governor of Texas and former President of Texas A&M, located in front of the Academic Building.

T.A.: Abbreviation for teaching assistant - a graduate student who instructs one or more classes.

T-Camp: An extended orientation camp designed for students transferring to A&M in the Fall semester.

T-sip: Student at t.u.

Trigon: Military Sciences Building.

t.u.: Aggie term for the University of Texas, that other school in Austin.

Twelfth Man: Aggies not actively engaged in an athletic event but who support the team.

Walk: When your class is cancelled, or your professor/instructor fails to show up for class.

Whipping Out: The way Corps underclassmen introduce themselves to upperclassmen. Usually with a firm handshake and a “Howdy!”

Whoop!: Aggie expression of approval said by junior and seniors.

Wildcat: Another Aggie expression of approval; each academic class has its own wildcat.

Wrecking Crew: The defense of the Texas A&M football team.

Yell Leaders: Three seniors and two juniors who encourage Aggie Spirit by leading leaders. They are elected each spring by the student body.

Yell Practice: Spirit session, which is held regularly during football season. Friday before home football games, it is held at midnight in Kyle Field.

Zip: (1) Senior in the Corps, identified by gold braid on his or her hat or Senior boots (2) Any Senior.
academic success
Joining a Community of Scholars
Texas A&M University is a community of faculty, staff and students engaged together in the active pursuit of learning. You are now a partner in an activity designed to engage you in learning and to prepare you to become a lifelong learner. At Texas A&M, you will have a wealth of opportunities to pursue your lifelong career goals. Many of Texas A&M’s degree programs are ranked in the top 10 nationally. The university offers more than 120 undergraduate degree programs as well as 240 master’s and Ph.D. programs, as well as a doctorate in veterinary medicine. With the recent addition of the Texas A&M Health Science Center as a unit within the university, Texas A&M is now accredited to award baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and professional degrees across a variety of health care disciplines, including medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacology and public health. In addition, 2013 marked the beginning of the Texas A&M School of Law, accredited to award a J.D. degree.

Tips for Academic Success
You have every opportunity for academic success and Texas A&M is committed to helping you achieve your goals. However, all of the great resources the University offers are ineffective unless you take advantage of them. Here are a few tips to help you get started on the right path towards academic success:

Utilize your Academic Advisor
Get to know your academic advisor and take advantage of his or her extensive academic expertise and knowledge. A good rule of thumb is to meet with your advisor at least once per semester. You can get off to a great start by working with your academic advisor at your New Student Conference. This is also your chance to establish a connection with the other advisors and deans in your college.

Set Goals
College is an ideal time to begin setting goals. Remain focused on completing your education by consciously setting goals and working to achieve them. First, you will need to differentiate between short-term and long-term goals. During your first semester begin to test some short-term goals. Practice setting and fulfilling goals with the following process:

1. **Select a goal.** State it in measurable terms. Be specific about what you want to achieve and when (not “study more” but “study two hours per day beginning at 7 p.m.”).

2. **Ask whether the goal is achievable.** Do you have enough time to pursue it, and, more importantly, do you have the necessary skills, strengths and resources? Modify the goal to make it realistic and achievable.

3. **Be certain you genuinely want to achieve this goal.** Don’t set out to work toward something only because you feel you should or because someone else expects it of you. Identify whether the goal has the potential to give you a sense of accomplishment.

4. **Put your goal in writing.** Writing your goal on paper helps form a stronger commitment to achieving the goal. You may want to hang your goals in a place where you will see them every day.

5. **Devise strategies and steps for achieving the goal.** What will you need to do to begin? What comes next? Set a timeline for these steps.

6. **Anticipate and identify difficulties you might encounter.** Allow yourself to be flexible with your goals and plan ways to overcome unexpected problems.

7. **Be committed.** Remain confident in your ability to achieve your goals and always expect success.
Find a Mentor

There are many reasons to find a mentor, ranging from getting academic advice, working out a personal issue, or simply discussing career goals. No matter the issue, faculty and staff Mentors are here to listen. Students often feel the need to talk to someone about aspirations, classroom concerns, involvement or frustrations. Mentors are available to talk, listen, and help each student feel a part of the Aggie community.

Mentors advise students in their areas of experience and competence, and are trained to be effective referral sources. The Mentors program does not attempt to replace or substitute programs provided by departmental advisors, the Student Counseling Service, and the many other valuable student services available at Texas A&M University. Mentors work hand-in-hand with these services, helping students to locate and use them. As a student you determine the means and frequency of your mentoring experience.

To find or request a mentor, use our online matching system at mentors.tamu.edu, email mentors@tamu.edu.

Undergraduate Convocation

Undergraduate Convocation officially welcomes new students to the Texas A&M University Community of scholars in a manner similar to the recognition they will receive at commencement. Incoming undergraduate students will join faculty, college deans, and the university president and vice presidents to commemorate their entry into the Texas A&M University Community of Scholars. In addition, when assembled in one place, incoming students will gain a sense of their number, strength and identity, as well as to develop an important connection to one another and to the University. Undergraduate Convocation will be held in Reed Arena on Sunday, August 30 at 2pm.

For additional information, please visit: undergrad convo.tamu.edu
Manage Your Time

Good time management is one major key to success in college. On the first day of class, you will receive a syllabus for each class that lists out the dates for every assignment and test. From there, you can identify your responsibilities and prioritize these by day and by week. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you begin to plan out your semester:

1. **Take care of the big tasks first.** These are the ones that we tend to procrastinate the most. Break the big projects into smaller, more manageable steps and identify time every day to work on it.

2. **Develop a weekly routine.** Carry a calendar and prepare realistic to-do lists. Sometimes seeing what is on your list can help you organize similar items together, which is a great time-saving technique.

3. **Manage distractions.** Respect your time. Don’t waste it by giving in to distractions. If studying at home is too distracting, find a quiet alternative like the library, a coffee shop, an open classroom, or computer lab.

4. **Analyze and budget your time.** Consider how you spend your time now and budget the necessary time to accomplish all of your tasks. Don’t forget to schedule time for adequate sleep and exercise.

Study Smart

Assessing your own learning style and developing a personal study system is an integral part of your success in college. Generally, for every one hour you spend in class, you should spend three hours studying for that class. The Academic Success Center services are valuable (and FREE!) resources for help with note-taking, determining your learning style, or developing study skills. Here are a few simple tips to get you started towards studying smart:

1. **Read the assigned material and previous week’s notes.** This will prepare you to contribute in class and to ask questions.

2. **During the lecture, try to be an active listener.** By asking questions or making comments for clarification, you will be more likely to understand and remember the material during an exam.

3. **Experiment with note-taking methods to find what works for you.** After class, review your notes or use your book or a friend’s notes to fill in areas you may have missed. Type/re-write and organize your notes if necessary.

4. **Stay current with the assigned readings and review your notes on a weekly basis.** This will help you retain information across the semester and prevent late-night cramming before a test.

“In high school, I didn’t worry about retaining knowledge past an exam and procrastination took over pretty often. In college, I found out quickly that this method wouldn’t make me successful. I had to figure out how to make studying enjoyable to prevent procrastination.

I use a daily planner to schedule in times to study and to hold myself accountable. My advice is to think outside the box when planning to study. The more enjoyable you find it, the easier it will be to stay on task and retain the information.”
Academic Success Center (ASC)
A collaborative effort between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, the Academic Success Center’s mission is to help all Aggies enhance their academic performance. ASC has a holistic approach which helps students identify roadblocks to academic success and ensures that all students have access to comprehensive resources. The Center strives to help each student achieve the highest possible academic potential. Each Aggie is different, so our programming is designed to identify and address individual needs.

Academic Coaching: Students can set up one-on-one appointments with Academic Coaches who will provide students with guidance on improving time management and strategic learning along with helping students identify obstacles to their success. Coaches will also discuss and review resources available and refer students to additional offices on campus to help them succeed.

Supplemental Instruction (SI): The SI program, supported by The Association of Former Students, the Academic Success Center, and academic departments, is an award-winning academic assistance program designed to improve the student’s academic performance and increase retention. It targets traditionally difficult core curriculum courses and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class study sessions. The SI sessions are led by undergraduate students who have taken and excelled in the course and have been trained in proactive learning and study strategies. The SI leaders attend all course lectures, take notes, and read the assigned materials. They serve as leaders for organized group study sessions and help students develop active and independent learning skills. Visit our website to view the SI schedule and to see the list of courses for which SI sessions are offered each semester. SI sessions are free and open to all students in the course section; attendance is voluntary.

Transfer Student Programs (TSP): TSP is a program designed for incoming transfer students to learn more about the resources at A&M, make connections with other transfer students, faculty and staff and actively encourages engagement on all levels of the university. Joining the community will provide you access to dedicated peer mentors and staff who will do their best to help you find answers to questions, resources and encouragement so that you can get the most out of your experience at Texas A&M.

Tutor Zones (TZ): Tutor Zones are on-site tutoring locations in various places around campus, such as Evans Library and Hulaballoo Hall. Tutor Zone tutors have excellent academic skills and are trained in learning strategies and study skills.

Tutoring: free walk-in tutoring in a variety of math and science courses is offered to students. To find the current tutoring schedule, check the ASC website, successcenter.tamu.edu.

Workshops and Courses: The Academic Success Center provides a variety of courses, workshop series, and workshops designed to help students learn effective learning strategies and organizational skills. STLC 101: Application of Learning Theories to College Studies is a two-credit hour course designed to help students understand learning theory and develop effective learning strategies. Commit to Success is a 6-session, 3-week workshop series that covers a variety of study skills topics. Wednesday Workshops are 50-minute workshops that cover a variety of study skills topics including time management, test-book reading, note-taking, and test preparation.

Understanding Add/Drop & Q-Drop
A student may add or drop a course up through the fifth day of classes during the fall/spring semesters or through the fourth class day of a summer term. Students can “add/drop” during this timeframe via the Howdy Portal. A student requesting to add a course after these deadlines must have the approval of the student’s dean.

A student may drop a course with no record up through the fifth class day of the fall or spring semester. During a summer term, students may drop a course without penalty (called Q-Drop) through the 60th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of a 5-week summer term, or the 35th class day of the 10-week summer semester. Under section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, “an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education.” Undergraduate students are normally permitted four Q-drops at Texas A&M during their undergraduate career.

However, in order to comply with this statute, a student who has dropped courses at other Texas public institutions may not be permitted four Q-drops if the student’s total number of dropped courses would exceed the State limit of six. Q-drops are processed in the academic deans and/or departmental offices.
Aggie Honor System

For many years Aggies have followed a Code of Honor, which is stated in this very simple verse:

“Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.”

The Aggie Honor Code is an effort to unify the aims of all Texas A&M students toward a high code of ethics and personal dignity. For most, living under this code will be no problem, as it asks nothing of a person that is beyond reason. It only calls for honesty and integrity, characteristics that Aggies have always exemplified. The Aggie Honor Code functions as a symbol to all Aggies, promoting understanding and loyalty to truth and confidence in each other.

Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the A&M community from the requirements or the processes of the Aggie Honor System Office. Texas A&M University is dedicated to the discovery, development, communication, and application of knowledge in a wide range of academic and professional fields. It assumes as its historic trust the maintenance of freedom of inquiry and an intellectual environment that nurtures the human mind and spirit.

The Aggie Honor System Office is charged with the responsibility of continuing an Aggie tradition that dates from our earliest days. Aggies pride themselves in hard work, integrity, and allegiance. Living in accordance with the Aggie Honor Code is critical to these ideals, to the goal of assuming a place of preeminence in higher education, and to the development of the whole student. The Honor Council consists of students and faculty members and is a critical part of the Aggie Honor System Office. The council enforces sanctions when students acquire information from unauthorized sources, provide information without authorization, plagiarize, conspire to violate principles of academic integrity, violate academic rules, or falsify information. The Honor Code does not function as a tool to force honor by fear; instead it acts as a symbol of our understanding of and loyalty to truth and our confidence in each other.

For more information please visit aggiehonor.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M Information Technology

Internet Access, Web and Email

All residence hall rooms are equipped with high-speed wired and wireless Internet. TAMULink wireless Internet is also available in most classrooms, dining facilities, and libraries on campus. To check your Texas A&M Gmail account, visit http://google.tamu.edu. You can also set up Texas A&M Gmail on your mobile device.

Open Access Labs (OALs)

The Open Access Labs provide students with computer resources at locations across campus, including multiple supported computer labs and printing centers. Over 1,300 computers (PCs and Macs) and numerous scanners, digital video workstations, and color or black-and-white printers are available to all registered students. Labs are available up to 24 hours a day. For a full list of locations, equipment, hours and usage, visit the Open Access Lab website at oal.tamu.edu.

Discounted Software

Once registered for classes, students can take advantage of discounted software through Texas A&M’s software store. This includes deeply discounted Microsoft products and no-charge antivirus software. For more details, visit software.tamu.edu.

Getting Help

Need help? Help Desk Central is available 24 hours a day for computing support. Call 979.845.8300, email helpdesk@tamu.edu, visit hdc.tamu.edu or stop by 1112 of the Computing Services Center/Teague Building. Learn more about your campus IT services at IT.tamu.edu.
Libraries
Drop by any of our five libraries; you will find staff available at every service desk to answer questions, assist with locating materials, consult for special projects and provide guidance with your research. Each library offers a variety of study spaces for groups or individuals. For more information on services, hours, and collections at the various libraries, visit the Libraries website at library.tamu.edu.

The West Campus Library (WCL) primarily serves students in the Mays Business School. The WCL offers extensive electronic resources, special collections and study areas for collaborative and individual class projects.

Disability Services
Disability Services interacts and collaborates with students, faculty and staff to promote an inclusive environment at Texas A&M University by educating the campus community and facilitating appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities such as mobility, hearing or visual impairments, learning and/or psychological disorders may be eligible for services and should submit an accommodation request form and documentation of their disability to Disability Services to begin the process to set up accommodations.

For more information contact Disability Services at 979.845.1637 by email at disability@tamu.edu or visit disability.tamu.edu

The Texas A&M University Libraries consists of five libraries:

The Sterling C. Evans Library and Library Annex is the University’s principal research and information center. Centrally located, the library offers traditional research materials such as books and journals as well as DVDs, equipment and extensive study spaces. The Evans Library Annex holds additional collections, reading rooms, and group study spaces. The Annex offers checkouts for iPods, laptops, DVDs, CDs, Kindles, and video cameras.

Cushing Memorial Library and Archives houses special collections, manuscripts, archives, and rare materials. The Archives also contains a special collection relating to the history of Texas A&M University.

The Policy Sciences and Economics Library (PSEL) primarily supports students and faculty of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, as well as the departments of Political Science and Economics.

The Medical Sciences Library (MSL) serves the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M Health Science Center, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The MSL houses biomedical books, journals, and electronic resources, as well as related materials in agriculture and the life sciences, such as biochemistry, animal science, nutrition, and the plant sciences.
Study Abroad
Texas A&M University offers a wide range of high impact international opportunities coordinated by academic colleges and the Study Abroad Programs Office as part of Action 2015. These programs help prepare Texas A&M University students to become leaders in the global economy. Texas export revenue totaled $279.7 billion in 2013, and 460,100 Texans are employed by international companies with subsidiaries located in this state. These multinational corporations are looking for employees who have engaged in culturally diverse experiences and who can live and compete in the international marketplace. Even if you plan to live in Texas always, A&M students should take the opportunity to add an international experience to their undergraduate curriculum.

Students from every discipline can add participate in courses taught by A&M faculty overseas; volunteer, research, and internship opportunities; service learning programs; inter-university exchanges; or international field trips that are a component of a regular semester course. Aggies can also study for a semester or summer session at one of the A&M locations overseas: the Santa Chiara Study Center in Italy, the Soltis Center for Education and Research in Costa Rica, or the A&M branch campus in Qatar. With careful planning and guidance from the academic and study abroad advisors, students can add an international experience to their A&M curriculum without extending their time until graduation.

Students can use their financial aid towards a study abroad program. A&M provides over $500,000 in university-wide scholarships for international education each year. Many colleges offer additional scholarship support for a study abroad experience. Study abroad advisors also assist students in applying for prestigious national scholarships including the National Security Education Program, the Gilman International Scholarship, and the Critical Language Scholarship program.

The study abroad office also contributes to the development of on-campus experiences that foster cultural awareness including the encouragement of certificate programs, engaging learning communities in global awareness, and offering students the opportunity to participate in the Academy for Future International Leaders.

Visit studyabroad.tamu.edu or call 979.845.0544.

Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA)
The Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA) provides a multitude of free services, resources, and materials to any student interested in attending medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, nursing, veterinary, or law school.

Full-time advisors provide counseling and workshops to students from freshman year through graduation on course selection, testing strategy and timing, the application process, and career options. Other services include applications, up-to-date hand-outs, student group information, volunteer and community service options, career exposure, and evaluation letter collection and dissemination.

For more information, visit opsa.tamu.edu, come by 221 Henderson Hall, or call 979.847.8938.
**Honors & Undergraduate Research**

Honors and Undergraduate Research challenges motivated students to graduate from an enriched, demanding curriculum. The programs administered by the office bring together outstanding students and faculty to build a community of knowledge-producers, lifelong learners, nationally-recognized scholars, and world citizens. As recognized “high impact practices,” undergraduate research and capstone experiences, which are available to Honors and non-Honors students alike, increase undergraduate student learning and success not only while students are at Texas A&M, but long after graduation.

Honors students have access to numerous special services and programs. Throughout the academic year, Honors and Undergraduate Research coordinates recreational and community-building events, lectures, and workshops. Honors students are invited to engage in leadership opportunities and contribute to the development of university-level honors programming through the Honors Student Council, the University Scholars program, and as Honors Housing Community leaders. Honors and Undergraduate Research also coordinates the campus nomination processes for various national fellowship competitions, including the Rhodes, Truman, and Goldwater scholarships.

While some services of the office are exclusive to Honors students, advisors are available to talk with any student who is interested in sampling the academic challenge of an honors course, committing to an undergraduate research or capstone project, being nominated for a National Fellowship or applying to become an Honors student and earn the Honors Fellows distinction.

For information on pursuing Honors study, completing a capstone, applying for a university nomination to national fellowships, becoming an Honors student or an Undergraduate Research Scholar, or publishing undergraduate research articles in Explorations, the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal, contact Honors and Undergraduate Research in 114 Henderson Hall, 979.845.1957, or visit hur.tamu.edu.

**University Writing Center**

Got a rhetorical question? The University Writing Center has answers. Consultants will spend up to 45 minutes working with students one-to-one, either online or at one of our two locations—the second floor of Evans Library or the West Campus Library. Staff members will help with everything from brainstorming to editing. The goal is to help you become a better writer or a better public speaker.

For a one-to-one consultation appointment, go to writingcenter.tamu.edu.

Check out the resources on the website writingcenter.tamu.edu including handouts, video, and audio resources on everything from writing a resume to preparing slides for an oral presentation.

If you have an organization or class that needs some writing tips, contact us for a workshop—this office can help with grammar and punctuation, give tips on writing technical or scientific documents, or show you how to make a great research poster.

“Like” UWC on Facebook (/tamuwc) or follow us on Twitter (@tamuwc) for writing and speaking tips and announcement of events.

Hours for our Evans Library and West Campus Library locations vary. Check them at http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Hours-Locations/Hours-Locations.
Testing Center
Data and Research Services (DARS) administers several testing programs at Texas A&M. These include national standardized tests, credit by examination, and placement examinations. The following national standardized tests are offered:

- ACE (American Council on Exercise Certification Exam)
- ACT (American College Testing Assessment)
- ACCUPLACER
- CLEP/CBT (College Level Examination Program)/(Computer Based Test)
- FE (Fundamentals of Engineering)
- GED
- CPT (Certified Professional Trainer)
- ELPE (English Language Proficiency Exam)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)
- GRE (Graduate Record Examination)
- LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
- MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)
- SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test: I and II-Subjects Tests)
- TExES (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards)
- TSI
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- Prometric Testing Center

Credit by Examination
Credit by examination is offered through the Advanced Placement Program, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST), International Baccalaureate (IB), SAT II: Subject Tests, and departmental examinations.

Other Testing Services
Data and Research Services is the official repository for the standardized test scores used in the admissions, placement, and proficiency testing programs. Unofficial reports of such scores can be provided to students by DARS, if the scores have been reported to Texas A&M. Information regarding the time of testing is necessary, and positive identification of the student is required. Under no circumstances will test scores be given out over the phone.

DARS also serves as the center for correspondence testing, including written and online testing. Interested students should contact the DARS office for information regarding procedures and charges. DARS can be reached at 979.845.0532 or dars.tamu.edu.

You have every opportunity for academic success, and Texas A&M is committed to helping you achieve your goals. All of the great resources the University offers are only effective if you take advantage of them!
The Offices of the Dean of Student Life

The Offices of the Dean of Student Life strive to enhance students’ opportunities to participate fully in university experiences through information, services, and programs that facilitate responsible life choices and promote awareness of self and community. Each of the program areas within the Offices of the Dean of Student Life has a specific mission, but one common goal: to provide education, outreach, and support to you. Services and programs offered by the Offices of the Dean of Student Life include: Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services; GLBT Resource Center; Health Promotion; New Student & Family Programs; Student Assistance Services; Student Conduct; Student Legal Services; Student Media, and Women’s Resource Center. Learn more at studentlife.tamu.edu, 979.845.3111, or visit us in Cain Hall, B-117.

OFFICES OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Adult, Graduate, & Off Campus Student Services (AGOSS)

AGOSS provides services to all students who live off campus and to adult (non-traditional) and graduate students attending Texas A&M University. AGOSS offers educational programs and services including the following:

Off Campus Housing Fair: an event occurring each February where students can meet property owners/managers and community service providers to talk about their housing search needs.

AggieSearch: a free web-based search system featuring a roommate search database and community housing information for students needing off-campus housing and/or roommates. Visit aggiesearch.tamu.edu.

Off Campus Survival Manual: an annual publication which lists apartments, amenities, and tips for successful off campus living. To obtain a copy of the Off Campus Survival Manual, come by Cain Hall C-Wing, call 979.845.1741, email agoss@studentlife.tamu.edu or visit agoss.tamu.edu.

Off Campus Aggies (OCA): a student organization that strives to enhance off-campus students’ experience by serving the community, acting as an information resource, and assisting in the development of leadership and life skills. For more information, visit ocatamu.weebly.com.

Non-Trad Facebook Group: a way to connect with other non-traditional students and learn about events that are applicable to non-trads. Visit facebook.com/groups/TAMUnontrads.

Questions or Concerns? Contact AGOSS at agoss.tamu.edu or by calling 979.845.1741.

“Being a part of the Aggie Family means always having access to the support you need to succeed during your transition to campus, throughout your academic career, and even after graduation. Texas A&M offers so many opportunities to get involved on campus and in the Bryan/College Station community, and invaluable academic support. If ever I am struggling, I know I have a whole host of campus resources to turn to and it’s amazing to have that unique attention on such a large campus.”

Sarah Coppedge ’16
aggie orientation leader program
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT)

Resource Center
The GLBT Resource Center is a resource and referral center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Aggies and their straight peers. The Center educates campus and community constituencies on GLBT issues through programming about sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, advocacy, leadership, and visibility. The Center also coordinates the following GLBT Resources:

Resource Library
The library holds over 500 books on coming out, relationships, history, religion, family issues, sexual health, education and legal issues. Books may be checked out for two weeks. Magazines, DVD’s, and brochures are also available.

Thursday After Hours
The Center extends its hours to 7 pm every Thursday for open discussion of weekly topics, programming opportunities like Speakers Bureau Training, or social experiences such as a game night.

GLBT Speakers Bureau
The Speakers Bureau consists of panelists of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who speak to audiences about their personal experiences in a question and answer format. The Speakers Bureau seeks new members on a continuous basis.

GLBT Mentorship Program
Faculty and staff mentors offer support and guidance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning students. New mentors and mentees are accepted each fall.

Lavender Graduation
Lavender Graduation is an annual ceremony conducted on numerous campuses to honor lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and ally students. Lavender Graduation recognizes LGBTQIAAP students for all of their multiple contributions to the Texas A&M community.

Campus Wide GLBT Events
Fall Semester
National Celebrate Bisexuality Day
Coming Out Week
Transgender Day of Remembrance

Spring Semester
GLBT Health Awareness Week
GLBT Awareness Week
The Coming Out Monologues
Lavender Graduation

For more information, visit glbt.tamu.edu or call 979.862.8920.

Health Promotion (HP)
Health Promotion offers a variety of opportunities for students to focus on leading a healthy life while at Texas A&M University. Three areas of programming are provided: individual consultations, small group presentations, and campus wide health initiatives. HP’s focus is on quality, effective programming that increases knowledge, teaches skills, and empowers students to make healthy decisions that support their academic success. Services encompass a variety of health topics such as alcohol and/or other drugs, stress relief, time management, and sexual health. For more information, Visit Health Promotion in Cain Hall C-Wing, at studentlife.tamu.edu/hp, or call 979.845.0280.

Student Assistance Services (SAS)
SAS assist students who may need extra support by providing a central launching pad to connect them with the appropriate guidance, services, and resources across campus and in the community. SAS is a starting point of contact for information or questions about a variety of topics, including:
- Referrals for personal, academic, and community assistance
- Concerning behavior follow-up
- Student Welfare Checks
- Student Absence Notifications
- Silver Taps/student death
- Sexual Violence Response
- Consultation regarding withdrawal from school
- Assistance in coordinating family needs (in the event of an emergency)

SAS is the home of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). With a campus population of over 50,000 students, Texas A&M and the Division of Student Affairs realize that crises, or critical incidents, will occur and these crises can have a significant effect on the larger community. To respond to these critical incidents in a timely and effective manner, a team of university administrators and staff are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. The purpose of CIRT is to provide assistance and support to TAMU students involved in or impacted by a critical incident regardless of location. For more information about CIRT please visit studentlife.tamu.edu/sas.cirt.

For more information, visit studentlife.tamu.edu or call 979.845.3113.
**Student Conduct Office (SCO)**

The Student Conduct Office administers the University student conduct process as outlined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules. Staff in the SCO are also available to assist in conflict management, provide educational presentations regarding conflict resolution, and work with students who may be impacted by others who have allegedly violated University Student Rules.

For more information, visit [studentlife.tamu.edu/sco](http://studentlife.tamu.edu/sco) or call 979.847.7272.

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**Student Legal and Mediation Services**

**Student Legal Services:** provides students the opportunity to meet with a licensed attorney for advice and counsel concerning legal problems, and information regarding their rights and responsibilities.  
**Student Mediation Services:** provides assistance to students through mediation which facilitates communication between parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or understanding of one another.  
For more information, visit [studentlife.tamu.edu/sls](http://studentlife.tamu.edu/sls) or call 979.862.4502.

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**Women’s Resource Center (WRC)**

The WRC provides services to both women and men attending Texas A&M in order to promote gender equality and enhance the campus climate for women. The WRC provides educational presentations and programs about women’s leadership and power-based personal violence, resources for survivors of power-based personal violence, and is the home of the Texas A&M Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program. The WRC houses two student organizations, a 400+ volume library with an online inventory, a listserv to keep campus constituents current on programs for women, a newsletter produced twice a semester, and online resources. WRC coordinated events include:

**Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training:** This training teaches participants how to be active bystanders when they witness acts of power based personal violence. Participants learn how to recognize situations which lead to violence, common barriers which keep people from taking action, and how to safely intervene in ways that are consistent with your personality and values. Visit [greendot.tamu.edu](http://greendot.tamu.edu).

**Denim Day:** In an effort to show support to survivors of sexual assault and to combat the myths surrounding sexual assault, the Women’s Resource Center encourages the Texas A&M Community to participate in Denim Day on the last Wednesday of April by wearing jeans. In 2014, the Women’s Resource Center distributed more than 2,300 free Ask Me Why I’m Wearing Jeans Today buttons to participants in Denim Day.

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**Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention (SHARP)**

**Classes:** SHARP classes are 6 hour specially designed self-defense classes specifically for women 17 years old and older teaching easy to learn techniques for a variety of situations. The class is broken up into two parts. Part One is lecture based and teaches participants how the body reacts in high stress situations and techniques to deal with sexual harassment. Part Two teaches participants pressure points, how to break a variety of holds, and concludes with the opportunity to try out the skills learned in the class using full force.

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**The Silent Witness Project:** This project is a display of life-size red silhouettes called silent witnesses. Each witness symbolizes a woman or man who has been murdered by an intimate partner and a breastplate shield tells her/his name and story. The memorial travels to several buildings on campus throughout the year and sends a powerful message by encouraging individuals to seek help in creating healthy and responsible adult relationships.

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**Breastfeeding Welcomed Here Campaign:** As a part of the WRC’s mission to make education more accessible to women, we have compiled a list of campus buildings which offer spaces for lactating mothers to breastfeed their children or pump.

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**Elect Her-Aggie Women Win:** This program encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. During this one-day, 6.5-hour training, participants practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring local speakers, and discuss research on women in government.

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**Women's Leadership Forum:** The Women’s Leadership Forum is a half day conference and luncheon with a goal of highlighting how women have contributed to the development of our society and a breastplate shield tells her/his name and story. The memorial travels to several buildings on campus throughout the year and sends a powerful message by encouraging individuals to seek help in creating healthy and responsible adult relationships.

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**Student Anti-Violence Educators:** Student Anti-Violence Educators (SAVE) is a student group dedicated to raising awareness about interpersonal violence which includes sexual assault, stalking, and relationship violence.

The Women’s Resource Center is located in Cain Hall Room C-108. Contact us at 979.845.8784, wrc@tamu.edu, or [wrc.tamu.edu](http://wrc.tamu.edu).
International Student Services (ISS)
The Texas A&M University student population is comprised of a diverse group of students including more than 5,000 international students from nearly 125 nations. ISS administers a wide variety of services to the international community of Texas A&M University. The mission of ISS is to facilitate international students’ admittance to the United States, to assist international students’ transition to life in the United States and at Texas A&M University, to promote interactions between the U.S. and international populations, and to provide services necessary to meet the special needs of international students. ISS works with students to comply with the immigration laws and regulations.

To facilitate this mission, ISS serves as an information resource for all partners in the international education process, those both on and off campus. In addition to issuing documents for students to obtain non-immigrant visas to study at the university, the office works with other university departments concerning admissions and enrollment. International students are provided with counseling and information in the areas of immigration, employment, financial issues, medical insurance, adjustment to the U.S., and income taxes.

ISS strives to foster international awareness and an appreciation of all cultures by promoting cultural exchange between Texas A&M’s domestic and international populations through activities such as dinners, seminars, visiting lecturers, and country displays. ISS also provides support to the more than 65 international student organizations on campus. Those interested in joining an international student organization can contact ISS for more information.

The ISS office is on the first floor of Bizzell Hall East, and can be reached at 979.845.1824 or iss@tamu.edu. More details at iss.tamu.edu.

Department of Multicultural Services (DMS)
The Department of Multicultural Services provides multiple support services for current and prospective students from underrepresented populations and offers diversity education programs fostering inclusive learning environments for all students. Student success is promoted through academic support, diversity education, the enhancement of life and leadership skills, advocacy, and mentoring.

The department is home to several student organizations, programs, and courses fostering environments for student development and learning. Our student development and cultural support organizations include: Asian Presidents’ Council (APC); Black Student Alliance Council (BSAC); Hispanic Presidents’ Council (HPC); Excellence unifying Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) Student Success Program; Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC); and Aggies 2 Aggies. Outside of student organizations, we offer additional involvement opportunities including African American Student Leadership Institute (AASLI), Institute for the Development and Education of Asian American Leaders (IDEAAL), and the Student Diversity Summit. The department is also home to a free tutorial service providing one-on-one and small group tutoring in specific courses.

For more information visit us in suite 2200 of the MSC, contact us at 979.862.2000, dms-info@dms.tamu.edu, or dms.tamu.edu.

Dining On Campus
Whether you are in the mood for BBQ, Tex-Mex, Italian, Indian, or All-American classics, you are sure to find something that will please your palette! Each dining location strives to offer a range of options ensuring that wherever you are on campus you can find a satisfying meal. We create a dining experience that is just as unique as Texas A&M with input from students and the guidance of our on campus leadership team that brings more than 150 combined years of food service management.

Flexibility and Convenience
Dining on campus is as simple as a swipe of your Aggie ID Card, so there is no need to carry cash, or deal with credit card fees. Northside residents are just steps away from Sbisa Dining Center which features all-you-care-to-eat style dining. The Sbisa complex is also home to Einstein Brothers Bagels, Smashburger, Lime and Papa John’s Pizza. Corps of Cadets members and students on the Southside of campus are conveniently located close to the Duncan Dining Center, another all-you-care-to-eat facility.
Meal Plans and More
Meal plans are accepted at all locations on campus that are operated by University Dining. Special dietary needs can often be accommodated; to find out more, please call or email us to speak with our dietitian. To purchase Dining Plans and for frequently asked questions, visit dining.tamu.edu. For more information regarding Dining Plans, call 979.845.3005, or email TAMUDining@compass-usa.com.

The Association of Former Students
When you graduate, you will join more than 385,000 Aggies and become a part of the strongest alumni organization in the world – The Association of Former Students. From Fish Camp to Muster, from the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band to the Big Event, The Association supports Texas A&M University and former student programs that promote the Aggie Spirit and strengthen the Aggie Network. Support for academic scholarships, beloved traditions, Ring scholarships, student activities, the Corps of Cadets, faculty enrichment programs, and former student programs is made possible by the generous annual donations of former students, Aggie parents, Texas A&M faculty and staff, and other active supporters of the Aggie Network. Association donors impact every student who walks the Texas A&M campus. Through The Association’s annual fund, the promise of educational excellence is fulfilled and the Aggie Spirit is passed on to the leaders of tomorrow.

As a student, we encourage you to get involved and begin building your Aggie Network. Your Aggie Network will be a valuable resource throughout your career and for a lifetime. Dedicated staff members in the Campus Programs department are there to assist you while you are a student. Contact them by emailing campus@AggieNetwork.com or calling 979.845.7514. The Association is located in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center on the corner of George Bush Drive and Houston Street.

When you transition to your new role as a former student, we expect you to stay involved and give back to Texas A&M. Visit AggieNetwork.com for all the latest news and information about the Aggie Network.

Career Center
The Texas A&M University Career Center provides comprehensive services to assist you in planning your career, gaining work-related experience, and securing professional employment upon graduation through Campus Programs, Experiential Education, and Employment Services. The Career Center is online at careercenter.tamu.edu and located in Suite 209 of the Koldus Building. You can also find the Career Center on Facebook, Twitter, and on YouTube. Our goal is to assist you every step of the way from freshman year through graduation and as a Former Student.

Campus Programs offers numerous services to assist you in obtaining career-related information, including one-on-one career advising, workshops and panel discussions, the resource center, and online tools, such as webinars, resume templates, InterviewStream and CareerShift. A very important service is our Career Coordinator program. Each Career Coordinator serves a specific college or department, providing career advising and developing programs and services that address your particular needs. Career Center staff members can also help you prepare your resume(s) and give you advice about interviewing with prospective employers.

Experiential Education includes the Cooperative Education Program (Co-op), Internships, Externships, and Work Abroad. Through Co-ops and Internships, you are employed by industry, business, and government organizations for a summer or semester in positions related to your major and/or career choice for a specific period of time. The AggiExternship program acquaints you with opportunities in your major. It offers you a one-day site visit to a work environment related to your major and the opportunity to interact with professionals in the field. For more information about any of these services, call Experiential Education at 979.845.5139.

Employment Services provides assistance to all students, whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student, and whether you are looking for permanent or experiential employment, through on-campus interviewing, electronic resume referral, and job listings entered on the Center’s web site. Registering with HireAggies provides you with 24/7 online access to upcoming campus recruiting schedules as well as contact information for employing organizations that actively recruit Texas A&M students. Please contact the Career Center at 979.845.5139 as soon as possible to learn how to search for career-related experience. It’s important that you register as early as three semesters prior to your graduation date to begin seeking full-time employment.


**Department of Residence Life**

The vision of the Department of Residence Life is to offer Texas A&M University students a world-class on-campus student living and learning experience. The Department provides a welcoming, educational, and sustainable community living environment at the heart of the Aggie experience. Residence Life Staff strive to cultivate an environment where students can create positive memorable experiences and grow both socially and academically.

Residence Life’s goal is to provide students with a comfortable and supportive living environment at a competitive price capitalizing on the advantages of on campus living such as location, onsite staff, easy access to campus services, and educational programs and activities. Research shows that on campus resident students have higher grade point ratios, higher retention rates with the University, less average time to complete their degrees, and a higher rate of progress on to graduate and professional schools.

Leadership development is a key opportunity for all on campus residents. The Department of Residence Life provides numerous opportunities for students to develop skills and share experiences through trainings and programs in an effort to build leaders who are culturally inclusive, confident, resourceful, and effective communicators. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities through Department student organizations, staff positions or living learning communities.

Both residence halls and university apartments are available to students at Texas A&M University. On-campus housing is home for more than 10,400 students (including the Corps of Cadets). Students come from diverse backgrounds and interests which leads to a variety of activities in the halls. The most popular events evolve into hall traditions. On-campus housing also has common spaces such as television lounges, leisure areas with pool tables, ping pong tables, and other games and space to study or work in groups. Accommodations are available for students with disabilities. If you have any questions about the residence halls including assignments, facilities, or services, please contact the Housing Assignments Office at 1.888.451.3896, housing@tamu.edu, or visit us online at reslife.tamu.edu.

The Gardens Apartments offers housing for graduate students, married students, students with a dependent child or children, international students, US military veteran students, students who are at least 21 years old, or undergraduate students who have completed at least 30 semester hours or 2 semesters in residence at a 2 or 4 year college. This diversity provides many opportunities for residents to meet other students and families from more than 50 different countries. The staff plans children’s activities and programs for students and spouses throughout the year.

White Creek Apartments provides all full-time undergraduate students with the opportunity to live in a fully furnished apartment. All residents have private bedrooms and share a bathroom with no more than 1 roommate. There is a pavilion area with study and recreation space. Residents at White Creek can choose either a 9 ½ or 12 month contract. There are 1, 2 and 4 bedroom apartment units. The staff plans and facilitates educational and social programming. If you have questions about the Apartment options, please contact us at 979.845.2261 or university-apartments@tamu.edu. You can also visit us on-line at reslife.tamu.edu/apartments.

**Corps Housing**

The Department of Residence Life through the Corps Area Housing Office administers on-campus housing for the Corps Cadets at Texas A&M University. Accommodations for approximately 2,600 students are currently available in 12 halls on the Corps Quad. Members of the Corps must reside in the Corps residence halls unless approved by the Commandant because they are married, living at home with family (in Bryan/College Station), or have prior military service. The Corps Area Housing Office is located in Dunn Hall in Room 090. If you have questions, please contact the Corps Housing Office at 979.845.3443 or housing@corps.tamu.edu. Visit us online at corpshousing.tamu.edu.
Transportation Services

Vehicles parked on campus are required to display a permit, except for those parked in a designated visitor’s space. Students should register for parking online at transport.tamu.edu/account by the priority deadline of July 7, 2015.

On Campus Residents: If you register for parking prior to receiving your housing assignment, you will have an opportunity to make final changes to your parking request (to match your housing assignment) in July. Reminder communications will be sent to your Texas A&M email account.

Permit registration recommendations for on-campus resident students:
- North area halls: Recommend – Lot 30 and NSG (Northside Garage)*
- South area halls: Recommend – Lot 40 and SSG (Southside Garage)*
- Gardens I & 2: Recommend – Lot 99
- White Creek Apartments: Recommended – Lot 122*

*Customers may select only one set of residential parking facilities, either north area facilities or south area facilities, but not both.

Registration is not complete without selecting a guaranteed parking option. Resident students should select West Campus Garage as their guaranteed option, as no overnight parking is allowed in Lot 100.

Annual Parking Permit Rates

*Parking rates are subject to change pending Board of Regents approval.

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Parking is at a premium on Texas A&M’s campus and often the available parking may not be immediately adjacent to your building or facility. For more information about parking permits or to view the Parking Rules and Regulations, visit Transportation Services online at transport.tamu.edu/parkingreg.

The University operates an on-campus transit system that can be used by anyone on campus, fare-free. This is the quickest and most efficient mode of transportation for students who want to move about the campus. During the fall and spring semesters, regular on-campus transit service runs Monday through Friday, from approximately 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., with reduced service until midnight.

For students who live off campus, the university operates an off-campus transit system that serves most of the major apartment complexes and housing areas in Bryan/College Station, as well as the Blinn College Campus. All transit services are included in student registration fees and do not require a bus pass, however, passengers must present a TAMU ID. This off-campus transit service operates Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., with reduced service until midnight. More detailed information and maps are available online at transport.tamu.edu/busroutes.

Bicycles are a great way to get to, from, and around campus. Bike services include free registration, borrow-a-bike, summer bike storage and maintenance stations. For more information visit transport.tamu.edu/bicycles.

Don’t have a car? There are plenty of alternatives including carshare, rideshare, and break/weekend shuttles to major Texas cities. For more Alternative Transportation options visit transport.tamu.edu/alternative.
**Student Business Services (SBS)**

Student Business Services, on the second floor of the General Services Complex, Suite 2801, is where to go for assistance with tuition and fee bills, loans, Aggie Cards, and much more. If you have a question about a charge on your student account, or when something is due, these are the people to see. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payment Processing hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Student Accounts and Billing Services** oversees tuition and fees, maintains student accounts, and applies waivers and exemptions. They also block your record if you don’t pay your bill on time. When you are blocked, you can’t register, drop or add classes, or get a copy of your transcript.

**Billing to a Third Party Sponsor:** If a government agency or organization is paying your fees, or you are entitled to a waiver of fees, Student Business Services can help.

**Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plans:** If Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan is paying your fees, please email sbs@tamu.edu with the information on your card as well as when you would like to use your Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan.

Student Business Services is also where to apply for a refund of your $100 general deposit if you do not graduate or if you officially withdraw from the University. If you don’t ask for it back, it remains on file for four years and then is forfeited to a scholarship account.

If you need to make a student account payment you can make a payment online via My Finances within the Howdy Portal. You will also be able to designate your parent or someone else to view and pay your bill through the online payment system. There is also a payment drop-box by the FedEx box located in front of the General Service Complex. Drop check payments here, as long as you do so before 5 p.m. on the due date.

The Student Loan Administration Office administers repayment of any short-term loans. Apply online for short-term loans at sfaid.tamu.edu/stlapp.

**Refund Delivery**

Texas A&M and Wells Fargo Bank have joined forces to deliver Financial Aid and other refunds to students faster through the University’s refund delivery process. You will receive information from Wells Fargo and the University at your New Student Conference and in your official University email account, which will explain the process for providing your direct deposit information for refund delivery.

**Unclaimed Refunds**

According to federal law, the University is required to return Title IV funds that have not been claimed (i.e. refund check that has not been cashed) within 240 days of issue. These funds will be returned to the appropriate federal financial aid program.

**Good Things to Know:**

It is important to keep up with the latest information about due dates, fee charges, and registration policies. The best place to get that information is at the Student Business Services home page at sbs.tamu.edu, in the Class Schedule, which you can access at MyRecord in Howdy, or by accessing your TAMU e-mail account. Aggie Answers, found on the homepage, is also a resource for frequently asked questions within a knowledge base that is searchable by keywords. You can also ask SBS questions related to your account through Aggie Answers-Ask a Question. If you keep up with the information provided by these three resources, you should never be canceled for non-payment of tuition and fees.

Returned checks are assessed a financial penalty and should be avoided. Many students come to campus never having had a checking account. You will find that having one is almost a necessity. If you are new to checking accounts, ask your parents or your bank’s customer service department to explain how they work.
Aggie Bucks Unlimited
Show your Aggie pride with the Aggie Bucks Unlimited debit card, designed exclusively for the Texas A&M University community. Cardholders can make everyday purchases and pay bills at participating retailers and service providers, including online or by phone, on campus and worldwide - and access their cash for free at over 12,500 coast to coast Wells Fargo ATMs, including 15 in Bryan-College Station. Plus, students can use the Aggie Bucks Unlimited debit card for fast access to their financial aid or other refunds from the University when they sign up for direct deposit to a Wells Fargo checking or savings account. To get the card, speak to a Wells Fargo Banker at your New Student Conference or visit any of the six banking locations in Bryan-College Station, including the Wells Fargo Service Center in the General Services Complex.

Aggie Card
Every student is required to have a student ID card. ID cards are permanent and students are responsible for maintaining a working ID throughout their career at the University. The Aggie Card is used for residence hall access, registration, fee collection, financial aid disbursement, dining halls, athletic events and recreational sports admittance, and library privileges. Replacement ID cards are $12. Students who lose their IDs can report the loss immediately and deactivate their card online at myaggiecard.tamu.edu or by contacting:

Student Business Services
Aggie Card Office, General Services Complex
979.845.4661
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Financial Aid
Scholarships & Financial Aid offers many financial solutions to help students pay for their college education. Each year, approximately 72% of students receive some kind of financial assistance to cover their college costs. Students at Texas A&M University received more than $624 million in financial assistance last year through scholarships, fellowships, grants, loans, tuition and fee waivers, on-campus student employment, and assistantships. To get the most money for your education, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov. Once you complete this application, you may be eligible to receive grants, loans, and work study. For more information, please visit us online at financialaid.tamu.edu, call 979.845.3236 or email financialaid@tamu.edu.

Additional Services
Financial Literacy: moneywise.tamu.edu
Scholarships: scholarships.tamu.edu
Student Employment: jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
Veteran Services: veterans.tamu.edu

Future Important Dates
FAFSA Available: January 1
FAFSA Priority Date: March 15

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Student Health Services (SHS)

Student Health Services is an accredited ambulatory health care provider serving the Texas A&M University student body by providing primary health care services and promoting good health through prevention and education. SHS is located conveniently on-campus near Sbisa Dining Hall and All Faiths Chapel. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All current students who have paid the SHS fee are eligible to receive services at the A.P. Beutel Student Health Center. Visits to medical care providers, ambulance transport service on campus, consultation with contracted medical specialists, laboratory services, and radiological services are available at a reduced cost.

Good health is important to reach one’s potential in academic, career, and personal goals. A variety of health care services are available to help promote optimal health.

Clinics

Medical Clinic: This clinic provides diagnosis and treatment of short-term, acute illnesses, and ongoing health problems. Referrals are made as necessary.

Preventive Medicine: Services include immunizations for students, overseas travel, or employment purposes. Tuberculosis screening and allergy injections are also available. The student must provide the antigen and care orders from their allergist if requesting an allergy injection.

Women’s Clinic: The Women’s Clinic offers gynecological services, clinical breast exams, contraception counseling and prescriptions, and other services.

Specialty Clinics: A limited number of specialists may be available upon referral by health care providers.

Ancillary

Medical Laboratory: Routine hematological, chemical, and bacteriological diagnostic tests are available in the College of American Pathology (CAP) accredited medical laboratory.

Nutrition Services: A Registered Dietitian is available to help students develop a personal approach to their nutrition needs through individualized nutrition counseling and by providing resources for a healthy lifestyle.

Radiology Services: Radiology offers a variety of diagnostic radiographic procedures, including x-ray and ultrasound.

Pharmacy: Staffed by registered pharmacists, the pharmacy dispenses student prescriptions from SHS providers and personal physicians. Individual counseling on all new prescriptions is provided. Over-the-counter products are also available.

Physical Therapy: Licensed physical therapists provide preventive and rehabilitative services for conditions that affect the muscles, bones, and joints with a referral from a healthcare provider.

Additional Services

Ambulance Services/EMS: EMS provides ambulance transport service to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the Texas A&M University - College Station campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If a situation requires an ambulance, dial 9-911 (campus landline phone), or 911 (cell phone or an off-campus phone).

Dial-A-Nurse: Staffed by registered nurses, Dial-A-Nurse is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling 979.458.8379. Nurses advise students regarding self-care for minor ailments and over-the-counter medications.

Insurance: Students are not required to have health insurance in order to utilize the services offered at SHS. However, SHS recommends that all students have health insurance. A student may be covered on a parent’s policy or have their own plan. The Student Health Insurance policy endorsed by Texas A&M University is available for purchase online at ahpcare.com/tamu, or by phone at 877.624.7911. SHS will file medical claims for incurred charges to most insurance carriers. There are certain limitations, so please visit our website at shs.tamu.edu/insurance for more information.

Appointments: Walk-in appointments are available, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. To make an appointment, visit us online at shs.tamu.edu or call 979.458.8250 between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Patient Services office at 979.458.8310.
Student Counseling Service (SCS)
Students are invited to talk with counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists about any concerns that affect their academic progress, educational goals, choice of career, personal-social effectiveness or emotional well-being. In counseling, the focus is on assisting students with developing academic, career choice, and personal skills; understanding themselves and their concerns; and making decisions and changes that they judge are best for them.

Academic Counseling provides individual and group counseling to help deal with blocks to academic success. This can include stress management and biofeedback.

Career Counseling programs allow students to increase awareness of their interests, abilities, values, and personality characteristics as they apply to the workplace. Services include computer-assisted career exploration, individual and group counseling, workshops, and educational handouts. In addition, the Academic and Career Resource Center contains occupational information helpful in career planning and decision-making.

Personal Counseling is a process that facilitates self-discovery and growth. The Student Counseling Service provides individual, group, and couples counseling for personal concerns that are common among undergraduate and graduate students. Common concerns include communication problems, stress of balancing personal and academic demands, dealing with change, personal growth, grief and loss, relationship issues, eating concerns, multicultural/interracial issues, anxiety, self-esteem, and coping with feelings such as loneliness, depression, anger, and guilt.

Crisis Intervention is available for students who have an urgent need for assistance. Students experiencing a crisis may come to the Student Counseling Service anytime the SCS is open. The Student Counseling Service is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in B-103 Cain Hall. At other times students may call the HelpLine at 979.845.2700.

How to Receive Services
All students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University who have paid their fees are eligible for an initial consultation. The determination of what additional services are appropriate will be made at that time based upon need and availability. If you have questions about whether or not you are eligible for services, please contact the Student Counseling Service. There is no fee for consultation or counseling services. SCS provides short-term treatment; those needing long-term treatment will be referred to other appropriate agencies or individuals.

To request an initial appointment, go to “Student Registration” at scs.tamu.edu and follow the instructions. Students may do this from their own computer or from a computer in the counseling center. When forms are completed, you will be able to make an appointment that fits your schedule. If any trouble is encountered in the process, please call 979.845.4427 or come to the SCS for assistance. There is a $25 fee for late cancellations or no shows for all appointment types.

Campus Ministry Association (CMA)
The Campus Ministry Association exists to foster mutual respect, personal fellowship, and cooperation among the professional religious workers who work with Texas A&M students. The CMA promotes respect for all the religious traditions and views that exist in our university community.

Members of CMA are committed to assist, with the University as a partner, in educating the whole person. Members of the Campus Ministry Association staff the All Faiths Chapel on the Texas A&M campus. You may stop in without an appointment to visit with the minister on duty. As a representative of the Campus Ministry Association, individual ministers are respectful of all faiths and can minister to students of all religious traditions. Campus Ministers are also located off campus in their respective places of worship. Many of these are within walking distance of the campus and some provide bus service. For more information call 979.862.4527 or visit studentlife.tamu.edu/asa.campusministry.
Veteran Services & Resources

At Texas A&M University we are proud of our rich military heritage. We also take great pride in our standing as a national leader in service to our students who are veterans, active duty, reserve/National Guard, military dependents and survivors. Texas A&M University is committed to serving well those who have served through a uniquely collaborative support network which provides personalized resources and services. Our two offices, the Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource and Support Center, have a unique and powerful relationship that is specifically designed to facilitate your transition to our nationally ranked campus so you can achieve your educational goals.

The Veteran Services Office provides services and support for all of your Veteran Affairs and State of Texas educational benefits. In addition to certifying your benefits, it can answer questions and provide assistance with financial aid and scholarships. The Veteran Services Office is located in the Pavilion, Room 205. Call us at 979.845.8075, visit veterans.tamu.edu or email veterans@tamu.edu.

The Veteran Resource & Support Center serves the needs of all military affiliated students on campus and prospective student veterans with uniquely tailored campus and community resources, programs and networks. The Veteran Resource & Support Center is in Suite 112 of the Koldus Building. Call us at 979.845.3161, visit aggieveterans.tamu.edu or email aggievets@tamu.edu.

These offices supplement other campus units with special emphasis on the transition and retention of military affiliated students. Both offices maintain productive relationships with other offices, agencies, and programs throughout Texas A&M and the Bryan/College Station Community in order to best respond to veteran needs and to provide resources. We work to proactively address needs presented by the veterans on our campus through campus-wide programming. We are here to serve you and link you to the rest of campus. We are proud of your service to our country and are ready to serve you while you’re pursuing your education.

University Police Department (UPD)

The Texas A&M University Police Department provides law enforcement and security services to all components of Texas A&M University including the academic campus and a variety of satellite facilities throughout the Brazos County. The department has 140 authorized positions including 70 state-certified Police Officers and 47 Security Officers. The department maintains a fully staffed investigations division, a crime prevention unit, a training division, and a state-of-the-art Emergency Communications Center. The primary jurisdiction of UPD Police Officers includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under Texas A&M University control. As peace officers, the Department’s police officers have the same authority to detain and arrest as municipal police officers.

To provide a safe and secure campus for our students, staff, faculty, and visitors, the department has armed uniformed police officers on patrol 24 hours a day, year round. Unarmed UPD Security Officers work closely with Police Officers by constantly patrolling university properties and staffing fixed posts at some facilities.

Any criminal offense, suspected criminal activity, or other emergencies on campus should be reported directly to the University Police by telephone, in person, or by dialing 9-911 from any campus phone. Additionally, you can use one of the 145 emergency blue light telephones located throughout campus and campus parking garages. Residence Hall entrances and campus elevators are also equipped with emergency phones. Upon receipt of the call, the Texas A&M University Police Communications Center personnel can supply information or dispatch officers as necessary.

UPD will respond as quickly and safely as possible to any request for assistance, whether it is an emergency or not. Response time is based on current activity and severity of the call. Crimes in progress, alarms, traffic accidents with injuries, and medical assists have a higher priority than other types of calls. If you witness a crime or emergency, promptly report it to the UPD and be prepared to answer questions as accurately as possible. For more information about the UPD, visit upd.tamu.edu or call 979.845.2345.
**Campus Safety**

**Code Maroon**
Code Maroon is Texas A&M's Emergency Notification System, and gives the University the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly—by text message, email, KAMU-FM radio, campus cable television, Emergency Alert System radios, computer alerts, classroom alerts, Twitter, and RSS. If you wish to receive Code Maroon notifications by text and/or e-mail messages, you must enroll in Code Maroon at [codemaroon.tamu.edu](http://codemaroon.tamu.edu).

**Concerned about someone's behavior? Tell somebody.**
On a college campus sometimes behaviors of concern have gone unreported until a tragedy occurs, then people come forward with bits of information that, in retrospect, may have signaled a larger issue. This information when viewed collectively may be helpful in preventing tragic events and initiating assistance to an individual. Texas A&M University is committed to a proactive approach and needs your help.

As a member of this University community, if you observe any behavior that is concerning, please go to [tellsomebody.tamu.edu](http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu) and provide detailed information on the report form. This report goes to members of the Critical Incident Response Team. This team is comprised of University faculty and staff charged with helping students, faculty, and staff who are exhibiting concerning behavior.

For more information about the Tell Somebody Campaign visit [tellsomebody.tamu.edu](http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu).

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**If you are concerned with someone's behavior, call the following numbers during business hours:**

- In reference to student behavior: 979.845.3111 (Offices of the Dean of Student Life)
- In reference to staff behavior: 979.845.3711 (Human Resources –Employee Assistance Program)
- In reference to faculty behavior: 979.845.4274 (Dean of Faculties)
- For all emergencies, please call 9-911 (on-campus phone) and 911 (cell phone or off-campus)

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**Emergency Phones**
Strategically placed throughout the campus and campus parking garages are 145 “Blue-Light” emergency phones. By calling 9-911, the user is in immediate contact with Brazos County 9-1-1 system. These emergency phones can also be used to call for local non-emergency assistance such as a campus escort by pressing the “ON” button.

**Escort Services**
Escort services provide added security for walking on campus. The Corps of Cadets Guard Room provides a free 24-hour escort service during the fall and spring semesters only. By calling 979.845.6789, an on-duty Corps representative will meet the person requesting the escort and walk with him or her to most central on-campus locations (residence halls, parking lots, etc.).

**Late Evening Bus Service**
Night service is offered on limited routes during fall and spring semesters from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Check maps and times at [transport.tamu.edu](http://transport.tamu.edu) or the mobile site at [m.tamu.edu](http://m.tamu.edu).

**Railroad Safety**
The trains that run through College Station do not run on a schedule, so plan extra time if you have to cross the tracks to get to class. Do not stop your vehicle on the tracks while waiting at red lights. Do not try to cross the tracks once the arms are coming down. The arms come down approximately 15 seconds before the train arrives at the crossing. Do not walk on the railroad tracks. They are private property. You will be trespassing. Do not try to jump on the trains, you could be seriously injured or killed.
Resources, Rights, and Options in Cases of Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when this conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or educational performance, or creates an intimidating, or hostile work or educational environment. One huge misconception regarding sexual assault is that most of the time the perpetrator is a stranger. However, research indicates that approximately 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. Sexual assault is an act of violence, which utilizes power and control over another. Tactics may include force, threats, intimidation, or physical violence. Many victims struggle with identifying whether they have been sexually assaulted due to tactics such as manipulation, restraint, victim blaming, and taking advantage of another's level of intoxication. An individual who has been victimized by a person he or she is familiar with may know that he or she was forced to have sex without her consent or approval, but he or she may not recognize the fact that it was indeed sexual assault. Acquaintance rape is committed by a friend or acquaintance using force, threats, or intimidation. It is an act of violence utilizing power and control over another.

A student who has been a victim of sexual harassment (including sexual misconduct or stalking), domestic violence, or dating violence, whether it occurred on or off-campus, has certain resources, rights, and options available. A student who witnesses, is subjected to, or is informed about incidents of sexual discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence), and/or related retaliation has the option to file a Title IX complaint to the designated official below who handles alleged violations perpetrated by students, faculty, staff, or unrelated third parties.

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Resources including advocacy, counseling, health and medical services, and legal support are all available at the University. Students may also have access to interim measures (e.g., change in housing, class schedules) that may be needed until the resolution of the complaint. The confidentiality issues surrounding complaints of this nature are supported as fully as possible for all parties involved. For more information or support, contact any of the following offices:

- Student Assistance Services 979.845.3113  sas.tamu.edu
- Student Counseling Service 979.845.4427  scs.tamu.edu
- Student Health Services 979.458.8250  shs.tamu.edu
- University Police Department 979.845.2345  upd.tamu.edu
- Women’s Resource Center 979.845.8784  wrc.tamu.edu

University Student Rules

Each year the official rules and regulations, known as the University Student Rules, are published on the web. The Student Rules cover both academic and student life regulations. Student Rights and Responsibilities are also included. The rules may be viewed at student-rules.tamu.edu. If you need to view the rules in an alternate format, please contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111. It is each student’s responsibility to know, be aware of, and abide by these rules and regulations. The following address only a few of the student rules.
Hazing
Texas A&M University strictly prohibits hazing. A summary of the definition of hazing as defined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules is, “Any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes public or private property; and/or assisting, directing, or in any way causing others to participate in degrading behavior and/or behavior that causes ridicule, humiliation, or embarrassment; and/or engaging in conduct which tends to bring the reputation of the organization, group, or University into disrepute for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization; or as part of any activity of a recognized student organization, student group, Corps of Cadets, Corps outfit, Corps unit, or Corps Special Activities. Previously relied upon ‘traditions,’ (including Corps, fraternity/sorority, or any other group or organization activity, practice or tradition) intent of such acts, or coercion by current or former student leaders of such groups, or former students will not suffice as a justifiable reason for participation in such acts. It is not a defense that the person (or group) against whom the hazing was directed consented to, or acquiesced to, the behavior in question.”

Students have a responsibility to uphold the Texas A&M University Student Rules. As such, the Texas A&M Student Rule on hazing also states, “Having firsthand knowledge of the planning of such activities or firsthand knowledge that an incident of this type has occurred and failing to report it to appropriate University officials (the Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department) is also a violation under this section. Students who are recipients and/or victims of hazing (and who have not perpetrated hazing behavior on others involved in the fact pattern for which they are reporting) and who report the activities to the Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department, will not be charged with a violation of the hazing rule.”

Hazing is also a violation of Texas state law. The above is a summary of the Texas A&M Student Rule on hazing. Detailed information on hazing may be obtained by reading the Texas Education Code, sections 37.151 and 51.936, Texas A&M Student Rules, student-rules.tamu.edu, or contacting the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111.

Scholastic Probation
Scholastic probation is a conditional permission for an undergraduate student to continue in the University after he or she has become scholastically deficient. An undergraduate student is scholastically deficient when his or her semester or cumulative grade point ratio is less than 2.00 or when grade point requirements in the student’s major field of study are not met.

The department and/or dean of the student’s college can grant conditional permission when analysis of the deficiency indicates that a continuation is in the best interest of the student and the University. The record made by a student while on probation determines whether he or she shall regain good academic standing, granted a continuation on probation, or suspended from the University for scholastic deficiency.
Students who are requesting an excused absence are expected to uphold the Aggie Honor Code and Student Conduct Code (See Rule 24). Students may be excused from attending class on the day of a graded activity or when attendance contributes to a student’s grade, for the reasons stated in Section 7.1, or other reason deemed appropriate by the student’s instructor. To be excused the student must notify his or her instructor in writing (acknowledged e-mail message is acceptable) prior to the date of absence if such notification is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (e.g. accident or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence. This notification should include an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class.

If needed, the student must provide additional documentation substantiating the reason for the absence that is satisfactory to the instructor within one week of the last date of the absence. If the absence is excused, the instructor must either provide the student an opportunity to make up any quiz, exam or other graded activities or provide a satisfactory alternative to be completed within 30 calendar days from the last day of the absence.

The above (on the previous page) is a summary of Texas A&M University Student Rule 7. For detailed information, please refer to the Texas A&M University Student Rules at student-rules.tamu.edu or contact Student Assistance Services at 979.845.3113.

Harassment and Discrimination
Texas A&M is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, Texas A&M encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, diversity, pluralism, and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit.

Texas A&M University, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units. Students should contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111.

For more information, please see Part III: Student Grievance Procedures in the Texas A&M University Student Rules found at student-rules.tamu.edu/studentgrievanceprocedures.

Alcohol
Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. Texas A&M University is an educational institution dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, the promotion of academic achievement, and the advancement of knowledge. Because of the University’s interest in the intellectual, physical, and psychological well-being of the campus community, it is important that the University take steps to curtail the abusive or illegal use of alcoholic beverages. Educating students about the effects of misuse and use of alcohol will help accomplish these goals.
Responsibilities to the Texas A&M Community

Being an Aggie means being united to all members of the Aggie Family through a common bond – the Aggie Spirit. Through this spirit, Aggies take pride in their traditions, develop a strong commitment to the service of others, and aspire to academic excellence. This is an exciting time of exploration, development and growth. Challenge yourself in intellect, spirit, mind, body and character, and make the most of your time at A&M by seizing every opportunity.

Know Why You are Here
As you begin at Texas A&M, explore your reasons for choosing to attend college and determine what you hope to obtain from your experience. Being a college student involves much more than being academically successful. It involves developing into a responsible adult in all facets of your life. The decisions you make will often have lifelong effects. Remember your ultimate goal is to complete your degree.

Know Yourself
Living away from home provides freedom and responsibility. It is your opportunity to show who you are and apply your values to everyday choices and take responsibility for your well-being. College can be both exciting and stressful and it is important to care of yourself both physically and mentally. Eating well-balanced meals and having a daily exercise routine can help minimize stress.

Know Community Concerns & Take Action
As a new member of our community we expect you to uphold the values of Texas A&M, just like those before and after you. Consider your impact on Texas A&M and how the following items play into maintaining an institution strong in integrity and respect:

Academic Integrity: In addition to the Aggie Code of Honor, the University Student Rules provide guidance to members of our community. These rules are based upon a balance between the rights and responsibilities of individual students and the needs of the community. Cheating, plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty diminish the entire process of learning and value of an A&M degree. As a member of the Aggie community, it is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and uphold your community’s standards. Visit aggiehonor.tamu.edu.

Alcohol: As you enter a new environment, it is important to establish and follow personal guidelines about alcohol consumption. While you think about your choices, remember that proper use of alcohol is dictated by state law and Texas A&M University Rules. There are benefits to abstaining from alcohol use. Information and programs regarding alcohol and other drugs are available through Alcohol & Drug Education Programs at studentlife.tamu.edu/adep.

Diversity & Inclusion: As a major public institution of higher education, Texas A&M University has both an extraordinary opportunity and a special responsibility to create and maintain a climate that affirms diversity of persons as well as diversity of views. Diversity is an indispensable component of academic excellence. A commitment to diversity means a commitment to the inclusion, welcome, and support of individuals from all groups, encompassing the various characteristics of persons in our community. Further information and programming available through the Department of Multicultural Services at dms.tamu.edu.

Drowsy or Distracted Driving: Road trips are an integral part of college life, and drowsy driving can be a concern. The college student routine often includes many of the risks most commonly associated with drowsy driving crashes such as: sleep loss, driving late night hours and an active lifestyle that restricts sleep. Before hitting the road, make sure to get a good night’s sleep. Cell phone use, especially text messaging, should be limited or avoided to prevent an accident. Some recent statistics on distracted driving: texting while driving is about 6 times more likely to result in an accident than driving while intoxicated; almost 50% of all drivers between the ages of 18 and 24 are texting while driving; and people who text while driving are 23% more likely to be in a car accident.

Relationship Violence: Relationship violence is a pattern of actual or threatened acts that physically, emotionally, or sexually abuse someone in the relationship. Jealousy, constant criticism, threats and repeated broken promises are a few warning signs that a relationship may be abusive. Dating abuse is a pattern of controlling behaviors that one partner uses to get power over the other. Acquaintance rape and sexual assault are also relationship concerns that students should be aware of. Information, education, and support regarding relationship violence or sexual assault are available through the Office of the Dean of Student Life (979.845.3111), Student Assistance Services (979.845.3113 or sas.tamu.edu) and the Women’s Resource Center (979.845.8784 or wrc.tamu.edu).
Finding Your Place
Research has shown that a student's involvement in co-curricular activities can enhance academic performance and connection to the institution. The 800+ student groups at Texas A&M — from Greek letter fraternities and sororities, to faith-based organizations, to career-focused societies — help students find their niche both personally and professionally. The following section will help you identify various involvement opportunities.

ExCEL Program
Texas A&M University’s Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a student program and student organization housed in the Department of Multicultural Services. ExCEL focuses on freshman students by helping them discover the academic, social, and personal balance necessary to facilitate their success at Texas A&M University and beyond. Since 1987, ExCEL has helped build a sense of community by assisting freshmen in making a smooth transition from high school to college.

ExCEL kicks-off with a two-day conference, held the Friday and Saturday before fall classes begin, familiarizing participants with the program and life at Texas A&M University. Following the conference is a fall semester program of activities such as educational seminars and social and community service opportunities. These workshops have a variety of educational and developmental goals, including, but not limited to: improving study and time management skills, developing and clarifying academic and personal objectives, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment, adjusting to institutional culture, and nurturing lasting friendships from students of the same, as well as differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

For more information about how you can become involved, please email tamuExCEL@gmail.com or visit the ExCEL website at excel.tamu.edu. While ExCEL is a student-run program, you may also obtain information by contacting the Department of Multicultural Services at 979.862.2000 or in Suite 2200 in the Memorial Student Center.

"Getting involved is a great way to supplement the amazing education that Texas A&M offers with fun experiences and hands-on ways to give back to the university. Fortunately, there are over 900 student organizations (and counting!), so there’s a place for everyone. Finding my place by joining different organizations has given me some awesome friends and really unique opportunities. Reaching out and getting involved is one of the easiest ways to ensure an amazing college experience!"
**Fish Camp**

Fish Camp, a freshman’s first tradition, is one of the oldest programs at Texas A&M which helps welcome incoming freshmen students to campus life. It began in 1954 when YMCA Director Gordon Gay took just a few cadets camping. Fish Camp’s popularity has led it to run as seven back-to-back sessions led by more than 1,500 student leaders with the ability to accommodate nearly 7,000 freshmen students.

Held during the month of August, this optional four-day experience is designed to provide a mix of education about Texas A&M traditions, information about being successful in college, and opportunities to build lasting friendships. The daily schedule is formatted with activities, games, and discussions focusing on topics such as study habits, personal goals, Aggie traditions and history, campus involvement, and university resources.

Fish Camp provides both small and large group interactions to create an environment that allows for meeting fellow classmates and promotes the development of mentoring relationships. Freshman students are organized into seven separate large groups called Camps. Each Camp assigns two upperclassmen counselors to serve as mentors and discussion leaders for small groups of 10-15 freshmen.

Fish Camp is open to all Freshmen & Blinn TEAM students. The seven sessions occur July 31- August 21. Registration begins May 26 at 3 pm CST, and closes on June 30 at 5 pm CST. For more information or to register for Fish Camp 2015, call the Fish Camp office at 979.845.1627 or visit [fishcamponline.tamu.edu](http://fishcamponline.tamu.edu).

**Aggie Transition Camps (ATC)**

Aggie Transition Camps is excited to welcome incoming transfer students to Texas A&M through our optional, student-run extended orientation program opportunities known as Howdy Camp and T-Camp. These programs are designed to help students transition into the Aggie family, learn about the University’s many traditions, and most importantly, build lasting friendships. For more information, contact ATC at 979.862.1785 or visit [atc.tamu.edu](http://atc.tamu.edu).

**Transfer Camp (T-Camp)** is a 3-day, 2-night extended orientation program for transfer students entering in the fall semester. The student-run camp experience introduces campers to the many opportunities and long-standing traditions that exist at Texas A&M. Campers will leave with a newly ignited Aggie spirit and the tools necessary to make a successful transition to Texas A&M University. T-Camp dates for summer 2015 are August 10-12 (Session I) or August 14-16 (Session II).

**Howdy Camp** is held over a three-day period in January immediately before the spring semester begins. Incoming transfer students and new freshmen are able to attend Howdy Camp. During this time, new Aggies are introduced to the many traditions, indescribable spirit, and customs of Aggieland. Speakers and special interest programs are brought in to inform students of the endless activities and opportunities available to them at A&M and in the Bryan-College Station community.

**Venture Camps**

The Extended Orientation Team in the Department of Student Activities is excited to offer “A New Aggie Tradition” in Venture Camps. These camp experiences are designed to welcome both freshmen and transfer students to the Aggie Family through sharing in new and unique experiences offered to students at Texas A&M.

Venture: Base Camp, the thrilling premiere program held in conjunction with Outdoor Adventures in Recreational Sports, will take place both on the Texas A&M campus and in the Texas Hill Country. Venture: Base Camp is sure to provide you with many fun and exciting experiences including camping, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, and cycling. No prior outdoor recreation experience is required, but a willingness to be an active participant and team player are very important. One session of Venture: Base Camp will be offered July 19 – 25 for summer 2015. For more information about the program and registration, contact the Department of Student Activities at 979.845.1133 or visit [studentactivities.tamu.edu/get-involved/new-students/](http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/get-involved/new-students/).
Department of Student Activities
Texas A&M provides a truly outstanding educational experience that centers on the classroom and extends beyond to hundreds of opportunities to be involved in the life of the campus. Helping students identify these opportunities for involvement is a primary role of the Department of Student Activities.

The Department provides a number of programs and services ranging from student leadership training to extended orientation camps (such as Fish Camp, T-Camp, & Howdy Camp). As diverse as each of its programs and services are, one theme remains constant — the desire to see each student contribute to and benefit from being a part of the rich campus life at Texas A&M. Provided below is information on the programs and services offered by the department.

All-University Calendar
The All-University Calendar is the official event calendar of Texas A&M University. The calendar is available to purchase beginning in May at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M in the MSC.

Leadership Development Programs
More than 1,000 recognized student organizations provide students with opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills, get involved in the campus community, and participate in events that bring national recognition to Texas A&M University. Whatever your interests, there is an organization, club, or program that will allow you to pursue them. We can assist you in contacting a current organization or starting a new one.

You can search for student organizations using the OrgMatch and OrgSearch tools at studentactivities.tamu.edu.

Class Councils
Class Councils provide leadership for members of each of the undergraduate classes, manage class affairs, promote unity within and between the classes, and maintain traditions while also raising money for the class gift that is presented to the University upon graduation. Class Councils coordinate and maintain many campus traditions such as Ring Dance, Elephant Walk, Junior E-Walk, Fish Fest, Pull-Out Day, 11/11 Day, Class Stars, and Maroon Out.

The Freshman Class President is elected during the fall semester. The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Presidents are elected each spring during general campus elections. All other positions are available through an application process. General members are selected each fall through an application process.

The Class Council office is in room 153AA of the Koldus building. For more information, visit classcouncils.tamu.edu or call 979.845.3534.

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**Student Government Association (SGA)**

Student Government Association strives to bring collaboration, unity and tradition to the Texas A&M campus. Through leadership, integrity, selfless service, respect, loyalty and excellence we believe we help all students as they strive to share their voice, get involved and find their passion.


Each section of SGA brings new voices to campus from maintaining our traditions to providing a safe ride home to recruiting new students to come to Aggieland.

For more information, come to Suite 126 Koldus, visit sga.tamu.edu or follow us on Twitter @tamu_SGA.

**Musical Performance Opportunities**

**Choral Activities**

The purpose of Texas A&M Choral Activities is to provide students with a wide variety of choral music experiences and leadership opportunities which both enhance personal musicianship and enrich their entire academic experience. In addition to local performances and state-wide tours, the choirs also travel internationally. Choral Activities groups are open to all Texas A&M students. The Choral Activities office is located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. If you have a passion for singing and performing, then Texas A&M Choral Activities has a place for you! Our performing groups include:

- **Singing Cadets** is the internationally famous “Voice of Aggieland.” The group has sung for every living President and performs 60-70 concerts each year throughout Texas and the United States, proudly representing Texas A&M. singingcadets.tamu.edu

- **Century Singers** is Texas A&M’s mixed concert choir with a repertoire that consists of major works, classical choral literature, folk song arrangements, and popular music. Optional academic credit is available for this choir. centurysingers.tamu.edu

- **Women’s Chorus** is Texas A&M’s treble choir which performs a varied and entertaining repertoire, while they represent Texas A&M locally and at the state level. They participate in the annual Texas Collegiate Women’s Choral Festival held in collaboration with other universities. wchorus.tamu.edu

If you are interested in being a part of Choral Activities contact us at 979.845.5974 or dkipp@tamu.edu. Auditions take only ten minutes and no prepared music is necessary.

**Instrumental Music**

**University Wind Symphony** is an academic credit ensemble consisting of the finest wind and percussion players on campus. Performing the best of wind literature, the band performs locally and at prestigious venues nationally and internationally. It is open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Dr. Timothy Rhea at trhea@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

**University Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band** are academic credit ensembles open to all students with previous band experience. Each band performs two concerts per semester and occasionally participates in off-campus events. These bands are open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Travis Almany at talmany@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

**University Jazz Ensembles** are elective credit ensembles open to all band students with jazz experience. The jazz ensembles perform at least one formal concert each semester and seek to participate in other professional playing opportunities. These bands are open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Chris Hollar at chollar@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

**Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band** performs a new, precision military-style football halftime drill each week and represents the University and Corps in parades, ceremonies, and military reviews. Membership in the Texas Aggie Band is limited to those with prior high school marching experience and a willingness to join the Corps of Cadets. Cadets receive kinesiology credit for the class. For more information, contact LtCol Jay Brewer at jbrewer@corps.tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.
**University Orchestra** is an elective credit ensemble open to all TAMU students with violin, viola, cello, or string bass experience. The orchestra performs two concerts per semester presenting the best of standard string and symphony orchestra literature. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Sikes at paulsikes@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

More information about the ensembles listed above can be found at tamubands.tamu.edu.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA)**

Living on campus offers a myriad of opportunities not available elsewhere, allowing students to realize their own potential as leaders—most notably through active participation in the Residence Hall Association. Considering itself the "Pride of Aggieland," RHA endeavors to aid its students by advocating on their behalf. As a community of 7,400 strong (all students who live on campus outside of the Corps of Cadets), RHA stands as the second largest student organization at Texas A&M University. Dinners are held biweekly amongst friends and fellow student leaders while legislative meetings address the latest community issues.

While each residence hall elects a community council to focus on the needs of its unique constituency, RHA, as the umbrella organization, works to foster a greater, overarching community. Hosting events such as the annual school kick-off RHA AggieFest and the largest t-shirt giveaway in Aggieland, Diversi-tee, RHA provides a vibrant voice for students, giving them a strong foundation on which they might build the rest of their lives. RHA offers more than leadership and service opportunities. Friendships are formed that will last a lifetime. Living on campus offers more than just a room or a roof; through RHA, it offers a family.

More information for involvement opportunities may be found by visiting the Commons Lobby Multi-Purpose Room, or checking out rha.tamu.edu.

**Memorial Student Center (MSC) Programming**

The Memorial Student Center is more than a building. It’s also a campus-wide programming organization whose mission is to make the campus experience great. MSC student programming committees bring concerts, lectures, art exhibits, movies, stage performances and shows, service projects, international internships, and academic and leadership conferences and trips to Texas A&M students. No matter your interest, the MSC is probably presenting something that will appeal to you.

If you want to go deeper into campus life and develop your professional and leadership skills, then the MSC’s student programming committees are for you. As a committee member you will be part of bringing great programs to campus at the same time that you will be making friends, meeting people with similar interests, and most importantly, developing your professional skills.

In the MSC you will experience what it takes to manage an organization, promote and produce a wide variety of different campus wide programs, and network with other student leaders and former students. Your experience as part of an MSC organization will shape the rest of your life, not only by giving you the kind of experience that potential employers like to see, but by creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

You can find out more about MSC student programming committees and our leadership opportunities by visiting us at MSC Open House, the first Sunday after classes begin each semester. Or visit us online at msc.tamu.edu and click on Student Involvement.
**Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Joining a national fraternity or sorority at Texas A&M University provides an opportunity to identify with and participate in Texas A&M’s rich traditions while developing close bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Nearly 4,000 Aggies are members of fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M and find it a rewarding and fulfilling method in which to get involved on campus. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life coordinates programs for students interested in fraternity/sorority membership and assists with programs open to ALL students. Programs specific to fraternity and sorority members, leadership development opportunities, and the schedules of programs and services for their respective groups are coordinated by four governing councils: Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

The foundation of the fraternal experience is that of leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood which serves to provide a comprehensive and rewarding collegiate experience. Membership in a fraternity or sorority often serves as a springboard for Aggies to take on campus leadership positions. Energetic and ethical leadership inspires chapter members to live the ideals of their fraternities and sororities daily while contributing to Texas A&M University and the community.

Aggie Greeks are involved in many student leadership positions at Texas A&M including Fish Camp, Student Government, the Corps of Cadets, Big Event, the MSC, and many more of the over 800 student organizations on campus. Academically successful fraternity and sorority members are recognized through Order of Omega, a national Greek honor society. Fraternity and sorority members also commit to serving others through the Aggie Greek Service Trip or organized philanthropy events. Members also attend and participate in regional and national conferences specific to the national fraternity or sorority experience.

To learn more about fraternity and sorority membership contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at 979.862.5635 or email greeklife@tamu.edu. Also, check us out at greeklife.tamu.edu and on Facebook (/AggieGreeks).

**Interfraternity Council | ifc.tamu.edu**

Spirit. Pride. Tradition. Brotherhood. These are words that bind fraternity men together. Regularly, over 1,300 Aggies choose fraternities as a way to become involved in campus life at Texas A&M. Membership recruitment is encouraged 365 days of the year. However, formal recruitment activities (Rush) are held at the beginning of each semester. In choosing to join a fraternity, you become part of an organization men who share common values, goals and ultimately a common bond. Whether it is a fundraiser for a local or national charity, developing a winning intramural team, or getting together with a sorority to sponsor a special event, everyone is needed; everyone gets involved.

**NPHC Fraternities**

- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi

**NPHC Sororities**

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Zeta Phi Beta

**National Pan-Hellenic Council | nphc.tamu.edu**

The African-American Greek letter movement commenced in 1906 at Cornell University as a means by which cultural interaction and community service could be maintained. These African-American Greek organizations were designed to foster brotherhood and sisterhood and to serve as a conduit by which collective action plans could be coordinated. The National Pan-Hellenic Council is extremely active at Texas A&M University and in the community. NPHC offers several very successful leadership development programs for freshmen and sophomore men and women.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the umbrella organization that provides coordination of philosophies and activities for member organizations and collegiate councils.
Multicultural Greek Council | mgc.tamu.edu

The Multicultural Greek Council was formed at Texas A&M University in the spring of 1999. Several social and service groups were forming on campus whose needs were not met by any existing Greek council. These culturally-based fraternities and sororities joined together to promote the benefits of belonging to a culturally-based fraternity and sorority.

Texas A&M University’s Multicultural Greek Council creates and maintains high standards for its member fraternities and sororities by addressing, coordinating, and developing strategic action plans; unifying organizations; promoting higher education; providing opportunities for community service; enhancing leadership skills; and serving as a liaison between council members, the University, the student body, and the administration to improve the campus climate.

MGC Fraternities
- Beta Tau Omega
- Beta Xi Chi
- Beta Chi Theta
- Chi Psi Beta
- Gamma Beta
- Lambda Theta Phi
- Omega Delta Phi
- Phi Iota Alpha
- Sigma Lambda Beta

MGC Sororities
- Delta Kappa Delta
- Delta Xi Nu
- Delta Phi Omega
- Gamma Phi Omega
- Kappa Delta Chi
- Lambda Theta Alpha
- Lambda Pi Chi
- Lambda Delta Psi
- Rho Delta Chi
- Sigma Lambda Gamma
- Sigma Phi Omega

Collegiate Panhellenic Council | cpc.tamu.edu

The first sororities were organized when education for women expanded in the last half of the nineteenth century. A sorority is a sisterhood and an ideal extension of family life. Members are expected to maintain high scholarship, contribute to school spirit, exhibit high moral standards, and become involved in the needs of the community.

The TAMU Collegiate Panhellenic Council serves as a central coordinating and governing body for 12 national sorority chapters and one local sorority chapter. Opportunities for women include developing leadership skills, promoting involvement in the campus and community, and encouraging academic excellence and personal development through the bonds of sisterhood. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council has provided Scholarship Awards for the past several years. CPC’S Formal Membership Recruitment activity is held one week before classes begin in the fall. While CPC does not host a formal recruitment period during the spring semester, there are often several sororities that still participate in Continuous Open Recruitment and will invite women to membership in the spring.

CPC Sororities
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Zeta
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Pi Beta Phi
- Zeta Beta Sigma
- Zeta Tau Alpha

The promise of greek life can be found by combining leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood to create a rewarding experience for an Aggie.
**Student Media**

**Newspaper**
The Battalion is Texas A&M's 122-year-old student newspaper. Student editors determine news and editorial content and direct the staff in news gathering, writing, editing stories and producing the print and online versions. If you can write, use a camera, edit, design pages, produce multimedia content, or sell ads, apply to work at The Battalion. All full-time Texas A&M students are welcome.

Each fall and spring, some 12,000 copies of The Battalion are distributed five times a week, Monday through Friday. In the summer, it is weekly. The Battalion is distributed at key points on-campus and off-campus (residence halls, classroom buildings, apartments, etc.). View articles, photos, videos and blogs online at [thebatt.com](http://thebatt.com).

If you have a hot news scoop or letter to the editor, turn that in to The Battalion in person at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the Memorial Student Center or email editor@thebatt.com.

**Yearbook**
The Aggieland, one of the nation’s largest annuals, reviews the academic year — the people and events that make each year memorable. The Texas A&M University yearbook is under the direction of student editors who determine its content. If you worked on your high school yearbook, you may want to work on the Aggieland. All 600 pages are created on Macintosh computers using Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and other state-of-the-art programs.

You can order the Aggieland when you pay your tuition and fees during fall registration. You also may order with a credit card online at [aggieland.tamu.edu](http://aggieland.tamu.edu), or by calling 979.845.2696, or at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the MSC. Yearbook charges are refundable in full during the semester in which payment is made. Thereafter, no refunds will be made on canceled orders.

For more information on Student Media opportunities visit [studentmedia.tamu.edu](http://studentmedia.tamu.edu).

**Corps of Cadets**
The Corps of Cadets is the largest, oldest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. It is also one of the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation, outside of the military academies. Currently over 2,400 young men and women are Corps members.

The Corps of Cadets delivers the ultimate Aggie Experience. It starts with a world-class University with over 139 years of tradition. The Corps then builds on that foundation, guiding cadets as they develop their leadership capabilities while enjoying the benefits of being at one of the nation’s premier universities.

Most cadet graduates pursue a career in the public and private sector; however, the Corps of Cadets consistently commissions more officers than any institution other than the service academies. An average of 40-45% of cadets pursues a military commission.

Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets offering scholastic advising, tutoring, cadet-led support programs as well as access to state-of-the-art academic facilities such as the Buzbee and Ash Leadership Learning Centers, located in the area of the Corps dorms known as the Quad. The Corps provides a structured, disciplined environment conducive to academic excellence, including required study periods five days per week and quiet hours in the dorms supervised by upperclassmen.

The Corps of Cadets has been developing leaders of character for our state and nation since 1876. Cadets learn leadership in a military-style environment that complements their academic education and prepares them for a lifetime of success. In addition to leadership opportunities in the Corps, our cadets gain valuable leadership experience in student government and other student activities.

The first edition of the Aggieland was published in 1895 when Lawrence Sullivan Ross was president of Texas A&M University and was called "Longhorn" until 1949.
Many of Texas A&M’s most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster, and Silver Taps. The Corps views itself as the “Keepers of the Spirit” and the “Guardians of Tradition.” These endeavors add to the unique and cherished A&M experience for all students and create lifelong memories for the accomplished graduates of the Corps.

The Corps of Cadets is a large and diverse program with 44 units, each with unique traits and offerings. Students join a unit based on their interests and ROTC choice. All freshman and sophomore cadets are required to enroll in basic ROTC courses. As a junior, cadets will make a decision to pursue a commission as a military officer. If so, they will continue in advanced ROTC courses and be commissioned into the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines upon graduation.

Cadets live on campus with their unit in the Corps dorms, building lifelong friendships with the members of their class as well as the upperclassmen.

Corps Hollingsworth Leadership Excellence Program
Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — declare themselves Leadership Certificate candidates after their second year in the Corps. Cadets in the Certificate in Leadership Studies program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets. The certificate in Leadership Study and Development is an academic award that is noted on the student’s official university transcript.

The Certificate in Leadership Studies program includes full participation in the Corps of Cadets, 12 credit hours of university-recognized leadership coursework – four one-hour School of Military Sciences courses and eight credit hours from other Texas A&M Departments. Cadets must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in this coursework to receive credit.

The focus is on three components — academics, application and experience. Cadets receive targeted learning experiences and the opportunity to put their skills into practice within the Corps, campus organizations and internships both on and off campus.

Corps Activities
The Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band
“The Pulse of Aggieland” is nationally famous for its renowned unique style of military precision drill and is the nation’s largest collegiate military style marching band. All members of the Aggie Band are part of the Corps of Cadets. Band members live, eat, and are housed together as a unit of the Corps. The Aggie Band is the only major college band in which members live together as a unit. Performing at all home football games and several away games, the Aggie Band is one of the most-traveled university marching bands in the nation.

Parsons Mounted Cavalry
Formed in 1973, it is the successor to the mounted cavalry units that played a central role in A&M’s history. This is a ‘parade and show’ unit composed of junior and senior cadets who represent the university at events across Texas.

The Ross Volunteer Company
Organized in 1887, the Ross Volunteers are the oldest student organization in the state and is composed of selected junior and senior cadets. The unit is the official honor guard for the Governor of Texas.

Fish Drill Team
A drill unit composed entirely of freshman cadets. They compete in precision drill competitions around the country and have won the national championship almost every year since they were created in 1946.

Corps Color Guard
Renowned statewide, presents the Colors at Corps march-ins and reviews as well as many events across the state of Texas.
Simpson Honor Society
Recognizes and rewards cadets with a cumulative GPR of at least 3.2 who foster new ideas of academic achievement, leadership and character in the Corps and promote scholastic excellence through academic-related projects including tutoring and academic mentoring.

Special Operations Units
Sponsored by the various ROTC detachments at Texas A&M, these units provide highly motivated cadets opportunities to further develop their leadership skills, physical conditioning, and small-unit tactical knowledge. Their training activities regularly feature such things as land navigation and orienteering, rappelling, field craft, small-unit training exercises, water orientation, diving and other adventure-type training. These units include the Army’s Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder’s Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force’s Arnold Air Society. ROTC staff members supervise their activities. They are often asked to assist in mentoring ROTC cadets during summer training or through special military training opportunities such as Army Airborne, Air Assault or Ranger courses or Navy SEAL training.

Corps Athletics Program
An opportunity for athletes in the Corps to compete at a high level in a variety of sports, all cadets with a qualifying grade point ratio are eligible to try out for teams that include baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, softball, marksmanship, men’s and women’s soccer, lacrosse and running teams.

All Corps activities, including those listed above are open to all qualified applicants regardless of race or gender.

Advanced Course ROTC Contracts
The University’s commitment to providing highly skilled and disciplined leaders to the Armed Forces requires all students enrolled in ROTC programs at Texas A&M University to be members in the Corps of Cadets. The University offers both four-year (Advanced) and two-year (Basic) Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC programs. While participation in the Basic ROTC program is required for Freshman and Sophomore members of the Corps of Cadets, it carries no military obligation or commitment (unless the student is a 4 or 3 year ROTC scholarship recipient) and is solely designed to provide leadership instruction and military familiarization.

The advanced course is only entered into after applying for and being awarded a contract or scholarship from one of the ROTC programs, is taught during the Junior and Senior years, and leads to a Military Officer Commission upon graduation. Acceptance of an advanced course ROTC contract requires completion of the basic and advanced course ROTC curriculum, completion of ROTC summer training (which varies by service) and the acceptance of a reserve commission if one is tendered. Texas A&M is well known throughout the military departments for its exceptional officer development program—which includes producing more than 250 General officers as well as seven Aggies who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

For more information, contact the Corps of Cadets Recruiting Office at 1.800.826.8247, email aggiecorps@tamu.edu, visit us at corps.tamu.edu or on Facebook (/aggiecorps).

The spirit of leadership is instilled in every student - whether they go on to lead in the boardroom or in the backyard - they have the values, the confidence and the experience to lead change in their world.
Recreational Sports (Rec Sports)
The Department of Recreational Sports invites you to visit the Student Recreation Center. With 400,000 square feet of recreational facilities, the Rec offers limitless opportunities for relaxation, fitness, and fun. Use of drop-in recreation at the Rec Center is included in Texas A&M student fees; therefore, students only need their student ID to enter Rec facilities.

The Rec Center includes:
- Numerous multi-purpose gyms for basketball, volleyball, soccer, and badminton
- 14 racquetball/handball courts
- 2 squash courts with glass back walls
- 14,000 sq. ft. Weight & Fitness Room with machine weights, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, and cardio area
- 5 activity rooms for group aerobics and dance classes
- 4-lane indoor walking/jogging track
- 2 indoor climbing options—a 44-ft. rock wall and a bouldering wall
- Outdoor activity area with sport courts, sand volleyball courts, a pavilion, a leisure pool with current channel, basketball goal and 6-lane lap pool, and a whirlpool spa
- Natatorium with a 50-meter, 22-lane Olympic-size pool, a 5-lane instructional pool, and a diving well featuring 1-, 3-, 5-, 7-5- and 10-meter springboards and competitive platforms
- Outdoor recreation center providing outdoor equipment rental and sales, skills clinics, adventure trips, and a resource library
- Penberthy Rec Sports Complex: the Department’s outdoor field facility that features artificial turf and natural grass playing areas dedicated to drop-in recreation, intramural sports, and sport clubs

In addition to drop-in recreation, Rec Sports offers a variety of classes, clinics, and recreational activities. Some of these activities require an additional charge. The diversity and assortment of activities and facilities available promise opportunities for all individuals to participate regardless of their level of ability or experience.

Aquatics offers a variety of water-related classes such as adult learn-to-swim, SCUBA, and lifeguard training. Information is available at recsports.tamu.edu or at the Rec Center Member Services desk.

Group RecXercise classes are offered seven days per week and include early morning, afternoon, and night classes. Formats offered include step, kickboxing, urban dance, group strength training, indoor group cycling, athletic conditioning, and water aerobics. Classes are geared to beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. At least one class per day is free; all others require a pass that may be purchased at Member Services.

Endurance Programs are offered each semester to help participants reach their fitness goals. Examples of endurance programs include a variety of boot camps, marathon/half-marathon training, and triathlon training. Visit recsports.tamu.edu for a schedule of offerings each semester.

Personal Training is also available to Rec members. Nationally-certified Rec Sports personal trainers can design a fitness program to meet a client’s individual needs. The personal trainer will assess the client’s fitness goals and develop a workout plan that incorporates safe and effective techniques. Personal training sessions and fitness assessments may be purchased at Member Services.

Specialty Classes are offered to participants who want to learn a new skill or refine existing skills. The class schedule varies each semester with offerings such as Yoga, Pilates, and dance (country-western, hip/hop, belly dance, and more). A nominal fee is charged for each class, and a limited number of spaces are available. Registration begins the first day of class each semester at the Member Services desk.

Massage Therapy is offered most days of the week. Licensed therapists are available to perform Swedish and deep tissue massage. Appointments must be made in advance at Member Services or by calling 979.845.7826. The cost is $40.00/session for Texas A&M students and Rec members and $60.00/session for non-members. Gift cards are available.

The Healthy Living Lecture Series offers a variety of free lectures during the Spring and Fall semesters. Lectures are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Rec Center room 281 and cover topics related to fitness, supplements, nutrition, eating disorders, and more. Schedules are available at the beginning of each semester.
Intramural Sports is a highly organized program that offers various divisions and skill levels of competition among fellow Texas A&M University students. Events are offered during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. In addition, the sports officiating program allows students the opportunity to learn how to officiate various sports while earning money. The Intramural program offers a variety of competitive events, including but not limited to:

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Innertube Water Polo
- Indoor and Outdoor Soccer
- Indoor and Sand Volleyball
- Kickball
- Racquetball
- Softball
- Sports Trivia
- Swim Meet
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee

Texas A&M Sport Clubs consists of 34 clubs that offer skill enhancement and competition for participants. Any student may join a club, regardless of his or her ability, provided the student has an interest in developing the skills necessary to participate. It is suggested that new participants inquire within the first two weeks of school since many organizations determine traveling teams in September. The Sport Clubs available to A&M students are:

- Archery
- Baseball
- Bowling
- Competition Cheer Squad
- Crew
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Ice Hockey
- Judo
- Men’s Lacrosse
- Women’s Lacrosse
- Paintball
- Pistol
- Polo
- Powerlifting
- Racquetball
- Men’s Rugby
- Women’s Rugby
- Sailing
- Men’s Soccer
- Women’s Soccer
- Taekwondo
- Trap & Skeet
- Triathlon
- Men’s Ultimate Frisbee
- Men’s Volleyball
- Women’s Volleyball
- Wakeboarding
- Men’s Water Polo
- Women’s Water Polo
- Water Ski
- Wrestling

Outdoor Adventures is a program that is designed to provide outdoor experiences for Texas A&M students, faculty/staff, and the local community. Outdoor Adventures is comprised of an outdoor equipment rental and retail sales outlet, an indoor climbing facility and bouldering wall, basic skill development clinics in a variety of outdoor activities and indoor climbing, adventure trips, and a resource library. Examples of activities include backpacking, camping, canoeing, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking, rafting, and rock climbing. Outdoor equipment is available to rent and includes 6-, 4-, and 2-person tents, sleeping bags and pads, backpacks, camping accessories, and much more. For a complete list of trips, clinics, and rental or retail products, call 979.845.4511.

Employment: As one of the largest employers of students on campus, Rec Sports is almost always hiring. Examples of the types of jobs available to students include facility attendants, intramural officials, lifeguards, trip staff, climbing facility staff, personal trainers, group exercise instructors, marketing assistants, graduate assistants, and much more. For a list of openings, as well as a link to the part-time job application, visit the Part-time Employment tab at recsports.tamu.edu.

Assumption of Risk: Competition in any recreational activity is strictly voluntary. Neither the University nor the Department of Recreational Sports assumes responsibility for injuries received during these activities.

Visit recsports.tamu.edu, follow us on Twitter @RecSports, or call 979.845.7826 for more information about any of our programs.
Intercollegiate Athletics (Aggie Athletics)

Texas A&M University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), was a charter member of the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWC) and the Big 12 Conference, and began its inaugural year in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 2012. Currently the Aggie teams compete in 20 intercollegiate sports.

Aggie Men field competitive teams for the following:

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Aggie Women field competitive teams for the following:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Softball
- Equestrian

Texas A&M has some of the best athletic facilities in the country. Already regarded as one of the most intimidating college football stadiums in the nation, Kyle Field is undergoing the largest college stadium renovation in history, which, when completed in 2015, will bring its seating capacity to 102,500. Reed Arena, a 12,500-seat events center, hosts men’s and women’s basketball as well as volleyball. The Mitchell Tennis Center is one of the nation’s premier facilities, and Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park is considered one of the best playing surfaces in the country for baseball. Anderson Track and Field, the Ellis Soccer Field, and the Aggie Softball Complex are outstanding and located within the Jack Little Complex. The men’s and women’s swim teams compete in the Student Recreational Sports Building and Natatorium. The newest facility is the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium as part of the McFerrin Athletic Center where the nationally ranked men’s and women’s track teams compete.

Intercollegiate Athletic Tickets

Student tickets, available through a “12th Man Pass,” for all sports are available and may be purchased and paid for with your 2015-2016 tuition and fees.

Purchase your 12th Man Pass beginning May 28. Due to high demand, you are encouraged to purchase the 12th Man Pass early as there is a limited number!

12th Man Pass with Football = $290
Four Game 12th Man Pass = $150

12thmanfoundation.com/students
Visit AggieAthletics.com
Follow Us on Twitter @AggieAthletics
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For more information visit 12thmanfoundation.com/students or visit the ticket office in the Zone at Kyle Field throughout your New Student Conference. For questions, call 979.845.2311 or 1-888-99-AGGIE (888-992-4443).
helpful information
Absences
Authorized Activities
Student Activities - 125 Koldus Bldg studentactivities.tamu.edu 845-1133
Emergency Notification
Critical Incident Response Team cit.tamu.edu 845-3113
Notification of Instructors (Long Term Absences)
Offices of the Dean of Student Life studentlife.tamu.edu 845-3111

Academic Work and Procedures
Academic Dishonesty
Academic Honor System Office aggiehonor.tamu.edu 458-3378
University Student Rules student-rules.tamu.edu
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
515 Agriculture and Life Sciences Bldg aglifesciences.tamu.edu 845-3712
College of Architecture
219 Bldg A, Langford Architecture Bldg arch.tamu.edu 845-1144
Mays Business School
238 Wehner Building mays.tamu.edu 862-3850
College of Education
804 Harrington Tower education.tamu.edu 845-5311
College of Engineering
129 Zachry Engineering Center engineering.tamu.edu/esa 845-7200
Transition Academic Programs
300 Hotard Hall tap.tamu.edu 845-5916
College of Geosciences
202 O&M Building geosciences.tamu.edu 862-3240
College of Graduate Studies
302 Administration Building ogs.tamu.edu 845-3631
College of Liberal Arts
202 Coke Building liberalarts.tamu.edu 845-5143
College of Science
514 Blocker Building science.tamu.edu 845-7362
College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
101 Vet Med Administration Building vetmed.tamu.edu 845-4941
The George Bush School of Government and Public Service
2129 Allen Building bush.tamu.edu 862-3469
Courses
Selection, schedules, changes, waivers
Student Catalog catalog.tamu.edu
Class Schedule howdy.tamu.edu
Academic Advisor www.tamu.edu/academics
Credit by examination / Correspondence testing
Data & Research Services dars.tamu.edu 845-0532
Difficulties (also see counseling)
Mentors (Campus Wide Door Placards) mentors.tamu.edu
Dean of College www.tamu.edu/academics
Student Counseling Service scs.tamu.edu 845-4427
Supplemental Instruction - Academic Enhancement successcenter.tamu.edu
Dropping a course
College or Departmental Academic Advisor www.tamu.edu/academics
Grades
Viewing howdy.tamu.edu

Grading System
University Student Rules student-rules.tamu.edu
Graduation Requirements
Undergraduate Catalog catalog.tamu.edu
Faculty Advisor ogs.tamu.edu
Registrar registrar.tamu.edu 845-1031

Health Science Center tamhsc.edu 845-2387
A&M Baylor College of Dentistry bcd.tamhsc.edu 214-828-8100
College of Medicine medicine.tamhsc.edu 436-0237
College of Nursing nursing.tamhsc.edu 436-0110
Rangel College of Pharmacy pharmacy.tamhsc.edu 361-221-0790
School of Public Health sph.tamhsc.edu 845-2387

Honors Program
Honors and Undergraduate Research honors.tamu.edu 845-1957

Major
Advising/Change
College or Dept. Academic Advisor www.tamu.edu/academics
Assistance in Selection
Career Center careercenter.tamu.edu 845-5139
Transition Academic Programs tap.tamu.edu 845-5916

Transcripts
Registrar registrar.tamu.edu 845-1031
Withdrawals
Dean of College www.tamu.edu/academics

Accident
Auto (off-campus)
College Station Police - 2611A Texas Ave. South 764-3600
Bryan Police - 303 East 29th Street 209-5300
Auto (on-campus)
University Police - 1111 Research Pwy upd.tamu.edu 845-2345
Emergency
Emergency Operator (campus phones) 9-911
Emergency Operator (cell phone or off campus phones) 911

Alcohol and Drug Education and Information
Health Promotions studentlife.tamu.edu/hp 845-0280

Appeals
Academic Process
Refer to Student Rules student-rules.tamu.edu
Disciplinary Process
Refer to Student Rules student.rules.tamu.edu
Student Conduct Office studentlife.tamu.edu/sco 847-7272
Vice President for Student Affairs studentaffairs.tamu.edu/vpsa 845-4728

General Information
University Student Rules student-rules.tamu.edu
Traffic
Transportation Services - 117 Koldus Bldg transport.tamu.edu 862-7275

Bookstore
Barnes & Noble @ Texas A&M www.tamubookstore.com 845-8681

Calendar
Events Calendar calendar.tamu.edu
Academic Calendar registrar.tamu.edu
Child Care
Adult, Graduate & Off Campus Student Services
agoss.tamu.edu 845-1741

Counseling
Academic
Academic Success Center
successcenter.tamu.edu 458-4900
Disability Services
disability.tamu.edu 845-1637
Mentors (Campus Wide Door Placards)
mentors.tamu.edu 845-5826

Career
Mentors (Campus Wide Door Placards)
mentors.tamu.edu 845-5826
Career Center
careercenter.tamu.edu 845-5139
Student Counseling Service
scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

GLBT Identity
GLBT Resource Center
glbt.tamu.edu 862-8920

Legal
Student Legal Services
studentlife.tamu.edu/sls 862-4502

Minority Concerns
Multicultural Services - MSC
dms.tamu.edu 862-2000
Student Counseling Service
scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Personal Issues
Student Counseling Service
scs.tamu.edu 845-2700

Women’s Issues
Women’s Resource Center
wrc.tamu.edu 845-8784

Campus Dining
Campus Dining Options & Plans
dining.tamu.edu 845-3005

Employment and Job Placement
Part-time, on-campus
Student Employment Office
jobsforaggies.tamu.edu 845-0686
Career Center
careercenter.tamu.edu 845-5139
Work Study Program
Student Financial Aid
financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

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Student Assistance
financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236
Short-term Loans
financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236
Scholarships
financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Student Services
GLBT Resource Center
glbt.tamu.edu 862-8920
Women’s Resource Center
wrc.tamu.edu 845-8784

Hazing (Reporting)
Offices of the Dean of Student Life
studentlife.tamu.edu 845-3111
University Police Department
upd.tamu.edu 845-2345

Help Lines (Campus and Community)
Child Abuse
www.txabusehotline.org 252-5400
Rape Crisis - Brazos Valley
731-1000
Student Counseling HelpLine
845-2700
Student Psychological Crises
845-4427
Battered Women’s Shelter
775-5355

Information
Campus Telephone Number

Campus Operator
services.tamu.edu/directory-search 845-3211
Student Locator
services.tamu.edu/directory-search 845-4741

General Information

Appelt Visitor Center - 1st Floor Rudder Tower
845-5851

International Students
International Student Services
iss.tamu.edu 845-1151

Intramurals
Recreational Sports Office - Intramural Assistance
862-1884
Game Rainout Information
845-2625

Legal Services
Student Legal Services
studentlife.tamu.edu/sls 847-7272

Libraries
Medical Sciences Library
msl.library.tamu.edu 845-7428
Policy Sciences & Economics Library
psel.library.tamu.edu 862-3544
Sterling C. Evans Library
library.tamu.edu 845-3731
West Campus Library
wcl.library.tamu.edu 845-2111

Loans
Student Financial Aid - 2nd floor, Pavilion
financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

Lost Aggie (ID) Cards
ID Office - General Services Complex
aggiecard.tamu.edu 845-4661
Aggie Card Deactivation
aggiecard.tamu.edu

Medical Services
Emergency
Emergency Operator (from campus phones)
9-911
Emergency Operator (from cell phone or off-campus phones)
911
Illness, Hospitalization, Physicals
Beutel Health Centers
shs.tamu.edu 458-8316

Military
Corps of Cadets

Office of the Commandant - 102 Military Science Building (Trigon)
845-2811
Corps of Cadets Center
862-2862
Guard Room - Kiest Hall - Dorm 2
845-6789

Minority Students
Multicultural Services - MSC
dms.tamu.edu 862-2000
Student Counseling Service - Cain Hall
scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Off Campus Housing
Adult, Graduate and Off Campus Student Services
agoss.tamu.edu 845-1741

On Campus Housing
Residence Halls - Cain Hall B-140
reslife.tamu.edu 845-4744
University Apartments
reslife.tamu.edu/apartments 845-2261

Parking
Transportation Services
transport.tamu.edu 862-7275
Postal Service
Northgate Station - 104 N Houston Street  www.usps.com  846-5716
College Station Office - 2130 FM 2818  www.usps.com  693-4152

Probation
Disciplinary
Student Conduct Office  studentlife.tamu.edu/sco  847-7272

Scholastic
Academic Advisor or Dean of College

Publications
Aggieland Yearbook  aggieland.tamu.edu  845-2681
The Battalion (Student Newspaper)  thebatt.com  845-3313
Texas Aggie Magazine  aggienetwork.com  845-7514
Undergraduate/Graduate Catalogs  catalog.tamu.edu  845-1031
New Student Handbook  studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp  845-5826

Residence Halls
Maintenance/Cleaning
Hall Director of Residence Hall  reslife.tamu.edu

Residence Life
ResLife Main Office - B-189 Cain Hall  reslife.tamu.edu  845-1229
Residence Education Programs

South Area Office - Commons Lobby  reslife.tamu.edu  845-2235
North Area Office - Hullabaloo Hall  reslife.tamu.edu  845-4768

Room Change/Roommate Problems
Resident Advisor of Residence Hall

Scholarships
Applications, Inquiries, and Programs
Student Financial Aid  financialaid.tamu.edu  845-3236
Honors and Undergraduate Research  honors.tamu.edu  845-1957
ROTC/Corps of Cadets  corps.tamu.edu  862-2862

Security
University Police  upd.tamu.edu  845-2345

Sexual Harassment
Counseling
Student Counseling Service  scs.tamu.edu  845-4427

Reporting Information
Alleged Faculty Member Offender  dof.tamu.edu  845-4427
Alleged Staff Member Offender  employees.tamu.edu  845-4141
Alleged Student Offender  studentlife.tamu.edu  845-3111

Shuttle Bus Service
Transit  transport.tamu.edu  847-7433

Sports
Camping Equipment  recsports.tamu.edu  845-4511
Intramural Game Rainout Information  recsports.tamu.edu  845-2625
Recreational and Sports Organizations
Student Activities  studentactivities.tamu.edu  845-1133
Sports Equipment
Rental, Court Reservations, Equipment  recsports.tamu.edu  845-4917
Sportspass
12th Man Foundation Ticket Center  mysportspass.tamu.edu  845-2311

Student Activities
Clubs & Organizations
Student Activities  studentactivities.tamu.edu  845-1133

Student Organizations & Representative Bodies
Corps of Cadets
Corps of Cadets Center  www.aggiecorps.org  862-2862

Fraternity & Sorority Life
Fraternity & Sorority Life  greeklife.tamu.edu  862-5636
Interfraternity Council (IFC Fraternities)  ifc.tamu.edu  862-5636
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)  nphc.tamu.edu  862-5636
Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC Sororities)  cpc.tamu.edu  862-5636
Multicultural Greek Council  mgc.tamu.edu  862-5636

Off Campus Students
Off Campus Aggies  ocatamu.weebly.com

Residence Hall Students
Residence Hall Association  rha.tamu.edu

Student Government Association
Student Government Office  sga.tamu.edu  845-3051

Students with Disabilities
Adaptive Technology Services  845-0390
Disability Services  disability.tamu.edu  845-1637

Study Abroad
Overseas Opportunities  studyabroad.tamu.edu  845-0544

Testing
Data and Research Service
National Standardized Tests  dars.tamu.edu  845-0532
Placement Exams  dars.tamu.edu  845-0532

Student Counseling Service
Career Interest  scs.tamu.edu  845-4427
Personality  scs.tamu.edu  845-4427
Study Skills  scs.tamu.edu  845-4427

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Athletic Events
Athletic Ticket Office  12thmanfoundation.com  845-2311

Concerts, Movies, Performances
MSC Box Office  boxoffice.tamu.edu  845-1234

Tutoring
Academic Success Center  successcenter.tamu.edu  458-4900
Supplemental Instruction  slc.tamu.edu  845-2724
Multicultural Services - MSC  dms.tamu.edu  862-2000

Undergraduate Studies
Office of the Provost  us.tamu.edu  845-3210

Veterans
Veterans Financial Services  veterans.tamu.edu  845-8075
Veteran Resource & Support Center  aggieveterans.tamu.edu  845-3161

Vice President for Student Affairs
Division of Student Affairs  studentaffairs.tamu.edu  845-4728

Women’s Issues
Women’s Resource Center  wrc.tamu.edu  845-8784

All phone numbers are area code 979 unless otherwise noted.
Gig ‘Em Week at a glance

Gig ‘Em Week is Aggieland’s official Week of Welcome held the week before fall classes begin. Gig ‘Em Week provides new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about the campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community groups. Gig ‘Em Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs and takes place just before the Fall Semester. Some of the week’s events are listed below but make sure to check out gigemweek.tamu.edu in early August to see details for all events.

**Tuesday 8.25**
- AggieFest
- Gig ‘Em Week Gathing
- Yell Practice

**Wednesday 8.26**
- Ice Cream Carnival
- Library Open House
- MSC Movie & Party on the Plaza

**Thursday 8.27**
- Student Activities Block Party
- DMS Welcome Social

**Friday 8.28**
- ATC Backyard Bash

**Sunday 8.30**
- Undergraduate Convocation

* Events subject to change. Visit gigemweek.tamu.edu early August for a full and up to date schedule

Connect!

Social media is a great way to connect with Texas A&M and learn about all the great happenings on-campus! During your New Student Conference ask us questions by tweeting @NSFPtamu. Respond to our posts throughout your NSC and post about your experiences using the hashtag #NSCtamu to win fun prizes!
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