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Fact Sheet for 2023- 2024 Student Exchange

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General Information

University Name

Texas A&M University (<http://www.tamu.edu>)

Contact for Incoming Students

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Number of Students

University-wide: 74,000+
International Students: 6,000+

Office Facilitating Incoming and Outgoing Exchange Programs

Education Abroad
Texas A&M University
Pavilion Building, Suite 112
College Station, Texas
77843-3262
Phone: (979) 845-0544
<http://abroad.tamu.edu>

Application Requirements

Application Process

Students must complete three applications - one with Admissions, with Education Abroad, and then another with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Instructions will be provided to students after they are nominated by their home university.

Materials to Submit

Refer to checklist on page 5 of this document.

Important Dates

Semester	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Orientation (Mandatory)	Classes Begin	Last Day of Final Exams
Fall 2023	15 February 2023	1 March 2023	16 August 2023	21 August 2023	12 December 2023
Spring 2024	1 September 2023	15 September 2023	11 January 2024	16 January 2024	7 May 2024

Vacation Periods

Please access the academic calendar for semester holidays and breaks:

<http://registrar.tamu.edu/General/Calendar.aspx>

Course Registration

Students may be registered in some courses by their assigned academic advisor prior to arrival. Final course registration is completed after arrival when check-in is complete to remove registration holds. Students will meet with assigned academic advisors to discuss courses and complete course registration.

Housing

Is housing guaranteed?

Available, but not guaranteed. Prospective students must adhere to all university housing deadlines regarding housing applications and fees.

For on-campus residence hall options and costs, review the following website:

<http://reslife.tamu.edu>. Students on exchange for fall only will have to enter a contract for the academic year (fall and spring). They will be released from the spring obligation if their exchange term is only for the fall semester.

Exchange students can elect to live off-campus, but are responsible for locating off-campus housing themselves. Students should only enter a lease term that corresponds to their exchange term.

If housing is not guaranteed, what resources are available to incoming exchange students?

Students may choose to live off-campus, and may seek to explore numerous off-campus options through the Office of the Dean of Student Life, <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/ocss/>.

Types of housing (co-ops, dorms, private...)

Dorm-style available on both the north and south side of campus; apartment style available in White Creek Apartments on the west side.

Are meals included in housing?

Students have the option to select and purchase a variety of meal plans: <http://dining.tamu.edu>.

Are there typically single and double rooms?

Most dormitories are double rooms. A select number of single rooms are available depending on the type of residence hall selected.

How many people share a bathroom and a kitchen?

Some on-campus dormitories include shared kitchen facilities. Some dormitories have a shared bathroom for two (2) students and others for four (4) students, depending of the type of residence hall selected. Other residence halls have community baths shared by a floor.

What's the distance from housing to the university?

On-campus housing accommodations are located on both the Main and West Campuses. The Texas A&M campus is large. There is free shuttle bus service between the two major campuses, i.e., Main Campus and West Campus and to other parts of the city.

What means of transport do the students use to get from housing to the university (e.g. walk, bus, bike, train)?

Most students walk, ride a bike, or use the university shuttle bus system. The university bus system is free and accessible to students for transport both on and off campus.



Airport Information

Nearest Airport

Easterwood Airport (CLL): <http://www.easterwoodairport.com/index.html>

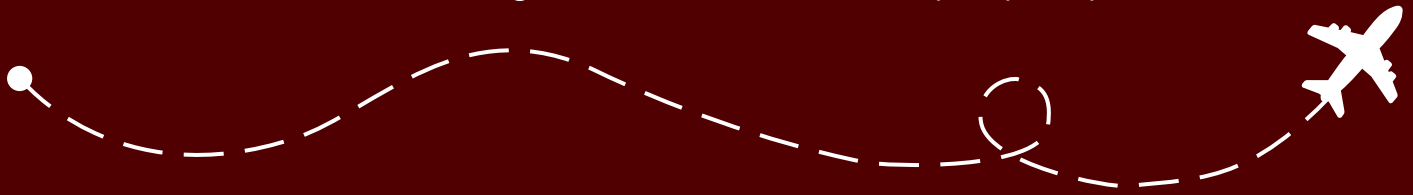
Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH): <http://www.fly2houston.com>

Ground Shuttle service is also available from the Houston Intercontinental Airport and Hobby Airport (also in Houston) to College Station, Texas: <http://groundshuttle.com>

Airport Pickup

We do not offer airport pick up, but the following options are available:

- Private Ground Shuttle service available from the Houston airports.
- Taxi service available from College Station Easterwood Airport (CLL).
- Some Texas A&M student organizations also assist with airport pick up.



Academic Information

Limited Areas of Study

University-wide partners may only nominate two (2) semester students per year for each of the following:

- Business (Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Supply Chain Management)
- Engineering (All majors)

Areas of Study NOT Available

- Health Science Center (College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, School of Public Health)
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- School of Law

Full Time Course Load

12 credit hours – undergraduate level

9 credit hours – graduate level (12 credit hours for Bush School)

Academic Calendar: <http://registrar.tamu.edu/General/Calendar.aspx>

Course Catalog

Catalog: <http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate>

Course Listing/Schedule: <https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/>

For all courses, pre-requisites must be met for students to enroll in the desired course.

International Students

Language Requirements

The Department of Communication requires a TOEFL with a score of at least 550 for paper-based testing (p-BT) or 80 internet-based testing (i-BT) or an IELTS overall band score of 6.0.

While TOEFL or IELTS scores are not required for exchange students to be admitted, English language proficiency is expected. Students should have obtained at least a 550 (p-BT) or 80 (i-BT) in TOEFL or an IELTS overall band score of 6.0 to be considered proficient and eligible for exchange.

International Student and Scholar Services: <http://iss.tamu.edu>

Health Insurance

Is health insurance available?

Yes. Exchange students are automatically enrolled in the international student health insurance each semester. The charge is billed to your student account and payment is due upon arrival. Please refer to the following website for health insurance information, requirements, and costs:

<http://iss.tamu.edu/Health-Insurance>.

Can students bring their own health insurance?

No. All international students are required to purchase the approved Texas A&M University student health insurance for international students in compliance with Texas A&M University and U.S. federal regulations governing the J-1 visa. Students can submit a waiver but will have to pay the insurance cost while it is reviewed; they will be reimbursed if the waiver is granted.

Expenses

Required Expenses

Prior to arrival: Students must pay to express mail their DS-2019 (or I-20) document to their personal address.

Upon arrival: Students must pay international student health insurance (\$1300-\$1700 per semester) and any other additional expenses (housing, meal plan, sports pass).

Cost Estimates per Semester

International students must show financial support according to the following U.S. Immigration regulations. These costs are for 2023-2024 and are subject to change for future years:

TAMU Campus	FALL or SPRING Semester	Full Academic Year
College Station	\$9,000.00	\$17,000.00
Galveston	\$10,000.00	\$19,000.00

Application Checklist

Students must apply through the correct office at your home institution.

Selected students will be nominated by their home institution for this exchange program and be provided instructions to access our online application. The online application includes the following items:

- ☐ **Color Copy of Passport** – should include page(s) with your personal information (full name, birth date, etc.), passport number, photo, and signature; must be valid for duration of exchange dates
- ☐ **Official Academic Transcript** – this should be the most current academic transcript from your institution/university; undergraduate students must provide an updated official academic transcript upon arrival to ensure placement in the correct level of courses, English version strongly preferred
- ☐ **Courses in Progress** – should list all courses being taken during semester of application if not listed on transcript submitted
- ☐ **Course Selection Form** – must provide 8-10 desired courses per semester
- ☐ **Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Report**
- ☐ **Tuberculosis (TB) Form** – if required based on country of birth or residence
- ☐ **Emergency Contact Form**
- ☐ **Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirement**
- ☐ **Immigration Information Questionnaire**

Students will receive a UIN (university identification number) and will create a TAMU NetID and password. Once the above items are complete, students will then receive instructions for the DS-2019 visa processing application through the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Office. This application includes the following items:

- ☐ **Incoming Reciprocal Exchange Student Handbook** – detailed information about Texas A&M as well as expectations and resources for your exchange
- ☐ **Declaration of Financial Support** – form confirming financial support; must be signed by student or person financially supporting student
- ☐ **Proof of Financial Support** – bank letter or statement; must be in English
- ☐ **Address and Payment to Mail DS-2019**

About Texas A&M

Texas A&M University was opened in 1876 in College Station.

Enrollment for fall of 2022 at Texas A&M University totaled 74,829 a 2.1 percent increase from last year's figure of 73,524 students. Other branch campuses are located in Galveston, Texas and Doha, Qatar. Our students are nicknamed "Aggies", our school colors are maroon and white, and our mascot is Reveille. Visit <https://www.tamu.edu/about/at-a-glance.html> to learn more about Texas A&M!

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For number of public university students studying abroad

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Among public universities in Texas for best value

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For most graduates serving as CEOs of Fortune 500 companies

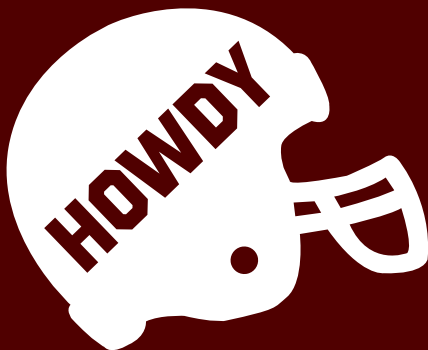
Texas A&M University has exchange partnerships through the following colleges and schools:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 College of Architecture
 Mays Business School
 College of Engineering

College of Liberal Arts
 College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
 College of Geosciences
 Bush School of Government & Public Service

You can get the full Aggie experience by taking part in our traditions!

There is always a lot going on around campus, and exchange students can participate in some of Texas A&M's oldest traditions to feel like part of the Aggie family.



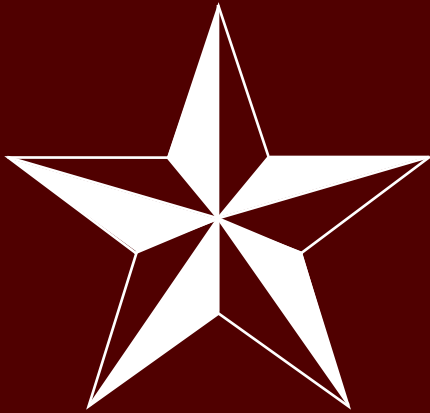
Century Tree
 Silver Taps
 Replant
 The Big Event

Reveille
 12th Man
 Yell Leaders
 Midnight Yell

Learn about all of our traditions at <https://www.tamu.edu/traditions/>.

About Texas

Texas became a state in 1845, and it is now the largest in the contiguous U.S.



Population: 29.9 million (2022)

Size: 268,597 square miles

Capital: Austin

Nickname: Lone Star State

Flower: Bluebonnet

Tree: Pecan

Learn more about Texas and its history at

<https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/texas>.

Texas A&M is located in College Station.

Many of the state's largest cities are only a short drive away.

Houston	~ 1.5 hrs
Austin	~ 2 hrs
Dallas	~ 2.5 hrs
Fort Worth	~ 2.5 hrs
San Antonio	~ 3 hrs
Corpus Christi	~ 4 hrs



Learn more about bus services to get you around the state and the city at <https://transport.tamu.edu/Transit/service.aspx>.

If you don't want to leave town, there is plenty to do near campus!

These links provide some suggestions for places to eat, shop, and have fun in the College Station area.

Dining



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/restaurants/?view=list&sort=qualityScore>

Shopping



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/things-to-do/shopping/>

Things to Do



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/things-to-do/>