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Texas A&M University has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, admission to Texas A&M University and any of its sponsored programs is open to all qualified individuals.



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New Student & Family Programs

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

Publications There are several publications for all populations served by NSFP. For newly admitted students, there is the New Student Conference Registration Brochure 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



New Family Welcome, held each fall, is an opportunity for family members of new Aggies to return to campus and visit students during their first semester. This weekend provides families with the chance to experience unique traditions first hand.

studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw



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.

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Mentors is an organization of faculty, staff, and administrators who volunteer extra office hours to make themselves available to students who want to talk about anything from academics to the college transition. Students can find a mentor through our online matching system.

mentors.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 (/AggieFamilies). For more information, visit

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.

gigweek.tamu.edu



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.

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welcome to a community
of scholars

academic calendar

Fall 2014*

8.29	Last day to register for fall classes. Refer to http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs for tuition and fee due dates.
8.31	Undergraduate Convocation
9.1	First day of fall semester classes
9.5	Last day for adding/dropping courses
9.13	Academic Convocation
10.20	Mid-semester grades due
11.13 - 12.2	Preregistration for 2015 spring semester
11.18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
11.21	Last day to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop), change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type, or officially withdraw
11.27 - 11.28	Thanksgiving Holiday
12.8	Redefined day, attend Friday classes No regular course exams
12.9	Last day of fall semester classes Redefined day, attend Thursday classes No regular course exams
12.10 - 12.11	Reading days, no classes
12.12, 15 - 17	Fall semester final examinations
12.19 - 12.20	Commencement and Commissioning
12.22	Final grades for all students due

Spring 2015*

1.16	Last day to register for spring classes. Refer to http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs for tuition and fee due dates.
1.19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. University Holiday
1.20	First day of spring semester classes
1.26	Last day for adding/dropping courses
3.9	Mid-semester grades due
3.16 - 3.20	Spring Break
4.3	Reading day, no classes
4.9 - 4.24	Preregistration for 2015 summer & fall classes
4.21	Last day to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop), change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type, or officially withdraw
4.21	Muster Day
5.5	Last day of spring semester classes Redefined day, attend Friday classes No regular course exams
5.6 - 5.7	Reading days, no classes
5.8, 11 - 13	Spring semester final examinations
5.15 - 5.16	Commencement and Commissioning
5.18	Final grades for all students due

*all dates subject to change, visit registrar.tamu.edu for the most up to date information



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core values

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

welcome

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Hussey".

Mark A. Hussey '79
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Howdy!

You are now a part of something great! Texas A&M University is the state's first public institution of higher education. Established in 1876, a century after the Declaration of Independence, A&M is now the third largest University in the nation. We are a Tier 1 Research University, holding triple distinctions as a Land, Sea, and Space Grant institution. A&M's academics and research are world renowned. A&M students current, former, and future are known for Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect, and Selfless Service. These are not just words but a way of life for Aggies. A&M's purpose is to develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

Three years ago I was where you are now. I came to A&M with the ambition to make the most of my time here. I wanted to give all that I could and therefore gain all that I could from my Aggie experience. We live in a great country, state, and are students at a great institution. Take a moment to grasp the greatness of what you have been given, and what you have earned. This is an amazing opportunity and, just as in leadership, there is responsibility: when much is given, much is required.

You are smart, talented, hard working; you are an Aggie. Use all that you have been given to give back. Get involved and take initiative inside and outside the classroom. Study hard and make good grades. Join an organization that fulfills your interest, values, and talents. Meet new people and make new friends. I personally am a better man from my friendships and experiences at A&M and am looking forward to you being able to say the same.

This is just the start of your time here and there could not be a more exciting time to be at A&M. We are experiencing a lot of change and growth from an increasing enrollment, to renovations around campus, to recently joining the SEC. There is a lot going on and a lot to be a part of. As the current student body, it is our responsibility to preserve and promote the Spirit, Tradition, and Core Values that make A&M great. You are a part of the Aggie family and network. There is no better place than Texas A&M and there is no better time than now.

Gig 'Em,
Kyle Kelly '14
Student Body President 2014-2015



A large, stylized 'SP' logo is created using white flowers in a circular arrangement on a green lawn. The letters are bold and blocky, with the 'S' and 'P' interlocking. The background is a well-maintained green lawn, and in the distance, there are several small, dark green shrubs and a building with a light-colored wall.

university history & tradition

history and tradition

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.

aggieland today

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 2013 new student enrollment near 12,000, 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 800 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.

timeline

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.

1876

1883

Aggies gathered together for the first Muster to "live over again their college days." Muster is celebrated in more than four hundred places worldwide on April 21st, with the largest ceremony on-campus in College Station.

1889

The Class of 1889 was the first to receive Aggie Rings.

1898

The first Bonfire was held in the early morning hours of November 18, 1907. However, the first on campus Aggie Bonfire was not held until 1909.

1907

1918

Student E. King Gill came down out of the stands and donned the uniform of an injured player during the Aggie football game against Centre College. He was the last man standing on the sideline at the end of the game, and though he never played, he stood by in case his team needed him and began the tradition of the 12th Man.

1922

1930

A group of cadets hit a small black and white dog on their way back from Navasota. They picked up the dog and brought her back to school so they could care for her and she was quickly named "Reveille" when she barked during the bugler's morning wake up call.

1931

1942

Membership in the Corps of Cadets became voluntary.

1965

1963

The Big Event began as a way for students to say "Thank You" by serving the surrounding community. The largest one-day, student-run project in the nation, this event has over 18,000 student volunteers performing tasks such as painting and yard-work.

1982

1999



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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.

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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 half-time 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.

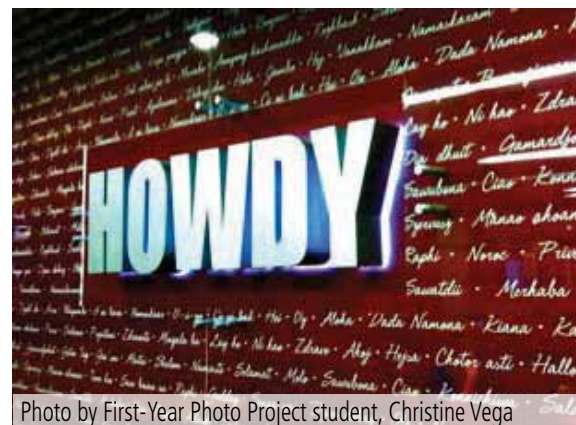


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Gig 'Em

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.



Photo by Division of Marketing and Communications

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.

history and tradition

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!



Photo by Texas A&M Corps of Cadets

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.



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Jackie Harman '14
aggie orientation leader program



"As a first generation college student, coming to a school as large as Texas A&M seemed daunting. However, when I first arrived on campus I was met with the kind of warmth and welcome that only the Aggie Family can provide. *Our rich history and deeply rooted traditions set Texas A&M apart from other universities not only in academic excellence, but also by being a second family and 'home away from home' for many during their studies here.* My advice to all is to go out and get involved on campus, find a student organization you love, stand with the 12th Man at sporting events, and say "Howdy!" Make the most of your time here, Texas A&M is more than a place to get a degree."

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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

T-E-A-M, T-E-A-M

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

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Whistleeeeeeeeeeee

Rah! Boom! Team! Yaaa!

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

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Kyle Field, Aaaa

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.

T-E-X-A-S A-G-G-I-E
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, Caneck! Caneck!
Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!

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.



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history and tradition

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: Undefined, 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 halls and the dining and recreational areas the halls share.

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 orientation camp held just before classes begin in the fall. Provides an overall introduction to Texas A&M.

Fish Pond: The fountain outside of Sbis 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 in Kiest Hall on the Quad.

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.

New Family Welcome: An annual event in the Fall semester for family members of new Aggies to visit their student(s) and attend scheduled events.

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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.



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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, this year marks 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.



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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.



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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 us at mentors@tamu.edu, or call 979.845.5826.

undergraduate convocation

Sunday,
August 31st

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 31st at 2:00 p.m.** For additional information, please visit: **undergradconvo.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 & Peer Academic Resources 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.



"When I came to college I didn't realize I would need to spend more time organizing my studies and planning ahead for studying. Using some kind of daily organizer (planner, computer, etc) and making sure to set aside enough time for test preparation is helpful and important.

Give yourself a jumpstart to success by printing and organizing notes, making notecards, outlining a study plan, and bookmarking online resources.

It sounds simple, but can be very time consuming! You don't want to sit down to start studying last-minute and then end up having to spend most of your time gathering study materials. Plan to prepare!"

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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 refer students to other resources on campus to help them succeed.

Supplemental Instruction (SI): The SI program, generously supported by The Association of Former Students, 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.

SI sessions are free and open to all students in the course section; attendance is voluntary. Presently, Peer Academic Services coordinates the SI program in multiple sections of approximately 70 science, business, liberal arts, agriculture, and veterinary medicine courses. SI is offered in over 150 course sections each year.

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 The Commons, Evans Library, and the Hullabaloo Hall. Tutor Zone tutors have excellent academic skills and are trained in learning strategies and study skills.

Tutoring: Free appointment-based 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. Fun Friday 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 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 with no record up through the fourth class day. Following this period, if approved by the dean of the student's college, a student 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. Texas A&M Email is Web based, so you can access it from the Internet anywhere. TAMU Email Mobile is also available on your smartphone.

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.



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Libraries

The Texas A&M University Libraries consist of the Sterling C. Evans Library and Library Annex, Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, West Campus Library (WCL), Medical Sciences Library (MSL), Policy Sciences and Economics Library (PSEL), and the Map and GIS Library.



The **Sterling C. Evans Library and Library Annex** is the University's principal research and information center. Centrally located, the library offers books, journals, and more in digital and print. From films to federal documents, from maps to microcomputers, Evans Library offers a variety of materials, services, and extensive study spaces. The Map and GIS Library located within the Evans Library offers specialized services related to maps and use of GIS data for mapping and research.

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 **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.

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.

Librarians and staff are available at the service desks in all libraries to answer all questions, assist with locating materials, consult for special projects and more. Photocopy machines and printers that take coins or vendor cards are located throughout the libraries. To promote a greener campus, the Libraries encourage scanning.

Visit the Libraries website at library.tamu.edu for more information on services, hours, and collections at the various libraries.

Disability Services

Disability Services (DS) promotes an inclusive environment at Texas A&M University by facilitating appropriate accommodations, empowering students to be self-advocates, and educating the campus community. DS staff members interact and collaborate with students, faculty and staff, and provide appropriate referrals to achieve equal access 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 documentation of their disability to DS.

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



Study Abroad

Texas A&M University offers a wide range of high impact international opportunities coordinated both by academic colleges and the Study Abroad Programs Office as part of the university's goals as outlined in Action 2015. These programs help prepare Texas A&M University students to become leaders in the global economy. Texas export revenue totaled \$249.8 billion in 2011, and 341,200 Texans are employed by international companies 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 have never thought of living outside of Texas, A&M students should take the opportunity to internationalize their undergraduate curriculum.

Students from every discipline can study abroad. These experiences include courses taught by A&M faculty overseas; volunteer, research, and internship opportunities; service learning programs; inter-university exchanges; and 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. The Study Abroad Programs Office works closely with A&M faculty and academic advisors to fit a study abroad experience into a student's degree plan. 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.



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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

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 their freshman year through graduation on course selection, testing strategy and timing, the application process, and career options. Other services include applications, career exposure, and evaluation letter collection and dissemination. For more information, come by Henderson Hall, call 979.847.8938, or visit opsa.tamu.edu.

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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 a recognized “high impact practice” undergraduate research 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 several recreational and community-building events, lectures, and workshops. Honors students also 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 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, 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 journal of undergraduate research, 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. We'll help with everything from brainstorming to editing. Our 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 our website writingcenter.tamu.edu. We have handouts, video, and audio resources on everything from writing a resume to preparing slides for an oral presentation.



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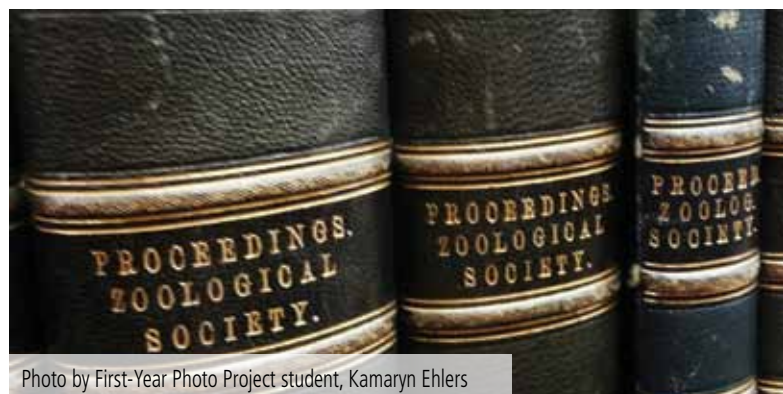


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If you have an organization or class that needs some writing tips, contact us for a workshop—we can help with grammar and punctuation, give tips on writing technical or scientific documents, or show you how to make a great research poster.

“Like” us on Facebook ([/tamuwc](https://www.facebook.com/tamuwc)) or follow us on Twitter ([@tamuwc](https://twitter.com/tamuwc)) for writing and speaking tips and announcement of events.

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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)
- THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment)
- TSI
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- Prometric Testing Center



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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!



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CAMPUS RESOURCES

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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; Alcohol & Drug Education Programs; GLBT Resource Center; Health Promotion; New Student & Family Programs; Student Conflict Resolution Services; Student Assistance 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

Supporting [YOU]

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 oca.tamu.edu.

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/TAMUontrads.

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

Alcohol and Drug Education Programs (ADEP)

ADEP promotes responsible decision making regarding alcohol and other drugs to the Texas A&M University community through educational programming, outreach, and support. ADEP maintains a resource library on various substance abuse related topics. For more information, visit ADEP in Cain Hall C-Wing, online at studentlife.tamu.edu/adep or call 979.845.0280. ADEP is also on Facebook (/ADEP4Aggies) and Twitter (@ADEP4Aggies).

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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.

GLBT Resource Center Advisory Committee

The Texas A&M University GLBT Resource Center Advisory Committee strives to promote an inclusive campus climate and improve the lives of LGBTQIAAP community members by providing feedback, recommendations, and long-term strategic planning input for the GLBT Resource Center. The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly with representatives from all facets of the campus and local LGBTQIAAP community.

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.

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

Health Promotion

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. Our 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 fitness and nutrition, 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.



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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 studentaffairs.tamu.edu/CIRT.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to contact SAS with any questions, to seek additional information, or would like a general consultation. Visit SAS in Cain Hall, C-Wing, at sas.tamu.edu or 979.845.3113.

Student Conduct Services (SCS)

SCS serves students by offering a full range of services to assist and counsel students in resolving their disputes and conflicts in a way that facilitates individual responsibility and contributes to their growth and development. SCS offers services regarding:

- **Student Conduct Services:** administers the University student conduct process as outlined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules.
- **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/scs or call 979.847.7272 for Student Conduct Services or 979.862.4502 for Student Legal and Mediation Services.



Women's Resource Center (WRC)

The WRC provides services to individuals at Texas A&M which 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, and resources for survivors of power-based personal violence. The WRC houses a library with an online inventory, a listserv to keep campus constituents current on programs for women, and a newsletter.

Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training: Green Dot teaches participants how to be active bystanders when they witness acts of 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. greendot.tamu.edu.

Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention (SHARP)

Classes: SHARP classes are a self-defense class specifically for women which teach participants how the body reacts in high stress situations, pressure points, how to break a variety of holds, and allows participants to try out the skills learned in the class using full force.

The Silent Witness Project: The Silent Witness project is a display of life-size red silhouettes. Each witness symbolizes an individual who has been murdered by an intimate partner and has a breastplate shield tells her/his name and story. The memorial travels to several buildings on campus.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The WRC encourages all men to take a stand against violence against women. One of the most playful ways that we ask men to show their support is by walking a mile in red high heel shoes. Since 2011, the Women's Resource Center has provided the shoes, and the brave men of steel who walk have provide support for women, good spirits, and laughter.

\$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops: \$tart \$mart workshops empower college women who are starting their careers to overcome the gender wage gap and teach them to benchmark and negotiate for fair and equitable salaries upon graduation. Each workshop gives participants resources for benchmarking reasonable salaries and benefits, negotiation skills that teach women how to aim high and be realistic including practice through role play.

Aggie Women in Leadership: All Aggie women are encouraged to join this group of highly motivated Aggie women undergraduates that value leadership, authenticity, integrity, and being a part of something bigger than yourself. These women participate in a number of leadership building programs throughout the year.

Pregnant & Parenting Students: Being a parent can be stressful when balancing student and work obligations. Under Title IX, pregnant and parenting students have certain rights regarding their education and status—"Schools must treat pregnant students in the same way that they treat similarly situated students." (Dear Colleague Letter, June 2013). Texas A&M has resources to support pregnant and parenting students so that they can stay in school and complete their education. Information and resources for pregnant and parenting students can be found at: Office of the Dean of Student Life, 979.845.311; Student Assistance Services, 979.845.3113, Women's Resource Center, 979.845.8784.

The WRC is located in Cain Hall. Contact us at 979.845.8784, wrc@tamu.edu, or wrc.tamu.edu.

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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 uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) Student Success Program; Maximizing Educational Development through Academic and Leadership Skills (MEDALS); 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

We are happy that you have chosen Texas A&M to nourish your mind – now Texas A&M University Dining wants to help you nourish your body! 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, and Papa John's Pizza. On the Southside, the Commons Food Court offers a variety of a la carte options including Chick-fil-A, sandwiches made to order, tossed salads, and more. Corps of Cadets members gather for meals following formation at Duncan Dining Center, also located on the Southside of campus.

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**.

The Association of Former Students

When you graduate, you will join more than 370,000 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 us 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 AggieExternship 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 HireAgiess 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.

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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 strives 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.



Photo by F1: First-Year Photo Project participant, Anna Bunson

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 that lead to 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.

University Apartments consist of units 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 in addition to the numerous children's activities throughout the year. High speed Internet connections, cable television service, and more community amenities are included. If you have questions about any aspect of the University Apartments including leases, apartment facilities, or services, then please contact the University Apartments Office at 979.845.2261, university-apartments@tamu.edu, or visit us online at reslife.tamu.edu/ua.



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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 Corps Lounge A on the Quad. If you have questions, please contact the Corps Housing Office at 979.845.3443 or housing@corps.tamu.edu. Visit us online at corphousing.tamu.edu.

Transportation Services

Parking

Vehicles parked on campus are required to display a permit, except for those parked in a designated visitor's parking spot. Students should register for parking online at transport.tamu.edu/account by the priority deadline of July 8, 2014.

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

*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.

Student Lot	\$275.00
West Campus Garage	\$275.00
Other Garages	\$444.00
Night	\$88.00 (valid 5 p.m. – 6 a.m.)
Motorcycle	\$88.00

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.



Photo by F1: First-Year Photo Project participant, Eugie Ruiz

Transit Service

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 once they have parked their vehicles. During the fall and spring semesters, the on campus transit service begins at 7 a.m. and operates until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 6 p.m., on campus transit services are reduced.

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 shuttle services are included in student registration fees and do not require a shuttle bus pass. This off campus shuttle service operates from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a reduced night service. More detailed information and maps are available online at transport.tamu.edu.

Brettney Birdwell '15
aggie orientation leader program



"When I accepted my admission to Texas A&M I was first ecstatic and second, overwhelmed. I was now part of the largest student body in Texas and I felt that I would never find my footing here. Little did I know that *A&M provides invaluable resources to promote the success of all their students whether it is in academics, organizations, or daily student life.* As part of the Aggie Family you are now a member of an extensive support system. No matter where life takes you, you'll forever be an Aggie with the support of this network by your side. This undying dedication to students' success is part of what makes Texas A&M the wonderful institution it is today."

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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 financialaid.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.



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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 12,000 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 71% of students receive some kind of financial assistance to cover their college costs. Students at Texas A&M University received more than \$536 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. For more information call 979.845.3236 or email financialaid@tamu.edu.

Additional Services

Financial Literacy: moneywiseaggie.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 Texas A&M University students by providing primary health care services and promoting good health through prevention and education. SHS is located 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. SHS has a variety of services available for students:

Clinics

Medical Clinic: This clinic provides diagnosis and treatment of short-term, acute illnesses, and on-going 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.

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

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

Ancillary

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



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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 855.247.2273. 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.

Contact the Patient Services office at 979.458.8310 for more information.

Make an
appointment today!

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.

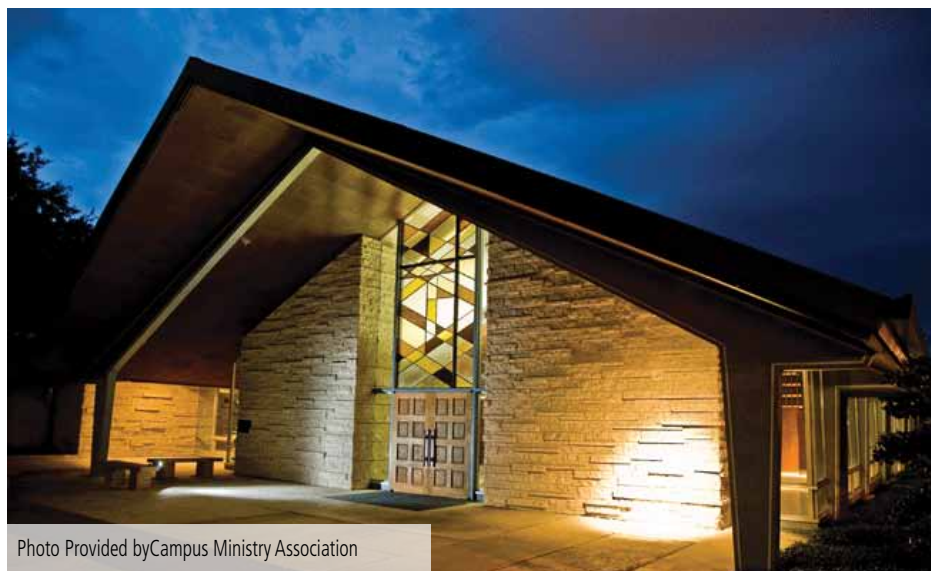


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Campus Ministry Association (CMA)

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 979.845.3113 or visit studentaffairs.tamu.edu/sas/campusministers.

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Veteran Services & Resources

Texas A&M University was founded in 1876 as a military academy and is proud of our longstanding tradition of association with the military. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experience and service to all who attend our university. The Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource & Support Center are here to ease your transition from the military to college life at a nationally ranked university so you can achieve your educational goals.

The Veteran Services Office is your one stop for all educational Veteran Affairs and State of Texas educational benefits. We are here to certify and answer any questions you may have about your educational benefits. The Veteran Services Office is located in the Pavilion, Room 205. Call us at 979.845.8075, visit vso.tamu.edu or email veterans@tamu.edu.

The Veteran Resource & Support Center serves the needs of all student veterans, military families, service members (Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard), and dependents on campus and prospective student veterans with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. The Veteran Resource & Support Center is in Suite 112 of the Koldus Building. Call us at 979.845.3161, visit veterans.tamu.edu or email aggievets@tamu.edu.

These offices supplement other campus units with special emphasis on the transition and retention of veterans. The staff in both offices maintains productive relationships with offices, agencies, and programs throughout Texas A&M and the Bryan/College Station Community in order to best respond to veteran needs and 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 we're ready to serve you while you're pursuing your education.



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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 133 authorized positions including 70 state-certified Police Officers and 42 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 our Patrol 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 or by using one of the 144 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.

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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.

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 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.

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)

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

Residents who park in remote lots on West Campus do not have to walk to the residence halls after dark during fall and spring semesters; night transit service runs on routes 01, 04 and 05, Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. until midnight. Check shuttle schedules at transport.tamu.edu or the mobile site at m.tamu.edu. Customers can also follow on Twitter (@aggiespiritbus).

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.

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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. Sexual assault is often thought of as something that only happens to someone else. 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.

If the alleged offender is a:	- Student (undergraduate, graduate, professional) - Student employee	- Faculty employee - Graduate/Postdoctoral student working in Student Affairs	- Non-faculty employee - Graduate student/Postdoctoral student working in other areas - Unrelated third party
The official contact is:	Dean of Student Life Cain Hall, B117 College Station, TX 77843 TAMU Mail Stop 1257 Studentlife@tamu.edu 979.845.3111	Dean of Faculties 108 YMCA Bldg. College Station, TX 77843 TAMU Mail Stop 1126 DOF@tamu.edu 979.845.4274	Human Resources Policy & Practice Review 750 Agronomy Road College Station, TX 77843 TAMU Mail Stop 1255 Employee-relations@tamu.edu 979.862.4027

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.

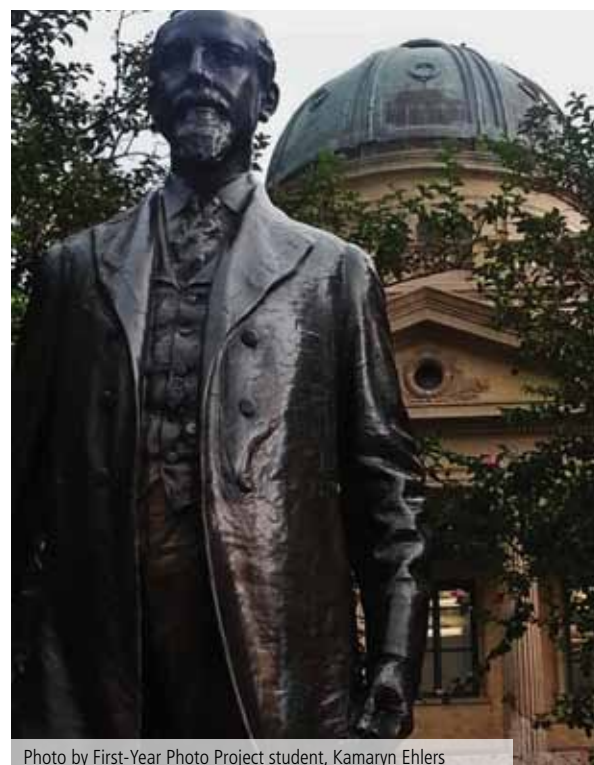


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Hazing

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.



Texas A&M is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity and human dignity.

Excused Absences

As outlined in Texas A&M University Student Rule 7, the university views class attendance as an individual student responsibility. Students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments. Instructors are expected to give adequate notice of the dates on which major tests will be given and assignments will be due. This information should be provided on the course syllabus, which should be distributed at the first class meeting.

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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.



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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 available through Alcohol & Drug Education Programs at studentlife.tamu.edu/ade.

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).



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involvement

Samantha Mott '15
aggie orientation leader program



"With a university as large at Texas A&M, I initially feared that I would not be able to fit in or feel at home here. Thankfully, Texas A&M has over 800 unique student organizations that can align with the interests of any student. *I found some of my closest friends in the organizations I joined during my first year and have learned multiple skills to take with me once I graduate.* Getting involved is definitely one of the best things a student can do because it will lead to a fulfilling and enriching experience at Texas A&M!"

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.



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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. In its 60th year, it has become so popular it now runs as seven back-to-back sessions led by more than 1,200 student leaders with the ability to accommodate nearly 8,000 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. Registration begins 5/21 at 3 pm CST, and closes on 6/19 at 5 pm CST. For more information or to register for Fish Camp 2014, call the Fish Camp office at 979.845.1627 or visit fishcamp.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 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.

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 2014 are August 11-13 (Session I) or August 15-17 (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 Texas A&M and in the Bryan-College Station community.



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Department of Student Activities

At Texas A&M, we care about helping Aggies develop skills both in and out of the classroom that will prepare them for life beyond Aggieland. Whatever it is that you love, Student Activities is here to help you practice your passion through involvement in one of our 900+ student organizations. The perks of getting involved range from reaching your leadership potential to networking with administrators and potential employers to forming lasting friendships.

For help finding an organization that fuels your passion, check out the “Get Involved” tools on the Student Activities website. These tools allow you to personalize your search for the right organization. And if you can’t find what you are looking for, then our staff members are ready to help you start your own organization here at Texas A&M!

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The Department of Student Activities houses some key involvement opportunities through the 50+ fraternity and sorority chapters that can be found in our Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life. The Student Government Association and Class Councils are yet other opportunities for those who are passionate about representing the student voice on campus.

Student Activities also offers extended orientation programs for freshmen and transfer students to help them transition into the Aggie culture. Two student organizations, Fish Camp and Aggie Transition Camps, offer tradition-based camps in the summer prior to the start of the Fall semester.

Leadership & Service

At A&M, Aggies are held to a high standard of leadership and selfless service. To promote and develop these qualities, our Leadership and Service Center offers a number of leadership programs to help you reach your leadership potential, and it also houses several service-based organizations such as The Big Event and Aggie Replant. We also provide a way for Aggies to connect and volunteer with local community agencies through our AggieServe database (aggieserve.tamu.edu).

Student Activities is your premier resource to find out about these leadership and involvement opportunities as well as hundreds more!

Find out more by visiting Koldus 125 or studentactivities.tamu.edu.



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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.

SGA consists of three branches: executive, senate, and judicial; four commissions: election, diversity, development, and legislative relations; and 15 committees: Aggie Recruitment Committee, Alternative Spring Break, Aggie Muster, The Big Event, Building Young Leaders Together, CARPOOL, COSGA, Gilbert Leadership Conference, Guide, Environmental Issues Committee, Fish Aides, Parents' Weekend, Replant, TAMC, and Traditions Council.

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.



Photo provided by Texas A&M University Bands

Instrumental Music

University Wind Symphony is a visual and performing arts (VPA) 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 VPA 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.



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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 3,800 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, the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Interfraternity Council (IFC).



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
Phi Beta Sigma

NPHC Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha
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 PanHellenic 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.

IFC Fraternities

Alpha Gamma Rho	Phi Delta Theta
Alpha Tau Omega	Phi Gamma Delta
Beta Theta Pi	Pi Kappa Alpha
Chi Phi	Pi Kappa Phi
Delta Sigma Phi	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Delta Kappa Epsilon	Sigma Alpha Mu
Delta Tau Delta	Sigma Chi
FarmHouse	Sigma Nu
Kappa Alpha Order	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Kappa Sigma	

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
Chi Psi Beta
Delta Epsilon Psi
Gamma Beta
Lambda Theta Phi
Omega Delta Phi
Phi Iota Alpha (colony)
Sigma Lambda Beta

MGC Sororities

Chi Upsilon Sigma
Delta Kappa Delta
Delta Xi Nu
Delta Phi Omega
Kappa Delta Chi
Lambda Theta Alpha
Rho Delta Chi
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Sigma Phi Omega



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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.



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CPC Sororities

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

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.

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Student Media

Newspaper

The Battalion is Texas A&M's 121-year-old student newspaper. Student editors determine news and editorial content and direct the staff in news gathering, writing, editing 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 published twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday. 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 www.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, 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.

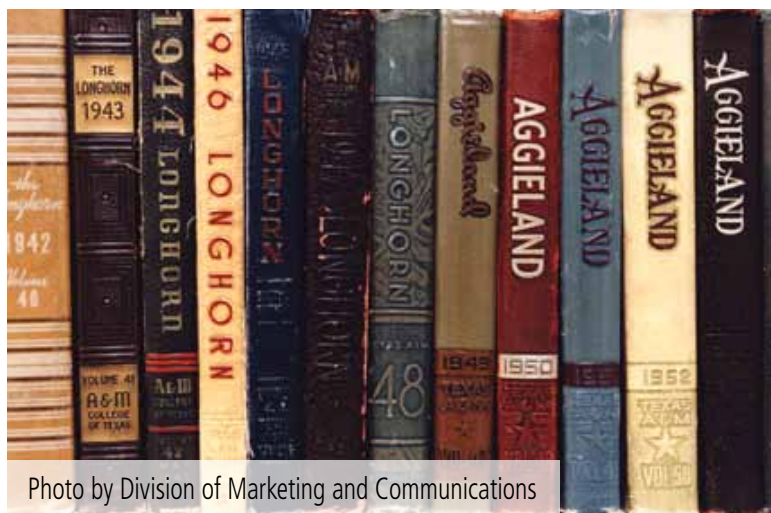
Corps of Cadets

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 2,200 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 138 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 Leadership Learning Center, 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 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.

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.

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 over 39 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.

Corps 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.

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.



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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).



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The spirit of leadership is instilled in every student. Whether they go on to lead in the boardroom or 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 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.



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involvement

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



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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
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Cross Country
- 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.



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Purchase your sportspass online beginning May 29, 2014. Due to high demand, you are encouraged to purchase a sportspass early as there is a limited number!

All Sports Pass = \$290.00

mysportspass.tamu.edu

Intercollegiate Athletic Tickets

Student tickets, available through a "sports pass," for all sports are available and may be purchased and paid for with your 2014-2015 tuition and fees.

For more information visit mysportspass.tamu.edu 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).

Visit AggieAthletics.com
Follow us on Twitter @AggieAthletics
Like us on Facebook (/AggieAthletics)



helpful information

All phone numbers are area code 979 unless otherwise noted.

Absences

Authorized Activities			
Student Activities - 125 Koldus Bldg	studentactivities.tamu.edu	845-1133	
Emergency Notification			
Critical Incident Response Team	cirt.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/easa	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	845-5826	
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 - 301 South Texas Ave.		361-3888	
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			
Alcohol & Drug Education Programs	studentlife.tamu.edu/adep	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 Services	studentlife.tamu.edu/scs	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		

contacts

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Child Care

Adult, Graduate & Off Campus Student Services	agoss.tamu.edu	845-1741
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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 Conduct Services	studentlifestudies.tamu.edu	847-7272
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
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Employment and Job Placement

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

Financial Aid

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
Guard Room		
Corps of Cadets Headquarters - Kiest Hall		845-6789

International Students

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

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

Legal Services

Student Legal Services	studentlife.tamu.edu/sls	847-7272
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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
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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 Center	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
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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
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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 Services	studentlife.tamu.edu/scs	847-7272
Scholastic		
Academic Advisor or Dean of College		
MSC Student Programs Office	msc.tamu.edu/programs	845-1515

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
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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
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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	
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Residence Hall Students

Residence Hall Association	rha.tamu.edu	
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Student Government Association

Student Government Office	sga.tamu.edu	845-3051
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Students with Disabilities

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

Study Abroad

Overseas Opportunities	studyabroad.tamu.edu	845-0544
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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

Tickets

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
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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
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Women's Issues

Women's Resource Center	wrc.tamu.edu	845-8784
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dates to remember

August

Wednesday, Aug. 20th - Saturday, Aug. 30th: Corps of Cadets

Freshman Orientation Week

Sunday, Aug. 24th: Residence Hall Move-In Day

Sunday, Aug. 24th - Sunday, Aug. 31st: Gig 'Em Week

(gigemweek.tamu.edu)

Thursday, Aug. 28th: Aggie Football @ South Carolina

Sunday, Aug. 31st: Undergraduate Convocation

(undergradconvo.tamu.edu)

September

Monday, Sept. 1st: First Day of Fall Semester

Friday, Sept. 5th: Last day to add/drop courses without penalty

Saturday, Sept. 6th: Aggie Football v. Lamar (Kyle Field)

Sunday, Sept. 7th: MSC Open House (mscopenhouse.tamu.edu)

Saturday, Sept. 13th: Aggie Football v. Rice (Kyle Field)

Saturday, Sept. 20th: Aggie Football @ SMU

Saturday, Sept. 27th: Aggie Football v. Arkansas (@ AT&T Stadium)

October

Saturday, Oct. 4th: Aggie Football @ Mississippi State

Saturday, Oct. 11th: Aggie Football v. Ole Miss (Kyle Field)

Saturday, Oct. 18th: Aggie Football @ Alabama

Friday, Oct. 17th-Saturday, Oct. 18th: New Family Welcome

(studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw)

Monday, Oct. 20th: Mid-semester grades due

November

Saturday, Nov. 1st: Aggie Football v. Louisiana-Monroe (Kyle Field)

Saturday, Nov. 8th: Aggie Football @ Auburn

Tuesday, Nov. 11th: Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 13th: Registration for 2015 Spring Semester Begins

Saturday, Nov. 15th: Aggie Football v. Missouri (Kyle Field)

Tuesday, Nov. 18th: Bonfire Remembrance Day

(bonfire.tamu.edu)

Friday, Nov. 21st: Last Day for Q-Drop or Withdrawal

Thursday, Nov. 27th: Aggie Football v. LSU (Kyle Field)

Thursday, Nov. 27th & Friday, Nov. 28th: Thanksgiving Holiday, University Closed

December

Monday, Dec. 8th: Redefined Day, attend Friday classes

Tuesday, Dec. 9th: Redefined Day, attend Thursday classes

Wednesday, Dec. 10th & Thursday, Dec. 11th: Reading Days, no classes

Friday, Dec. 12th: Final Exams Begin

Wednesday, Dec. 17th: Last Day of Final Exams

Monday, Dec. 23rd - Thursday, Jan. 1st: University Closed

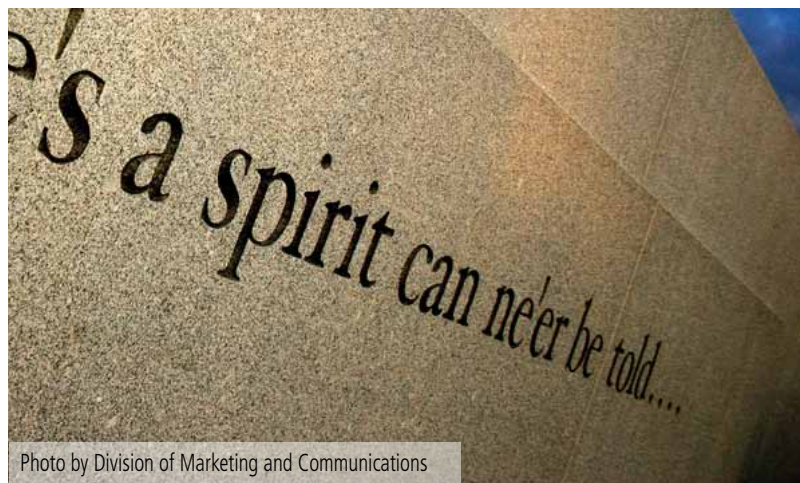


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January

Thursday, Jan. 1st: University Closed

Monday, Jan. 20th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, University Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 21st: First Day of Spring Semester

Sunday, Jan. 25th: MSC Open House (mscopenhouse.tamu.edu)

Monday, Jan. 26th: Last day to add/drop courses without penalty

March

Monday, Mar. 9th: Mid-semester grades due

Monday, Mar. 16th - Friday, Mar. 20th: Spring Break

Thursday, Mar. 19th & Friday, Mar. 20th: University Closed

Saturday, Mar. 28th: The Big Event

April

Friday, Apr. 3rd: Reading Day, no classes

Thursday, Apr. 9th: Registration for 2015 summer and fall semesters begins

Friday, Apr. 17th - Sunday, Apr. 19th: Parents' Weekend

(parentsweekend.tamu.edu)

Tuesday, Apr. 21st: Last Day for Q-Drop or Withdrawal

Tuesday, Apr. 21st: Aggie Muster Day (muster.tamu.edu)

May

Tuesday, May 5th: Redefined Day, attend Friday classes

Wednesday, May 6th & Thursday, May 7th: Reading Days, no classes

Friday, May 8th: First Day of Final Exams

Wednesday, May 13th: Last Day of Final Exams

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day, University Closed

Visit calendar.tamu.edu for more dates and events on-campus.



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College Station, TX 77840
979-691-8366

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200 Southwest Parkway East
College Station, TX 77840
979-695-3266

Rock Prairie

1801 Rock Prairie Road
College Station, TX 77840
979-776-3266

Harvey Mitchell Pkwy

501 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy
Bryan, TX 77807
979-821-3120

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Bryan, TX 77802
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