

## Texas A&M College Info Guide

### What is Texas A&M University?

- Texas A&M's mission is to prepare students to take on the challenges of the world.
- Texas A&M is a Public University with its main campus in College Station, Texas
  - The University's other campuses are in Qatar, McAllen, Texas, Galveston, Texas, Corpus Christi Texas, Prairie View, and many others.

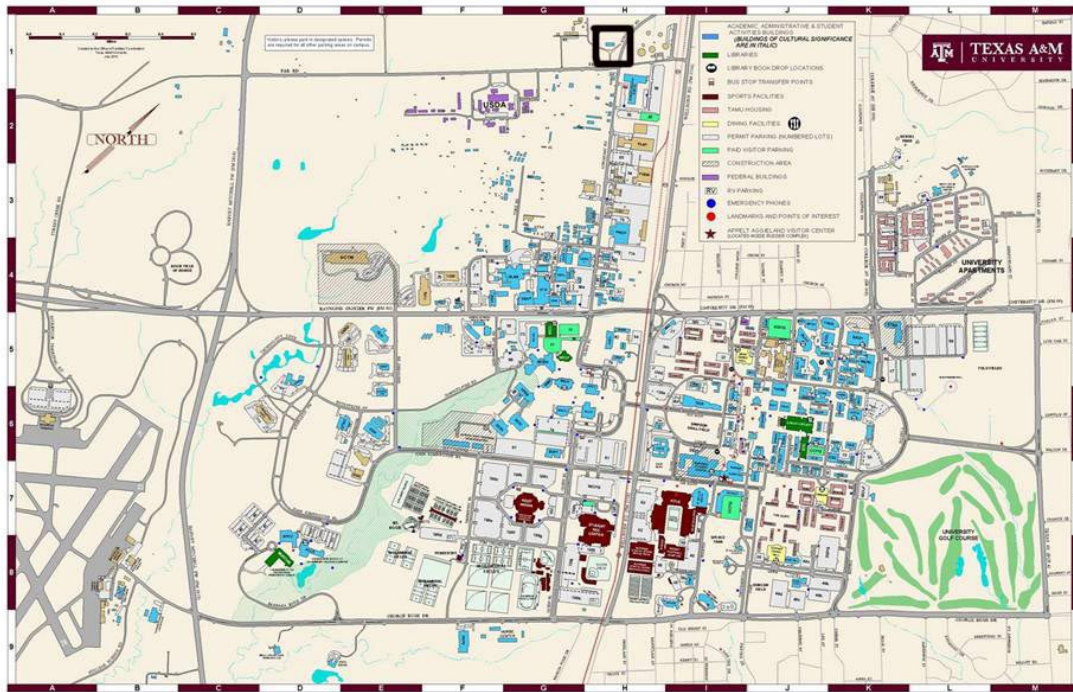
### History of TAMU

- TAMU (Texas A&M University) was created with the Morrill Act passed on July 2, 1862. This act created the public land that is now Texas A&M.
- Through the years, Texas A&M grew and added countless classes and programs.
- In 1997, The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum opened. Meaning Texas A&M is also home to one of the few presidential libraries. Only a few universities have this luxury.
- Texas A&M's extension agencies have a presence in 250 of the state's 252 counties. The university also has two branch campuses: a marine campus in Galveston and an engineering campus in Qatar.

### The College Station Campus

- A small yet still bustling town surrounds Texas A&M's College Station campus. With countless businesses, entertainment facilities, and most importantly, food, the town is the stereotypical college town but in the best way possible.

- The Town shows off their Aggie pride in every way. It's not uncommon to see Aggie flags flying and for Aggie gear to be spotted.



## Academics

- With an undergraduate student population of 53,791, the student-Staff ratio is 1:19.
  - 24.8% of classes have less than 20 students in attendance.
  - 47.7% of classes have between 20-49 students in attendance.
  - 27.5% of classes have more than 50 students in attendance
- Texas A&M offers 93 majors. The following is an extensive list of the offered majors:
  - Accounting, Aerospace Engineering, Agribusiness, Agricultural Communications and Journalism, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Leadership and development, Agricultural Science, Agricultural systems management, Animal science, Anthropology, Applied mathematical systems, Architectural Engineering, Biochemistry, Bioenvironmental sciences, Biological Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, Business Honors, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Classics, Coastal Environmental Science and Society, Communications, Community health, Computer engineering, Computer science, Computing, Construction science, Ecological Sciences, Economics, Education-Bilingual

Education, Education-Language arts/ Social Studies Middle Grades Certification, Education-Math/Science Middle grades certification, Education-PreK-6 Generalist Certification, Education- Special Education, Electrical Engineering, Electric systems Engineering technology, English, Entomology, Environmental Design, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Geosciences, Environmental studies (Coals), Environmental studies (Geosciences), Finance, Food science and Technology, Food studies Industry Management, Forensic and Investigative studies, Forestry, General studies, Genetics, Geographic information science and technology, Geography, Geology, Geophysics, Health, History, Horticulture, Human Resource Development, Industrial and systems engineering, Industrial distribution, Interdisciplinary Engineering, International Studies, Kinesiology-Dance science, Kinesiology- Exercise and Sport science, Kinesiology- Exercise science, Landscape Engineering, Management, Management Information Systems, Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology, Marine Biology, Marine Engineering Technology, Marine Fisheries, Marine Sciences, Marine Technology, Maritime Business administration, Maritime Studies, Marketing, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Meteorology, Microbiology, Modern Languages, Molecular and Cell Biology, Multidisciplinary engineering technology, Neuroscience- Behavioral and cognitive Track, Neuroscience- molecular and cellular track, Neuroscience- translational and preclinic track, Nuclear engineering, Nursing, Nutritional Sciences, Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, Performance studies, Petroleum engineering, Philosophy, Physics, Plant and environmental soil Science, Political Science, Poultry science, Psychology, Public Health, Rangeland ecology and management, Recreation Park and tourism, Renewable Natural resources, Sociology, Spanish, Spatial Sciences, Sports management, Statistics, Supply chain management, Technology Management, Telecommunication Media studies, Turfgrass science, University studies- arts and sciences, University studies- Bioinformatics, University studies- Biomedical Studies, University studies- Business, University studies- Child professional services, University Studies-Dance, University studies- Environmental Business, University studies- Geographic information sciences and Technology,

University Studies- Geography, University Studies- Global arts, planning, design, and construction, University studies- Journalism, University Studies- Leadership studies, University Studies-Marine Environmental Law and Policy, University Studies- Mathematics for business, University Studies- Mathematics for Pre-Professionals, University Studies- Mathematics for Secondary teaching, University Studies- Oceans and one health, University Studies- Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, University Studies-Religious, thought, Practices and culture, University Studies- Science for secondary teaching, University Studies-Society, Ethics, and law, University Studies-Tourism and coastal community development, Urban and regional planning, visualization, Wildlife and Fisheries Studies, Women's and gender studies, Zoology.

- Common majors are: Engineering(16%), Business, Management, Marketing and Related Support Services (16%), Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies (11%), Agriculture, Agriculture Operations and Related Sciences (8%), and Biological and Biomedical Sciences (7%)
- Texas A&M accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on colleges.
  - Many specialized programs, including the clinical Psychology Ph.D. and the Dietetics program, are accredited by respective associations and academies.
  - Texas A&M ranks among the top 20 nationally by the National Science Foundation.
- Double Majors
  - Each Major at Texas A&M has specific requirements. To pursue a double major, one must meet with an academic advisor to determine the required hours for both majors and if it is possible to double major each of them.
- Combined Masters
  - TAMU offers multiple master programs that can be awarded simultaneously through double-counting courses.
  - These Combined Masters include:
    - Master of Architecture in Architecture and Master of Urban Planning combined Degree Program.

- Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Master of Science in Analytics combined degree program.
  - Master of Land and Property Development and Master of Architecture combined Degree program.
  - Master of Land and Property Development and master of real estate combined degree program.
  - Master of land and property Development and Master of Science in Construction Management combined degree program.
  - Master of land and property Development and Master of Urban planning combined degree program.
  - Master of International Affairs and Master of Public Health (HPCH) combined degree program.
  - Master of International Affairs and Master of Public Health(PHPM) combined degree program.
  - Master of Science in Architecture and Master of Architecture in Architecture combined degree program.
  - Master of Science in nutrition and master of science in Kinesiology combined degree program.
- Honors Programs
    - Texas A&M offers countless Honors Programs, including Business, Engineering, GeoSciences, and Agricultural Economics.
    - Texas A&M also has a Latin Honors program.
  - Internships
    - Student Involvement is at the center of Texas A&M's mission. Contributing to the center, there are hundreds of Internships in every field. Internships can be accessed through the <https://jobsforaggies.tamu.edu/> portal once one is a student at Texas A&M.

### **Core Curriculum**

- Core Curriculum focuses on developing six skills that effectively prepare students for the job market and their role in the world.

- The six skills are critical thinking skills, communication skills, empirical and quantitative skills, teamwork, personal responsibility, social responsibility.
- Forty-two semester credit hours must be assigned to eight foundational component areas.
- Each of the eight foundational component areas comprises a selection of courses that meet the definition provided by the Texas Core Curriculum.

### **School Strengths**

- Texas A&M excels in veterinary medicine since it is the only veterinary medicine school in Texas.
- Texas A&M excels in Agricultural degrees.

### **Student Life**

- Texas A&M University has a vibrant student life, including over 1,000 clubs.
  - Corps of Cadets- a collection of students attending Texas A&M who are under military discipline and instruction.
    - The Corps is a time-honored emblem of Texas A&M. They preserve the traditions of Aggie life.
    - The Corps is also the owner of “Reville,” a rough collie, the university’s mascot.
  - Greek Life
    - With over 58 Greek-letter organizations, about 10% of the student population affiliate with a Greek Life chapter.
    - The Chapters are active in the surrounding community by participating in community service and strengthening their leadership skills.
    - Some of the community service projects include highway clean-up through “adopt-a-highway.”
  - Student Government
    - With over 13,000 students active in the organization, the student government ( SGA) is a pillar of knowledge in the Aggie Community.
    - In the Government, the 13 committees, four commissions, and three government branches work towards three common goals, Leadership, Service, and Traditions.
  - Music Pursuits

- Texas A&M's star gem is the Fighting Texas Aggie Band which plays at functions all around campus, including sports events.
- Outside of the Aggie Band, Texas A&M has countless ensembles, orchestras, and choirs constantly at work in the community and on campus.
- Sports
  - Student life would not be complete without mentioning Sports.
  - Football is arguably the most popular sport in Texas, so Texas A&M prides themselves in their multi-million dollar football program.
  - Outside of football, Texas A&M hosts countless sports, including but not limited to Basketball (men's and women's), Golf, Volleyball, Soccer (men's and women's), and Track and Field.
  - Before home football games, Aggies hold a "Midnight Yell" at Kyle Field. More than 25,000 people regularly attend it.
    - At some of the Midnight Yells, the lights turn off for a period, and students kiss their date in the dark. If you don't have a kissing partner, you flick a lighter to signal other singles.

## **Housing**

- On-campus housing
  - There are countless halls for students attending Texas A&M, including six different styles of residence hall living.
    - The six types are balcony style, corridor style, commons style, modular style, ramp style, and Hullabaloo Hall.
    - These different styles feature many same amenities but differ in how the amenities are showcased or used.
    - The gender makeup of each hall differs between halls. Some options include. Some options offered on campus include:
      - Single Gender by Floor: The entire floor or wing and bathrooms on that floor/wing consist of the same gender.
      - Single Gender by Suite / Coed by Floor: rooms contain the same gender, but there may be varying genders on each floor.
      - Female Only and Male Only halls are also available.

- Corps housing
  - Corps of Cadets have their own halls where they live during the academic year. To live in these halls, you must be a member of the Corps of Cadets.
  - Housing assignments within a Cadet Hall are designated by unit, class year, and gender. These assignments are determined by Corps Operations & Training and Corps Area Housing.
  - Apartments communities are also available on campus.
  - All On-Campus Housing rates can be found at <https://reslife.tamu.edu/apply/rates/>, or you can email [housing@tamu.edu](mailto:housing@tamu.edu)
- Off-campus housing
  - With a vast majority of College Station's housing complexes made to house college students, there are countless opportunities for affordable housing with all the amenities. If you are looking for accommodation, the website <https://aggierech.tamu.edu/housing> can help you find great deals.
- Food
  - On-campus/ Meal plans
    - Meal Swipes can be used at the three all-you-care-to-eat Dining Halls (Sbisa Dining Hall (Northside), The typical Dining Hall (Southside), and the Decan Dining hall (The Quad). One swipe allows access to the entire buffet!
      - Block Meal Plans allow 4 Meal Swipes per day.
      - The All-Access Meal Plans have no daily limit on Meal Swipes.
      - It can be converted into Retail Swipes and Guest Swipes (see below)
      - Expires at the end of every semester.
    - Dining Dollars - A set amount of funds located on the Aggie ID with a \$1 for \$1.
      - Designed for meals, snacks, and drinks outside of the dining halls
      - Accepted at almost all dining locations on campus
      - Gives a discount on the door rate at the dining halls versus credit card/cash.



- Dining Dollar Door Rate: \$11 | Credit/Cash Door Rate: \$13
  - There are countless restaurants and coffee shops around campus for all tastes.
- Off-campus Meal options:
  - There are countless food options around College station. Every taste will be satisfied. Some of the local favorites are Fish Daddy's Grill, Cracker Barrel, and Mod's pizza.

### **Living Learning Communities**

- A Living Learning Communities (LLC) are a clustering of students who share academic or social and cultural interests that live near each other/together.
- Many living-learning options allow students to attend classes with a group of peers in their residence hall. Some of the programs have academic adviser offices within the same residence hall.
- Some LLCs are major-specific, college-specific, scholarship-based, or have other criteria for membership.

### **Admissions**

- All admission information and statuses can be found on the howdy portal or <https://howdy.tamu.edu/uPortal/normal/render.uP>
- The spring of 2022
  - US Resident Freshman applications are due 10/15/2021
  - International Freshman applications are due 08/01/2021
  - US Transfer applications are due 10/15/2021
- Former essay topics can be found at [https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/html/c\\_share\\_essay\\_topics.html#fresha](https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/html/c_share_essay_topics.html#fresha)
  - Essay Topics for the spring 2021 cycle will be released at a later date.
- The application fee is \$65 for U.S Students and \$90 for international students, plus an application service processing fee. These fees are nonrefundable.

- The average tuition and fees price is \$12,445 for in-state students and \$39,394. (This includes scholarships). The room and board are around \$11,400.
- Selectivity
  - Texas A&M has an acceptance rate of 58%. College Station students, on average, have an SAT score between 1160 and 1390 or an ACT score of 26 between 31.
- Automatic Admission
  - As many Universities in Texas and the rest of the USA do, Texas A&M does allow high school students graduating in the top 10% of their class automatic admission if the following characteristics are met:
    - attend a public or private high school in Texas, and
    - rank in the top 10% of your graduating class on or before the application deadline, and
    - satisfy the State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy, and
    - complete the new foundation plan with the Distinguished Level of Achievement
    - make sure all required documents are received by the application deadline.
- If you apply and TAMU is unable to offer you admission, you may be provided one of the following options (fall applicants only):
  - Aggie Gateway to Success is a summer provisional admission program. This program allows students a chance to earn TAMU admission the following fall semester. Students with more than 40 hours of college credit are not eligible to participate in the Gateway program.
  - Texas A&M University Blinn Team Program is a collaborative admission program between Texas A&M University and Blinn College. Students are co-enrolled at both institutions. Students with more than 40 hours of college credit are not eligible to participate in TEAM.
  - Texas A&M Engineering at Blinn allows students to pursue their engineering degree in a co-enrollment program between Texas A&M University and Blinn College-Bryan Campus.
  - Engineering at Galveston provides students an opportunity to begin their engineering studies on the Texas A&M Galveston campus and complete their engineering degree in College Station as part of the College of Engineering.

Students are eligible to change campuses after one year through the Entry-To-A-Major process.

- Higher Education Center at McAllen (HECM) offers uniquely designed degree options specially tailored to meet the needs in the Rio Grande Valley. Students begin their college career at HECM and may change campuses after one year.
- Program for System Admission (PSA) offers students who are denied freshman admission the opportunity to enroll in a Texas A&M system school for one year to achieve guaranteed transfer admission to Texas A&M College Station upon successful completion of the program. Students are pre-qualified for PSA based on admission criteria provided by the system schools. Some students may have all system schools on their list, while others may only have one.

### **Consortiums**

- TAMU 699 HSC Gulf Coast Consortium
  - Holds courses for inter-institutional collaboration programs that allow graduate students at Texas A&M Health Science Center or institutions in the Gulf Coast Consortium to take courses and transfer the credit.
- Speaking to an Academic advisor will expose you to all the programs and possibilities offered at TAMU university.

### **Fun Facts:**

- Many politicians, such as U.S. reps and other Politicians, are alumni of TAMU.
- Texas A&M is the oldest higher learning institution in Texas and was established in 1876
- Reveille holds the highest office in the corps of cadets.
- Texas A&M's football stadium, Kyle Field, is the tallest structure in College Station and overlooks all A&M's campuses.

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