WELCOME TO AGGIELAND!

TEXAS A&M IS TRANSFER FRIENDLY

NOW THAT YOU’RE ADMITTED TO TEXAS A&M, HERE ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS
Register for a New Student Conference.

Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M University by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC).

FAQs

To accept your offer of admission, you must register for a New Student Conference (NSC).

What Happens at Your NSC?

At your NSC you will learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student services and extracurricular activities Texas A&M University has to offer. Your orientation process begins with your NSC, and it's a critical component of your future success at Texas A&M. Over the course of your NSC you will participate in sessions and programs that have been designed to assist you with the transition to Texas A&M.

Can I Bring Guests to My NSC?

Yes, each adult, 18 and up, who wishes to attend must register online and pay the $25 conference charge. Registration for family members is a separate process from student registration. For more information and to register, please visit tx.ag/familyandguests or contact New Student and Family Programs at NSFP@tamu.edu.

Family Member Registration Questions: 979.845.5826

How Will I Know if My NSC Registration is Complete?

After you complete registration for your conference, an NSC Confirmation Page will appear on the screen, and an electronic notification will be sent to the email address you have provided during the process. If this does not happen, your conference registration did not go through and you will need to try again. There are times that the system will not complete registration because the payment was not successful or the registration process timed out. Make sure you see an NSC Confirmation Page in AIS and you receive electronic confirmation before you assume your registration was successful.

Spring Admits

Your two-day conference will be held in early January.

Summer and Fall Admits

NSC dates have been set for late May-August.

• Summer admits planning to enroll in the Summer 1 term should register for the first May NSC date—if this date is full, please submit an NSC appeal in AIS so that we may review your file.

• For transfer students who wish to have a conference that involves a more extensive orientation experience, the freshman and transfer hybrid conference held June 28-29 is a good option.

If you DO NOT register for an NSC by the deadline we will assume that you have declined your offer of admission and cancel it. Please note, accepting your financial aid package or registering for on-campus housing does NOT mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. Those processes are independent from NSC Registration.

For more information, contact Aggieland Customer Service at 979.845.1060.
## 2018 NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE DATES

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*Conference is a hybrid conference, including freshman and transfer students.

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### Step 2

**Select a Tuition Rate Code.**

Students will be offered a choice between a variable rate tuition plan or a locked-rate (fixed) tuition plan, allowing them and their parents to better plan and budget for college expenses. You will need to select the best option for you prior to registration. See below for rate differences to begin your planning.

**Variable rate plan:** Tuition and fees may fluctuate each academic year (fall through summer), using the Higher Education Price Index.

**Locked-rate (fixed) plan:** Tuition and fees are locked into a per semester rate for 12 consecutive semesters, or 4 years, from the point of initial enrollment after high school at a public or private institution. Those paying non-resident tuition will be billed the state mandated non-resident rate, but other required fees will remain locked. (Does not apply to Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Public Health or other professional programs.)

It is presumed that students will enroll in 30 hours an academic year for 4 years, allowing completion of most degree plans. Some majors such as Engineering and Architecture are offered 1-2 additional semesters at the locked rate.

All transfer students are offered a tuition rate code based on their first term of enrollment after high school. Students who choose this rate code will have the remaining time in their four years to complete their degree, or they can elect to move to the current year’s rate code. Moving to the current rate code will allow four more years to complete a degree, but it will be at a higher rate of required tuition and fees.

Select your rate code via the Howdy Portal, [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu), select the My Finances Tab and follow the instructions. The choice will be offered prior to your first semester of enrollment and cannot be changed in future semesters.

Texas A&M University meets requirements of the Texas Education Code, Section 54.017 regarding fixed tuition for undergraduate students.
At least two weeks prior to your NSC, upload your evidence of bacterial meningitis vaccination. The immunization record may not be more than five years old. Notarized Affidavits to Decline Vaccination must be mailed to:
Office of Admissions Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 30014
College Station, TX 77842-3014.

All students under age 22 will need to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Declining the vaccination requires completing an original Texas Department of State Health Services Vaccine Exemption Affidavit form that can only be provided by the TDHS office and takes a significant amount of time to obtain.

Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation will have a hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. This hold will prevent you from checking in to your NSC and registering for classes. It is imperative that you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information about this requirement, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis.

Students are required to provide an official final high school transcript as proof of graduation. The transcript should include the date of graduation and the diploma type if applicable. If we do not receive your final official transcript, you will not be able to register for classes in following semesters. Uploaded, faxed and emailed transcripts are NOT considered ‘official’ final transcripts. Please ask your high school to submit your transcript via TREx—the electronic transcript service offered by the State of Texas. Otherwise, you may mail transcripts to:
Office of Admissions Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 40003
College Station, TX 77842-4003.

Students are required to provide all official college transcripts. If we do not receive your final official transcripts, you will not be able to register for classes in following semesters. Uploaded, faxed and emailed transcripts are NOT considered ‘official’ final transcripts. You may mail transcripts to:
Office of Admissions Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 40003
College Station, TX 77842-4003.

Before attending the New Student Conference (NSC), all students must complete the mandatory Online Orientation. The modules help you remove holds from your account which may prevent you from registering for classes at your NSC. Additionally, it walks you through purchasing a meal plan, parking permit, and 12th Man Athletic Pass.

Online Orientation will cover:
• Preparing for your NSC including what to expect and all requirements needed prior to attending.
• Academics & Registration reviews the course catalog and how to navigate class registration.
• Financial Matters reviews tuition billing, scholarships, and financial aid processes.
• Campus Safety & Services reviews a few “out of the classroom” like Code Maroon, dining plans, housing resources, and transportation services.

To complete Online Orientation, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu and go to the My Record tab and follow the instructions. More information can be found at newaggie.tamu.edu/online. If you have additional questions please contact New Student & Family Programs, 979.845.5826.
DETERMINE IF YOU NEED TO TAKE THE MATH PLACEMENT EXAM OR A FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST.

MATH PLACEMENT EXAM
The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your academic advisor determine which mathematics course you should take to ensure academic success in your major. This exam does not result in college credit.

You do not have to take this exam unless you are planning to take MATH 147/151/171 at Texas A&M. A prerequisite restriction will prevent you from enrolling in these courses unless you have credit for MATH 150 at Texas A&M University or a qualifying grade on the MPE. If you have taken a pre-calculus course at another institution that may be equivalent to Math 150, you should check with your Texas A&M advisor to determine if you must take the MPE before enrolling.

To take the MPE, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu and go to the Applicant Tab and follow the instructions. Online review material is available to help you prepare for the exam. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu.

Math Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.7554 (Mathematics Department)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST
Students who intend to enroll in a college foreign language course and have no college credit in the language MUST take a placement test on the pre-conference day of their NSC to determine the appropriate course for their level of ability. Heritage language learners must also take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests. The foreign language placement test also serves as a basis for credit by examination.

Second language learners who take the Advanced Placement (AP) Test, the College Board Achievement Test, the International Baccalaureate Test (IB) or the SAT II Subject Test in their foreign language of choice do not have to take the required foreign language placement tests, although it is highly recommended.

Spanish Language Placement Tests are administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30 fee that is due at the time of registration. To register for this test, visit marketplace.tamu.edu. Select Hispanic Studies and then the appropriate language.

Spanish Placement Exam Questions: 979.458.0672

All other Language Placement Tests are administered by International Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30 fee due at the time of registration. To register for this test, visit marketplace.tamu.edu. Select Department of International Studies and then the appropriate language.

Tests are administered on the Pre-Conference Day of the NSC along with credit by examination tests. Tests are also offered at various times during the fall and spring semesters. Students who do not take the placement test on the Pre-Conference Day will not be able to register for a foreign language course during their first semester. (Please note: Seats in language courses are limited. Taking the Language Placement Test does not guarantee the ability to register for a language course during your first semester.)

Language Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.5144
TEXAS A&M IS Transfer FRIENDLY

AGGIE TRANSITION CAMPS

“A Transfer’s First Tradition,” Aggie Transition Camps assist new students in their transition into the Aggie Family. Participants will learn about Texas A&M’s history and traditions and meet other incoming students. Speakers and special interest groups discuss activities and opportunities available to them at Texas A&M and in the community.

atc.tamu.edu
International Student Services (ISS) issues I-20s and DS-2019s for international students to apply for F1 or J1 visas. The process for applying for I-20s or DS-2019s is detailed at tx.ag/issdocuments. Please contact ISS if you have any questions regarding your I-20 or DS-2019 at 979.845.1824, 979.862.4633 (fax) or iss@tamu.edu.

**COMPLETE THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION AND CHECK-IN**

International students should complete the mandatory on-line orientation prior to arriving at Texas A&M University at tx.ag/ISSonlineorientation. Once you complete the on-line orientation, please sign up for a Check-In appointment so that your registration hold may be removed. During Check-In, you may have the opportunity to meet with several offices to remove your registration holds. You may need to meet with the Office of Admissions during or after your ISS Check-In if the following services are needed:

- resolve transfer credit or other admission issues, or
- fix a discrepancy in the spelling of your name.

You are highly encouraged to attend the one-day, on-campus International Student Conference (ISC) specifically developed for international students. Note: The ISC is different from the mandatory New Student Conference (NSC) that transfer students are required to attend. For information concerning online orientation, the dates of Check-In and/or the ISC, please visit iss.tamu.edu.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

International students are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at Texas A&M University. For more information on International Student Health Insurance, visit tx.ag/ISSinsurance.
PRE-ENROLLMENT CHECKLISTS

The checklists on this page will help you prepare for your first year. Items are in chronological order and are required for successful enrollment.

DOMESTIC TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Register for a New Student Conference (NSC) in AIS before completing anything else. applicant.tamu.edu
- Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.
- Apply for Fall/Spring on-campus housing. reslife.tamu.edu
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) by priority deadline. financialaid.tamu.edu
- You can also apply for Texas A&M scholarships online when you apply for admission to Texas A&M.
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu.
- Select a Tuition Rate Code in Howdy at howdy.tamu.edu, My Finances Tab.
- Submit your photo for your Aggie ID Card at myaggiecard.tamu.edu/AggieCard/Photo.
- Upload your proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination in AIS.
- Verify residency in AIS.
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at tx.ag/darsTSI (if applicable.)
- Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, (if applicable) Applicant Tab.
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment at howdy.tamu.edu.
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable.)
- Send your final official high school transcript via TREx or mail.
- Send your official college transcript(s) via SPEEDE or mail.
- Complete New Student & Family Programs online orientation.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Learn about international student visa information and complete the process.
- Complete the International Student Services (ISS) Online Orientation.
- Schedule your ISS Check-In Appointment.
- Review the university policy requiring all international students to maintain health insurance tx.ag/ISSinsurance.
- Learn about other immunization recommendations at shs.tamu.edu/TB.

Learn more about:
- the International Student Conference (ISC) at iss.tamu.edu/events/isc.
- short-term and emergency tuition and fees loans at sbs.tamu.edu/loans.
- regulations concerning student employment at tx.ag/F1employment.
- credit by examination at dars.tamu.edu/testing.
- services for students with disabilities at disability.tamu.edu.
- extended orientation programs like Transition Camp or Howdy Camp at atc.tamu.edu.
GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE HOWDY WEB PORTAL
The Applicant Information System (AIS) has been created to take you through the admissions process, from application to admission decision and accepting your offer. Howdy is a "one-stop shop" for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information, such as guidance in applying for financial aid, locating housing, class registration information, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information at howdy.tamu.edu.

Howdy Portal Access Questions/Problems: 979.845.8300

ACTIVATE YOUR TEXAS A&M EMAIL ACCOUNT
Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email account is available for you. Your email address will be your NETID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official university correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
Texas A&M University offers many financial aid options to help you pay for college costs. Scholarships & Financial Aid can assist you with applying for assistance, understanding costs, and learning about types of aid. financialaid.tamu.edu

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, we recommend Spring 2018 admits complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA by September 20, 2017, and Summer 2018 admits by March 15, 2018. Fall admits should complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA by March 15, 2018. The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632. Once we have received your information, you will be able to check your status and your financial aid options at howdy.tamu.edu. Click on the ‘My Finances’ Tab, and enter the Scholarships & Financial Aid Portal.

International students may qualify for financial aid depending on their visa status. These awards are designed to supplement your other financial resources, permitting our limited funds to assist the largest number of students. More information can be found at financialaid.tamu.edu/international.

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

AGGIE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP
The Aggie Transfer Scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding students who transfer to Texas A&M. The awards range from $500-$3,000. Students must have completed at least 24 hours at their previous institution. Selection criteria for the Aggie Transfer Scholarship include, but are not limited to, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership, major and in some instances, financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may apply using the Apply Texas or Coalition Transfer Application. For more information about scholarships offered for transfer students, visit scholarships.tamu.edu.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY
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. Texas A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual’s disability and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment and employment of students in its programs and activities.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act): Information regarding campus security and safety resources, policies, and procedures for safety (reporting crimes and emergencies, crime awareness and prevention, and security of campus facilities and residence halls), alcohol, drugs, weapons and sexual assault, and crime information is on the websites upd.tamu.edu and ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html.

Financial Aid Questions: 979.845.3236