The Corps Experience

The Corps of Cadets is the largest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. Known as the Keepers of the Spirit and the Guardians of Tradition, many of Texas A&M’s most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster and Silver Taps. Currently, over 2,500 young men and women are Corps members.

- 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.
- Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets offering scholastic advising and cadet-led support programs as well as access to state-of-the-art academic facilities.
- Cadets who pursue non-military careers declare themselves candidates for the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies – 12 credit hours of university-recognized leadership coursework noted on the student's official university transcript.
- The Corps of Cadets offers cadet organizations (The Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band, a precision military band; the Ross Volunteers, the official honor guard for the governor of the state of Texas; the Fish Drill Team, a precision drill unit; and Parsons Mounted Cavalry, the only mounted ROTC unit in the United States), ROTC special units (Army’s Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder’s Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force’s Arnold Air Society) and advanced course ROTC contracts.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL)

Housed in the Department of Student Activities, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life’s mission is to build an inclusive fraternity and sorority community at Texas A&M and enhance the collegiate experience by supporting opportunities for leadership, academic success, civic engagement and the creation of fraternal bonds. Our office serves as a liaison among our collegiate chapters, parents, alumni, international organizations, and Texas A&M University to provide organizational guidance, educational programs, and resources while challenging members to live their fraternal values.

- Fraternities and Sororities are a fundamental part of Texas A&M University. We are home to 55+ internationally affiliated or local Greek-letter organizations governed by one of four councils: Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), the InterFraternity Council (IFC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Our fraternities and sororities collectively constitute the largest membership-based and multi-faceted community on campus.
- Representing 10 percent of the undergraduate student population, fraternity and sorority members are committed to their academics, developing and strengthening their leadership skills, volunteering time in the community and continually forming a campus and cultural support network for current and incoming Aggies. Fraternities and sororities have enhanced the lives of Aggies since their inception.

Departments of Multicultural Services

The Department of Multicultural Services (DMS) contributes to steady progress toward institutional diversity goals of greater inclusion and academic excellence by positively impacting the campus climate.

The department has a mission to provide multiple educational and developmental services for underrepresented populations and diversity education programs that foster inclusive learning environments for all students. DMS supports, advocates for and challenges students as they transition and persist at Texas A&M, as well as provides opportunities for students to examine and communicate ways to contribute to an inclusive and respectful campus community, develop cultural knowledge and competence and build cross-cultural communication skills.

DMS is home to a number of student organizations, many of which support academic, social, cultural, and personal development, as well as opportunities for intentional interaction and engagement. Our student organizations include Asian Presidents’ Council (APC); Black Student Alliance Council (BSAC); Hispanic Presidents’ Council (HPC); African American Student Leadership Institute (AASLI); Institute for the Development and Education of Asian American Leaders (IDEAAL); Excellence Uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL); and Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC).

Outside of student organizations, we offer additional educational and developmental experiences including Aggies to Aggies (A2A), Diversity Certificate Program, Aggie Black Male Connection (ABMC), Latino Males United (LMU), Women of Color Courageous Conversations; Community of Respect, Community Conversations, Cultural Explorations experiential learning experiences, Cultural Leadership Understanding and Exploration for Sophomores (CLUES), and Race Identity and Social Equity (RISE) Conference. Our department is also home to a free tutorial service providing one-on-one tutoring in specific courses and coordinates a NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program initiative for the Division of Student Affairs. The department strives to maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.
of Arkansas, Auburn University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, University of Missouri, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University.

- Texas A&M sponsors 20 intercollegiate athletics teams. The nine men's programs are football, basketball, baseball, golf, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, cross country, swimming and diving, and tennis. The 11 women's programs are basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, volleyball, soccer and equestrian.
- Texas A&M brought home four national champion titles in 2011 as the women's basketball team, the men's and women's outdoor track and field squads and the women's western equestrian all won their respective national championships. The track and field program accomplished the double national titles for the third straight year, a historic accomplishment in NCAA history.
- Aggie athletes have earned more than 800 All-American citations and hundreds have gone on to successful professional careers in their respective sports. In addition, Texas A&M has produced a number of Olympic athletes, including a record number of Aggies who competed in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.
- The mission of Texas A&M athletics is "Building Champions" and it at the heart of the athletic department's Mission Statement: "Texas A&M Athletics commits to Building Champions through academic achievement, athletic excellence and national recognition of our student-athletes, teams and programs. We provide our student-athletes with all the necessary tools for them to be Champions in their sport and in life. The integrity of our program takes root in the tradition and spirit of Texas A&M, bringing honor and distinction to our University."

**Memorial Student Center (MSC)**

http://msc.tamu.edu

- Programming at the MSC, Texas A&M's student union, enriches the living and learning experience in Aggieland. The MSC's student-managed program committees produce hundreds of programs each year in the arts, cultural and educational awareness and exploration, leadership development, and service projects on campus and in the community. Our programs include the OPAS performing arts series, art exhibitions in the MSC Reynolds Gallery, concerts, weekly films, lectures and speakers discussing current events and national affairs, the MLK Breakfast, Salsa Dance Night, and MSC Open House. The MSC also promotes international awareness through on-campus programs and internships abroad.
- MSC programs also offer students excellent academic, personal, and professional development opportunities. Student program committee members learn leadership and professional skills through the experience of managing their own organizations and producing programs for the campus community. Students can get practical experience in budgeting, communication, fund development, team development, program planning and logistics, meeting facilitation, public speaking, and even technical skills such as running sound for a concert or installing an art exhibit.
- The MSC Box Office provides students and organizations with convenient and affordable ticketing, cash handling, and sales services. The Box Office makes selling easier by eliminating the worry and risk of cash handling by providing online sales and by providing extensive reporting capabilities that take the hassle out of accounting tracking sales and cash flow.

**Music Activities (MUSA)**

http://musa.tamu.edu

**Band Opportunities**

- **Fightin' Texas Aggie Band** – The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band is nationally known for its precision military marching formations on the football gridiron and is the largest military marching band in the nation. This 400+ member, Corps of Cadets unit is the official marching band of Texas A&M University. Corps of Cadets membership is required as well as an audition with the directors. Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more information.
- **University Concert Bands** – Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band and Concert Band. These ensembles consist of outstanding wind and percussion players from all areas of the Texas A&M campus. Literature performed by the bands is chosen from the best of traditional and contemporary band works. The bands perform at least two concerts per semester and occasionally participate in off-campus concerts and tours. Students from all majors are welcome in the band, and Corps of Cadets membership is not required. An audition is required to participate in the bands. Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more information.
- **University Jazz Ensembles** – These two groups utilize standard 17-piece, large jazz ensemble instrumentation for 13 winds and 4 rhythm section instruments. The bands perform select literature from the best traditional and contemporary big band jazz repertoire. The ensembles perform at least two concerts per semester and occasionally participate in off-campus concerts and tours. An audition is required to participate in the jazz ensembles. Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more information.
- **Hullabaloo Band** – The Hullabaloo Band is housed in the Athletic Department and is a sponsored student organization, consisting of 100 student musicians that support Texas A&M Volleyball, and Men's and Women's Basketball. The band regularly travels to tournaments with the teams during postseason play. An audition is required to participate in the Hullabaloo Band. Please refer to our website (http://www.12thman.com/sports/2015/3/23/GEN_20140101165.aspx) for more information.

**Choral Opportunities**

- **Century Singers** – The Century Singers is a close-knit family that connects through a shared passion for music. Members also have the opportunity to participate in events throughout the year including overnight retreats and activities such as ice-skating, movie nights, and group dinners. Involvement in both social gathering and formal rehearsals brings members together as Aggies, musicians, and friends. This creates a truly unique and rewarding experience that will be remembered for a lifetime. An audition is required to participate in the Century Singers. Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more information.
- **Singing Cadets** – The purpose of the Singing Cadets is to enhance the public relations of Texas A&M University through musical presentations as deemed appropriate by the Director and to develop disciplined leaders of character as defined by the Singing Cadet Handbook. The four pillars of the Singing Cadets are Purpose, Unity, Spirit, and Honor. Together, these four pillars have formed the solid foundation that has inspired and enabled our organization to succeed
in carrying out its purpose for over a century. An audition is required
to participate in the Singing Cadets. Please refer to our website
(http://musa.tamu.edu) for more information.

• Women’s Chorus – The Texas A&M Women’s Chorus is a recognized
student organization that strives to promote excellence in the fine
arts and to encourage cultural expansion at Texas A&M. They also
aim to provide entertainment for the campus community, and to
enhance the perception of the ensemble at all levels. The choir travels
throughout Texas, beyond our state borders, and internationally,
and performs a varied repertoire of sacred and secular classical
selections. An audition is required to participate in the Women’s
Chorus. Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more
information.

Orchestral Opportunities

• University Orchras – The orchestra program at Texas A&M
consists of two orchestras; the Chamber Orchestra and the
Philharmonic Orchestra. Both of these groups are comprised of
students from all majors at the university. Both orchestras provide
students with outstanding musical experiences while allowing
time for academics and other interests. Students in the orchestras
perform the best of both string and symphony orchestra literature
at a high level of artistic achievement in a focused and supportive
environment. An audition is required to participate in the orchestras.
Please refer to our website (http://musa.tamu.edu) for more
information.

Recreational Sports

http://recsports.tamu.edu

• Most Texas A&M students are automatically Rec Members. All
you need is your student ID to utilize the Student Recreation
Center (Rec Center) and other Rec Sports facilities. Persons with
disabilities are invited to contact Member Services to inquire about
accommodations.

• Drop-in recreation encompasses the use of recreational facilities
such as swimming/diving pools, walking/jogging track, handball/
racquetball courts, and indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball and
badminton courts. The Rec Center also features a bouldering wall, an
indoor rock climbing facility, outdoor basketball and sand volleyball
courts, extensive strength and conditioning areas, dance/activity
rooms, and a world-class natatorium featuring indoor and outdoor
pools and a diving well. Facilities may be used on a drop-in basis
except when reserved for classes or university functions. Daily guest
guest passes are available for visitors.

• Rec Sports also offers aquatics classes, group exercise classes,
endurance programs and boot camps, personal training, specialty
classes, massage therapy, intramural sports, the Texas A&M Sport
Clubs program, Outdoor Adventures, CPR certification classes, and
the Walk of Champions brick campaign.

Speech and Debate Team

http://speech.tamu.edu

• Compete at national level while impacting the community and the
world at a grassroots level.

• Compete in debate, public address events, individual limited
preparation events and oral interpretation events.

• Student-run, student-funded and student-oriented organization.

Student Activities

http://studentactivities.tamu.edu

• Student Activities is the premier resource hub for the many
leadership and involvement opportunities on campus. At Texas
A&M, we care about helping Aggies develop skills both in and out of
the classroom, preparing you 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 1000+ student
organizations. The perks of getting involved range from reaching your
leadership potential to networking with administrators and potential
employers to forming lasting friendships.

• The Department of Student Activities houses key involvement
opportunities, including the 50+ fraternity and sorority chapters
that can be found in our Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life. The
Student Government Association and the Texas A&M Class Councils
offer opportunities for those who are passionate about representing
the student voice and hosting Texas A&M traditions.

• At Texas 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, including
the Maroon & White Leadership Fellows, 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
(http://aggieserve.tamu.edu).

Student Government (SGA)

http://sga.tamu.edu

• SGA is comprised of the executive, legislative and judicial branches.
Members of these branches work to advocate for student needs and
help better the Texas A&M campus.

• In addition, SGA has four commissions – Development, Election,
Diversity and Legislative Relations. Each of these serve to carry out
the goals of the Student Body President from fundraising money for
all of SGA to advocating for students at the state level.

• Finally, SGA houses 14 committees including CARPOOL, The Big
Event, Muster and more. These committees strive to enhance the
student body through their leadership, programs, conferences and
traditions, and they directly have an impact on the student body and
community.

Student Life

http://studentlife.tamu.edu

• The Offices of the Dean of Student Life strive to enhance your
opportunities as a student to participate fully in the University
experience. We do this by providing you with information, services,
programs and involvement opportunities that facilitate responsible
life choices and promote awareness of yourself and of your
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.

• Additionally, the department advises the following student
organizations: Aggie Orientation Leader Program (AOLP), American
Association of University Women at Texas A&M University (AAUW-
TAMU), Graduate & Professional Student Council (GPSC), the Family Weekend Committee and The Sex Project.

• Specific services and programs offered include:
  • Consensual Language, Education, Awareness and Relationships (CLEAR)
  • Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
  • Health Promotion
  • New Student & Family Programs
  • Off Campus Student Services
  • Student Assistance Services
  • Student Conduct Office
  • Student Legal Services
  • Student Media (The Battalion and Aggieland yearbook)
  • Women’s Resource Center

Student Life Studies
http://studentlifestudies.tamu.edu

• Facilitates the Division of Student Affairs and student organizations in the assessment and evaluation of services and programs and assists in expanding the knowledge base about Texas A&M students and their co-curricular experiences. Department staff can assist with the development of assessment instruments and the collection and analysis of data including web-based programs.

Student Media
http://studentmedia.tamu.edu

• Student Media produces national, award-winning publications; The Battalion newspaper and the Aggieland yearbook. Both are written, edited and produced by students and offer excellent opportunities to gain valuable experience for journalistic and related careers.
  • The Battalion is published Monday through Thursday during fall and spring semesters and typically on Tuesday and Thursday during the summer sessions. It is distributed to students, faculty and staff on campus and at many apartments and other high traffic areas in College Station. The Battalion also is available online and on mobile devices at thebatt.com.
  • The Aggieland is distributed in the fall but is a year-round project documenting school activities. It is one of the nation’s largest college yearbooks.

University Art Galleries
http://uart.tamu.edu

• The University Art Galleries (UART) Department (supports the educational mission of Texas A&M University by providing impactful visual arts experiences to diverse campus and regional community audiences. UART serves as steward of its collections, promoting arts advocacy and engagement across the university. It is responsible for visual art exhibitions at the J. Wayne Stark Galleries, the Forsyth Galleries and for art inventories at Texas A&M.
  • The program organizes the major art exhibitions for the University; advises on the selection, display and management of visual art objects on the campus; handles all art and art-related gifts to the University; and provides guidance and support to all exhibitions and collections at the University. The department also maintains the outdoor sculpture collection for the university.
  • In addition, the University Art Galleries department organizes programs to complement exhibitions; has a docent program, which provides guided tours of changing exhibitions on campus and the University’s permanent collections to interested community and school groups as well as other art education programs.

University Center and Special Events (UCEN)
http://ucenter.tamu.edu

• University Center and Special Events (UCEN) is a highly skilled team of professionals committed to creating extraordinary guest experiences. We provide exceptional event management and technical support in state-of-the-art facilities that are well maintained, safe and clean. Through our facilities and services, we enhance the educational, business, social and cultural experiences of students, faculty, staff and visitors of Texas A&M University.
  • Event Services — located on the second floor of Rudder Tower, the Event Services team assists in the booking, coordination, setup and staffing of meetings and events held in the Memorial Student Center (MSC), J. Earl Rudder Conference Tower, John J. Koldus Building, All Faiths Chapel, and the surrounding outside event spaces.
  • Special Events — located on the first floor of Rudder Theatre Complex, the Special Events team assists with the booking of space in Rudder Theatre Complex, which includes Rudder Auditorium, Rudder Theatre, Rudder Forum, and the Exhibit Hall. Additionally, our Special Events team provides AV technical support, event setup and support, equipment rental and event consultation for events held outside of UCEN facilities.
  • University Center Guest Suites — located in the Memorial Student Center (MSC), the University Center Guest Suites are an ideal and convenient place for housing speakers, visitors, and out-of-town guests. With an offering of 800 square feet, each suite includes a living room, kitchenette, king bedroom, full bath and vanity. Individually decorated, each suite welcomes guests with tailored amenities, exemplary service and an experience which embraces university traditions and values.

Vice President for Student Affairs
http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu

In support of the Texas A&M University mission, the Division of Student Affairs contributes to student learning and development. The Division provides exceptional services, facilities, and programs that promote student success, embody the Aggie spirit, and foster a diverse and inclusive campus community to deepen the understanding and individual application of the Aggie Core Values - Loyalty, Integrity, Excellence, Leadership, Selfless Service and Respect.