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Transition Academic Programs provides academic advising services for students transitioning between majors and programming for students transitioning from high school to college. Campus-wide programs coordinated by Transition Academic Programs include Aggie Gateways to Success, the FOCUS Learning Communities, and the Texas A&M Blinn TEAM (Transfer Enrollment to A&M) Program.

Academic Advising for Students in Transition

Transition Academic Programs helps students changing majors develop a realistic academic plan, transition into a new degree-granting major, and progress toward timely graduation. Currently enrolled Texas A&M students who move into Transition Academic Programs are only guaranteed one semester to complete necessary requirements to move into a degree-granting major.

Aggie Gateways to Success

Students are selected during the admissions process to participate in Gateway during the summer prior to their first fall semester at Texas A&M University. Participating students are assigned courses for the second summer session (July-August). Students who pass all summer courses with at least a 2.0 grade point average can declare a major and enroll for the fall semester. Financial aid is available for students enrolled in Gateway. Participants must reside on campus during the summer.

The Texas A&M Blinn TEAM Program

The Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program ("TEAM") is a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between Texas A&M University and Blinn College. To be considered for participation in the TEAM program, a prospective student must apply for regular freshman admission and meet all admission criteria. TEAM students must enroll in a minimum of 12 total credit hours per semester, three-to-five at Texas A&M and the remainder at Blinn College. At the conclusion of the sophomore year, students who have completed 45 Blinn and 15 Texas A&M credit hours, with a 3.0 or higher grade point average at each school, will be fully admitted to Texas A&M University without an additional application process. TEAM students may apply for full Texas A&M admission via the transfer admission process before completion of the two-year TEAM format. TEAM students are able to access most student services and programs on both campuses, to include participation in the Corps of Cadets and Greek Life. They may apply for on-campus housing at A&M, as well as financial aid (based upon their combined credit hours from both schools).

FOCUS Learning Community

FOCUS offers first-year Regents’ Scholarship recipients a learning community experience while they are building Foundations of Continued Undergraduate Success (FOCUS). During the fall and spring semesters of the first year, FOCUS students enroll in one core curriculum course taught in a small section with 25 or fewer students. Each course is linked to a weekly non-credit mentor-led In-FOCUS session during which the cohort delves into connection, achievement, respect, and exploration as guiding principles for personal development and responsibility in university life. FOCUS students benefit from professional staff guidance, peer mentoring, and monthly co-curricular activities. FOCUS students may apply to the optional FOCUS Living-Learning Community in Keathley Hall. Regents’ Scholars may register for FOCUS on the FOCUS (http://focus.tamu.edu) website during the spring/summer prior to enrolling at Texas A&M University. Students who are not eligible for Regents’ Scholarships may request placement on the wait list.