Transition Academic Programs

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 and the Texas A&M Blinn TEAM (Transfer Enrollment to A&M) Program.

Academic Advising for Students in Transition

Transition Academic Programs helps students who are 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 Gateway to Success

Qualified students are selected for provisional admission by the Office of Admissions to participate in the Aggie Gateway to Success (AGS) program during the summer prior to their first fall semester at Texas A&M University. Participating students are assigned 6 hours of University Core Curriculum courses plus an Academic Success Center study skills class and participate in a learning community for the second summer session (July-August). Students who pass all assigned summer courses with at least a 2.0 grade point average earn the right to continue as a fully admitted student for the fall semester. Successful AGS students may compete for acceptance in any major program for which they meet regular change of curriculum requirements. Students are advised by Transition Academic Programs advisors about the best way to complete these requirements. Gateway students may apply for summer Financial Aid. 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 enroll in a minimum of 12 total credit hours per semester, divided between Texas A&M and Blinn. TEAM students are able to transition into degree-granting departments at Texas A&M via the change of curriculum process if they have: Completed 45 Blinn and 15 Texas A&M credit hours, maintained required grades at both schools, and satisfied departmental entry criteria (to include any internal application processes). It is sometimes possible for TEAM students to transition in less than two years. TEAM students are able to access 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

LAUNCH promotes student success by providing high impact educational experiences and challenges motivated students in all academic disciplines to graduate from an enriched, intellectually-stimulating curriculum.

LAUNCH joins the university community in making Texas A&M a welcoming environment for all individuals. We are committed to helping our students understand the cultures which set us apart and appreciate the values that bring us together.

As a LAUNCH: Learning Community, FOCUS offers first-year Regents’ Scholarship recipients a full-year experience while they build Foundations of Continued Undergraduate Success (FOCUS). During the first year on campus, FOCUS students delve into connection, achievement, respect and exploration as guiding principles for personal development and individual responsibility in university life. Students meet weekly in one In-FOCUS Session of UGST 181 (zero-credit, S/U) each semester and benefit from professional staff guidance, undergraduate Community Leaders, in-hall programming, and monthly activities. FOCUS provides additional academic coaching, supplemental instruction, and tutoring and the option of joining an interest-centered track. Tracks require more student commitment during the year but provide additional opportunities for field-specific activities, mentoring by faculty or professional school students, and higher levels of interaction. With an academic advisor’s guidance, students may register for a small 25-student reserved section. FOCUS students are required to live in the FOCUS Living-Learning Community in Haas Hall and to participate in FOCUS orientation sessions prior to fall semester. Regents’ Scholars register for the program through the Living-Learning Programs application in the Residence Life housing portal during the spring prior to enrolling at Texas A&M University. Students who are not eligible for Regents’ Scholarships may register and request placement on the wait list.