

# CAMPUS LIFE

## The Corps Experience

<http://corps.tamu.edu>

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 2,300 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 continue to hone their leadership skills through a rigorous progression of academic leadership courses, applied leadership experiences within the Corps and broader Texas A&M community, and personal development of an Individual Leadership Development Plan. Additional emphasis is given to the development of career readiness competencies of critical thinking, teamwork, professionalism, oral/written communication, career management, digital technology, leadership, and global/intercultural fluency.

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.

## Department of Multicultural Services

<http://dms.tamu.edu>

The Department of Multicultural Services (DMS) contributes to campus aspirations to create an environment where all are welcomed, valued, and affirmed through active, intentional, and ongoing student engagement and development. The department has a mission to provide multiple developmental experiences for underrepresented and underserved racial and ethnic populations and foster social, cultural, and global competence to prepare students for an increasingly global world. DMS provides social, cultural, and personal engagement and development, as well as opportunities for students to learn, communicate, and work collaboratively with others and successfully transition into workplaces after graduation.

Located in the Memorial Student Center (MSC), DMS works with several student-led organizations and programs which assist students with their transition and belonging at Texas A&M and their abilities to respectfully interact with all people. The department strives to maintain a welcoming and thriving environment for all students.

## Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL)

<http://aggiegreeks.tamu.edu>

- Housed in the Department of Student Activities, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life's mission is to provide diverse educational and developmental services that fosters an inclusive learning community. We aim to enhance the collegiate experience by supporting opportunities for leadership, academic integration, civic engagement and the creation of fraternal bonds. Our office serves as a liaison between the collegiate chapters, parents, alumni, inter/national organizations, and Texas A&M University. We 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 11 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.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

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- Texas A&M is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the prestigious Southeastern Conference (SEC), which also includes the University of Alabama, University 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 has won 19 national championships in eight varsity sports, including football, women's basketball, softball, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's golf, and equestrian. The Aggies have amassed 25 Southeastern Conference Championships since joining the league in the 2012-13 academic year, and boast some of the most decorated programs across all of intercollegiate athletics.
- Aggie athletes have earned more than 900 All-American selections and hundreds have gone on to successful careers in their respective sports. In addition, Texas A&M has produced a number of Olympic athletes, including a record number of 26 Aggies who competed in the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

- **MISSION:** To create opportunities through championship athletics.
- **VISION:** The HOME OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN is the pinnacle in opportunities realized through sport: championships won, diplomas earned, leaders equipped and launched to impact the world.
- **CORE VALUES:** Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, Selfless Service

## Memorial Student Center (MSC)

<http://msc.tamu.edu>

- The Memorial Student Center provides the local and campus community with academic, entertainment, arts, political and cultural awareness programs through experiential learning opportunities. The MSC's student-driven committees, supported by full-time staff, foster leadership development and excellence through campus programming designed to enhance and enrich the Aggie experience. Volunteer in nature, our programming and service opportunities provide next level professional, personal and practical experiences in budgeting, communication, fund development, team development, program planning and logistics, meeting facilitation, public speaking, and technical skills such as running sound for a concert or installing an art exhibit. The MSC also offers cash-handling services through the MSC Box Office to help in collecting student organization dues. The MSC Box Office can also ticket for campus and community events and programs.
- Our programs represent a wide variety of interests including student-curated art exhibitions in the MSC Reynolds Gallery, weekly concerts, service events and free film screenings. Dedicated to developing engaged and empowered global citizens, our programs attract world-renowned speakers to discuss current events, national affairs, and other relevant topics of today.
- Each semester, the MSC hosts several Signature Events focused on creating a transformational learning experience for all in attendance to the annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and MSC Open House, MSC Student Conference On National Affairs, MSC Student Conference On Latinx Affairs, MSC Spencer Leadership Conference and Kyle Field Day.

## Music Activities (MUSA)

<http://musa.tamu.edu> (<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 each semester, including campus and community performances. 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](http://www.12thman.com/sports/2015/3/23/GEN_20140101165.aspx)) for more information.

### Choral Opportunities

- **Singing Cadets** – Membership in the Corps of Cadets is NOT required. 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.
- **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.
- **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 Orchestras** – 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>

- All currently enrolled Texas A&M students (with some exceptions) are automatically Rec members. All you need is your student ID to utilize the Student Recreation Center, Polo Road Rec Center, Southside Rec Center, Penberthy Rec Sports Complex, and other Rec Sports facilities. Guest passes for visitors are available for purchase. Persons with disabilities are invited to contact Member Services to inquire about accommodations. We encourage individuals to download the Rec Sports app from the Apple App Store and Google Play.
- The Student Recreation Center is Texas A&M Rec Sports' flagship facility. With more than 500,000 square feet of recreation space, the facility offers a variety of areas including an extensive strength and conditioning room, indoor walking/jogging track, handball/racquetball courts, and indoor courts for soccer, basketball, volleyball, and badminton. It also offers an indoor rock climbing facility, bouldering wall, outdoor basketball and sand volleyball courts, dance/activity rooms, free day-use lockers, locker rooms, and a world-class natatorium featuring a dive pool, lap pool, instructional pool, and the Cain outdoor pool. Facilities may be used on a drop-in basis except when reserved for classes or university functions.
- The Southside Rec Center, located on Bizzell Street adjacent to the Texas A&M Golf Club and across from the Southside Residence Halls, is approximately 60,000 square feet of indoor recreational space with an additional 15,000 square feet of outdoor space. It features strength and conditioning areas, fitness room, multi-purpose courts, a bouldering wall, outdoor sand volleyball courts, a large outdoor turf area, free day-use lockers, and locker rooms. The Polo Road Rec Center, located on Polo Road near University Drive, is approximately 28,000 square feet with a large strength and conditioning space that includes an indoor turf area, a multipurpose room for group fitness classes, free day-use lockers, and locker rooms.
- The Penberthy Rec Sports Complex, located on both sides of George Bush Drive, features artificial turf playing fields, natural grass fields, softball fields, a covered pavilion, and equipment checkout.
- Rec Sports also offers aquatics classes, group exercise and specialty classes, boot camps, personal and small group training, intramural sports, sport clubs, and outdoor adventures.

## 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>

- The Department of Student Activities fosters and supports leadership, learning, and involvement opportunities that enhance the growth and development of students and recognized student organizations. At Texas A&M, we care about helping Aggies develop

in ways, both in and out of the classroom, that will prepare them for life beyond Aggieland. To do so, Student Activities offers opportunities to lead, serve, participate in campus traditions, represent student voice, and make an impact at Texas A&M. The perks of getting involved on campus 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 1100+ recognized student organizations, as well as 55+ fraternity and sorority chapters that can be found through our Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (<https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/about-us/office-of-fraternity-and-sorority-life/>). The Student Government Association (<https://sga.tamu.edu/>) and the Texas A&M Class Councils (<https://classcouncils.tamu.edu/>) 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 help reach your leadership potential, visit our Student Organization Leadership and Development team - providing valuable services to recognized student organizations and housing several service-based organizations such as The Big Event (<https://bigevent.tamu.edu/>) and the 12th Can Food Pantry (<https://12thcan.tamu.edu/>) - or consider getting involved in an Extended Orientation (<https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/get-involved/new-students/>) program to help welcome new students to Aggieland.

## 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 committees including The 12th Can Food Pantry, 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>

- Student Life strives 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 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 (AOL), Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG), Aggie Parent and Family Ambassadors (APFA), and Aggie Elevate.
- Specific services and programs offered include:

- Graduate and Professional Student Government
- Health Promotion (Alcohol and other Drugs, Interpersonal Violence Prevention, Wellness)
- LGBTQ+ Pride Center
- New Student and Family Programs
- Off Campus Student Services
- Student Assistance Services
- Student Legal Services
- Student Media (*The Battalion* and *Aggieland* yearbook)
- Women's Support Services

## Student Affairs Planning, Assessment and Research

<https://sapar.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.

## Student Media

<http://studentmedia.tamu.edu>

- Student Media produces national, award-winning publications; *The Battalion* newspaper, the *Aggieland* yearbook and the *Maroon Life* magazine. All three are written, edited and produced by students and offer excellent opportunities to gain valuable experience for journalistic and related careers.
- *The Battalion*, Texas A&M's student newspaper since 1893, is typically printed weekly on Thursdays during the fall and spring and every other week during the summer sessions. Around finals and holidays, the delivery days may be changed. 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](http://thebatt.com).
- The *Aggieland*, which dates back to 1895, is distributed in the fall but is a year-round project documenting school activities. It is one of the nation's largest college yearbooks.
- *Maroon Life* is published five times during the school year with New Students' Guide to Aggieland (distributed at New Student Conferences), Fall Sports Preview, Best of Aggieland (winter distribution), Spring Sports Preview and Housing Guide (Family Weekend) editions.

## 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, the public art on campus, 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 Tower, John J. Koldus Building, All Faiths Chapel, and the surrounding outside event spaces including Aggie Park.
- 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.

## Vice President for Student Affairs

<http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu>

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (OVPSA) serves and supports 14 different departments within the Division of Student Affairs that are critically engaged in all aspects of students' lives and the delivery of key services and support. In alignment with the mission, values, and policies of Texas A&M University, the OVPSA promotes collaboration and coordinating efforts that affect the entire division, such as strategic planning, budgeting, staff and community development, research, assessment, fundraising, public relations, and technology.

Furthermore, the OVPSA supports the division's community of talented and dedicated professionals who provide exceptional programs, services, and facilities that create a supportive campus environment where students feel a sense of community and have the opportunity to develop as leaders. The OVPSA works to ensure that the division and its staff maintain a student-centered approach to engagement, learning, leadership development, and wellbeing, in order to instill a commitment to critical thinking, lifelong learning, and the Aggie Core Values amongst our 74,000+ students.