

ORIENTATION

New Student Conferences

<http://newaggie.tamu.edu>

- Held each year for undergraduate students entering Texas A&M University. New students are required to register for and attend a conference in order to accept their offer of admission and register for classes.
- During the conference, new students learn about valuable University services and meet with academic advisors for curriculum advisement and selection of first semester courses.

Additional services and programs from the Office of New Student and Family Programs (<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp/>):

- Howdy Week: Aggieland's Week of Welcome (<https://howdyweek.tamu.edu/>) - held the week before Fall classes begin
- Aggie Parent and Family Programs (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/orientation/familyprograms.tamu.edu>) - support and outreach including a family communication portal open to all Aggie families
- Family Weekend (<http://familyweekend.tamu.edu/>) - held each Spring to honor and celebrate family members as they support their A&M student
- Online Orientation (<https://newaggie.tamu.edu/online/>) - series of educational modules incoming students complete prior to their New Student Conference
- Supervision and advisement of Aggie Orientation Leader Program (<https://newaggie.tamu.edu/studentleadership/ol/>) and Aggie Parent and Family Ambassadors (<https://familyprograms.tamu.edu/aggie-family-ambassadors/>)
- Publications for incoming students and family members

Aggie Honor Code

Integrity is a fundamental core value of Texas A&M University. Academic integrity requires a commitment by all faculty, students, and administrators to:

- Remain constantly focused on the quality of the academic programs;
- Achieve and maintain academic excellence in all courses and programs to assure the value of Texas A&M University degrees;
- Demand high academic standards from all members of the Aggie community.

All Texas A&M University students, graduate and undergraduate, part-time or full-time, in residence or in distance education, are expected to follow the guiding rule of the Aggie Honor Code:

"An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do."

Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University or one of its branch campuses, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. A student will be required to state his/her commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of

the Texas A&M community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System.

The Honor System Office is charged with promotion of the honor code and administration of academic misconduct cases. The Honor Council, comprised of students and faculty from colleges and offices across the University, will investigate all such infractions of the honor code and recommend appropriate sanctions. The website, <http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu>, defines the types of infractions and the possible consequences. Students are urged to review this information.

In addition to adherence to the Honor Code, a student (graduate students in particular) who is completing a thesis, record of study, dissertation, and publication may fall under the additional federal requirements promulgated by the Office of Research Integrity (Scientific Misconduct Regulations – 42 CFR part 50), as well as Texas A&M System Regulations and Texas A&M University Rules (Texas A&M System Regulations – Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work – 15.99.03 (<https://www.tamus.edu/legal/policy/policy-and-regulation-library/>), and Texas A&M University rules and standard administrative procedures – Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship – 15.99.03.M1, 15.99.03. M1.01-06 (<http://rules-saps.tamu.edu/TAMURulesAndSAPs.aspx#15>)).

Contact information for each campus can be found at the following:

- Texas A&M University website - <http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu>
- Texas A&M at Galveston website - <http://www.tamug.edu/honorsystem> (<http://www.tamug.edu/honorsystem/>)
- Texas A&M at Qatar website - <https://www.qatar.tamu.edu/students/academic-services/aggie-honor-system> (<https://www.qatar.tamu.edu/students/academic-services/aggie-honor-system/>)

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Extended Orientation

Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL)

<https://excel.tamu.edu/>

Texas A&M University's Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a student organization designed to help new students find academic, social, and personal balance at Texas A&M by fostering a community where they can culturally identify and connect to campus. Since 1984, ExCEL has assisted new Aggies in making a smooth transition to college by orienting them to the program through

a conference, cultivating relationships between peers and mentors, providing a sense of belonging, offering academic and personal support, and serving as a resource for transitioning into Aggie life.

ExCEL launches with the ExCEL Conference in the fall. During the conference, students become familiar with the year-long program as they are assigned upper-class peer mentors and a peer group. The conference consists of motivational speakers, dialogue within peer groups, developmental series focused on personal development, and meet and greet mentor activities. Following the conference, academic, social, and cultural and community activities begin through the close of the spring semester. Activities include programs relevant to the audience, mentor/mentee engagement activities, community service, and socials.

While ExCEL is student-run, you may also obtain information by contacting the Department of Multicultural Services at (979) 862-2000 or in Suite 2200 of the Memorial Student Center.

Fish Camp

<http://fishcamp.tamu.edu>

Fish Camp is an extended orientation program designed to provide incoming freshman the opportunity to establish relationships, meet student leaders, become familiar with Aggie traditions, and learn about campus life at Texas A&M. Held during a three-week period preceding the Fall semester, each three-day, two-night session is designed to aid students with the transition from high school to college and, particularly, to Texas A&M.

Peer counselors, as well as faculty and staff, speak on topics such as student involvement, academic and campus resources, personal development, community-building, and traditions. In addition to providing educational programs, large-group activities, and small group discussions, Fish Camp allows students to get to know each other through recreation, free time activities, and evening social programs. Participants of Fish Camp will have the opportunity to continue gathering with their camps and small groups through different activities and events during the Fall semester. For more information on Fish Camp and to learn how to register, please visit our website.

Howdy Camp

<http://atc.tamu.edu>

Occurring in early January, Howdy Camp is a three-day, two-night extended orientation program for all students entering Texas A&M University in the spring semester.

Similar to summer programs like T-Camp and Fish Camp, Howdy Camp offers a great way for incoming students to find community before classes begin. By the time new students leave camp, they will have gained knowledge of Texas A&M's campus resources, learned about Aggie Traditions, and connected with current students and fellow incoming Aggies. Howdy Camp doesn't end when the buses leave camp! After camp, Counselors will help participants navigate campus, find opportunities to get involved, and will plan different events for their camps and discussion groups.

For more information on Howdy Camp and how to register, please visit our website listed above.

T-Camp

<http://atc.tamu.edu>

Held annually in early to mid-August, T-Camp is a three-day, two-night extended orientation program for transfer and other non-traditional students entering Texas A&M in the summer and fall semesters. By the time new students leave camp, they will have gained knowledge of campus resources and services, learned about Aggie Traditions, and connected with fellow incoming students.

Additionally, T-Camp doesn't end when the buses leave camp! Counselors will continue to be available and serve as resources to incoming students as they transition into Texas A&M throughout the fall semester. Counselors will show new students around on campus tours, help new students locate campus resources, find opportunities to get involved at Texas A&M, and will plan activities for the camps and discussion groups throughout the fall semester.

For more information on T-Camp and how to register for a session, please visit the ATC website.

Venture Camp Programs

The Extended Orientation Team in the Department of Student Activities has partnered with other areas on campus to welcome first year students, transfer students, and student veterans through the Venture Camp extended orientation programs. Check out the information below to find out how you can take part in these exciting programs. If you cannot find what you are looking for, visit the program's website for more information. Previous outdoor experience is not required for any of these programs, but a willingness to be an active participant and a team player is very important!

Venture Camp: Backpacking

<http://venturecamp.tamu.edu> (<http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/get-involved/new-students/venture-camps/>)

Venture Camp: Backpacking is an extended orientation program offered by the Departments of Student Activities and Recreational Sports, traditionally held in early August. Venture Camp: Backpacking is a 9-day program led by trip leaders from Outdoor Adventures who will guide incoming Aggies through the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico. While exploring this beautiful terrain, students will learn about the same Aggie traditions and campus resources as the other extended orientation camps, but in a totally unique setting! Similar to other extended orientation programs at Texas A&M, participants on this Backpacking trip will participate in peer-led large and small group discussions about the traditions, opportunities, available resources, and life at Texas A&M.

To learn more about this program and how to register, please visit our website.

Venture Camp: Paddling

<http://venturecamp.tamu.edu> (<http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/get-involved/new-students/venture-camps/>)

Venture Camp: Paddling is an extended orientation program offered by the Departments of Student Activities and Recreational Sports, usually held in mid-July. Venture Camp: Paddling is a 6-day program led by trip leaders from Outdoor Adventures who will guide incoming Aggies along the Buffalo river in Arkansas, including camping along the river each night. Evening activities include campers gathering at the campsite to participate in peer-led large and small group discussions about the traditions, opportunities, available resources, and life at Texas A&M.

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