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Fact Sheet for 2021- 2022 Student Exchange

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General Information

University Name

Texas A&M University (<http://www.tamu.edu>)

Contact for Incoming Students

Trisha Winkle, Program Coordinator (incoming@tamu.edu)

Number of Students

University-wide: 55,000+
 International Students: 5,000+

Office Facilitating Incoming and Outgoing Exchange Programs

Education Abroad
 Texas A&M University
 Pavilion Building, Suite 112
 College Station, Texas
 77843-3262
 Phone: (979) 845-0544
<http://abroad.tamu.edu>

Application Requirements

Application Process

Students must complete three applications - one with Education Abroad, one with Admissions, and then another with International Student Services. Instructions will be provided to students after they are nominated by their home university.

Materials to Submit

Refer to checklist on page 5 of this document.

Important Dates

Semester	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Orientation (Mandatory)	Classes Begin	Last Day of Final Exams
Fall 2021	15 February 2021	1 March 2021	17 August 2021	23 August 2021	10 December 2021
Spring 2021	1 September 2021	15 September 2021	11/12 January 2022	18 January 2022	13 May 2022

Vacation Periods

Please access the academic calendar for semester holidays and breaks:

<http://registrar.tamu.edu/General/Calendar.aspx>

Course Registration

Students may be registered in some courses by their assigned academic advisor prior to arrival. Final course registration is completed after arrival when check-in is complete to remove registration holds. Students will meet with assigned academic advisors to discuss courses and complete course registration.

Housing

Is housing guaranteed?

Available, but not guaranteed. Prospective students must adhere to all university housing deadlines regarding housing applications and fees.

For on-campus residence hall options and costs, review the following website:

<http://reslife.tamu.edu>. Students on exchange for fall only will have to enter a contract for the academic year (fall and spring). They will be released from the spring obligation if their exchange term is only for the fall semester.

Exchange students can elect to live off-campus, but are responsible for locating off-campus housing themselves. Students should only enter a lease term that corresponds to their exchange term.

If housing is not guaranteed, what resources are available to incoming exchange students?

Students may choose to live off-campus, and may seek to explore numerous off-campus options through the Office of the Dean of Student Life, <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/ocss/>.

Types of housing (co-ops, dorms, private...)

Dorm-style available on both the north and south side of campus; apartment style available in White Creek Apartments on the west side.

Are meals included in housing?

Students have the option to select and purchase a variety of meal plans: <http://dining.tamu.edu>.

Are there typically single and double rooms?

Most dormitories are double rooms. A select number of single rooms are available depending on the type of residence hall selected.

How many people share a bathroom and a kitchen?

Some on-campus dormitories include shared kitchen facilities. Some dormitories have a shared bathroom for two (2) students and others for four (4) students, depending of the type of residence hall selected. Other residence halls have community baths shared by a floor.

What's the distance from housing to the university?

On-campus housing accommodations are located on both the Main and West Campuses. The Texas A&M campus is large. There is free shuttle bus service between the two major campuses, i.e., Main Campus and West Campus and to other parts of the city.

What means of transport do the students use to get from housing to the university (e.g. walk, bus, bike, train)?

Most students walk, ride a bike, or use the university shuttle bus system. The university bus system is free and accessible to students for transport both on and off campus.



Airport Information

Nearest Airport

Easterwood Airport (CLL): <http://www.easterwoodairport.com/index.html>

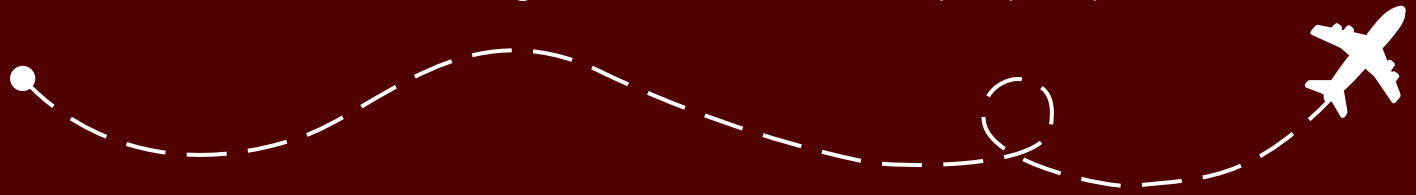
Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH): <http://www.fly2houston.com>

Ground Shuttle service is also available from the Houston Intercontinental Airport and Hobby Airport (also in Houston) to College Station, Texas: <http://groundshuttle.com>

Airport Pickup

We do not offer airport pick up, but the following options are available:

- Private Ground Shuttle service available from the Houston airports.
- Taxi service available from College Station Easterwood Airport (CLL).
- Some Texas A&M student organizations also assist with airport pick up.



Academic Information

Limited Areas of Study

University-wide partners may only nominate two (2) semester students per year for each of the following:

- Business (Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Supply Chain Management)
- Engineering (All majors)

Areas of Study NOT Available

- Health Science Center (College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, School of Public Health)
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- School of Law

Full Time Course Load

12 credit hours – undergraduate level

9 credit hours – graduate level (12 credit hours for Bush School)

Academic Calendar: <http://registrar.tamu.edu/General/Calendar.aspx>

Course Catalog

Catalog: <http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate>

Course Listing/Schedule: <https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/>

For all courses, pre-requisites must be met for students to enroll in the desired course.

International Students

Language Requirements

The Department of Communication requires a TOEFL with a score of at least 550 for paper-based testing (p-BT) or 80 internet-based testing (i-BT) or an IELTS overall band score of 6.0.

While the TOEFL is not required for other exchange students, English language proficiency is expected. An English verification document must be signed by your home university and uploaded to your exchange application.

International Student Services: <http://iss.tamu.edu>

Health Insurance

Is health insurance available?

Yes. Exchange students are automatically enrolled in the international student health insurance each semester. The charge is billed to your student account and payment is due upon arrival. Please refer to the following website for health insurance information, requirements, and costs:

<http://iss.tamu.edu/Health-Insurance>.

Can students bring their own health insurance?

No. All international students are required to purchase the approved Texas A&M University student health insurance for international students in compliance with Texas A&M University and U.S. federal regulations governing the J-1 visa. Students can submit a waiver but will have to pay the insurance cost while it is reviewed; they will be reimbursed if the waiver is granted.

Expenses

Required Expenses

Prior to arrival: Students must pay to express mail their DS-2019 (or I-20) document to their personal address.

Upon arrival: Students must pay international student health insurance (\$1000-\$1600 per semester) and any other additional expenses (housing, meal plan, sports pass).

Cost Estimates per Semester

International students must show financial support according to the following U.S. Immigration regulations. These costs are for 2021-2022 and are subject to change for future years:

TAMU Campus	FALL or SPRING Semester	Full Academic Year
College Station	\$8,000.00	\$16,000.00
Galveston	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00

Application Checklist

Students must apply through the correct office at your home institution.

Selected students will be nominated by their home institution for this exchange program and be provided instructions to access our online application. The online application includes the following items:

- Color Copy of Passport** – should include page(s) with your personal information (full name, birth date, etc.), passport number, photo, and signature; must be valid for duration of exchange dates
- Official Academic Transcript** – this should be the most current academic transcript from your institution/university; undergraduate students must provide an updated official academic transcript upon arrival to ensure placement in the correct level of courses, English version strongly preferred
- Courses in Progress** – should list all courses being taken during semester of application if not listed on transcript submitted
- Course Selection Form** – must provide 8-10 desired courses per semester
- English Verification Document** – must be signed by home university
- Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Report**
- Tuberculosis (TB) Form** – if required based on country of birth or residence
- Emergency Contact Form**
- Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirement**
- Immigration Information Questionnaire**

Students will then receive a UIN (university identification number) and will create a TAMU Net ID and password. Using this information, students will be instructed to create a second application for DS-2019 visa processing through International Student Services (ISS). This second online application includes the following items:

- Incoming Reciprocal Exchange Student Handbook** – detailed information about Texas A&M as well as expectations and resources for your exchange
- Declaration of Financial Support** – form confirming financial support; must be signed by student or person financially supporting student
- Proof of Financial Support** – bank letter or statement; must be in English
- Address and Payment to Mail DS-2019**

About Texas A&M

Texas A&M University was opened in 1876 in College Station.

In the fall of 2019, we had 69,465 total students enrolled with nearly 65,000 students at the main campus. Other branch campuses are located in Galveston, Texas and Doha, Qatar. Our students are nicknamed "Aggies", our school colors are maroon and white, and our mascot is Reveille. Visit <https://www.tamu.edu/about/at-a-glance.html> to learn more about Texas A&M!



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For number of public university students studying abroad



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Among public universities in Texas for best value



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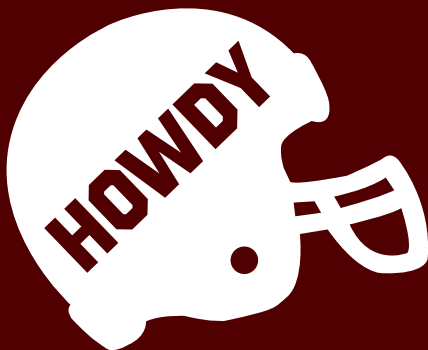
For most graduates serving as CEOs of Fortune 500 companies

Our university is made up of the following colleges and schools that allow students to study anything they are passionate about!

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
College of Architecture
Mays Business School
College of Dentistry
College of Education & Human Development
College of Engineering
College of Geosciences
Bush School of Government & Public Service
School of Innovation

School of Law
College of Liberal Arts
College of Medicine
College of Nursing
Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy
School of Public Health
College of Science
College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

You can get the full Aggie experience by taking part in our traditions!



There is always a lot going on around campus, and exchange students can participate in some of Texas A&M's oldest traditions to feel like part of the Aggie family.

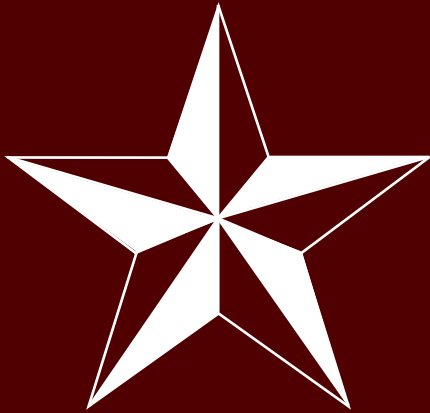
Century Tree
Silver Taps
Replant
The Big Event

Reveille
12th Man
Yell Leaders
Midnight Yell

Learn about all of our traditions at <https://www.tamu.edu/traditions/>.

About Texas

Texas became a state in 1845, and it is now the largest in the contiguous U.S.



Population: 25,145,561 (from 2010 census)

Size: 268,597 square miles

Capital: Austin

Nickname: Lone Star State

Flower: Bluebonnet

Tree: Pecan

Learn more about Texas and its history at

<https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/texas>.

Texas A&M is located in College Station.

Many of the state's largest cities are only a short drive away.

Houston	~ 1.5 hrs
Austin	~ 2 hrs
Dallas	~ 2.5 hrs
Fort Worth	~ 2.5 hrs
San Antonio	~ 3 hrs
Corpus Christi	~ 4 hrs



Learn more about bus services to get you around the state and the city at <https://transport.tamu.edu/Transit/service.aspx>.

If you don't want to leave town, there is plenty to do near campus!

These links provide some suggestions for places to eat, shop, and have fun in the College Station area.

Dining



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/restaurants/?view=list&sort=qualityScore>

Shopping



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/things-to-do/shopping/>

Things to Do



<https://www.experiencebcs.com/things-to-do/>