University Honors Program

If students are looking for small classes, outstanding instructors, and challenging courses that encourage participation and creativity, they should consider the Texas A&M Honors Program. First-semester freshmen with a composite score of at least 1250 on the SAT (critical reading plus math with a minimum 570 in each) or 28 on the ACT (English plus math with a minimum of 27 in each) AND who are in the top 10% of their high school graduating class OR a National Merit Finalist, National Achievement Finalist, or National Hispanic Scholar may enroll in honors courses that first semester. After their first semester, students with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University may register for one or two honors courses each semester, selected from over 150 honors classes. Honors classes fit into the curricula of students in all majors.

Texas A&M University offers more than a dozen honors plans, so students can pursue honors tracks that best fit their interests. Options include 3 university-wide honors plans (Foundation Honors, University Honors, and Honors Thesis), 3 college-based honors plans (Business, Engineering, and Liberal Arts), and many honors plans in specific academic majors. Each of these honors distinctions is placed on official Texas A&M University transcripts. Premier professional and graduate schools, as well as leading employers, actively seek graduates of the Honors Program.

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Study Abroad

Texas A&M University offers a wide range of international study opportunities and cultural experiences coordinated both in the colleges and centrally through the Study Abroad Programs Office (SAPO). These programs help prepare Texas A&M University graduates to participate in the global economy. Texas receives approximately $85 million in foreign investment annually and 341,200 Texans are employed by international companies. These multinational corporations are looking for employees who have engaged in culturally diverse experiences and who can live and compete in the international marketplace. Even if your student never thought of leaving Texas, the world is coming to us, and we hope to give every A&M student the opportunity to internationalize their undergraduate curriculum.

Students from every discipline can study abroad. These global experiences include faculty-led programs, where TAMU students study abroad with other Aggies and TAMU faculty in TAMU courses; individual reciprocal exchange programs, where students enroll directly in a foreign university; language training at all levels; both long-term and shorter independent study opportunities with one of our affiliated program providers; and international field trips, that are a component of a regular semester course. Aside from these individual programs, Aggies can study for a semester or summer session at the TAMU Santa Chiara Study Center in Italy, the Solis Education and Research Center in Costa Rica, or the TAMU branch campus in Qatar. Each respective program includes opportunities to develop an intellectual appreciation for the host country and its culture.

The Study Abroad Programs Office works closely with A&M faculty and the academic departments to fit a study abroad experience into the student’s degree plan. With careful planning and guidance from the SAPO advisors, students can add an international experience to their A&M curriculum without extending their time until graduation. All study abroad courses pre-approved by the SAPO staff meet the core requirements for international and multicultural diversity.

Students can take advantage of their full financial aid package on TAMU study abroad programs, including scholarships, loans, and grants. In working with the financial aid department, students can increase their financial aid budgets to cover the additional expenses of studying abroad. SAPO administers university sponsored scholarships as well as prestigious national programs such as the National Security Education Program, the Gilman International Scholarship, and the Freeman ASIA scholarship.

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