New Student Conferences

New Student Conferences (NSCs), Texas A&M’s mandatory orientation program, provide an opportunity for you and your student to experience activities and programs, and receive valuable information to assist in the transition to Texas A&M. While the New Student Conference is mandatory only for students, we invite family members to attend and participate in a variety of programs and services specifically designed for you. By participating, you will become informed about the university’s academic programs, policies, facilities, and services. While all family members are welcome to attend, conference activities are not designed for the enjoyment of younger children. If possible, alternate arrangements are encouraged.

The first required program you and your student will attend is Check-In the morning of Day 1. Once you arrive, you will find separate areas for Student Check-in as well as Family and Guest Check-In where you will receive specific information for family members including a schedule of events, calendar, and much more. The Aggie Orientation Leader Program will also be selling T-shirts with the students’ class year and Aggie Family T-shirts.

Several conference programs are designed specifically for family members, and as a result, there will be times during the conference that you and your student attend separate meetings. In order to make the most of your student’s conference, it is highly encouraged that you attend all family member programs and that your student attends all student programs. Information about the NSC schedule can be found on page three of this publication, including a link to both sample schedules.

We hope you will take full advantage of your Aggie Connection - an outstanding staff of professionals working to serve the needs of your students, first and foremost, and you, parents and families, as partners in success. We look forward to seeing you in January!

For more information on the New Student Conference please visit: newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests.

Be sure to follow the Office of New Student & Family Programs on social media!

@NSFPtamu /AggieParentsandFamily /nsfptamu nsfptamu

This publication is produced by New Student & Family Programs within the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and the Division of Student Affairs.
We are ready to welcome you and your student to the Aggie Family and are excited about their decision to attend Texas A&M University. The below information details how you can register to attend the New Student Conference with your student.

Registering as a Family Member or Guest:
NSC Registration for Family Members & Guests (parents, guardians, spouses, siblings, etc.) is required and can be done at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Before registering, have your student’s University Identification Number (UIN) and scheduled conference date along with payment readily available. Please ensure you complete the form thoroughly and accurately before submitting.

Registration Deadlines and Costs:
The Conference Registration Charge covers materials for the conference, one meal, facilities costs, and staffing during the conference. There is no charge for children under 5 years old. The registration charge does not include parking or overnight accommodations and these arrangements must be made separately.

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Payment Options and Refund Policy:
Conference charges can be paid with a credit or debit card. If your student has qualified for and used a fee deferral with the Office of Admissions for New Student Conference fees, complete the online family registration form and select the conference charge waiver button during payment. Then contact New Student & Family Programs. A past due payment will be listed on your account until you contact us by phone. One adult family member per student will have their charge waived; any additional family members will incur the conference charges as listed.

If you need to cancel your registration and request a refund you must contact us by phone at 979.845.5826. A 50% refund will be provided up to 5 business days prior to your scheduled conference Day 1. No refunds will be given for cancellations within 4 business days prior to your scheduled conference Day 1.

**Date Changes:**
Please note, if your student changes their conference date via the Applicant Information System (AIS) you will need to separately change your family and guest registration. In order to change your conference date, please call New Student & Family Programs at 979.845.5826. The two systems operate independently, so we must manually change your date. In the event of a conference date change, you and your student will also need to change your parking and housing accommodations for the correct conference date. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu.
Family and Guest Programs

NSC Programs for Family Members and Guests
Family members and guests will check-in for the conference in the Zone Club at Kyle Field at the same time as their student. Family Members and Guests will have the opportunity to attend several programs with their student, as well as programs specifically for our family members and guests. Family Lunch & Partners in Success takes place during January New Student Conferences. The cost of each of this program is included in the registration charge. During this session you will meet other Aggie families, hear from Aggie Moms, participate in Yell Practice and learn about how you can support your student!

To view the full NSC schedule visit: http://newaggie.tamu.edu/transfer/tr-at-your-nsc/tr-nsc-dates-transfer.

NSCs en Español
Through the generosity of The Association of Former Students, Spanish translation is available free of charge to those who desire to have information translated. Participants will be able to check-in and ask questions to our Spanish-speaking staff, receive printed materials in Spanish, and hear live program translation. Please request translation at the time of online registration. For further questions regarding NSCs en Español please e-mail us at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu.

A través de la generosidad de The Association of Former Students, traducciones al español están disponibles completamente gratuitas para aquellos que desean información traducida. Participantes podrán registrarse y hacer preguntas a nuestro personal que habla español, recibir material imprimido en español, y escuchar programas traducidos en vivo. Por favor solicite estos servicios durante su registración en nuestra página en línea. Para más preguntas acerca de NSCs en Español, no dude en mandarnos un correo aggiefamilies@tamu.edu. ¡Esperamos conocerlos pronto y darles una cordial bienvenida!

To Do Before The NSC

- Register as a family member or guest (required) for your student's conference at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests.
- Ensure your student has submitted their documentation regarding the Bacterial Meningitis vaccination (see http://newaggie.tamu.edu/?s=bacterial for more information).
- Take care of NSC logistics such as parking and lodging (newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests/prepare-for-your-students-nscc).
- Visit http://newaggie.tamu.edu for updates and information concerning New Student Conferences!
- Join the Family Member Newsletter: parents.tamu.edu. Click “Family Newsletter” on the side column.

Contact the Office of New Student & Family Programs if you have any questions, comments or concerns at 979.845.5826 or by email at nsfp@tamu.edu.
Campus Services

Student Fee Services

These services are automatically applied to your student’s fees. These services can be utilized without any extra cost.

The Academic Success Center’s mission is to help all Aggies enhance their academic performance. The Academic Success Center is a collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Their holistic approach helps students identify roadblocks to academic success and ensures that all students have access to comprehensive resources. successcenter.tamu.edu.

The Aggie Card will be your student’s official ID at Texas A&M University, and it has many functions. Some ways students use their card include utilizing dining plans, accessing residence halls, checking out books at the library, entering the Recreation Center, and sporting events. Your student will have the opportunity to obtain their Aggie Card during the NSC. aggiecard.tamu.edu.

Transportation Services include shuttle service free to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Texas A&M. On-Campus service consists of routes which move passengers from point to point around campus, while Off-Campus service covers routes in Bryan and College Station. For more information about this service and detailed route maps, visit transport.tamu.edu/transit.

The Student Recreation Center is available to students taking one or more semester hours. Facilities include a climbing wall, 14,000 square foot weight & fitness room, indoor walking/running track, indoor basketball/volleyball/soccer courts, handball/racquetball courts, natatorium, and multiple outdoor activities including sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, and a pool. A full list of these features and hours of operation is available at recsports.tamu.edu.

The Writing Center is available to every student. Students can come in once a day, if an appointment is available, and get personalized help with any aspect of writing or oral communication (school-related or not). writingcenter.tamu.edu.

Student Counseling Service is available to students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University. Students are eligible for an initial consultation appointment; the determination of appropriate, additional services will be made at that time which can include individual counseling, group counseling, couples counseling, and workshops. scs.tamu.edu.

Optional Services

Optional campus services are services your student can add to their account for an extra charge. On the morning of Day 1 of the New Student Conference, you and your student will attend a mandatory Campus Services session which will detail all of the optional services.

Student Parking is for all vehicles parked on the Texas A&M university campus. Students are required to have a parking permit unless they are parked in a pay visitor area. Most lots are already filled but students can immediately purchase permits for West Campus Garage or Lot 100, or for Night or Motorcycle parking. Students may have their names added to wait lists for lots they prefer that are already full. The wait lists are processed throughout the academic year and the status of your progress can be checked at “My Account” on the Transportation Services website transport.tamu.edu/account.

University Dining on campus is an essential part of the Aggie experience – whether your student lives on or off campus. All U1 freshmen living in on-campus residence halls are required to purchase a Resident Dining Plan, and all members of the Corps of Cadets are required to purchase a Dining Plan that meets the March-In Meal requirements. Students that are not required to purchase a Dining Plan may choose a Resident Dining Plan or an Optional Dining Plan. For more information regarding University Dining or to register for a dining plan, please call 979.845.3005 or visit dining.tamu.edu.

Student Athletic Tickets can be purchased by presenting your student ID at regular season home games for Soccer, Indoor Track, Tennis, Men’s & Women’s Basketball, Baseball, and Softball on a first come first served basis. There are over 200 athletic events in the upcoming Spring semester. For information on A&M athletic events, including the athletics schedule, please visit www.tamu.edu/athletics.