Summer Undergraduate Research Programs

Welcome Guide

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Transportation Services at Texas A&M University

Transportation Services at Texas A&M University offers a variety of resources for getting around both on- and off-campus during the summer.

Parking

Certain parking permits are valid during the summer, including a Summer Only Permit. Visit transport.tamu.edu/parking for more information about parking permits, where to park and visitor parking options.

Information regarding designated disabled parking spaces can be found at transport.tamu.edu/parking/disabled.

Transit

This is a convenient and cost-effective way to get around town as the routes cover certain parts of both Bryan and College Station. Some of the routes include stops at Post Oak Mall and HEB. Real-time maps and bus route schedules can be found at transport.tamu.edu/busroutes.

Note: You must have a TAMU, Blinn or Brazos Transit District ID ready to show the driver when boarding the Aggie Spirit buses at off-campus stops.

Helpful Bus Routes

Route 12: St. Joseph’s Regional Health Center
Route 26: Kroger
Route 27: HEB and Post Oak Mall
Route 34: Walmart
Alternative Transportation

Transportation Services offers several alternative transportation options, including:

- Bicycle Services
- Park and Ride
- Car and Ride Share programs

Additional information regarding transportation alternatives can be found at transport.tamu.edu/alternative.

Public Transportation

The Brazos Transit District offers general public transportation services, such as Fixed Routes, Paratransit and Demand & Response. More information about these services, including fixed route maps and times, can be found at btd.org.

Taxi Services

There are many taxi services to choose from in the Brazos Valley area. A full list with contact information can be found at visitaggieland.com.

Texas A&M University Campus Map

For an interactive, searchable and printable campus map, visit aggiemap.tamu.edu.
Student Health Services at Texas A&M University

A.P. Beutel Health Center

Student Health Services (SHS) is available to students who have been admitted to Texas A&M University as well as to those who have paid the SHS Fee. Check with the Director of your program to see if this particular fee is covered.

1264 TAMU
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

**General Information:** (979) 458-8316
**Appointments:** (979) 458-8250

For additional information, visit [shs.tamu.edu](http://shs.tamu.edu). For a complete listing of SHS departmental phone numbers, including emergency phone numbers, visit [shs.tamu.edu/phonenumbers](http://shs.tamu.edu/phonenumbers).
College Station

College Station Medical Center

The College Station Medical Center, also known as “The Med,” is a 167-bed facility and is a licensed Level III Trauma unit. The Med is also equipped with a 24-hour Emergency Room.

1604 Rock Prairie Rd, College Station, TX 77845
(979) 764-5100

For additional information, visit csmedcenter.com.

Scott & White

Scott & White has multiple facilities in the College Station area, including a Hospital and a multi-specialty Clinic that includes the Scott & White Today Care Walk-in Clinic for minor emergencies.

Hospital
700 Scott & White Dr, College Station, TX 77845
(979) 207-0100

Clinic
1700 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 207-3300

For additional information, including a complete listing of services, phone numbers, and hours of operation, visit sw.org.

Bryan

St. Joseph Regional Health Center

The St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan is a 310-bed facility and the only licensed Level II Trauma Center in the area. St. Joseph is also equipped with a 24-hour Emergency Room and Express Walk-in Care.

2801 Franciscan Dr, Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 776-3777

For additional information about the St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan and other St. Joseph facilities in the area, visit st-joseph.org.
Visitor’s Information

Bryan/College Station (BCS) Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Bryan/College Station (BCS) community has a lot to offer, including some world class attractions, local restaurants and historic shops. In addition to the information outlined in our Welcome Guide, be sure to check out the BCS Convention and Visitors Bureau website at visitaggieland.com for detailed information about what Aggieland has to offer.

Texas A&M University Campus Tours

Learn about Texas A&M University, its buildings, people, traditions and more through a campus tour provided by the Aggie Experience Council (AEC). There are a few types of tours you can choose from to best accommodate your needs:

- Individual and Group Walking Tours
- Online and Virtual Tours

Check out campustours.tamu.edu for additional information about campus tours and other Aggieland resources.
Supermarkets

Chain Supermarkets

HEB
Open 24 Hours
1900 S Texas Ave
College Station, TX
(979) 693-0361
heb.com

Kroger
Open 24 Hours
2412 S Texas Ave
College Station, TX
(979) 693-9974
kroger.com

Walmart
Open 24 Hours
1815 Brothers Blvd
College Station, TX
(979) 693-3095
walmart.com

Gluten-free and Organic Supermarkets

Brazos Natural Foods
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
4303 S Texas Ave
Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 846-4459
brazosnaturalfoods.com
Places to Eat

Popular Picks

The majority of the listings have vegetarian options available. You may also find options at aggiefood.com.

Antonio’s Pizza By The Slice
104 College Main (Northgate), College Station, TX 77840
(979) 260-3535
antonioscollegestation.com

Atami
800 University Dr E #200, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 268-8883
atami-cs.com

Blackwater Draw Brewing Co.
303 Boyett St (Northgate), College Station, TX 77840
(979) 703-6170
blackwaterbrew.com

The Corner Bar and Grill
401 University Dr (Northgate), College Station, TX 77840
(979) 268-1406
thecornerbcs.com

Chicken Oil Co.
3600 S College Ave, Bryan, TX 77801
(979) 846-3306
chickenoilco.com

The Dixie Chicken
307 University Dr (Northgate), College Station, Texas 77840
(979) 846-2322
dixiechicken.com
Fuego Tortilla Grill
108 Poplar St, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 703-1804
fuegotortillagrill.com

Jin’s Asian Cafe
110 Nagle St, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 691-8858
jins-chinese.com

Mickey’s Sliders
700 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 846-4488
facebook.com/mickeys.sliders

Mr. G’s Pizza
201 W 26th St, Bryan, TX 77803
(979) 822-6747
gotomrgs.com

Naked Fish
1808 S Texas Ave, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 485-8888
nakedfishbcs.tumblr.com

Sweet Eugene’s House of Java
1702 George Bush Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 696-5282
sweeteugenes.net

TAZ Indian Cuisine
2416 S Texas Ave, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 696-6560
tazcuisine.com

Torchy’s Taco
1037 S Texas Ave, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 329-6900
torchystacos.com
Shopping and Entertainment

Galleries and Museums

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is one of the most popular attractions in Texas. The museum’s permanent exhibits reveal insider perspectives about the Bush family and a collection of historical events. For hours of operation and a complete listing of permanent and current exhibits, visit bush41.org.

1000 George Bush Drive W, College Station, TX 77845
(979) 691-4000
bush41.org

Arts Council of the Brazos Valley

The Arts Council promotes over 60 arts, culture and heritage organizations throughout the Brazos Valley. The Arts Center facility maintains the Texas Gallery, an Art Studio, and a permanent collection of art from Texas artists, including sculptures, paintings and other artifacts.

The Arts Council also offers an all-in-one, three-day Museum Pass. With this pass, you can visit the assortment of museums in the Brazos Valley, including the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, The Children’s Museum of the Brazos Valley, the Brazos Valley African American Museum, the Museum of the American G.I and the Star of the Republic Museum.

Museum locations, hours of operation and contact information for the Arts Center and other museums can all be found at acbv.org.

2275 Dartmouth St, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 696-2787
acbv.org
Attractions at Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University is also home to a mixture of on-campus museums and libraries, such as the J. Wayne Stark, Forsyth (uart.tamu.edu) and Reynolds Galleries (vac.tamu.edu) in the Memorial Student Center, Cushing Memorial Library (cushing.library.tamu.edu) and the Corps of Cadets Center (corpscenter.tamu.edu). Visit the corresponding websites for more information.

Historic Downtown Bryan

Just 5 miles from the Texas A&M University campus, Downtown Bryan is home to an array of restaurants, boutiques, concert and event venues and art galleries. The Downtown Bryan Association (DBA) hosts First Friday on the first of every month to showcase the variety of arts and culture in the area. Visit Downtown Bryan during First Friday to see street performers, artists and to grab a bite at one of the mobile food trucks. Check out downtownbryan.com for a full listing of shops, restaurants and events.

Movie Theaters

Cinemark Movies 18 and XD
1401 State Highway 6 S
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 764-9692
cinemark.com

Premiere Cinema - IMAX
950 N Earl Rudder Freeway
Bryan, TX 77802
pccmovies.com

Shopping Malls

Post Oak Mall
1500 Harvey Road
College Station, TX
(979) 764-0060
postoakmall.com
Banking

On-Campus

Chase Bank
MSC, 275 Joe Routt Blvd, College Station, TX 77843
(979) 268-3273

Wells Fargo ATM
MSC, 454 Joe Routt Blvd, College Station, TX 77844
(800) 869-3557

Off-Campus

Chase Bank
Holleman and Texas, 2000 Texas Ave S
College Station, TX 77840
979-680-1564

Wells Fargo
321 University Dr, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 691-8366

The Bank & Trust
2305 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 260-2100

Bank of America
111 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 268-8700
Off-Campus Continued

Prosperity Bank
2202 Longmire Dr, College Station, TX 77845
(979) 694-2222

Aggieland Credit Union
501 University Dr, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 696-1440

Commerce National Bank
1221 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 260-5982

BB&T
711 University Dr, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 599-7138

City Bank
1409 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 268-2265

BBVA Compass
2405 S Texas Ave, College Station, TX 77840
(979) 693-6930

Frost Bank ATM
603 Harvey Rd, College Station, TX 77840
(800) 513-7678
On-Campus

All Faiths Chapel

All Faiths Chapel is available to Texas A&M University students, former students, and employees of all denominations and creeds. Its purpose is to encourage the spiritual expression and development of the Texas A&M University community.

300 Houston St, TAMU 1232, College Station, TX 77843
(979) 845-8904
allfaiths.ucenter.tamu.edu

Off-Campus

Bryan/College Station’s main newspaper, The Eagle, provides a listing of many places of worship in the Brazos Valley in their Worship Directory at theeagle.com/brazos_life/worship_directory.
Student Recreation Center

If you are a participant in a summer program who is also registered as Texas A&M student, you may have access to the Rec Center, however, this varies by program. You should ask your program’s director if this particular student fee is covered. Visit recsports.tamu.edu for more information.

Texas A&M Recsports Intramurals

Rec Sports offers summer leagues for Indoor Soccer, Sand Volleyball, Slow-Pitch, Softball, Racquetball, Tennis, 4-on-4 Flag Football, and 3-on-3 Basketball. Each league typically plays twice a week in the evenings. For information about prices and registration, visit recsports.tamu.edu/programs/Intramurals.

Texas A&M Recsports Outdoor Adventures

Each summer, Rec Sports organizes several trips and clinics for outdoor adventures such as Surfing, Rock Climbing and Horseback Riding, to name a few. You can also rent kayaks and other gear for impromptu trips to any of the nearby lakes or rivers.

Visit recsports.tamu.edu/outdoor-adventures for more information or to register for a trip.

Local Facilities

If you’re looking for a place to run, play tennis, or maybe even to go fishing, both Bryan and College Station offer numerous well-maintained lakes, parks and other facilities.

A complete index of parks and recreation facilities in College Station and Bryan can be accessed at cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=647 and bryantx.gov/parks-and-recreation.
Seminars and Lecture Series

Brown Bag Lecture Series

LAUNCH: Undergraduate Research hosts Brown Bag Lectures Series to the various undergraduate research programs offered on-campus during the summer. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch, but complimentary snacks and beverages will be available. Registration is required to attend. A printable Summer 2016 schedule with event descriptions can be found online at tx.ag/UGRSummerActivities All lectures are held in room 3143 of the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB) from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Welcome to Texas A&M on June 8, 2016
Presented by Annabelle Aymond, Administrative Assistant for LAUNCH
Registration begins June 3 at tx.ag/V5DFzEV

National Fellowships on June 15, 2016
Presented by Ms. Adelia Humme, LAUNCH: National Fellowships
Registration begins June 10 at tx.ag/sjZhdzz

Scientific Writing on June 22, 2016
Presented by the University Writing Center
Registration begins June 17 at tx.ag/VVpYlmW

Graduate School and Early Admissions on June 29, 2016
Presented by Dr. Shannon Walton, Director, Graduate and Professional Studies
Registration begins June 24 at tx.ag/lm8JrNf

Digital Citizenship & Copyright on July 6, 2016
Presented by Dr. Bruce Neville, Instructional Associate Professor, University Libraries
Registration begins July 1 at tx.ag/BTphoPO

Writing Abstracts on July 13, 2016
Presented by Dr. Duncan MacKenzie, Associate Director for Undergraduate Research, HUR
Registration begins July 8 at tx.ag/JMaAaTY

Research Posters on July 20, 2016
Presented by Dr. Duncan MacKenzie, Associate Director for Undergraduate Research, HUR
Registration begins July 15 tx.ag/ASNmXqz
REU Summer Scholars Program

Sponsored by the College of Science, the REU Summer Scholars Luncheon Series is open to ethnic minority students participating in REU programs. The series begins in June and will continue every Tuesday through the end of July. Once a student is accepted into an REU program they should send an email to REU@science.tamu.edu and state that they are interested in joining Summer Scholars. A printable Summer 2016 schedule can be found online at tx.ag/UGRSummerActivities. All lectures are held in room 503 of the Blocker Building (BLOC) and are from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Welcome Lunch on June 7, 2016
Presented by Wanda Watson, Director of Recruitment and Special Programs, College of Medicine

Leadership on June 14, 2016
Presented by Dr. C.J. Woods, Assistant VP for Student Affairs and VP for Student Services

Graduate School Experiences on June 21, 2016
Presented by a Graduate Student Panel

How to Fund Graduate Studies on June 28, 2016
Presented by Dr. Shannon Walton, Director, Recruiting and Student Success, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

Success Strategies for Minority Scholars on July 5, 2016
Presented by Dr. Sumana Datta, Assistant Provost, Undergraduate Studies; Executive Director, LAUNCH

How to Best Position Yourself for Acceptance and Funding for Graduate School Along with Expectations After Being Accepted on July 12, 2016
Presented by Dr. Edward Tarlton

Graduate School 101 on July 19, 2016
Presented by Dr. Prasad Enjeti, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Engineering Academic and Student Affairs

Questions about the Summer Scholars Program can be directed to Dr. Ginger Carney, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research at the College of Science at gcarney@bio.tamu.edu.
Campus Facility Tours

Tours of campus facilities will be held on Friday afternoons beginning in late-June through July. Details to be announced in mid-June.

GRE Prep Seminar Series

Cody Blair ‘91 will be the instructor for this course. Cody is a National Merit Scholar who has been teaching study skills, SAT prep, and GRE prep for over 12 years. He has taught at Texas A&M, College Station ISD, Bryan ISD, Tomball ISD and privately throughout Texas. More information can be found at studyprof.com, or you can contact Cody Blair at blair@studyprof.com.

Mondays and Wednesdays beginning June 6 and ending June 29
3:30-5:30 pm
Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB) Auditorium

The two-hour class will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning June 6 and ending June 29 (8 classes). To sign up now, go to studyprof.doattend.com and select “StudyProf GRE Prep - June 6 - 29, 2016.”
Local Media and News Sources

The Battalion
TAMU Student Daily Newspaper
thebatt.com

Code Maroon
TAMU Emergency Notification System
codemaroon.tamu.edu

The Eagle
Bryan/College Station Newspaper
theeeagle.com

KAGS-TV
Bryan/College Station NBC network affiliate
kagstv.com

KAMU-TV and FM
TAMU Public Broadcasting Service
kamu.tamu.edu

KANM Student Radio
TAMU Student Radio Station
kanm.tamu.edu

KBTX-TV
Bryan/College Station CBS network affiliate
kbtx.com

TAMU Today
TAMU Online News Source and Newsletter
today.tamu.edu

LAUNCH: Undergraduate Research

Website
ugr.tamu.edu

Newsletter
tamuugr.wordpress.com

Explorations: the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal
explorations.tamu.edu
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