

# INFORMATION FOR NEW ADMITS

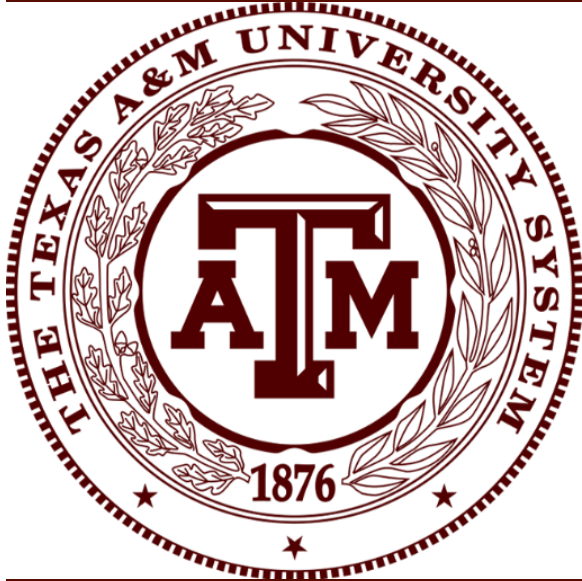


*WELCOME TO*  
**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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## Texas A&M Mobile App

Need to find Aggie Bus Routes, Calendars, Campus Maps, Course Information, Dining Locations, Directory Information, Events, Parking, etc.? Download the TAMU mobile App from the iTunes App Store or Google Play.

## Code Maroon

Sign up as a Campus Member for **CODEMAROON** at <https://codemaroon.tamu.edu/>. You will be notified with alerts in case of an emergency.

## Cell Phones & Driving/Cycling

The City of College Station has banned the use of hand-held devices while driving a motor vehicle or bicycle in the city limits. For more information, go to <http://cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=4000>.

## Need a Driver's License?

The Texas Department of Transportation issues Texas Driver's Licenses. For more information, go to <https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Texas A&M and the Cities of Bryan/College Station provide transportation for students.

### Aggie Bus Routes

Your mobile app has information on Texas A&M bus routes on and off campus. If you are on campus and need to get to our offices in the Allen Building, you will take bus route #5 Bush School.

### Brazos Transit District

For information on Bryan/College Station bus routes, go to <http://www.btd.org/bcs/>.

### Bicycles

There are bicycles located in various areas around campus that can be used by students, faculty and staff. On your TAMU mobile app, go to Transportation & Parking (Alternative Transportation) for more information.

### Automobiles/Motorcycles/Scooters

If you plan to park your vehicle on campus, you MUST purchase a parking permit. For more information, go to Transportation & Parking (Parking) on your TAMU mobile app.

## Other Useful Information

### Course Books

You can purchase or rent books at the TAMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore, <http://tamu.bncollege.com>. Or you can purchase your books on Amazon or Half Price Books, <https://www.hpb.com/021>.

### Grocery Stores

Grocery stores are located around BCS. The most popular are HEB, Kroger and BCS Asian Market. For fresh produce from local farmers, check out The Farm Patch, <http://www.thefarmpatch.com/>.

### Campus Ministry Association

Students have asked about campus ministries. The office of Student Life Campus Ministry Association has listed several campus ministries from various denominations: <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/sas.campusministry>. Information on the Mandarin Campus through Grace Bible Church can be found at: <http://www.grace-bible.org/mandarin/>.

## Health Insurance

International students are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at TAMU. For more information, visit <http://iss.tamu.edu/insurance/insurance.asp>.

## Sponsored Student Programs

979.845.2550 Arrival Information  
979.862.7170 Fax  
<http://ssp.tamu.edu>

## AGGIE CARD

The Aggie Card is your official ID at TAMU. It shows your status as a member of the Aggie family. It is important that you keep your Aggie Card on you at all times. It will allow you to access numerous campus services such as the Rec Center, the library, dining halls and more. For more information, visit <https://myaggiecard.tamu.edu/>



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## NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

All new graduate students are required to attend new student conferences.

### MS ECON New Student Orientation

This one-day event will orient students with the department's program, policies and procedures. Email confirmation of attendance is required.

### Office of Graduate & Professional Studies (OGAPS)

Graduate students are provided with an overview of what to expect at TAMU, including information on policies, procedures, resources and services on campus and in the community. Registration is required. For more information, visit <http://ogaps.tamu.edu/New-Current-Students>.

### International Student Services (ISS)

International students, guests, faculty and staff come together to learn about policies, procedures, resources and services offered by this office. Registration is required: <http://iss.tamu.edu/Events/ISC>.

## APPLICATION MANAGEMENT

Be sure you have submitted all required official documents to the admissions office during your first semester. This includes final transcripts and official GRE test scores.

## BANKS

A variety of banks are located throughout Bryan/College Station. The banks that can be located on campus or within walking distance from the university are:

- AggieLand Credit Union, <https://www.gtfcu.org/>
- Chase, <https://www.chase.com/>
- Wells Fargo, <https://www.wellsfargo.com/>

**AGGIE RING**  
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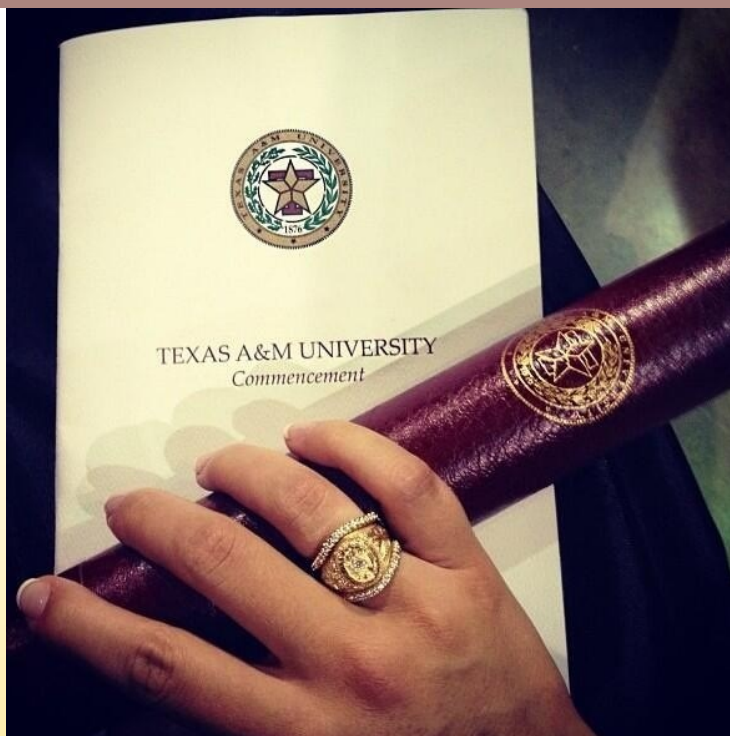
The Aggie Ring is one of the most notable school traditions at TAMU. Dating back over a hundred years, it is a tradition that is deep in symbolism and most notable for connecting Aggies around the world. For more information about the Aggie Ring and how to order yours, visit <http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/>.

Degree Plan

All graduate students are required to submit a degree plan the semester before they plan to graduate. It is recommended they schedule an appointment with their advisor to confirm they have met all program requirements. To submit a degree plan, go to <https://ogsdps.tamu.edu/>.

Graduation

Students must complete all requirements with their degree program before they can graduate. They must check with the various offices on campus (SBS, OGAPS, ISS, etc.) to verify all HOLDS have been cleared from their record. Once cleared, they can apply for graduation at <http://graduation.tamu.edu/>.



Hooding Ceremony and Commencement

If you plan to walk the stage to receive your diploma, be sure to order your cap and gown. For more information, click on the Quick Links at <http://graduation.tamu.edu/>. A Hooding Ceremony will be celebrated by the Department before the commencement ceremony to recognize the graduates of the Master of Science in Economics.

## Master of Science in Economics

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