

**TEXAS A&M**  
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# Fact Sheet for 2025 - 2026 Student Exchange

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## General Information

### University Name

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

### Contact for Incoming Students

Trisha Winkle, Assistant Director ([incoming@tamu.edu](mailto:incoming@tamu.edu))

### Number of Students

University-wide: 74,000+  
 International Students: 6,000+

### 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  
<https://global.tamu.edu/ea>

## Application Requirements

### Application Process

Students must complete three applications - one with Admissions, with Education Abroad, and then another with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). 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 2025	15 February 2025	1 March 2025	20 August 2025	25 August 2025	16 December 2025
Spring 2026	15 September 2025	30 September 2025	7 January 2026	12 January 2026	5 May 2026

### 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:

<https://dineoncampus.com/tamu>.

## 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

### Closest Airport

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

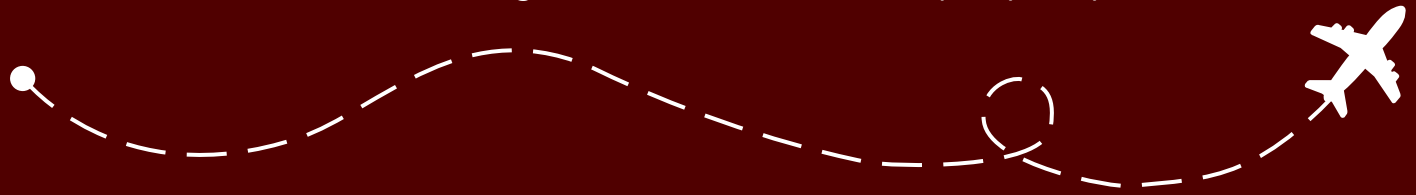
Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH): <http://www.fly2houston.com>

Ground Shuttle service is also available from IAH 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 airport.
- 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://registrart.tamu.edu/General/Calendar.aspx>

### Course Catalog

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

Graduate Catalog: <http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate>

UG Course Listing: <http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/>

Graduate Course Listing: <http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/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 TOEFL or IELTS scores are not required for exchange students to be admitted, English language proficiency is expected. Students should have obtained at least a 550 (p-BT) or 80 (i-BT) in TOEFL or an IELTS overall band score of 6.0 to be considered proficient and eligible for exchange.

**International Student and Scholar Services:** <https://global.tamu.edu/iss>

## 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:

<https://global.tamu.edu/iss/health-and-safety/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

Upon arrival, students must pay international student health insurance (\$1200-\$1700 per semester) and any other additional expenses (housing, meal plan, sports pass, activities fee).

### Cost Estimates per Semester

International students must show financial support according to the following U.S. immigration regulations. These costs are for 2025-2026 and are subject to change for future years:

Level	FALL or SPRING Semester	Full Academic Year
Undergraduate	\$10,000.00	\$19,500.00
Graduate	\$11,000.00	\$21,000.00

## 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 of transcript or English translation required
- 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
- 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 receive a UIN (university identification number) and will create a TAMU NetID and password. Once the above items are complete, students will then receive instructions for the DS-2019 visa processing application through the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Office. This 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 or accompanied with an English translation

# About Mays Business School

## **Course Subject Areas**

Mays Business School offers courses in Accounting (ACCT), Finance (FINC), Management (MGMT), Marketing (MKTG), Management Information Systems (ISTM), Supply Chain Management (SCMT), and International Business (IBUS).

## **Course Enrollment Requirements**

Undergraduate students participating on a Mays Business School exchange program must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) offered by Mays Business School. The remaining courses can be requested outside of Mays Business School. Graduate students must take a majority of their courses at Mays Business School.

## **Course Availability**

Course requests are NOT GUARANTEED, and many have strict prerequisite requirements. Also, not all courses listed in the course catalog are offered every semester nor available for exchange students to take. About a month prior to course registration, Mays Business School will provide a list of courses available to exchange students for the upcoming semester. At that time, student can submit their course requests from the list provided. Mays Business School also offers a Business English Language course (IBUS 489: Special Topics in Business English) for all exchange students who wish to improve their business and academic English.

## **Maintaining Eligibility**

Undergraduate students studying for an academic year must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the fall semester to remain at Texas A&M University for the spring semester. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

## **Mays Business School Arrival Orientation**

All students studying at Mays Business School must attend the required Mays Incoming Exchange Orientation. It is held during the week proceeding the first day of school, and usually 1-2 days after the TAMU Education Abroad Incoming Exchange Orientation. At the end of the orientation, all student schedules will be finalized.

## **Contact Information for Academic Matters at Mays Business School**

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## College Liaisons

### **Bush School of Government**

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### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

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### **College of Architecture**

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### **College of Arts and Sciences**

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### **Mays Business School**

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### **School of Education**

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### **School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

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## About Texas A&M

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

Enrollment for fall of 2023 at Texas A&M University totaled 77,491 a 3.6 percent increase from last year's figure of 74,829 students. 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!



For number of public university students studying abroad



Among public universities in Texas for best value



For most graduates serving as CEOs of Fortune 500 companies

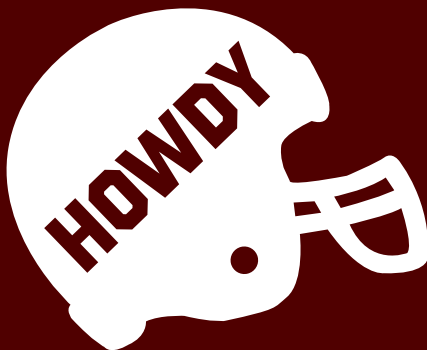
### Texas A&M University has exchange partnerships through the following colleges and schools:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
 School of Architecture  
 Mays Business School  
 College of Engineering

College of Arts & Sciences  
 School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences  
 Bush School of Government & Public Service

### 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.



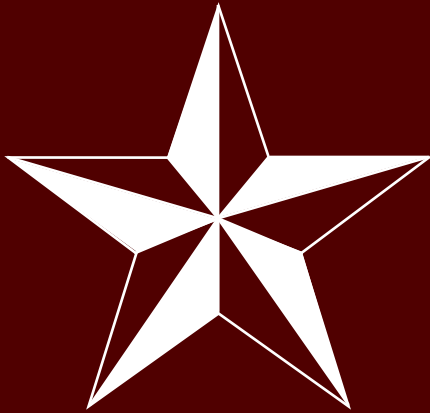
Century Tree  
 Silver Taps  
 Replant  
 The Big Event

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 is the largest state in the contiguous U.S.



Population: 30.5 million (2023)  
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/default.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



Bryan- <https://www.destinationbryan.com/eat-drink/>

College Station- <https://visit.cstx.gov/restaurants/>

#### Shopping



Bryan- <https://www.destinationbryan.com/>

College Station- <https://visit.cstx.gov/things-to-do/shopping/>

#### Things to Do



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

College Station- <https://visit.cstx.gov/things-to-do/>