



# *Welcome* *to* **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

*at Texas A&M University-Commerce.*



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# Hey NEW LION!

**JUST A FEW REMINDERS:**

## During New Student Orientation:

- Submit proof of Bacterial Meningitis immunization in Med+Proctor.
- Meet your Orientation Leader and new students who share your major.
- Meet your Student Success Team during the advising and registration session.
- Visit the A&M-Commerce bookstore (RSC 115) for all of your supplies, textbooks and Lion gear.

## After New Student Orientation:

- Watch your myLeo email account for your parking information.
- Pack your belongings. Check the packing list provided by Residential Living and Learning ([tamuc.edu/HousingFAQ](http://tamuc.edu/HousingFAQ)) to find out what—and what not—to pack.
- Count down to the first day of Lion life!

## During Your First Semester as a Lion:

- Stay engaged and entertained. Student organizations keep our campus hopping with exciting events, from headphone disco and drive-in movies to bonfires and luaus. Stay in the know with our campus community calendar ([calendar.tamuc.edu](http://calendar.tamuc.edu)).
- Connect, connect, connect! Make your first college friends, meet your friendly professors and get acquainted with your Student Success Team ([tamuc.edu/Success](http://tamuc.edu/Success))!
- Explore potential career paths with your career coach in Career Development ([tamuc.edu/CareerDevelopment](http://tamuc.edu/CareerDevelopment)).

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Contact [Orientation@tamuc.edu](mailto:Orientation@tamuc.edu) | [tamuc.edu/Orientation](http://tamuc.edu/Orientation)



# Welcome to THE PRIDE

## Our Pride!

**COLORS:** Blue and Gold  
**MASCOT:** Lucky the Lion

**SPIRIT DAY:** Show your pride by wearing A&M-Commerce gear each Wednesday! Local businesses even give discounts if you show up in your spirit gear!

**HAND SIGN:** Established in 1889, we hold our Lion legacy high and display the Lucky Lion hand sign to show our pride, celebrate victory and honor our great heritage.

Make an “L” with your left hand. Cross your middle and pointer finger. You’ve got it! You are officially a Lion once you display the Lucky Lion hand sign and yell, “Go Lions!”

**CHANT:**  
**We are the Commerce Lions**

*“Aawwhhh!  
We are the Commerce Lions; we are the ones for you! Woo!  
We are the Commerce Lions; don’t you wanna be one, too?! Woo!  
Don’t you wanna be one, too?! Woo!  
L.I.O.N.S.  
We are the Lions. We are the best!  
WOOOO!”*

## Social Media and News

**A&M-Commerce:**  
f @TAMUC or @TAMUCAdmissions  
i @TAMUC or @TAMUCAdmissions  
in LinkedIn.com/School/Texas-A&M-University-Commerce  
t @TAMUC  
y @LionsMedia

**Orientation & Transition Services:**  
i @TAMUCOTS

**Official Hashtags:** #GoLions #TAMUC #NewLion #TAMUCTransfer

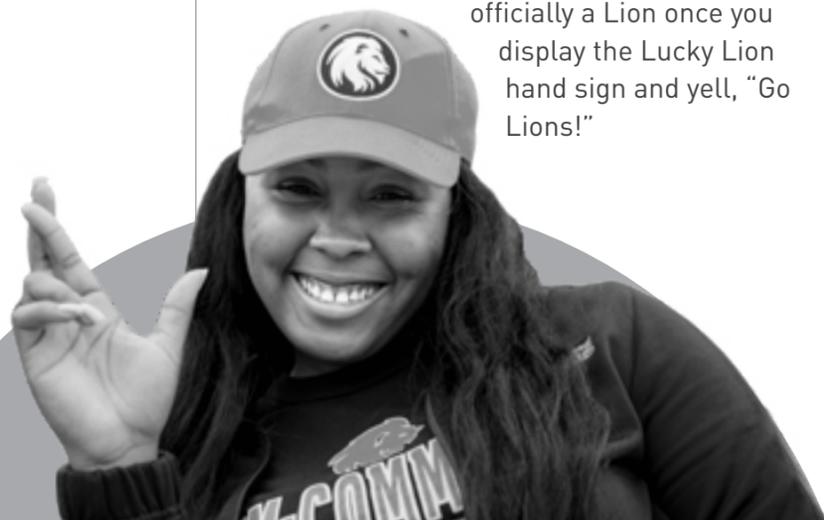
**University News:** tamuc.edu/News

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## Can't-Miss Campus Experiences:



- 1 Join one of 120 unique student organizations, or create your own!
- 2 Cheer on your Lions at more than 250 athletic events each year.
- 3 Join a club sports team, such as fishing, volleyball, climbing and basketball. Or start your own!
- 4 Enjoy a concert hosted by the music department.
- 5 Scale the 45-foot indoor climbing wall at Morris Recreation Center.
- 6 Bask in the glow of the homecoming bonfire and fireworks show.
- 7 Attend an Intercultural Engagement and Leadership event and become an extraordinary leader and campus citizen.
- 8 Experience the 40-foot dome Planetarium, offering amazing weekly shows.
- 9 Grab a drink from Starbucks and enjoy a study session with your friends in the Velma K. Waters Library.
- 10 Join a Greek organization and link up with a lifelong network of friends and mentors.



# Academic Support Services and Tools

## Academic Success Center (Waters Library 103)

The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides academic resources to help you reach your intellectual potential and achieve academic success. We hope you will use our excellent resources to increase your ability to study effectively, facilitate time management strategies and enhance your learning.

## Career Development (Waters Library 227)

The Office of Career Development is available to help you gather the tools and skills you need to compete in the job market. Here is a sampling of their services:

- **The Lion Wardrobe** – Access low-cost business clothes to help you look your best during an interview, either in person or online.
- **Career Exploration** – Meet with a career coach to find a major or career path that is right for you.
- **Virtual Lion Mentorship Program** – Connect with employers in your field to learn more about internships or networking events.
- **Career Fairs** – Attend online or in-person with your resume in hand to possibly land that perfect job after graduation.
- **HireALion** – Use the HireALion tool to find a job or internship.



Learn more at [tamuc.edu/CareerDevelopment](https://tamuc.edu/CareerDevelopment).

## Center for IT Excellence (BA 156)

The University's Center for IT Excellence (CITE) offers a Help Desk and Call Center providing technical assistance to faculty, staff and students. The Help Desk can be reached by dialing the main Call Center phone number: 903.468.6000.

## EAB Navigate App

The Navigate Student app makes college life easier by letting you know how and when to get important things done. This app allows you to:

- See upcoming to-dos and events so you never miss a deadline.
- Access guidance on things like paying for college and selecting courses.
- Sync your class schedule and other events to your phone...and more!

Download from the **App Store** or **Google Play**.



## Student Success Teams

Student Success Centers are located in each of the University's academic colleges. These Student Success Centers will house a student success team that will work with our students from enrollment or registration to graduation, educating and empowering them to take ownership of their degree path. These teams will consist of two individuals: an Academic Advisor and a Financial Aid Advisor. Students will be assigned to these teams based on their major and will remain with the same team as long as they do not transition to another Academic College until they graduate from the institution. To learn more about Student Success Teams, email [AdvisingTeam@tamuc.edu](mailto:AdvisingTeam@tamuc.edu).

### ACADEMIC ADVISORS CAN HELP YOU:

- Explore academic programs and narrow your choice of major.
- Choose and register for classes each semester.

#### Conversation Starters:

- What courses are required to complete the common core program?
- Should I add or drop a course?

### FINANCIAL AID ADVISORS CAN HELP YOU:

- Review and apply for scholarships to help you pay your student bill.
- Learn more about the FAFSA or TASFA applications and potential work-study opportunities.

#### Conversation Starters:

- How do I apply for scholarships?
- How do I read my financial award letter?
- How do I accept my financial aid in myLeo?

## Academic Success Center



- **Science Tutoring** in the JAMP Room (STC 110) is a space where you can receive help with biology, chemistry, physics and more.
- **The Math Skills Center** (BIN 328) is open to all students. Computer tutorials, video libraries, textbooks and live tutors are available to help you with any math-related subject matter, from developmental math through Calculus. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/MathLab](http://tamuc.edu/MathLab).
- **The Writing Center** (HL 103) assists students at all levels and stages of the writing process, from brainstorming to polishing a final draft. It's also a space for collaboration, community writing and multimedia projects. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/WritingCenter](http://tamuc.edu/WritingCenter).
- **Tutor.com** is available 24/7 to help you with over 80 subjects, including math, science, social studies and English. Learn more at [tutor.com/TAMUC](http://tutor.com/TAMUC).
- **Your peers provide Walk-In Tutoring (Waters Library 201C)** in various subjects.

## Waters Library

Velma K. Waters Library serves as a research and community hub on campus. You can access many resources, such as research assistance from the friendly staff, study rooms, interlibrary loan program, student computer labs, etc. Waters Library is also home to the Office of Student Disability Services, Career Development and the Academic Success Center. You can also grab a Starbucks drink while you study or on your way to class! Learn more at [tamuc.edu/Library](http://tamuc.edu/Library).



# Academic Tools for Success

**D2L:** D2L is home to your online courses and any virtual components of your in-person courses. You can access D2L through myLeo by clicking on the “Apps” tab in the top left corner. Scroll down to find the laptop icon labeled “D2L Brightspace.” Once you enter D2L, you will have access to all your classes. From D2L, you can complete assignments, take exams and quizzes, communicate with classmates and instructors, view upcoming projects and track grades.



**Class Registration:** You may register for classes after meeting with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor will help you select the courses you need during registration.

When you are ready to enroll, log into your myLeo account. Locate the “Student Resources” tab. Under the “Student Information” section, click on “Registration Menu.” Click “Register/Add or Drop Classes” and select the term you want to register. Insert each class’s course registration number (CRN) and click “Submit” to add a class to your schedule in the empty boxes.



**DegreeWorks:** DegreeWorks is an easy-to-use tool designed to enhance the academic advisement process. It is not intended to replace face-to-face academic advisement. Among its many functions, it allows you to:

- See how your classes are being applied to your major.
- View the progress you are making toward your degree.
- Layout potential options if you were to consider changing your major.

To access DegreeWorks, log into your myLeo account and click on the “Student Resources” tab. Under “Student Resources,” you will find “Undergraduate DegreeWorks.”

**Class Schedule:** To access your class schedule, log into your myLeo account and select the “Student Resources” tab.

Under the “Student Information” section, click on “Registration Menu” to locate the “Schedule Detail” area.

Next, select the term and click “Submit” to view your class schedule. The schedule will show you the name, location, days of the week, times of the day and faculty member associated with each course.



# Frequently Used Academic Terms

**COURSE REGISTRATION NUMBER (CRN):** The CRN is a unique five-digit identifier assigned to a class for registration purposes. Your advisor will assign your CRN during advising so that you may register.

**CREDITS:** The number of credits assigned to each class equals the number of hours you will spend in the class (either in person or online). For example, classes are usually three credits each, which means you will spend three hours per week in that class.

**DROP/ADD:** Classes may be dropped or added from your schedule during the first five days of the fall or spring semesters or the first two days of summer sessions. This time frame is known as the “change of schedule period.”

**GOOD STANDING VERSUS ACADEMIC PROBATION/ SUSPENSION:** A student with an overall GPA of at least 2.0 is considered good standing. A student whose GPA falls below 2.0 will be placed on academic probation or suspension. See the definitions for probation and suspension below.

**ACADEMIC PROBATION:** Students on probation will need to talk with their advisors. They may be ineligible for financial aid and participation in organizations and activities. Students on probation will be urged to take advantage of the university’s tutoring and academic resources to ensure their success.

**ACADEMIC SUSPENSION:** A student who enters a semester on academic probation and fails to earn a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher at the end of the semester will be suspended unless the student’s cumulative GPA or combined GPA (A&M-Commerce GPA plus transfer GPA) is 2.0 or higher at the end of the semester.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):** You will earn a semester GPA and an overall GPA calculated from your grades in every course you have taken at A&M-Commerce. Each semester, undergraduate students with at least a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) who have been enrolled in at least 12 credit hours will be included on the dean’s list. At graduation, a high GPA may mean you will graduate with honors!

**SECTION NUMBERS:** Each course is assigned a section number that includes a number and letter combination. The number indicates the class’s campus location and the letter the modality. For example, a course with a section number labeled 01E means that the course is located on the A&M-Commerce campus (01), and technology is supplementary (E). A course with a section number labeled 21B means that the course is located at the Frisco Extended University (21), and the course includes both face-to-face and online instruction (B). A guide to these codes is posted at [tamuc.edu/Schedule](http://tamuc.edu/Schedule).



# Explore Your Campus: Land of the Lions

## Alumni Center

Once you join our pride, you become a Lion for life. Although your academic journey may be just beginning at A&M-Commerce, this is where your legacy will continue. The Alumni Center houses significant historical items from the university and features information and digital displays about accomplished alumni. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/Alumni](https://tamuc.edu/Alumni).

## A&M-Commerce Bookstore (RSC 115)

The A&M-Commerce bookstore is a one-stop shop for all of your class needs! We carry textbooks, including e-books. For most books, you have the option to either rent or purchase. We also stock all of your Lion gear, from t-shirts to sweatshirts and even merchandise for mom and dad. We strive to offer the best prices on everything you need for Lion life! Learn more at [www.amcbookstore.com](https://www.amcbookstore.com).

## Athletics (FH 001)

Cheering on the Lions in your best blue and gold outfit is a lifestyle at A&M-Commerce! We have 14 award-winning NCAA Division II, soon-to-be NCAA Division I athletic teams and three Collegiate Level teams. In 2020, our women's basketball team recorded the most wins in the state of Texas, and the women's rodeo team won the National Championships! As a student, you get free admission to home athletic events. Learn more at [Lionathletics.com](https://Lionathletics.com).



## Children's Learning Center

The Children's Learning Center (CLC) provides a nurturing learning environment for children on campus. The nationally accredited program allows children of students, faculty and staff to enjoy a safe environment where they receive two meals a day, a snack, rest time, playtime and hands-on experiences with science, math, music, language and art. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/CLC](https://tamuc.edu/CLC).

## Intercultural Engagement and Leadership (RSC 239)

The Office of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership (IEL) can help you develop into a global leader. IEL provides a supportive environment for all learners focusing on inclusion, social justice, leadership and service. Programs are designed to educate, engage and develop students of all identities. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/IEL](https://tamuc.edu/IEL).



## International Programs (SS 221)

The Office of International Programs provides ongoing support for new international students. The office holds check-in sessions and orientation programs. It is available for F-1 and J-1 immigration advising and other non-academic services. The office also promotes cultural understanding, global perspective and learning opportunities through various campus events, including immigration workshops, International Education Week, the Global Cultural Festival and more. In addition, a peer mentoring program is available for domestic and international students. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/InternationalStudies](http://tamuc.edu/InternationalStudies).



## LatinX Engagement and Outreach (The Welcome Center)

The Office of Latinx Engagement and Outreach (LEO) helps advance, empower and engage Latinx students while facilitating academic excellence, cultural understanding, global awareness and community impact. We believe in equitable access to every resource, for every student, in every opportunity, both on and off our campus. We provide bilingual support, scholarships, family engagement and outreach to the Hispanic/Latino communities in our region.

## Lion Food Pantry

(Craddock Hall)

The Lion Food Pantry serves as a temporary, judgment-free respite for students facing hard times. The pantry provides a variety of food and personal care items for students in need. These items are free of charge!

Learn more at [tamuc.edu/LionFoodPantry](http://tamuc.edu/LionFoodPantry).

## Rayburn Student Center

The Rayburn Student Center (RSC) is the hub of campus life. It is the center for programs, activities and facilities where the campus community gathers and connects. The RSC features 120,000 square feet of space that includes:

- Meeting rooms
- Lion's Lair food court
- Lion's Mane Café dining room
- A&M-Commerce bookstore
- The Club student lounge with Chick-fil-A
- Graphic design and campus marketing services
- Informal lounges
- Patios
- ATM services
- And more!

Learn more at [tamuc.edu/RSC](http://tamuc.edu/RSC).



## Student Disability Services (Waters Library 162)

Accessibility for all students is a priority at A&M-Commerce. The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) offers accommodations counseling, disability-related resources, access to adaptive technology, assistive equipment and academic/non-academic accommodations for students with disabilities.

Learn more at [tamuc.edu/SDS](http://tamuc.edu/SDS).



## Office of Student Engagement (RSC 272)

The Office of Student Engagement is at the heart of your college experience. We aim to help you get the most out of your time at A&M-Commerce through student involvement, campus activities, student organizations, special events, leadership development and many more exciting opportunities. Read below about the various areas within the Office of Student Engagement, such as the Campus Activities Board, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Government Association, and Student Organizations.



## Campus Activities Board (RSC 272)

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) presents a diverse range of student-led entertainment and events to the university community. You can show off your skills in the talent show during homecoming, make new friends at the Headphone Disco during Lion's Roar or show off your dance moves at Late Night in The Club. Stop by and chat with this student-centered office and learn more at [tamuc.edu/CAB](http://tamuc.edu/CAB).

## Fraternity and Sorority Life (RSC 272)

In the fraternity and sorority community, there is a home for everyone! We can't wait for you to find yours! The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is comprised of 22 collegiate undergraduate fraternities and sororities on the campus of A&M-Commerce. Fraternities and sororities are an integral part of a student's collegiate experience. Membership fosters brotherhood and sisterhood, promotes academic excellence, provides community service opportunities, builds social and professional networks that extend beyond graduation, and more. Visit our office or learn more at [tamuc.edu/FSL](http://tamuc.edu/FSL).



## Student Government Association (RSC 272)

The Student Government Association (SGA) of A&M-Commerce is the university's official student governing body. SGA represents all students enrolled at the university and serves as the student body's voice to faculty and administration. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/SGA](http://tamuc.edu/SGA).

## Student Organizations (RSC 272)

The university offers more than 120 student organizations, covering a wide range of student interests and needs. You can browse them all by scanning the QR code, or stop by our office to chat about starting a new organization.

### CHOOSE FROM SEVERAL CATEGORIES:

- Academic
- Cultural
- Governing Association
- Greek Social Fraternity
- Greek Social Sorority
- Greek Governing Association and Honor Society
- Health and Wellness
- Honor Society
- Political/Social Concern
- Recreation and Sports
- Religions
- Service and Student Development
- Special Interest



## Student Rights and Responsibilities

(Halladay 201)

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities has established standards of conduct described in the Student Code of Conduct (the Code). The Code creates and fosters an environment that facilitates student learning and development. Our office is a resource for students who find themselves out of compliance with the Code or who believe they may be impacted by another student who is not upholding the Code. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/StudentRights](http://tamuc.edu/StudentRights).

## Testing Center

(The Welcome Center)

Need to take a test? The Testing Center offers various tests and testing methods, including computer-based, internet, and paper/pencil. Visit the center to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), Spanish Placement, CLEP, ALEKS Math Placement, TEAS Nursing Exam, and more. For a complete list of exams or to make an appointment, visit [tamuc.edu/testing-center](http://tamuc.edu/testing-center).

## Veteran Services Office

(The Welcome Center)

The Veteran Services Office (VSO) serves over 1,000 veterans and their dependents annually by providing connections to resources on and off campus, identifying federal or state education benefits for which you may qualify, and serving as a liaison during your academic career. We strive to provide a sense of community with individuals who have served in the military to support a seamless transition to civilian college life. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/Veterans](http://tamuc.edu/Veterans).



# Campus Living and Commuting

## RESIDENTIAL LIVING AND LEARNING

### Benefits of Living on Campus

#### FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS:

Join fun social and educational events held in the residence halls by your resident assistant or residence hall director.

#### RESIDENT ASSISTANTS:

Resident assistants, called RAs, are student staff members who live on each floor or wing. RAs are your friends and mentors from the moment you move into your residence hall. They are equipped to help you with almost any problem, and if they can't help, they will point you to someone who can.

**BETTER GRADES:** When you can easily access university resources, such as tutoring, peer study group sessions and office hours with your faculty members, you may achieve higher academic success.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Encounter many leadership opportunities, like becoming a resident assistant or a Resident Hall Association member.

#### CONVENIENCE:

Enjoy the convenience of walking to your classes and the places you need to go on campus. You can even bring your bike or skateboard!

#### LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLCS):

When you join a Living Learning Community, you will discover exciting learning and leadership opportunities beyond the classroom. LLCs allow you to live with a community of students who share your interests. The perfect LLC is waiting for you! Browse them all at [tamuc.edu/LLC](http://tamuc.edu/LLC).

#### SAFETY:

Residence halls are equipped with safety features such as card-access security systems, deadbolt locks on each door, front desk staff available 24 hours a day and resident assistants on each floor.



## LIVING WITH ROOMMATES'

# 6 Tips for Success

- 1 STAY POSITIVE.** If you expect to have issues with your roommate, problems are more likely to appear.
- 2 BE PROACTIVE.** During the first day or two of living together, you and your roommate should set ground rules for the room. Agreeing to and abiding by these rules can often prevent frustration and hurt feelings.
- 3 SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.** Some people expect to have a close relationship with a roommate and are disappointed when they don't meet expectations. Instead, try to appreciate your roommate for who they are.
- 4 COMMUNICATE** with your roommate about issues that bother or upset you before they have a chance to escalate.
- 5 BE CONSIDERATE** of your roommate and treat them how you would like to be treated.
- 6 COMPROMISE.** If possible, try to find solutions that you both find beneficial.



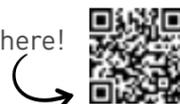
## Dining Services (Rayburn Student Center)

A&M-Commerce dining services offer residential and commuter meal plans.

- **The 19 Meal Plan + \$600 Flex:** 19 meals per week to be used in the Lion's Mane Cafe. This plan is required for all 1st and 2nd year post-high school resident students, and will be applied by default if a 1st or 2nd year student does not select a plan.
- **The 17 Meal Plan + \$600 Flex:** 17 meals per week to be used in the Lion's Mane Cafe. This plan is required for all 1st and 2nd year post-high school resident students.

*Both plans include a \$600 FLEX that can be used at any dining location. You may choose to exchange a meal for a \$7 credit in the Lions Lair.*

View all dining plan options, prices and information by scanning here!



## On-Campus Mail Services (ASL)

USPS, UPS and FedEx do not deliver mail or packages to your residence hall, so renting a post office box offers a secure location for your mail and packages. Your P.O. box is accessible 24/7. For security reasons, only one person may use each P.O. box. Information about rental costs can be found in your residence hall move-in packet. The post office also offers stamps, money orders and a variety of shipping services. Window service hours are available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Commuting

If you are a commuter, we want you to feel like an essential part of the A&M-Commerce community. Here are some tips just for you:

- Come to campus for more than just your classes. Getting involved, meeting people and having fun are vital parts of university life.
- Consider purchasing a meal plan if you will be on campus during lunch or dinner. Eating here can help you meet new people.
- Find a home base on campus and use this place to study, eat, read or hang out. This will help you feel comfortable and be productive between classes.



# Health and Wellness

We want you to stay well. Your mental and physical health is important to us. The following departments and services are dedicated to your health, wellness and success.



## Campus Recreation (MRC)

Stay active with the Department of Campus Recreation! Campus Rec is committed to creating an inclusive recreational environment for every Lion. Find your home with us as you:

- Compete for an intramural sports league championship.
- Work out, play basketball or run laps at the MRC.
- Dance with friends in a Zumba group fitness class.
- Splash in the pool at the Great OutRoars.
- Explore the Ozarks on a hiking trip with the Outdoor Adventure Center.
- Kick around a soccer ball on The MAC turf field.

No matter where you are in your active journey, we are here to support you with top-notch facilities and programs. Connect, educate and get inspired at [tamuc.edu/CampusRec](http://tamuc.edu/CampusRec).



## Counseling Center

(Halladay 203)

The Counseling Center provides mental health and well-being services to help students reach their academic and personal goals and maximize their success potential. The Counseling Center offers appropriate mental health care, consultations, outreach and prevention services. It also serves as a training site for future mental health professionals. Feel free to stop in or give them a call at **903.886.5145** to schedule an appointment or to reach after-hours crisis counselors. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is **1.800.276.8255**. In case of imminent danger, call the University Police Department emergency line at **903.886.5111** or **911**. Support. Connect. Empower. at [tamuc.edu/Counsel](http://tamuc.edu/Counsel).

## Student Health Services

(HEN)

Student Health Services (SHS) offers affordable medical care. It's tough to feel a little under the weather when you're away from home, but the staff will care for you. SHS accommodates acute care and inquiries, allergy injections, birth control, labs, and women's health.

Once you are enrolled at A&M-Commerce, you may see the SHS medical provider at no cost. There are additional charges for labs, x-rays and minor procedures. SHS accepts student health insurance from various providers, such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, United HealthCare, Aetna Health Insurance and Cigna. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/SHS](http://tamuc.edu/SHS).

# Finances and Aid

## PAYING FOR YOUR EDUCATION

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships in The Welcome Center can help you explore all of your options for financial aid. Also, don't forget that you have a financial aid advisor on your Student Success Team to help you. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/FinancialAid](https://tamuc.edu/FinancialAid).



## Types of Financial Assistance

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarships are gifts of money you don't pay back. Some are awarded based on accomplishments, others on financial need. You will have access to A&M-Commerce's donor-funded scholarships portal each year. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/Scholarships](https://tamuc.edu/Scholarships).
  - **INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** This is the price of your classes, which will all add up to the degree that will help you earn more money in the long run.
  - **DONOR-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS:** These are awards provided by our University Foundation from various donors. These are awarded based on criteria established by each donor. Students apply for these opportunities through the Donor-Funded Scholarship portal in their myLEO.
  - **OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS:** These are awards given by organizations outside Texas A&M-Commerce to help students pay for college. Each outside opportunity will have its process and potential requirements; however, you also do not pay them back.
- **GRANTS:** Like scholarships, these awards are free money that you don't have to pay back. Grants, however, are usually based on financial need instead of merit. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/FinancialAid](https://tamuc.edu/FinancialAid).
- **LOANS:** This is money you'll pay back with interest to the federal government or a private bank or financial institution. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/FinancialAid](https://tamuc.edu/FinancialAid).
- Fill out either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) in order to receive federal and/or state funding for your education. You are advised to submit your application as early as possible to be considered for the maximum amount of financial assistance. Visit [www.studentaid.gov](https://www.studentaid.gov) for the FAFSA (use TAMUC's federal code 003565) and [www.collegeforalltexas.com](https://www.collegeforalltexas.com) for the TASFA.
- **EMPLOYMENT AND WORK STUDY:** You can offset your education cost by working on campus or in the community. The Work-Study Program is a need-based financial aid program that lets you work part-time on campus. Students can find jobs that fit into their school schedules at [tamuc.edu/HireALion](https://tamuc.edu/HireALion).

## Student Accounts (BA 187)

The Student Accounts Office/Bursar can help you check your student account balance, make tuition payments, and discuss options for tuition payments. The Student Accounts Office is also the place to purchase parking permits, pay for parking citations and discuss refund options once your financial aid comes through. Learn more at [tamuc.edu/StudentAccounts](https://tamuc.edu/StudentAccounts).

# Safety and Transportation

## Lion Safe App

The Lion Safe app provides safety tools for students, faculty and staff. Students and family members can download this app and quickly access the tools outlined below. Download on Google Play or the App Store.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

You can call 911, the University Police Department or Commerce Police Department directly from the Lion Safe app for any emergencies. For non-emergencies, please contact University Police or Commerce Police.

**EMERGENCY PLANS:** You can review the various university emergency plans on the Lion Safe app, such as a crime in progress, severe weather, fire evacuation, a severe injury or accident, alcohol/drug overdose, or heat-related injury.

**FRIEND WALK:** If you do not feel comfortable walking alone, you can send your location in real-time to a friend via the Lion Safe app. They can watch you as you walk to your destination and trigger a call to emergency services if necessary.

### MOBILE BLUELIGHT SAFETY

**TOWERS:** BlueLight safety phones are located across campus. If you feel uncomfortable in any situation, just hit the button on the phone. The blue lights will flash and you will be connected to the University Police Department, which will dispatch an officer to your location. You can also trigger a mobile BlueLight from the Lion Safe app.

**NAVIGATING CAMPUS:** You can review the campus map, parking information and bike information from the Lion Safe app. This section also houses the campus shuttle map. Typically, two routes transport students, faculty, and staff around campus and throughout parts of Commerce, Texas. You can watch live footage to locate campus shuttles at any time.

**REPORT A TIP:** You can report a tip to the University Police Department by calling, texting or writing a report in the Lion Safe app.

### LION SAFE APP SUPPORT

**RESOURCES:** In the Lion Safe app, you can access some of the most common support services, including Student Health Services, Student Disability Services, Title IX resources, student mental health support and the National Suicide Hotline.

## Pride Alert Warning System

The Pride Alert Warning System (PAWS) is a mass notification system used to inform students, faculty and staff of school closings and emergencies. Please sign up on myLeo under “Apps.” In the event of severe weather, school closings or any other emergency, you will be contacted via phone, text and email. Everyone is urged to sign up for this free service.

## Title IX Compliance (BA 259)

A&M-Commerce supports academic, housing and work environments free from harassment (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) and retaliation. No individual will—based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity—be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or be subject to discrimination under any university program or activity. Learn more about confidentially, reporting and the Civil Rights Policy at [tamuc.edu/TitleIX](http://tamuc.edu/TitleIX).

## University Police Department

(HEN 132)

The University Police Department (UPD) exists to protect, serve and educate. UPD is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays and closures. They offer many services, including crime prevention, vehicle assistance, and more. Officers respond to all calls for service and emergencies on campus. If you have a question or need help, don't hesitate to contact them at **903.886.5868**. In an emergency, call **911** or the UPD emergency line at **903.886.5111**.







# COMMERCE

**MAIN CAMPUS**  
 General Information & Undergraduate Admissions  
 Graduate Admissions  
 Call Toll Free  
 Shipping Address

Map is not to scale  
 tamuc.edu  
 903.886.5000  
 903.886.5163  
 1.888.868.2682  
 2600 South Neal Street  
 Commerce, TX 75428



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Explore campus through our interactive map at [tamuc.edu/map](http://tamuc.edu/map).

## Building Number & Name

- B1 Alumni Center
- B2 Art Building (ART)
- B3 Art Sculpture Lab (ASL) / Postal Services
- B4 Berry Residence Hall
- B5 Binion Hall / KER 88.9 PM (BN)
- B6 Bledsoe Hall
- B7 Charles J. Austin Engineering & Technology (Agricultrual Sciences Building (ASB/E1))
- B8 Children's Learning Center
- B9 Caddox Hall
- B10 East Texas Bookstore (Off Campus)
- B11 Employee Services Building
- B12 Ferguson Social Sciences/University Auditorium (SS)
- B13 Fing Hall
- B14 Football Locker Room (F-Lounge)
- B15 Frank Young Education North (EDN)
- B16 Haladay Student Services Building
- B17 Heritage House/Lydy Heritage Gardens
- B18 Henderson Hall/University Police/Health Services (HEK)
- B19 Jerry D. Morris Recreational Center (MRC)
- B20 Journalism Building (JOUR)
- B21 Keith D. McFarland Science Building/Panatorium (STC)
- B22 McJannet Administration Building (BA/ECON/trade/Mixed Studies)
- B23 Memorial Stadium
- B24 Music Building (MUS)
- B25 New Hall
- B26 New Pride Apartments
- B27 Nursing and Health Science Building
- B28 Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- B29 Phase II Residence Hall
- B30 Phase III Residence Hall
- B31 Prairie Crossing Residence Hall
- B32 Pride Rock Residence Hall
- B33 Rayburn Student Center (RSS)/Maine Card Office
- B34 Smith Residence Hall
- B35 Sororities & Women's Halls
- B36 Sowers Education South (EDS)
- B37 Talbot Hall of Languages (HL)
- B38 The Welcome Center
- B39 University Field House (FH)
- B40 Velma K. Waters Library (Student Disabilities/ADA/CPEE)
- B41 Wathena Temple Fire Arts Building (WTFAB)
- B42 Webster Hall
- B43 Whitley Gymnasium
- B44 Whitley Residence Hall
- B45 Way Hall

## Parking Lot Permits

Campus parking is by permit only in many areas. Please observe signs and curb colors in lots and be sure to display the correct permit in your vehicle's windshield. Visitor permits are available at the Cashier's Office in the McJannet Administration Building (B22) and The Welcome Center (B38). Accessible parking is available in all A&M-Commerce parking lots.

- Green Permits - Student Parking
- Blue Permits - Faculty/Staff Parking
- Purple Permits - Sorority Parking
- Silver Permits - Prairie Crossing
- Brown Permits - New Pride
- 30-Minute Parking
- Visitor Parking
- Visitor Parking
- Visitor Parking

## Symbols

- Campus Postal Services
- Print Services
- ATM
- Library/Computer Lab
- Coffee
- Dining/Food Court
- Professor Mayo Monument
- Health Services
- University Police
- Bookstore
- Lion Card Services
- Amphitheater
- Planetarium
- Lactation Station



New students and visitors check in here. Campus tours start here.

## > CONCEALED CARRY POLICY <

Texas Senate Bill-11 permits concealed carry of firearms in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only to persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry permit. Pursuant to PC 46.05B and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06(2)R1, permit holders may not concealed carry in restricted locations. Please observe temporary building and venue signage to comply with state law and report violations to the University Police Department at 903.886.5865 or 911.