

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
GALVESTON CAMPUS®**

Fact Sheet for 2023 - 2024 Student Exchange

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General Information

Full Name of University

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<http://www.tamug.edu>

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Application Requirements

Application Process

Students must complete three applications - one with Admissions, one 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

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Deadline | 1 September 2023 |
| Nomination Deadline | 15 September 2023 |
| Orientation (Mandatory) | 11 January 2024 |
| Classes Begin | 6 January 2024 |
| Spring Break | 11-15 March 2024 |
| Reading Day (No Classes) | 29 March 2024 |
| Classes End | 30 April 2024 |
| Reading Day (No Classes) | 01 May 2024 |
| Exam Periods | 02-07 May 2024 |

Course Registration

Course registration is completed after arrival when check-in is complete to remove registration holds. Students will meet with assigned academic advisor to complete course registration after arrival.

Housing

Is housing guaranteed?

Students are required to live in-campus housing, as space is available. Students must adhere to all university housing deadlines regarding housing applications, deposits and fees. For on-campus residence hall options and semester costs, review the following website:

<http://www.tamug.edu/reslife/>.

If students desire to live off-campus, they must fill out the Request for Permission to Live Off-Campus form:

<http://www.tamug.edu/reslife/Housing/OffCampus.html>.

If housing is not guaranteed, what resources are available to incoming exchange students?

Students approved to live off-campus can find additional information here:

<http://www.tamug.edu/reslife/Housing/OffCampus.html>.

Types of housing?

Traditional dorm-style residence hall with two students per room. Each room shares a bathroom with one other room.

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.

Are meals included in housing?

Students have the option to select and purchase a variety of meal plans:

<https://www.dineoncampus.com/tamug/>.

Is there a kitchen?

Most on-campus housing includes a shared kitchen facility. The Albatross and Polaris Halls have a refrigerator and kitchenette in each room that includes a sink and two electric stove-top burners.

What's the distance from housing to the university?

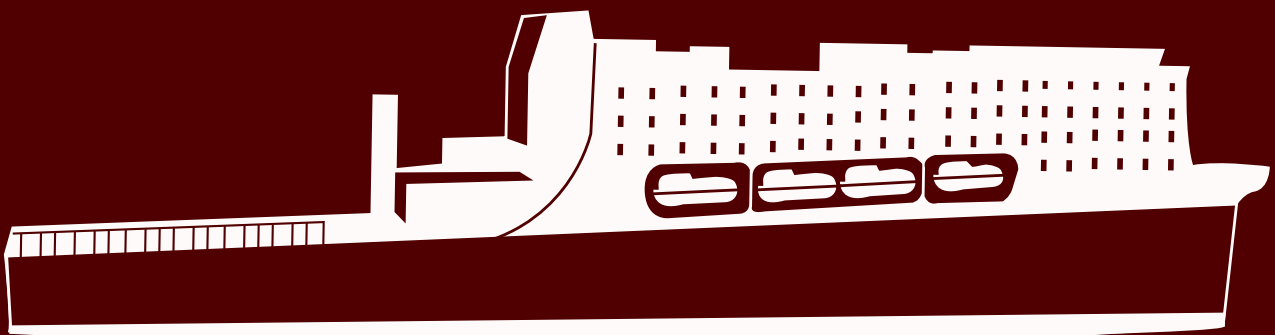
On-campus housing accommodations are located on the campus in close proximity to classrooms and other campus amenities.

What means of transport do the students use to get from housing to the university (e.g. walk, bus, bike, train)?

Most students walk or ride a bike. The residence halls are on the campus and close to classrooms, dining facilities, the library, and other campus resources.

Application Deadline

Fall & Fall/Spring Semesters: 1 March
Spring Semester Only: 15 September



Airport Information

Nearest Airport

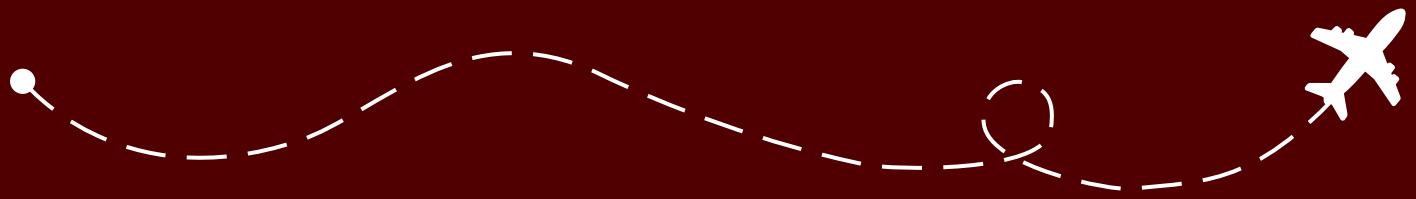
Scholes International Airport (GLS): <https://www.galvestonairport.com/>

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

Airport Pickup

We do not offer airport pick up, but the following options are available:

- Taxis are generally available at airports without a reservation.
- Uber (<https://www.uber.com/us/en/ride/>) and/or Lyft (<https://www.lyft.com/rider>) rides may be called through the appropriate cellphone application and access to Wifi or a functional U.S. or multi-country data plan.



Academic Information

Areas of Study Available to Exchange Students

All courses in the Maritime Administration Program.

Any pre-requisites must be met for entry to a given course.

Full Time Course Load

12 credit hours – undergraduate level

9 credit hours – graduate level

Academic Calendar

http://www.tamug.edu/catalog/academic_calendar.html

Course Catalog

Catalog

<http://www.tamug.edu/catalog/>

Course Listing/Schedule

<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/maritime-administration/#coursestext>



International Students

Language Requirements

English language proficiency is expected.

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: <http://iss.tamu.edu>

Health Insurance

Is health insurance available?

Yes. Exchange students are automatically charged the insurance premium per semester which is posted directly to the student's account. Payment is due upon arrival when registration of courses is completed. Please refer to the following website for health insurance information and requirements and costs: <http://iss.tamu.edu/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 United States federal regulations governing the J-1 visa.

Expenses

Cost Estimates per Semester

International students must show financial support according to the following U.S. Immigration regulations. These costs are subject to change for future years at any time.

| Graduate Level | FALL or SPRING Semester |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Undergraduate | \$9,000.00 |
| Graduate | \$10,000.00 |

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 strongly preferred
- 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**
- Incoming Reciprocal Exchange Student Handbook** – detailed information about Texas A&M as well as expectations and resources for your exchange

Students will then receive a UIN (university identification number) and will create a TAMU Net ID and password. Using this information, students will be instructed to create a second application for DS-2019 visa processing through International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). This second online application includes the following items:

- Immigration Information Questionnaire**
- 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

About Texas A&M Galveston

TAMUG is a branch of Texas A&M University which held its first semester in 1962.

In the fall of 2020, we had 1,656 total students enrolled, including students from the Texas A&M College of Engineering College Station and unenrolled graduate student teaching assistants. Our students are nicknamed "Aggies", our school colors are maroon and white, and our mascot is Reveille. Visit <https://www.tamug.edu/about/> to learn more about Texas A&M Galveston!

Texas A&M Galveston is also home to The Texas A&M Maritime Academy, which is one of only 6 maritime academies in the United States.

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy was founded in 1962 and provides students the opportunity to gain practical experience in seamanship, navigation, and engineering options. Cadets will train aboard the GENERAL RUDDER, an ocean surveillance ship for the U.S. Navy which was designed to collect underwater acoustical data in support of Cold War anti-submarine warfare. Students who participate in the Academy have a high graduation and employment rate, with a mean starting officer salary of \$78, 033. To learn more, visit <https://www.tamug.edu/corps/>.

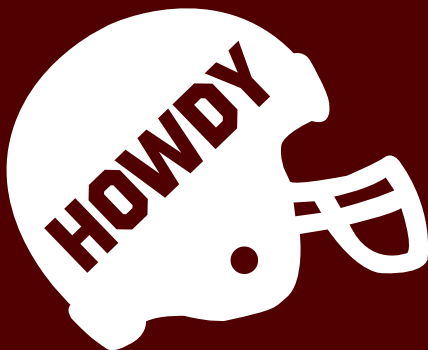


Our campus is located on the island of Galveston Bay to accommodate for our students' desire to work and study amid an ocean environment. Students can choose from one of our various ocean-oriented majors provided by the academic departments listed below.

Foundational Sciences
Liberal Studies
Marine Biology
Marine Engineering Technology

Marine and Coastal Environmental Science
Maritime Business Administration
Ocean Engineering
Maritime Transportation

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. Learn about all of our traditions at <https://www.tamug.edu/stuact/Traditions/>.

12th Man
Aggie Ring
Anchor
Big Event

Bonfire
Gig Em'
Howdy
Maritime Ball

Midnight Yell
Muster
Reveille
Silver Taps

About Texas

Texas became a state in 1845, and it is now the largest in the contiguous U.S.



Population: 29.9 million (2022)

Size: 268,597 square miles

Capital: Austin

Nickname: Lone Star State

Flower: Bluebonnet

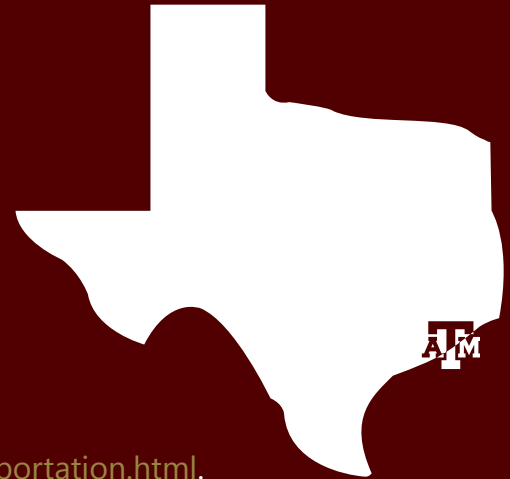
Tree: Pecan

Learn more about Texas and its history at <https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/texas>.

TAMUG is located in Galveston.

Many of the state's largest cities are only a short drive away.

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|----------------|-----------|
| Houston | ~ 1 hrs |
| Austin | ~ 3.5 hrs |
| Dallas | ~ 4.5 hrs |
| Fort Worth | ~ 4.5 hrs |
| San Antonio | ~ 4 hrs |
| Corpus Christi | ~ 4 hrs |



Learn more about bus services to get you around the state and the city at tamug.edu/Police/Campus_Regulations/Transportation.html.

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 Galveston area.

Dining



galveston.com/cuisine/

Shopping



galveston.com/whattodo/shopping/

Things to Do



galveston.com/whattodo/