Texas A&M University Texarkana

Navigate Your Future

STUDENT GUIDE

2013 - 2014
“Deeper and more fundamental than...the craving for social power, deeper even than the desire for possessions, there is a more generalized and more universal craving in the human make-up.

It is the craving for the right direction—for orientation.”

-William Sheldon
Welcome to Texas A&M University–Texarkana

Please take a moment to read through this guide and locate the tools you will utilize when selecting the best college for your future in higher education. The facts within this book will help you decide where you want to go to college. Ultimately, we want you to join us here at A&M-Texarkana, but we also know your choice of college should be the best fit for you. We are here to help you make that decision and take the first big step. We want you to grab your compass and navigate your way to graduation and the future that lies beyond.

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Dear Prospective Students and Parents:

I would like to extend to you a warm Texas A&M University-Texarkana welcome! We appreciate your interest in our great university and the opportunity to provide you with information that will help you make your decision about attending college.

Our community is here today to answer your questions and to help you complete the application process. Once you become an A&M-Texarkana student, our dedicated faculty will equip you with the tools necessary to help you achieve your dreams. At A&M-Texarkana, you will have access to an outstanding education, exciting campus life, and countless opportunities to make new friends and become a part of our rich tradition that dates back to our beginning in 1971.

This Student Guide will provide you with valuable information. If there is something you’d like to know that isn’t covered in this guide, please let us know how we can assist you.

We look forward to your becoming a part of our Eagle Family as we soar together to greater heights.

Sincerely,

Emily I. Cutrer
President
About our university...

Texas A&M University-Texarkana, formerly East Texas State University at Texarkana, was established by the Texas Legislature in 1971 as an upper level, operationally separate unit of the East Texas University Complex. In September 1996, the university became a member of The Texas A&M University System and is governed by The Texas A&M University Board of Regents. Like other Texas public colleges and universities, A&M-Texarkana also operates under the jurisdiction of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Mission Statement

As a member of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University-Texarkana is a comprehensive regional University that provides students with academically challenging, engaging, and rewarding educational experiences through quality teaching, scholarship, student support services, co-curricular programming, research, and service. Through the personal attention of our faculty and staff, students are afforded the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, abilities, and skills to become leaders in their chosen profession and to prepare for the opportunities of serving in a global environment.

Vision

As a comprehensive University serving Texas and the four states region, the University will be recognized for:
- Attention to individual student success
- Excellent teaching and learning experiences
- Successful partnerships
- Commitment to regional economic, social and cultural development
- Expanding research agenda
Why A&M-Texarkana?

Strong Academics
• 17 undergraduate and 12 graduate degree programs
• Smaller classes with an 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio

Vibrant Community
• Over 30 student clubs and many extracurricular learning, athletic and social activities

New Facilities
• Modern, technology-rich classrooms
• State-of-the-art amenities at Bringle Lake Village on-campus residence hall
• Recently expanded to a 375-acre campus

Affordable Education
• Second lowest cost of attendance of four-year universities in Texas and in the Arkansas and Oklahoma region
• Over $11 million of financial aid and $12 million of scholarships awarded last year
• 65% of students are eligible for financial aid
Which path?

The Colleges

**College of Education and Liberal Arts**
The mission of the College of Education and Liberal Arts is to prepare lifelong learners who embrace diversity, think critically, communicate clearly, and lead effectively in a global society.
[www.tamut.edu/academics/cela](http://www.tamut.edu/academics/cela)

**College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**
The College of STEM fully subscribes to the core values of the University—the centrality of students; excellence and innovation; integrity/human dignity; and collegiality and public engagement. We are a learning-centered College committed to the intellectual, ethical, and career growth of all learners, both inside and outside the classroom.
[www.tamut.edu/academics/stem](http://www.tamut.edu/academics/stem)

**College of Business**
It is the mission of the College of Business to provide the residents of this region with broad access to high value undergraduate and graduate business education, to collaborate with the business community to establish and enhance economic partnerships, and to pursue opportunities found in this region to attract a student body.
[www.tamut.edu/academics/cob](http://www.tamut.edu/academics/cob)

Navigate to each of the pages above to explore each college!
Academic Programs

CELA
College of Education and Liberal Arts

Undergraduate Degrees

Applied Arts & Sciences
English
General Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Mass Communication
Political Science
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Sociology

Grades 8-12:
English Language Arts & Reading
Composite Science
History
Life Science
Mathematics
Social Studies

Supplemental Certifications:
Special Education

Teaching Certifications
Early Childhood through Grade 6
Generalist
Generalist w/ EC-12 Special Ed
Bilingual Generalist
Generalist w/ ESL Supplemental
Generalist w/ ESL Supplemental & Special Education

Grades 4-8:
English Language Arts & Reading
Mathematics
Mathematics/Science
Science
Social Studies

Graduate Degrees:

English
History
Adult and Higher Education
Interdisciplinary Studies
Curriculum & Instruction
Education Administration
Instructional Technology
Psychology
Clinical Mental Health
School Counseling
Academic Programs

STEM
College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Undergraduate Degrees
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mathematics
- Nursing (RN to BSN)

Graduate Degree:
Master of Science in Nursing

COB
College of Business

Undergraduate Degrees
- Accounting
- Business Administration
  - Concentrations: Finance, Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing

Graduate Degree:
Master of Business Administration
The mission of the A&M-Texarkana Honors Program is to provide a community of exemplary scholars an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsible to the educational needs of both traditional and nontraditional students who are moved to pursue their education beyond typical course requirements. Honors students will have the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary activities including Honors colloquia and seminars, increased opportunities for undergraduate research/creative activity, service learning and leadership opportunities, and participate in the Honors Society and extracurricular activities.
Admissions

Application Requirements:

1. **Fill out your application**
   Go to: www.ApplyTexas.org

   ![ApplyTexas](https://example.com)

   Select: Texas A&M University-Texarkana

2. **Pay your Application Fee of $30**
   You can pay online at www.ApplyTexas.org

3. **Send in your Official Transcripts**
   Texas A&M University-Texarkana
   Office of Admissions
   7101 University Avenue
   Texarkana, TX 75503

4. **Bacterial Meningitis:** All students must submit official records confirming vaccination or booster to Magnus Health.

   Navigate to this page for more information about bacterial meningitis and other helpful resources.

   www.tamut.edu/admissions
What is my student classification?

**Freshman:**
Submit a Freshmen Application if you have:
⇒ Graduated High School or Earned a GED
⇒ Will graduate High School or Earn a GED
⇒ Earned 1-21 hours of college credit after high school graduation or receipt of GED

**Transfer:**
Submit a Transfer Application if you have:
⇒ Earned 22 or more transferable college credit hours
⇒ Have earned a bachelor’s degree and are seeking a second bachelor’s degree

**Graduate:**
Please submit a Graduate Application if you have:
⇒ Bachelor’s degree from any regionally accredited college or university
⇒ Have a bachelor’s degree but are undecided, undeclared, or not seeking any degree

**International Students:**
Please submit an International Application if you are:
- Not a U.S. Citizen
- Not a Permanent Resident of the United States

For more information, please contact Carl Greig in the Foreign Student Office. You can reach him at 903-223-3062 or by email at carl.greig@tamut.edu.
Freshman Admissions

Send your ACT or SAT test scores.
A&M-Texarkana College Codes: ACT 4203
          SAT 6206

Send an official high school transcript with date of graduation, class rank, and quartile after graduation.

Concurrent and Dual Credit Students: Students Who Have Completed College Courses
It is the applicant’s responsibility to request official transcripts from all colleges and universities that he/she has ever attended, including dual credit or concurrent enrollment. You cannot disregard any part of your college record except under provisions of the Academic Fresh Start Policy. Failure to submit all transcripts could result in administrative withdrawal from the university. Records from one institution posted on a transcript from a second institution cannot be used for admissions purposes.

Please Note:
All students must meet TSI (Texas Success Initiative) requirements.
Requirements can be found in the section labeled Registrar.

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*SAT Total is the Critical Reading and Math sections combined.
**Students applying under the top 10% automatic admission category must have graduated in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying.

Certificate of Course Completion
Students who attend high school outside the state of Texas or did not graduate high school under the recommended, distinguished, or advanced high school program must submit a Certificate of Course Completion to the Recommended or Advanced High School Program. This will be required for a freshman who meets definition of a first time undergraduate.
As a result of a partnership between Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) and Texas A&M University-Texarkana, six teacher certification programs and other baccalaureate degrees are currently being offered on the NTCC campus in Mount Pleasant. Students, after receiving core requirements through NTCC, can then make a seamless transition to A&M-Texarkana to complete the final two years of coursework. All Texarkana coursework is offered on the NTCC campus, and is taught by outstanding faculty either from either face-to-face at NTCC or via distance education.

**Business Degree Programs**

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903-434-8322 at NTCC

**Education Programs**

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903-434-8364

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Jennifer.Perez@tamut.edu  
903-434-8357

Navigate to this page for more information on degree programs offered at NTCC.

www.tamut.edu/academics/ntcc
Transfer Admissions

Submit your official college or university transcript(s). Transcripts from ALL college or universities you have attended are REQUIRED. Official transcripts can be hand delivered in a sealed envelope, mailed directly from the issuing college and/or university to our institution, or submitted electronically through SPEEDE.

When submitting your transcripts, please remember to include the following in your requests. You may be awarded credit hours from:

- CLEP Credit
- DANTES credit
- Military Credit (AARTS, SMARTS, CCAF)
Graduate Students

Welcome to Graduate Admissions! The Graduate School offers various opportunities for graduate admissions, and we are dedicated to providing a quality education that meets your needs. You will find course offerings throughout the day and evening, as well as distance education environments. A&M-Texarkana also offers a cooperative Doctoral Program in Education Administration. Please contact Graduate Admissions for details about the 2014 cohort.

How to Apply for a Graduate Program
1. Apply for Admission to the university.
2. Submit a Graduate Program Application Packet to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
   - Letter of Interest and Commitment
   - Resume
   - Three Letters of Academic Recommendation
   - Official Test Scores
3. Application Packet requirements may vary by program. Please check the program admissions page for more details.

Admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana does not imply admission to a graduate degree program. All graduate programs have additional admission requirements.

Click the link below to navigate to locate the specific requirements of each degree plan.

www.tamut.edu/graduate-admissions
You Applied & Paid Your Fee!

Thank you!

Now what happens?

You will receive an **Acknowledgement Letter** in the mail with Important information.

Once you receive your letter, open it and read it carefully. It will contain your **Student ID** Number and your **University Ace Email Account**. ALL further communication regarding your admission status will be sent to that email. You will also be given information on how to access the **Web For Students** Student Information System. Web For Students will keep you up to date on any documents that we need from you and the dates we receive them. You will also use this system for Financial Aid and Registration.

Don’t forget, Send your **Official** transcripts!
The Office of the Registrar maintains student records from matriculation to graduation. The Registrar's Office also oversees registration and course enrollment, issues transcripts and certificates of enrollment, maintains the academic calendar, graduation certification, and administers academic policies. The office acts as a resource for faculty regarding course enrollment, and grading. In addition, the Registrar's Office serves as the compliance authority in matters related the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Located in the One Stop Service Center, Second floor University Center Building, Room UC260

Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
Extended hours on Tuesday until 7p.m.

Email: Registrar@tamut.edu
903-334-6601
Fax: (903) 223-3140

Forms Available online:
Certificate Of Dependency
Distance Education Fee Waiver Request
Enrollment Verification
Restrict Release Of Directory Information
Replacement Diploma
Student Update
Web For Students
WECM Course Approval Form
Transcript Request
Drop/Withdrawal Form
Tentative Degree Plans
Apply for Graduation

The Registrar maintains Class Schedules, Registration, Transcripts, and more.

Navigate to registrar’s page to find forms and other requirements.

www.tamut.edu/registrar
TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

Students attending Texas public institutions of higher education must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), as of Fall 2003 (Texas Education Code §51.3062) in order to enroll in public institutions of higher education. The law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, mathematics and writing unless the student qualifies for an exemption. Each student who fails to meet the minimum passing standard of the exam offered by the institution must be placed in a developmental education program designed to help the student achieve college readiness.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which students must meet TSI?
Unless exempt, students who are entering a Texas college or university must meet TSI and receive a passing score on an approved exam in order to enroll in credit bearing courses.

When do students meet TSI?
Students must meet TSI and have scores or an exemption on file before they can enroll in college-level classes. Each college and university offers a different exam. A student must take the exam required by the college or university he/she will be attending.

What exams are available to students to meet TSI?
The exams currently authorized to satisfy TSI are: ASSET, COMPASS, THEA, and ACCUPLACER.

What sections of the exam do I have to take?
To establish a status for TSI, you must have a test score in the reading, mathematics, and writing sections of an exam. Please note that you must have a writing and essay score for the Writing section of TSI. Please make sure you choose a testing center that provides both sections PRIOR to testing.

What are the passing scores for each exam?

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<td>Writing</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>80</td>
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An essay score of 5 on the ASSET, COMPASS, and ACCUPLACER exam will meet the minimum standard if the student obtains the passing score of the writing portion of the exam. The following exams offer multiple exams in mathematics. You must take the exam listed below. This is the ONLY section that can be used to determine your TSI status for the mathematics section of TSI. The THEA exam does not have multiple exams for the math section.

Where can I take the exam?
You can take the THEA and Accuplacer Exams in our Testing Center. The Testing Center can be contacted by phone at (903) 223-3072 or by email at testingcenter@tamut.edu. Additional information, including hours in between semesters, can be found on the Testing Center Website.

What happens if I do not pass a portion or all parts of an exam?
Students who do not meet one or all parts (English, Mathematics, Writing & Essay) of TSI must enroll in an appropriate developmental education course before the student may enroll in a credit bearing course for the subject in which he/she did not meet state standards.
A student may retake an exam to determine the student’s readiness to perform freshman-level academic coursework. Please contact Marlena Ballard by phone at (903) 223-1365 in the Success Center for more information on the Developmental Education Program.
TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

Exemptions/Exceptions:
(a) The following students shall be exempt from the requirements of this title:

(1) For a period of five (5) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs at or above the following standards:

   (A) ACT: composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test and/or the mathematics test shall be exempt for those corresponding sections;

   (B) Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT): a combined verbal and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the verbal test and/or the mathematics test shall be exempt for those corresponding sections; or

(2) For a period of three (3) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) with a minimum scale score of 1770 on the writing test, a Texas Learning Index (TLI) of 86 on the mathematics test and 89 on the reading test.

(3) For a period of three (3) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs on the Eleventh grade exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) with a minimum scale score of 2200 on the math section and/or a minimum scale score of 2200 on the English Language Arts section with a writing subsection score of at least 3, shall be exempt from the assessment required under this title for those corresponding sections.

(4) A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education.

(5) A student who transfers to an institution from a private or independent institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and who has satisfactorily completed college-level coursework as determined by the receiving institution.

(6) A student who has previously attended any institution and has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.

(7) A student who is enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less (Level-One certificates, 42 or fewer semester credit hours or the equivalent) at a public junior college, a public technical institute, or a public state college.

(8) A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment.

(9) A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or service as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) An institution may exempt a non-degree-seeking or non-certificate-seeking student.

(c) Any student who has been determined to be exempt in mathematics, reading, and/or writing under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall not be required to enroll in developmental coursework and/or interventions in the corresponding area of exemption.
How do I pay for college?

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers many financial aid options to help pay for your college expenses. We recognize that financial assistance is an important key to your educational goals and success. We are committed to helping you secure your dreams by maximizing sources of governmental, state, and institutional funding.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Office of Financial Aid
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503

One Stop
Located in University Center, UC260
903-334-6601
Fax: 903-223-3140
OneStopShop@tamut.edu

Navigate to the page below to find out what financial aid resources are available for you!

www.tamut.edu/financial-aid
Financial Aid Services

The purpose of the Financial Aid office is to:

♦ Provide assistance for students to apply for various types of “need-based” financial aid.
♦ Certify Veterans for educational benefits

Need-based aid is awarded to you upon completion of ALL requirements by the Priority Deadline. If you do not meet this deadline, you will be awarded aid based upon the date requirements are completed, and monies are available.

Find priority deadlines and more financial aid information at:

www.tamut.edu/financial-aid

Types of Aid Available

Grants
Scholarships
Loans
Student Employment
Veteran Services

Financial aid is any private, institutional, state, or federal funds that are used to assist in funding student education. A financial aid package can consist of any combination of the types of aid. Scholarships and grants are funds that are not required to be paid back. Loan funds require repayment six months after a student’s enrollment falls below half time or six months after a student graduates. Work study is a part time employment with any employer who participates in the Federal Work Study program.
How do I receive Financial Aid?

**STEP 1:** File your Federal Income Tax Return as early as possible each year

**Priority deadline:** April 1st

**STEP 2:** Get a PIN Number at: [www.PIN.ED.GOV](http://www.PIN.ED.GOV)

**STEP 3:** Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at: [www.FAFSA.ED.GOV](http://www.FAFSA.ED.GOV)  
(School code: 031703)

*Use the IRS data retrieval tool to import your tax information onto your FAFSA application*  
(Allow two to three weeks after filing taxes for your tax information to be available from the IRS)

**STEP 4:** Check your Web For Students for any requirements or additional information needed.
Also check for any changes to your financial aid status.

**Helpful Hints:**
- Using the Data Retrieval Tool will ensure FAFSA accuracy and expedite the process of financial aid packaging.
- Data Retrieval Tool reduces the chances of a student needing corrections to his or her FAFSA.

Do you need help filling out your FAFSA?  
Contact Financial Aid at 903-334-6601  
Or come by the One Stop.
Scholarships

Scholarship Programs
The Financial Aid Office offers a wide variety of academically competitive scholarships based on merit. Our scholarships are designed to encourage, support, and reward outstanding students. The Financial Aid Office is available to assist you with the application process, and you are encouraged to review the website in its entirety to learn more about available scholarship opportunities.

New Students
New incoming students will be applied for scholarships by completing his or her University Admissions Application. Please view all scholarships available for new students under the link, "Arnold Scholarships for New Students."

All students (new, continuing, and returning) should complete the online General Academic Year Scholarship Application. This one application applies you for ALL donor scholarships offered. These funds are competitive and very limited, so be sure to apply early. This application is available through March 1st every year. Scholarship funds are only offered if funding is available.

Semester Awards
Occasionally, the Financial Aid Office will offer a scholarship for one semester. Please continue to check the Website according to the deadline dates below for the scholarship criteria and application.

Navigate to the page below for more information about the scholarships available and their requirements.

www.tamut.edu/scholarships
Veteran Services

Are you a member of the U.S. Military, a U.S. Military Veteran, or family member of either?

Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Veteran Services UC258
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503
903-223-3167
Fax: 903-223-3140
www.tamut.edu/veterans-services
Ten Tips For College Veterans

These tips are adapted from the National Association of Veterans’ Programs Administrator (NAVPA). These are their ten best suggestions for returning veterans thinking about going to college as reported to U.S. News and World Report.

1. **Start by applying.** Whether you are a first time college student or a transfer student, you must fill out an application. Go to the school's website to find the requirement and deadlines. Provide transcripts and test scores as needed and your DD-214 for credits you might have earned while in the service.

2. **Meet the Veteran Services Center staff in UC 258.** You will be asked to provide various documents and complete different forms so your enrollment can be certified to the VA or State of Texas. Not ready to use your Veteran benefits or have exhausted them? We would love to meet you anyway to thank you for your service and provide information for other related resources.

3. **You may apply for financial aid and scholarships in addition to Veteran Education Benefits.** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for financial aid and scholarship application at [www.tamut.edu/scholarships](http://www.tamut.edu/scholarships) for internal scholarships and find links to external scholarship sources.

4. **Find a place to live.** The key to being placed in housing is making sure you indicate you are a veteran on all forms. By doing so, you may be able to select a roommate from the beginning. Otherwise you might be assigned a room with traditional students (just out of high school), which can be awkward with your recent military experience.

5. **Academic advising for freshmen Veterans or Family Members is available through the Student Success Center.** Sophomore and above will be assigned a faculty academic advisor.

6. **Take the CLEP.** The College Level Examination Program is a series of exams you can take to test your college-level knowledge on what you have learned through on-the-job training, professional development, etc. There is a wide range of exams both general and subjective, with up to six credits each. The cost of a CLEP is fractional compared to the cost of tuition and fees. It could assist in skipping general introductory courses, general education classes, or could even demonstrate your ability in a foreign language.

7. **Connect with other veterans on campus.** The Student Veterans Association on campus is available to connect with veterans and family members to help assist in their transition to an institution of higher education.

8. **Get career training and develop skills.** Career services and job placement assistance is available for you while getting your education. Resume’ writing and mock interviews are offered. Also check with your Veteran Services Center and Student Veterans Association regarding internship and co-op programs related to your career goal while earning college credit.

9. **Stay connected!** Take advantage of the academic and study resources at the Success Center in University Center, 3rd Floor, Suite 330. Be sure to tell them you are a Veteran or Family Member, since other resources may be available to you.

10. **Disability Accommodations.** Students who need, whether or not related to your military service, are encouraged to contact Carl Greig in the Office of Student Life, University Center, 1st Floor, Room 126.

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903-223-3167
Veteran Services
University Center, 2nd Floor, Room 258 (UC258)
Veterans

- Federal – apply using the VA Online Application (VONAPP) at http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/
- State – print and submit a completed Hazlewood Exemption application with all required documentation; available at www.collegefortexans.com
- DD-214 for either federal or state benefits (or most recent Orders if still serving for federal)
- Contact the Veteran Services Center for additional information and requirements specific to your eligibility

veterans@tamut.edu

Military Transcript Links


Navy or Marine - https://smart.navy.mil/


Coast Guard - http://www.uscg.mil/
What are the costs of college?

2012-2013 Undergraduate Tuition and Fees by Semester Credit Hour (SCH)

*see next page for Web/Distance Education Fee

What are the Border States?

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How much can I plan to spend?

- You can estimate how much you will spend each semester
- It is better to over-estimate than to under-estimate
- Print the next page
- Follow the directions below

**How to estimate your cost:**

1. Decide how many semester credit hours you are planning on taking and write it in the chart.

2. Use the tables on the previous pages to determine the amount of tuition including fees that you will be charged for the semester based on the number of hours. (Note: Be sure to use the correct table if you are an undergraduate or graduate student.)

3. Decide on your housing. If you choose on campus the amount is per semester. Otherwise calculate the monthly housing expense and multiply by four and enter it in the chart.

4. Estimate your meal expenses. Meal plans for on campus living are by semester. Estimate off campus monthly expense x 4 and enter in chart. **Please refer to Housing and Meals page for costs.**

5. Estimate books and supplies. Visit the bookstore and select the books of the classes you are planning on taking. Are you going to buy books or rent them? Renting textbooks saves money.

6. Enter all other expenses in the chart.

7. **Total all your expenses.**

8. Will you be receiving any scholarships, loans, grants, or using your savings?

9. Enter all forms of payments that you will receive.

10. Take the total expenses and subtract the payments.

11. This will be your estimated out of pocket expense for the semester.

Note: Grants and Scholarships do not have to be repaid but all loans must be repaid. Subsidized loans are loans in which the federal government pays the interest until the student graduates or until the student becomes enrolled less than half time. On an Unsubsidized loan, interest accrues while the student is in college and during repayment.
# Estimate your Cost of Attendance

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**Contact the One Stop at 903-334-6601 for assistance with this form or questions.**
Business Office

The Business Office is located on the 2nd Floor of the University Center Building in Room UC257.

Services handled by the Business Office include:
- Payment Options
- Installment Plans
- Emergency Tuition Loans
- Refunds
- Financial Aid Refunds
- 1098T Information
- Distance Education Waivers

Navigate to this page to find out how the Business Office can assist you!

www.tamut.edu/business-office
What is there to do after class?

Student Organizations

Student organizations play an important role in campus life at A&M-Texarkana. Throughout the year, these groups sponsor a variety of extra and co-curricular activities for the campus and local community. In addition, student organizations provide a means for students to develop and refine leadership skills and to interact and network with students, faculty and staff.

There are over 40 recognized student organizations at Texas A&M University-Texarkana. They are broken down into 6 different categories:

Departmental
- Biology Club
- Criminal Justice Club
- English Club
- Future Teachers Association
- Mass Communication Club
- Math Club
- Political Science Club
- Psychology Club
- Sociology Club
- The Honors Program Student Organization (THPSO)
- University Historians

Honor Societies
- Delta Mu Delta (Business)
- Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
- Phi Alpha Theta (History)
- Psi Chi (Psychology)
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Alpha Chi Honor Society (All disciplines)

Faith-Based
- Chi Alpha
- Campus Church
- God’s Inspired Voices

Greek Fraternities/Sororities
- Phi Lambda Chi Fraternity
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Special Interests Groups
- Multicultural Association
- Student Veterans Association

Student Life
- Campus Activities Board

Don't see an organization for you? Start your own. Visit the page below to find out how.

Navigate to this page so you can get involved on campus.

www.tamut.edu/student-life
Extracurricular FUN!!

Game Room

- Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s game room is hosts various tournaments throughout the year including various video game tournaments, as well as poker and black jack tournaments.
- Our game room is equipped with 2 Pool Tables, Foosball, ping pong, X-Box and Wii consoles and stocked with the latest up-to-date video and board games.

Fitness Center

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday    7 am – 9 pm
Saturday   10 am – 6 pm
Sunday 10 am -5 pm

903-334-6725

Texas A&M University-Texarkana has an environmentally-friendly Health and Fitness facility to meet all your physical conditioning needs regardless of your fitness level: weight loss, muscle building, and body toning and much more. This fitness center includes high performance exercise equipment, consisting of the latest in cardiovascular and strength training technology.

Navigate to this page to find out what Group Fitness Classes are available as well as Center Rules and Regulations.

www.tamut.edu/fitness-center
Resident Life

Bringle Lake Village
Residence Hall

Three Floor Plans to choose from:
- Traditional Dorm
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath
- 4 bedroom, 2 bath

Amenities
- Refrigerator in room
- Microwave
- Flat Screen TV
- Free Laundry
- Cable
- Wireless Internet
- Grill Areas
- Volleyball court
- Pool
- Business Center
- Meal Plans
- Full Kitchen
- Study Room/Fitness Area
- Community Game Areas
Housing and Meals

Applications for On-Campus housing are now being accepted! Please submit the on-line form and mail in a $100.00 deposit to:

Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Residence Life Office
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503

If you have any questions please email the Residence Life Office at housing@tamut.edu or call 903-223-1355

2012-2013
Residence Hall Rates per Person

- Traditional Studio Style Room: $1,995 per semester
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath: $2,795 per semester
- 4 bedroom, 2 bath: $2,595 per semester

Meal Plan Rates and Options

- 17 meals per week with $50 at the grill: $1,600 per semester
- 13 meals per week with $100 at the grill: $1,490 per semester
- 11 meals per week with $100 at the grill: $1,425 per semester
- 7 meals per week with $70 at the grill: $960 per semester

*Meal plans are required for every student living on campus.

Rates and meal pricing are subject to change. Please visit the housing page for more information.

Navigate to this page for more information on housing, how to apply for housing, and more.

www.tamut.edu/bringle-lake-village
Success Center

The Success Center (SC) is located in University Center, Suite 330. The purpose of the Success Center is to promote student success by providing academic support services to A&M-Texarkana students. The Success Center offers tutorials and study strategies to enhance students’ academic success. Students have access to a computer lab to write papers, perform research, and complete academic tutorials in several disciplines.

Services Provided:

- **Academic Advising** – We advise first-year students and students with 30 SCH (semester credit hours) or less through developmental and intentional academic advising.
- **Learning Support** – We provide drop-in tutoring and supplemental instruction in the Success Center.
- **Student Success Series** – We host special topic workshops related to academic skills and student engagement.
- **Testing Center** – Students can complete placements needed for TSI and other national recognized tests. The following tests are proctored in the Testing Center:
  - Make-up Exams (Students)
  - Major Field Tests
  - Proctoring Services
  - Accuplacer
  - Quick THEA
  - ACT National
  - ACT Residual
  - CLEP
  - TExES CAT
  - TOEFL iBT
  - LSAT
  - MAT
  - MPRE

**Hours of Operation**

**Success Center**
*Mon - Fri*
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
[www.tamut.edu/success-center](http://www.tamut.edu/success-center)

**Testing Center**
*Mon - Wed - Thur - Fri*
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
*Tue (During Semester ONLY)*
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
*Lunch*
2:00 - 3:00 pm
[www.tamut.edu/testing-center](http://www.tamut.edu/testing-center)
Study Resources

The Success Center also offers the following:

- Training manuals
- Textbook Library
- Study Guides
- Visual Aids/Manipulatives
- Workshop materials
- Calculators
- Online Resources Links

Tutoring

Professional and peer tutors offer academic assistance in math, English, writing, and the biological and physical sciences courses to A&M-Texarkana students. Success Center tutors provide individual and small group tutoring sessions. Tutors answer questions about course content and aid in the comprehension of course material. Tutors will assist students in improving academic achievement by clarifying learning problems and working on study skills.

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

It is an academic assistance program utilizing collaborative learning sessions led by tutors. These sessions are scheduled on a regular basis and begin within the first two weeks of the semester. During these sessions, students learn by comparing notes, discussing course content, and reviewing for exams. Students learn how to integrate the course content with critical thinking and reasoning skills. The sessions are facilitated by tutors, certified through the National Tutoring Association, who attend all class lectures linked with their respective SI sessions. With tutors serving as model students, they promote higher level thinking among students, and students who attend these sessions learn transferable study skills.

Navigate to this page for more information on the Success Center.

www.tamut.edu/success-center
Study Resources

John F. Moss Library
Located on 3rd and 4th Floors in University Center

Hours
Monday-Thursday 7:30am – 10:00pm
Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday-Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Available services include:
• Computer Labs
• Printing Services B/W and Color
• Reference Services
• Electronic Resources
• Live Mocha/Rosetta Stone
• Remote Access
• Multiple Study Areas
• Course Reserves
• Visiting Art Shows

Navigate to this page to find the many educational and research resources available to make your college career a success.

library.tamut.edu
Quick Information
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503
903-223-3000 Main Phone
www.tamut.edu

One Stop
Admissions, Financial Aid, & Registrar
2nd Floor, UC260
903-334-6601
903-223-3140 Fax
admissions@tamut.edu
OneStopShop@tamut.edu
registrar@tamut.edu

Veteran Services
2nd Floor, UC258
903-223-3167
veterans@tamut.edu

Business Office
2nd Floor, UC257
903-223-1354
business.office@tamut.edu

Resident Life
1st Floor, UC126
903-223-1355
housing@tamut.edu

Student Life
1st Floor, UC126
903-223-3118

Bookstore
1st Floor
903-334-6620
tamut@bkstr.com

John F. Moss Library
3rd Floor
903-223-3100
library@tamut.edu

Student Success Center
3rd Floor, UC330
903-334-6724

Testing Center
3rd Floor, UC330
903-223-3072
testingcenter@tamut.edu

University Police Department
Central Plant Building
903-334-6611
Helpful Links

www.collegeforalltexans.com
www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org
www.salliemae.com

www.va.gov
www.gibill.va.gov

www.studentaid.ed.gov
Quick Checklist
Use this form to keep track of all your important dates!

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt