



**Scholarships & Financial Aid
and
Veteran Services Office
Sept 7, 2017**

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Student Employment
- Money Education
- Veterans Education Benefits

Course Program of Study

- Beginning Academic Year 2016-2017 Financial Aid must review and only pay financial aid (federal aid programs) for courses that count towards a student's degree.
- This regulation has been in place, we must ensure we are compliant.

Programs included in the review

- Federal Direct Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized)
 - Federal PLUS Loans (Parent PLUS and Grad PLUS)
 - Federal Perkin's Loans
 - Federal Pell Grant
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
 - Federal Work Study
 - Federal Veterans Benefits
 - Staff Tuition Assistance
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Counting Courses

- For financial aid purposes, what does counting mean?
 - Must be filling a requirement on the degree evaluation.
 - If course is filling minor requirement, minor must be officially declared.
 - If closet major, courses will be evaluated based on current major.
 - If adjustment is required, must be approved for course to count.

New for Fall 2017

- Blinn Engineering Academy-Bryan, TEAM students, Transition Academic Programs (TAP), and General Academics in Galveston are different.
 - Will have an intended major listed on Compass
 - Courses will be evaluated based on What-If Analysis

Federal Veteran Benefits

- Federal Veterans Benefits have different requirements than other aid programs.
 - Ex: In most cases, all courses count in graduating semester.

Deadlines

- Adjustments must be submitted before the Census Date. (12th class day/4th class day for summer)
- Timing is Everything!!
- Submit adjustments early.
- Adjustments can be processed as soon as student registers for class.
- FAID, REGI, and OGAPS work closely on ensuring FAID students are processed timely.

Adjustments

- Adjustments that are moving courses strictly for financial aid purposes and not for progress toward degree will not be approved.
- If denied, you will receive an email from the UAS system.

Example – Direct Loans

- Direct Loans are through the Federal Government. This is the main form of federal aid available to students. It is available to all students regardless of their financial situation. It requires that a student be enrolled as Half-Time (6 hours for an undergraduate) at a minimum to be eligible.
- A student is taking 6 hours and is “enrolled” as a half-time student and would be eligible to receive a direct loan.
 - If a 3 hour class is not listed as counting towards their degree then they would only be enrolled in 3 hours (less than half-time) and would no longer be eligible to receive direct loans.
 - They would still be paying the tuition and fees associated with these courses but will be ineligible for a Direct Loan (does not include entitlement aid) to cover the costs for both courses.

Example – Federal Pell Grant

- Pell is an entitlement grant program. It is paid based on the number of hours a student is enrolled in and their expected family contribution as determined by the FAFSA (Department of Education). Only undergraduates can receive this grant.
- A student is taking 12 hours and is “enrolled” as a full-time student. They would receive the maximum amount of Pell.
 - If a 3 hours class is not listed as counting towards their degree then they would be enrolled in 9 hours (3/4 time) for financial aid purposes and would receive less Pell.
 - They would still be paying the tuition and fees associated with this course but will be ineligible for a portion of the federal aid to cover the costs for this course.

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Acts as a maximum to the amount of financial aid a student can receive.
- If a student has federal aid, we must prorate COA based on counting courses if less than full time.
- This could affect state and/or institutional aid in addition to federal aid.



Student Communication

- Emails
- Financial Aid Portal
- Facebook/Twitter



Student View #1 – My Finances

- Home
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Billing Tuition And Fees

Options-

- Pay My Tuition/Manage My Account
- Contact Student Business Services
 - Current Account Balance
 - Accept Terms of Use
 - Undergraduate Tuition Rate Code
 - Tuition Rate Code Selection for Undergraduates
 - Tuition and Fees Deadlines
 - Aggie Answers (Billing Services Help)

Refunds

Options-

Effective July 1, 2016 Refunds will be issued through Heartland ECSI.

- Set Up Direct Deposit for Refunds with Heartland ECSI

This link takes you away from the Texas A&M University Howdy website to a secure, authorized, third-party site to manage your refunds.

Note: Refunds may be directed to any US bank.

Institutional Loans

Options-

Get a Loan

- Types of Aid (Loan Information)
- Emergency Tuition and Fee Loans - Undergrad / Grad
- Short-Term Loans - Undergrad / Grad
- Student Loan Services

Pay/View MyAggieLoans
Perkins/HP/LDS Loans at ECSI

IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING YOUR DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

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MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR REFUND. Effective July 1, 2016--ALL Texas A&M University students will have to sign up for direct deposit with Heartland ECSI, even if you previously signed up for direct deposit through Wells Fargo.

Please sign up TODAY. For more information please visit <http://sbs.tamu.edu/refunds/>.

Subscribed Viewer Message

Options-

You are viewing this tab as a subscribed applicant or student.

IMPORTANT: Click [Manage Student View](#) to remove or change student views.

Financial Aid Portal

Options-

- Financial Aid Portal
- Courses Counting for Financial Aid

Scholarships

Options-

- Freshmen
- Transfers
- Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Students
 - Jobs for Aggies
 - Veteran Services
 - Money Education
 - Aggie Answers (Financial Aid Help)

Learn About the My Finances tab

Options-

- Billing Tutorials (PDFs)

Tax Forms

Options-

- 1098-T Tax Form
- 1098-T Delivery Method

Money Education (ME) Center

Options-

The Money Wise Aggie Program has been the university's financial literacy program since 2005. Beginning Fall 2016, it will be incorporated into our university's new Money Education (ME) Center which will be located on the first floor of the Pavilion. Through the ME Center, Texas A&M intends to educate an even greater number of Aggies about money so that they can make smarter personal finance decisions during college and lay a foundation for financial success for a lifetime.

The ME Center will offer the following services to our Aggie students:

- Online Resources (including SALT™)
- Scheduled Presentations
- Classroom Presentations
- Student Group Presentations
- One-on-One Advising

For more information about our services, please visit our [website](#). To learn about your federal student loans, please visit the [National Student Loan Data System \(NSLDS\)](#).



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Graduation Options-

- Application for Graduation
- Graduation Status Check
- Final Degree Audit/Graduation Clearance
- More Graduation Information
- Undergraduate Tuition Rebate Apply | Status
- Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Students

Registration Options-

- Registration Time Assignment - CS
- Search Class Schedule
- Add or Drop Classes
- Registration Status
- Distance Education Location Update
- Lab Safety Acknowledgment
- Math Placement Exams
- Book Prices

My Schedule Options-

- My Schedule
- Verification of Enrollment
- Final Exam Schedules
- Change Class/KINE Options

Purchase Optional Services - College Station Campus Options-

- Athletics Sports Pass
- Campus Directory
- Dining Plan Tracker
- MSC OPAS
- Parking Pass
- Yearbook
- Parking Pass: HSC Locations

Purchase Optional Services - Galveston Campus Options-

Subscribed Viewer Message Options-

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Grades and Transcripts Options-

- Grades
- Important Note About Grades
- Duplicate Diplomas
- Official Transcript
- Unofficial Transcript
- Unofficial Transcript (PDF)
- Holds
- Test Scores
- Credit By Examination
- TSI and Core Curriculum

My Information Options-

- Withhold Directory Information
- Student Information
- View/Update Contact Information
- Update Race and Ethnicity
- View Certified Dependent
- Update your NetID password
- Undergraduate Tuition Rebate Apply | Status

Degree Evaluation Options-

- Application for Graduation
- View Degree Evaluation
- Courses Counting for Financial Aid
- Excess Credit Hours Rule
- Upper Level Business Application
- Accumulated Doctoral Hours
- Transfer Course Equivalency

Parent/Guardian Access Options-

Add or Edit Access

Select one of the links below to set up parent/guardian access for the related area. Access for billing must be requested separately.

- Academic Records & Campus Services
- Billing

Academic Resources Options-

- Undergraduate Education
- Graduate Education
- Academic Information
- Academic Programs

Student Rules Options-

- Student Rules & Regulations
- Aggie Honor Code

Undergraduate Degree Planner Options-

- Undergraduate Degree Planner
- Undergraduate Degree Planner Guide (PDF)
- Degree Planner FAQ

Learn About the My Record Tab Options-

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Registration Tutorials
- Degree Evaluation Tutorials



Student View

Classification: Junior 60-89 Hours
Level: Undergraduate
College: Veterinary Med & Biomedical Sc
Major and Department: Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
 Veterinary Med & Biomedical Sc
Minor: Psychology

CRN	Course	Title98	Campus	Credits	Level	FAID Eligible*
19022	BICH 410 519	COMPREHEN BIOCHEM I	College Station	3.000	UG	Yes
31826	NUTR 202 700	FUND OF HUMAN NUTR	College Station	3.000	UG	No
31128	PSYC 319 500	HIST & SYST OF PSYCHOL	College Station	3.000	UG	Yes
29476	URPN 370 700	HEALTH SYSTEMS PLANNING	College Station	3.000	UG	Yes
Total Credits:				12.000		
Total FAID Eligible:				9.000*		

* Courses listed as "Pending Review" will be evaluated as part of a nightly process and should have an updated status within 24 hours. Courses marked "Yes" are considered eligible for federal aid purposes, and those marked "No" are not currently applied to your program of study, thus not counted toward your eligibility for federal student aid.

You must have a minimum number of financial aid eligible hours in order to receive certain types of federal financial aid. Failure to enroll in these minimum hours may impact your financial aid package, including institutional and state aid.

Your Students

- Each college is given access to a report with your students who are affected on it.
- These reports are available in Compass Reports.
- It is named PWS_CS_CPOS_ADVISING_XX
- Where the “XX” is, will be the two-character college code.

Your Students

- Who is on the report?
 - Only students who have aid directly impacted.
- What is on the report?
 - Column U: REG TERM – Shows you what term the student is enrolled in.
 - Column V: REG HRS – Displays the total number of registered hours for the term.
 - Column W: COURSES NOT ELIGIBLE – Indicates the courses that are not counting per the degree evaluation

Upcoming trainings regarding courses that count



- Sept 15th
 - 3pm-5pm
- Sept 29th
 - 1pm-3pm
- Trainings will be in the Pavilion Rm 236, conference room on 2nd floor
- Will send out announcement on UAC listserve with RSVP link.

Resources

- Registrar.tamu.edu
- Financialaid.tamu.edu
 - Select level
 - Maintaining eligibility
 - Enrollment Status (courses count)
 - Repeat Coursework

Contact Information

- Degree Audit Questions
 - Degree-audit@tamu.edu
- Courses that count for Financial Aid
 - Financialaid@tamu.edu
 - Trent Smith, smitht@tamu.edu
- Veterans Benefits
 - Dr. Clay Bassham, c-bassham@tamu.edu

Questions you asked

- Options for memos or waivers for counting fast track or pre-med classes towards financial aid.
 - Only courses that are part of the program of study as documented in the degree evaluation are eligible for federal aid.
 - In general prerequisites do not count for financial aid. University recognized undergraduate/graduate programs are treated case by case.
 - See Trent Smith or Bridgette Ingram
- Corps courses in Courses That Count.
 - Only courses that are part of the program of study as documented in the degree evaluation are eligible for federal aid.
- ROTC courses and financial aid.
 - Only courses that are part of the program of study as documented in the degree evaluation are eligible for federal aid.

Questions you asked

- Any new rules/changes since last year on laws or matters that affect how we advise students regarding their course scheduling and planning for graduation?
 - Only change is with TAP, TEAM, Engineering Academy Bryan and GACD Galveston as mentioned previously
- What are some ramifications students might face if they graduate one to two semesters late? If a student is less than full time during their last semester, can they still get financial aid.
 - See previous examples. They can get a Federal Loan with 6 hours counting as an UG. Have the student come see us and we can walk them through how their aid will be effected.
- Can you demonstrate what information should go on an SAP form?
 - Complete fully. Use best judgment when working with student on expected enrollment for future semesters. Do not put information that is not realistic for student.
- How to help students best when they are no longer eligible for TAMU financial aid; excess hours; how to help students find scholarships.
 - [Scholarships.tamu.edu](https://scholarships.tamu.edu), never pay for a scholarship search, apply for everything you can
 - [Financialaid.tamu.edu](https://financialaid.tamu.edu), utilize alternative loans
 - [Money.tamu.edu](https://money.tamu.edu), use Money Education resources on budgeting, credit, repayment, etc



QUESTIONS?