

# DUSTDEVIL TRANSITION



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**  
**2024**



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# WELCOME TO THE DUSTDEVIL FAMILY

Welcome to the Dustdevil Family!

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your life. You are now part of an international community of fellow students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are committed to your success. I hope you will embrace your new Dustdevil family, become involved, and take advantage of all this University has to offer.

TAMIU offers an experience hard to find at other institutions. It is our hope that you take advantage of the countless opportunities we provide to develop your critical thinking, leadership, research and career skills. TAMIU offers services that will help you reach your goals both inside and outside the classroom. We promote an international education by providing opportunities for our students to study abroad. Decide today that you will discover the world by studying both in the classroom and another country. Programs

are offered year round for various lengths of time to accommodate almost any degree program and location. These experiences will last a lifetime and help prepare you for the global workforce you will soon join.

I invite you to make the most of your four years at TAMIU - in the classroom, on the playing field, or through the myriad of campus activities, student clubs and organizations. I wish you the best as you begin many new adventures as a proud member of the Dustdevil family.

Welcome home,

**DR. PABLO ARENAZ**  
University President  
Texas A&M International University



 **THE INTERNATIONAL BELONG@TAMIU**

# **BELONG@TAMIU**

Dear Dustdevils,

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. We've been preparing for your arrival for some time now and are excited to finally meet you.

Whether you're a transfer student or you're just starting out, it's crucial for you to remember that a college education is more than just lectures and labs. College is about relationships, learning about yourself and the world around you. That's why the Division of Student Engagement is committed to providing an extensive array of programs and resources to help you grow in many different ways.

TAMIU has hundreds of events, student groups and opportunities for you to participate in. Allow yourself to have a full college experience by involving yourself in some way. You've worked hard to get here and deserve to experience all we have to offer.

I know that being on a new campus filled with people you don't know can be intimidating, but one of the most important things you can do as a college student is to connect with someone or something on campus. Research shows that doing so can help you succeed academically and live a happier life.

Connecting can look different for everyone. Student Engagement is dedicated to providing a variety of opportunities to build relationships with large groups of people or with individuals (for the shy types like me) that can guide, support, and celebrate you. Don't pass up the opportunity to connect on the court, in the office, or at the Student Center. This college experience will only show up once for you. Show up for it and make the most of it. Don't leave anything on the table.

It's an honor to serve you and this community. If at any point I can be of service or if you'd simply like to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out. We want you to have a great experience at TAMIU and are here to help.

Have a wonderful semester!


**ROSALINDA GARCIA**  
Vice President of Student Engagement  
Texas A&M International University



# DUSTDEVIL TRANSITION

## AT A GLANCE

### DAY SCHEDULE



8 A.M.	-----	<b>Check - In</b>
8 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.	-----	<b>Resource Fair</b>
9 A.M.	-----	<b>Welcome Session</b>
9:30 A.M.	-----	<b>Cohort Groups</b>
11:00 A.M.	-----	<b>Dustdevil Talks</b>
12:40 P.M.	-----	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
1:35 P.M.	-----	<b>Owning your Degree</b>
2:00 P.M.	-----	<b>College Breakouts</b>
3:00 P.M.	-----	<b>How to TAMIU</b>
4:20 P.M.	-----	<b>Closing Session</b>
4:30 P.M.	-----	<b>Campus Tour</b>

# DUSTDEVIL TRANSITION AT A GLANCE

## DAY SCHEDULE

### **8 A.M. - CHECK-IN**

Begin your day at the Student Center (STC) for your personalized orientation check-in.

### **8 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. - RESOURCE FAIR**

Explore campus resources, services, and clubs at the Transfer Orientation Resource Fair.

### **9 A.M. - WELCOME SESSION**

Our Orientation Leaders and Administrators will warmly welcome you and provide a university overview.

### **9:30 A.M. - INTEREST GROUPS**

Join the Cohort Session to connect with fellow transfer students and build your support network!

### **11 A.M. - DUSTY TALKS**

Explore workshops on academics, resources, involvement, and more! Gain valuable insights and tools for success

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## AT A GLANCE

### **12:40 P.M. - NETWORKING LUNCH**

connect with peers and build valuable relationships over lunch.

### **1:15 P.M. - OWNING YOUR DEGREE**

Learn effective strategies to navigate your degree path with confidence.

### **2 P.M. - COLLEGE BREAKOUTS**

Engage with representatives who will be familiarizing you with your area of study.

### **3 P.M. - HOW TO TAMIU**

Learn to navigate Blackboard Ultra, UConnect, Presence, and other TAMIU resources.

### **4:20 P.M. - CLOSING SESSION**

Reflect on your journey, celebrate your accomplishments, and prepare for your next steps to success!



# DUSTDEVIL TRANSITION AT A GLANCE

## 4:30 P.M. - OPTIONAL CAMPUS TOUR

Explore our vibrant campus, discover key facilities,  
and envision your future at TAMIU

Have a safe trip home. We will see you at  
**WELCOME WEEK**

Monday, August 26th - Friday August 30th, 2024



# What are Interest Groups?

We are committed to making your transition smooth and enjoyable. By joining an Interest Group, you will have a support network ready to help you navigate this exciting new chapter. Upon joining, you will have the opportunity to select an interest group that aligns with your academic goals, hobbies, or career aspirations.

1. These groups will be a space for you to engage in meaningful conversations, share tips and resources, and build lasting connections with fellow transfer students
2. Throughout the semester, we will host exclusive events just for transfer students
3. These signature events will include welcome receptions, study sessions, career workshops social outings, and other activities designed to support your academic and personal growth



## INTEREST GROUPS

- HEALTHY LIVING**  
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- POP CULTURE**  
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- EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS**  
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- ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**  
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- GAMERS CENTRAL**  
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- MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS**  
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- SOCIAL CHANGE**  
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- LEADERSHIP**  
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- PERSONAL FINANCE**  
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- SPIRITUALITY**  
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- CAMPUS PARENTS CIRCLE**  
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- FASHION**  
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- ENTREPRENEURS HIP**  
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- CAREER READINESS**  
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- PHOTOGRAPHY**  
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- MUSIC LOVERS**  
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- ANIME**  
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- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**  
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## **HEALTHY LIVING**

Our Healthy Living Interest Group is designed to bring together students who are passionate about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Whether you are looking to improve your physical fitness, mental well-being, or overall health, this cohort provides a supportive and engaging environment to help you achieve your goals.

## **POP CULTURE**

Our Pop Culture Interest Group is designed to unite students who share a passion for all things pop culture. Whether you are into movies, TV shows, music, video games, comics, or the latest internet trends, this cohort provides a fun and engaging environment to discuss, explore, and celebrate popular culture.

## **EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS**

Our Explore the Outdoors Interest Group is designed for students who are passionate about nature and outdoor activities. Whether you're an experienced adventurer or just starting to explore the beauty of the natural world, this cohort offers a supportive and enthusiastic community to help you enjoy and appreciate the great outdoors.

## **ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

Our Artistic Expression Interest Group is designed to bring together students who have a passion for creativity and the arts. Whether you're an aspiring artist, writer, musician, or simply enjoy expressing yourself through various art forms, this cohort offers a vibrant community to inspire and support your artistic journey.

## **GAMERS CENTRAL**

The Gamers Central Interest Group is a community of students who come together to celebrate their love for gaming. By joining this group, you'll have the opportunity to engage with fellow gamers, participate in gaming events, and explore various aspects of the gaming world, from playing and streaming to game design and development.

## **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Our Mental Health and Wellness Interest Group is dedicated to supporting students in prioritizing their mental health and overall well-being. In a supportive and understanding environment, students can share experiences, learn coping strategies, and engage in activities that promote mental health and wellness.

## **SOCIAL CHANGE**

Our Social Change Interest Group is dedicated to creating positive social impact through advocacy, activism, and community engagement. Students in this group will collaborate on projects, engage in discussions, and take action on issues that matter most to them, promoting awareness and driving meaningful change.

## **LEADERSHIP**

Our Leadership Interest Group is designed for students who are committed to developing their leadership skills and making a positive impact on campus and in the community. Through workshops, projects, and mentorship, this group aims to empower students to become effective leaders who inspire others and drive change.

## **PERSONAL FINANCE**

Our Personal Finance Interest Group is dedicated to empowering students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed financial decisions and achieve financial well-being. Through workshops, discussions, and practical activities, this cohort aims to equip students with the tools to manage their money effectively and plan for their future.

## **SPIRITUALITY**

Our Spirituality Interest Group provides a welcoming space for students to explore and deepen their spiritual journey. This group aims to foster personal growth, mindfulness, and a sense of community through discussions, practices, and supportive activities that honor diverse spiritual traditions and beliefs.

## **CAMPUS PARENTS CIRCLE**

The Campus Parents Circle Interest Group is a supportive community for student parents who are balancing the demands of academics, parenting, and personal life. This group aims to provide a space where student parents can connect, share resources, and support each other in their unique journey of navigating college life while raising children.

## **FASHION**

The Campus Fashion Interest Group is a vibrant community for students who are passionate about fashion, style, and creative expression. This group aims to celebrate diversity in fashion, inspire personal style, and foster a supportive environment where students can share their love for fashion and explore trends, designs, and industry insights.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Entrepreneurship Interest Group is a dynamic community for students who are passionate about innovation, startups, and turning ideas into reality. This group aims to inspire, educate, and support aspiring student entrepreneurs through workshops, mentorship, and collaborative projects.

## **CAREER READINESS**

The Career Readiness Interest Group is designed for students who are eager to prepare themselves for the professional world. This group aims to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to navigate their career paths successfully through workshops, networking opportunities, and practical career development activities.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The Photography Interest Group is a creative community for students who share a passion for photography and visual storytelling. This group aims to inspire, educate, and support students in developing their photography skills, exploring different genres, and sharing their creativity through workshops, photo walks, and collaborative projects.

## **MUSIC LOVERS**

The Music Lovers Interest Group is a vibrant community for students who share a passion for music and want to explore diverse musical genres, discover new artists, and celebrate the power of music through listening sessions, discussions, and musical events.

## **ANIME**

The Anime Interest Group is a community for students who share a passion for anime and Japanese culture. This group aims to provide a space for students to discuss, explore, and celebrate anime through screenings, discussions, cultural events, and collaborative projects.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

The International Exchange Interest Group is a community for students interested in global cultures, languages, and international experiences. This group aims to foster cross-cultural understanding, support students preparing for or returning from international exchange programs, and create a space for cultural exploration and exchange.



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# DUSTDEVIL TALKS!

## SESSIONS I, II, & III



### **DUSTDEVIL TALKS BLOCK I: 11:05-11:30 A.M.**

- BECOMING A DUSTDEVIL**
- MENTAL HEALTH**
- STUDY ABROAD**
- REC SPORTS EXPERIENCE**
- CAREER READINESS**
- GETTING INVOLVED ON CAMPUS**

### **DUSTDEVIL TALKS BLOCK II: 11:35-12:00 P.M.**

- BECOMING A DUSTDEVIL**
- MENTAL HEALTH**
- FINANCIAL AID**
- GETTING INVOLVED ON CAMPUS**
- BECOMING AN EVERYDAY LEADER**

### **DUSTDEVIL TALKS BLOCK III: 12:00-12:30 P.M.**

- BECOMING AN EVERYDAY LEADER**
- FINANCIAL AID**
- CAREER READINESS**
- STUDY ABROAD**
- DISABILITY SERVICES**

**SESSION  
DESCRIPTIONS**



# UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

**CLICK THE BUTTONS BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH RESOURCE!**

**ACADEMIC CENTER  
FOR EXCELLENCE**

**ATHLETICS**

**BURSAR'S OFFICE  
(BUSINESS OFFICE)**

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

**DISABILITY SERVICES FOR  
STUDENTS (DSS)**

**DUSTYALRT**

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**OIT HELP DESK**

**OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL  
ENGAGEMENT**

**STUDENT CONDUCT  
AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**STUDENT COUNSELING**

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

**STUDENT ORIENTATION,  
LEADERSHIP,  
AND ENGAGEMENT**

**SUE AND RADCLIFFE KILLAM  
LIBRARY**

**TAMU BOOKSTORE**

**TESTING CENTER**

**TRIO STUDENT PROGRAMS  
(FIRST GENERATION)**

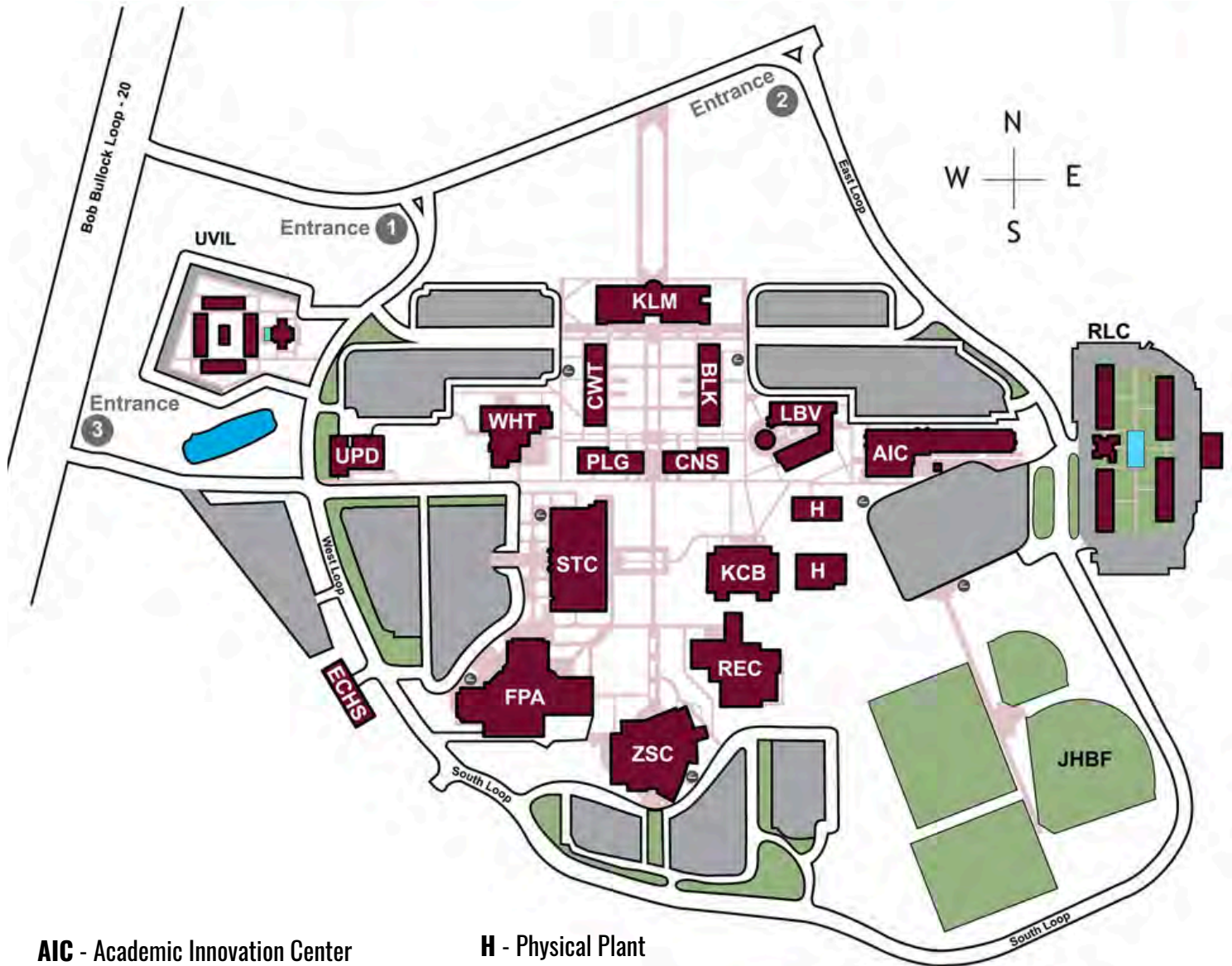
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**OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY  
REGISTRAR**

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**



# TAMIU MAP



- AIC** - Academic Innovation Center
- KLM** - Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library
- CWT** - Dr. Billy F. Cowart Hall
- BLK** - Bob Bullock Hall
- WHT** - Western Hemispheric Trade Center
- PLG** - Anthony J. and Georgia A. Pellegrino Hall
- CNS** - Dr. F.M. Canseco Hall
- LBV** - Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center
- PLA** - Lamar Bruni Vergara Planetarium
- STC** - Student Center
- KCB** - Kinesiology - Convocation Building

- H** - Physical Plant
- FPA** - Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
- ECHS** - Early College High School
- ZSC** - Zaffirini Success Center
- REC** - Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center
- RLC** - Residential Learning Community
- UPD** - University Police Department
- UVIL** - University Village
- JHBF** - Jorge Haynes Baseball Field

Student Counseling Services  
Student Center (STC) 128 • 956.326.2230

TRiO Program  
Senator Judith Zaffirini Student  
Success Center (ZSC) 222 • 956.326.2718

TAMIU Community Counseling Center  
Dr. Billy F. Cowart Hall (CWT) 213 • 956.326.3120

**SUICIDE PREVENTION VIDEO**

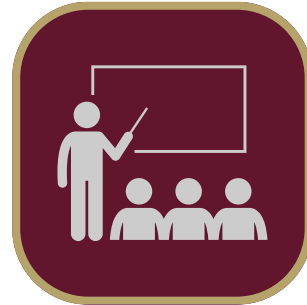
# COLLEGES AT TAMIU



**A.R. SANCHEZ, JR.  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**



**COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES**



**COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION**



**COLLEGE OF NURSING  
AND HEALTH SCIENCES**



**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

**WANT A WAY TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE?  
CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW**

**STUDY TIPS**

# COLLEGE BREAKDOWN

## **A.R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Accounting (BBA)  
Business Administration (BAAS)  
Business Administration (BBA)  
Finance (BBA)  
International Economics (BBA)  
Management (BAAS)  
Management (BBA)  
Management Information Systems and Data Analytics (BBA)  
Marketing (BBA)  
Transportation & International Logistics (BAAS)  
Transportation & International Logistics (BBA)

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Double Major (BA/BS)

### **Biology & Chemistry**

Biology (BA)  
Biology (BS)  
Chemistry (BS)  
Science with Grades 7-12 Certification (BS)

### **Engineering**

Computer Engineering (BS)  
Petroleum Engineering (BS)  
Systems Engineering (BS)

### **Fine and Performing Arts**

Art (BA)  
Art with All Level Certification (BA)  
Music in Performance (BM)  
Music with All Level Certification (BM)

### **Humanities**

Communication and Spanish (BA)  
English (BA)  
English with Grade 7-12 Certification (BA)  
History (BA)  
History and Political Science (BA)  
History with Grades 7-12 Certification (BA)

### **Mathematics and Physics**

Mathematics (BA)  
Mathematics with Grades 7-12 Certification (BA)  
Mathematics (BS)

### **Psychology and Communication**

Communication and Spanish (BA)  
Communication (BA)  
Communication - Media Production (BA)  
Communication with Concentration in Digital & Strategic Communication (Texas A&M-RELLIS Campus; BA/Comm)  
Psychology (BA)

### **Social Sciences**

Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)  
Applied Arts and Sciences Criminal Justice Concentration (BAAS)  
Criminal Justice and Political Science (BA)  
History and Political Science (BA)  
Political Science (BA)  
Sociology (BA)  
Criminal Justice (BSCJ)  
Pre-Army Officer Training Program (ROTC)

### **Pre-Professional Programs**

Pre-Dental  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Med

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Interdisciplinary Studies with EC-6 Certification and a Bilingual Emphasis (BS)  
Interdisciplinary Studies with EC-6 Certification and an Early Learning Emphasis (BS)  
Interdisciplinary Studies with EC-6 Certification and an English as a Second Language Emphasis (BS)  
Interdisciplinary Studies with EC-6 Certification and a Special Education Emphasis (BS)  
Kinesiology with Elementary Certification (BS)  
Kinesiology with Secondary Certification (BS)

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

Communication Disorders (BS)  
Kinesiology with Concentration in Exercise Science (BS)  
Kinesiology with Concentration in Health & Fitness (BS)  
Nursing (BSN)  
Nursing (RN/BSN)  
Public Health

## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Multidisciplinary Studies (BA)

# EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY ON CAMPUS



Any person is allowed, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions as determined by TAMIU, to engage in expressive activities on the TAMIU campus, including responding to the expressive activities of others.

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## DUSTDEVILS VOTE!

**9/17/24**

### **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**

Campus-wide effort to register as many students as possible. Make sure to join us for fun activities!

**10/21/24  
11/1/2024**

### **EARLY VOTING**

Make your voice heard! You can vote on campus at the Western Hemispheric Trade Center!

**11/5/24**

### **ELECTION DAY**

If you did not have the chance to vote during the early voting period, you should vote on this day!

# MARK YOUR PRESENCE AT TAMIU

Discover a plethora of involvement opportunities through our involvement platform! Events, student organizations, leadership opportunities, community service and more can all be found in one place!

**TAMIU PRESENCE**



## OFFICE OF STUDENT ORIENTATION, LEADERSHIP, AND ENGAGEMENT



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Director



**ABIGAIL FERNANDEZ**  
Assistant Director



**DIEGO COLLAZO**  
Engagement and Leadership  
Coordinator



**CAROLINA GONZALEZ**  
Orientation and Activities  
Coordinator



**LOURDES HERNANDEZ**  
Engagement Coordinator

# WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

## HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?

ORIENTATION SURVEY



## KEEP IN TOUCH!



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