



TEXAS A&M  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
UNIVERSITY



**STUDENT  
GUIDEBOOK**

# **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**SUMMER 2024**

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# WELCOME HOME, DUSTDEVIL!

We are proud to welcome you into our  
Dustdevil family and New Student Orientation!

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.

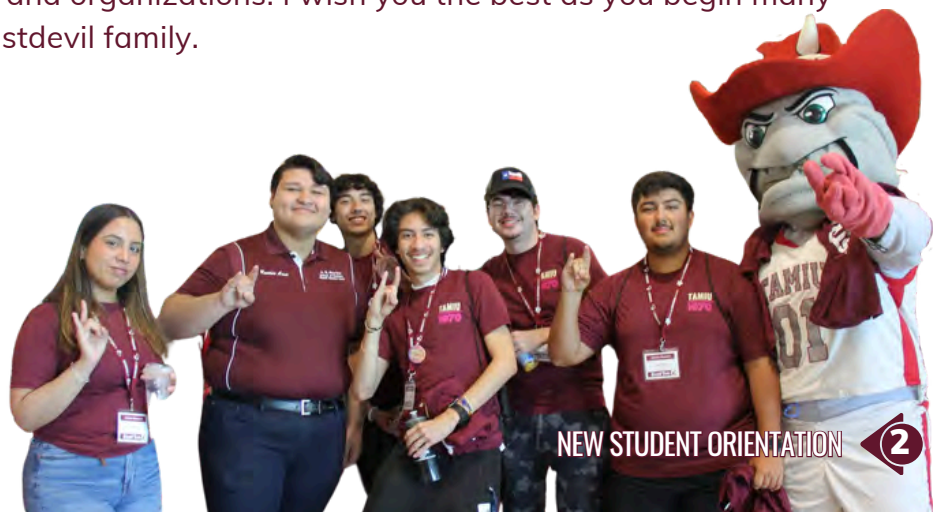
TAMIU offers an experience hard to find at other institutions. It is our hope that you take advantage of the countless opportunities we provide to develop your critical thinking, leadership, research and career skills. TAMIU offers services that will help you reach your goals both inside and outside 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





# WELCOME HOME, DUSTDEVIL!

We are proud to welcome you into our  
Dustdevil family and New Student Orientation!

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!



Ms. Rosalinda Garcia  
Vice President of Student Success  
Texas A&M International  
University





# About Orientation

Welcome to Texas A&M International University! Our orientation program is designed to ensure that every new student feels supported and empowered as they embark on their academic journey. In this guidebook, you'll find everything you need to know about orientation, from what to expect on your first day to the resources available to help you succeed. Get ready to connect with fellow students, learn about campus life, and discover the opportunities awaiting you at TAMIU.

## TAMIU'S CORE VALUES



**RESPECT**



**INTEGRITY**



**SERVICE**



**EXCELLENCE**

## MEET THE S.O.L.E. STAFF

Office of Student Orientation, Leadership, and Engagement



**DR. NICHOLAS HUDSON**  
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Orientation and  
Activities Coordinator



**LOURDES HERNANDEZ**  
Engagement  
Coordinator



**DIEGO COLLAZO**  
Engagement and  
Leadership Coordinator

# JOIN THE **DUSTY** **CHALLENGE**

*FOR A CHANCE TO WIN  
PRIZES AT THE END OF  
DUSTY CAMP!*

**LEARN**

*DOWNLOAD  
THE  
BLACKBOARD  
APP!*

# DUSTY CAMP

SCHEDULE

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
Office of Student Orientation,  
Leadership, and Engagement

2 Day Orientation Schedule  
Day 1

## CHECK IN | RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (8:00 - 9:00AM)

Begin your day at the Residential Learning Community (RLC) for your individualized orientation check in, then you will check in at your building for the overnight portion of the program.

### DURING CHECK IN

Grab your name badge, and your new TAMU swag bag! Be sure to wear your name badge at all times throughout your stay.

## 9:30 AM WELCOME TO DUSTY CAMP

Our University Administrators and Orientation Leaders (OL's) will give you a big welcome and provide an overview of our program

## 12 PM MEET THE TEAM

Here, you'll connect with your Orientation Leaders and fellow peers. Get ready to make new friends and embark on an unforgettable journey together!

## 1 PM ACADEMIC COLLEGE BREAKOUT

Meet representatives who will introduce you to your field of study. Engage in discussions, ask questions, and envision your academic journey. Get ready to kickstart your success!

## 2:15 PM DUSTDEVILS TALK

Explore our workshops covering academics, resources, involvement, and more! Gain valuable insights and tools for success as you dive into your journey with us! See next page for sessions.





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## DUSTDEVILS TALK AVAILABLE



CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND

2:15 PM

MANAGING MY MENTAL HEALTH

DUSTDEVIL SPIRIT & ATHLETICS

SERVICE @ TAMIU

STUDY ABROAD

GOING BEYOND: HOW YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR LEGACY AT TAMIU

ACADEMIC RESOURCES @ TAMIU

LEARNING THROUGH ACTION: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

VETERANS RESOURCES @ TAMIU

CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND

2:55 PM

MANAGING MY MENTAL HEALTH

DUSTDEVIL SPIRIT & ATHLETICS

SERVICE @ TAMIU

STUDY ABROAD

GOING BEYOND: HOW YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR LEGACY AT TAMIU

ACADEMIC RESOURCES @ TAMIU

LEARNING THROUGH ACTION: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

FAQ ABOUT GREEK LIFE

**DUSTDEVILS TALK**  
**DESCRIPTIONS**





# DUSTY CAMP SCHEDULE

## 2 Day Orientation Schedule Day 1

### **3:30 PM COLLEGE READINESS**

Embark on a journey with your OLs to uncover essential University resources like UConnect, Blackboard, and Presence. Learn how to navigate these tools efficiently to enhance your academic and extracurricular experiences.

### **5:30 PM DINNER**

### **6:45 PM TALES & TRADITIONS**

Meet with your team and explore our campus Tales and Traditions! Hear stories and join in customs that make our University special. Create memories with your peers as you become part of our community.

### **8:15 PM SPIRIT RALLY**

Get ready to ignite your University spirit at our Spirit Rally! Join fellow students, faculty, and staff for an electrifying event filled with cheers, chants, and school pride.

### **8:45 PM GETTING INVOLVED NIGHT**

From basketball to friendly Lotería games and game night, there's something for everyone. Meet student organizations, make new friends, and dive into the heart of campus life.

### **10 PM LATE NIGHT HANGOUT**

Dive into an unforgettable evening of relaxation, entertainment, and opportunities to connect with your community!

### **12 AM LIGHTS OUT**

Get a good night's sleep and we'll see you tomorrow! Don't forget, we have a Starbucks run at 7:30 a.m.! Don't be late!

# DUSTY CAMP SCHEDULE

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2 Day Orientation Schedule  
Day 2

**7:30 AM | STARBUCKS RUN**

**8-8:45 AM | BREAKFAST**

## **9 AM DUSTDEVILS TALK**

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

## **10:30 PM CAMPUS TOUR**

Here, you'll connect with your Orientation Leaders and peers. Get ready to make new friends and embark on an unforgettable journey together!

## **1:30 PM LUNCH**

## **MEET THE TEAMS**

**2:45 PM** Here you'll connect with your Orientation Leaders and peers, one last time. Learn all that is to know about How to Succeed at TAMIU. Leave your remarks with our Orientation Survey!

## **5 PM CLOSING SESSION**

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





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## DUSTDEVILS TALK AVAILABLE



CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND

9:00 AM

- LEARNING THROUGH ACTION: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
- FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
- FINANCIAL AID
- SERVICE @ TAMIU
- DISABILITY SERVICES
- BECOMING A DUSTDEVIL
- GETTING INVOLVED
- FIRST GENERATION DUSTDEVILS
- FAQ ABOUT GREEK LIFE

CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND

9:30 AM

- CAREER READINESS
- FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
- FAQ ABOUT GREEK LIFE
- LIVING ON CAMPUS
- COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM
- BECOMING A DUSTDEVIL
- GETTING INVOLVED
- PROYECTO AMIGO
- FIRST GENERATION DUSTDEVILS

**DUSTDEVILS TALK DESCRIPTIONS**



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## DUSTDEVILS TALK AVAILABLE



CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND

10:00 AM

CAREER READINESS

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

PAYING YOUR BILL

LIVING ON CAMPUS

STUDY ABROAD

IT'S ON US DUSTDEVILS

GETTING INVOLVED

FIRST GENERATION DUSTDEVILS

UNIVERSITY HONORS & UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

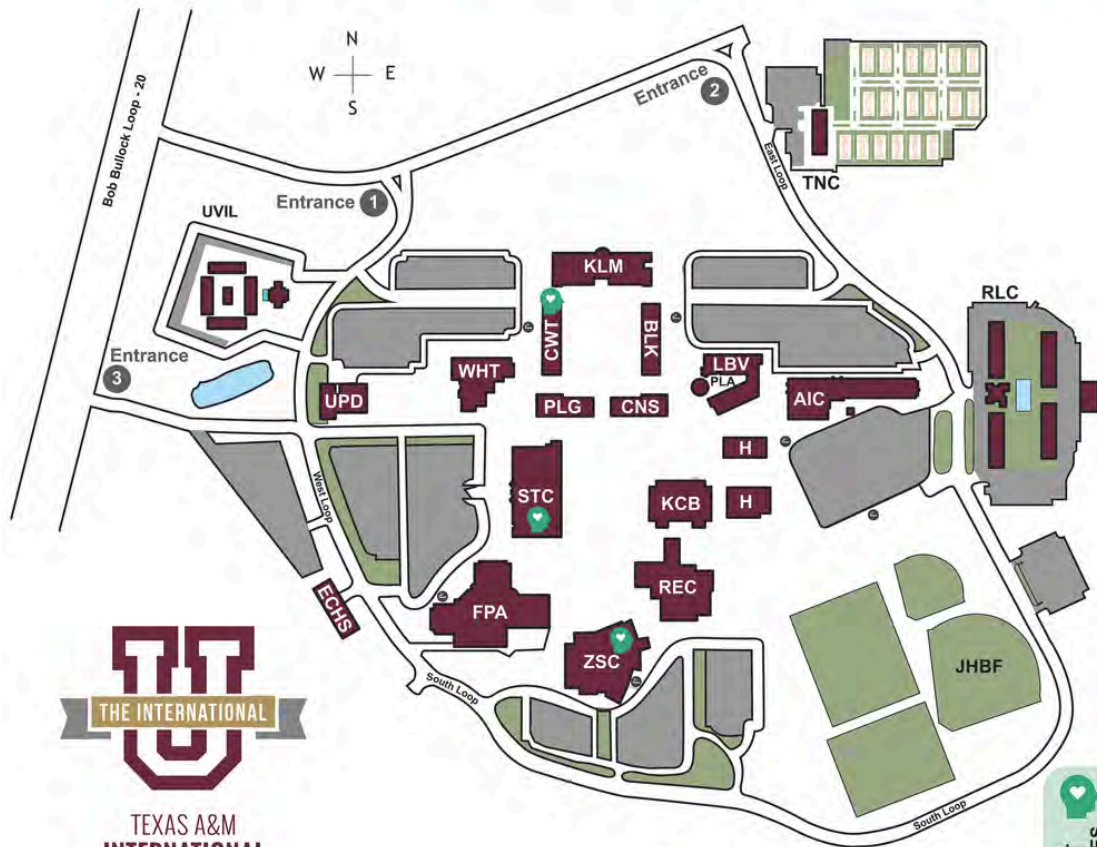


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# TAMIU MAP

## WELCOME TO TAMIU!



**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- 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

- 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**
- ECJS - Early College High School**
- ZSC - Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center**
- REC - Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center**
- RLC - Residential Learning Community**
- UPD - University Police Department**
- UVIL - University Village**
- JHBF - Jorge Haynes Baseball Field**

# DUSTY CAMP

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
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Leadership, and Engagement

## PHASE ONE VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

### ORIENTATION MODULES

New students are required to complete online orientation modules as part of their New Student Orientation experience.



## PHASE TWO ORIENTATION DAY

### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New students are required to attend Orientation Day in the form of Dusty Camp or Dustdevil Transition.



## PHASE THREE TAMIU TRANSITION

### WELCOME WEEK

New students have the opportunity to connect with fellow peers, faculty, and staff during a series of fun and resourceful events during Welcome Week!





# MEET YOUR ORIENTATION LEADERS

**RAUL REYNA**  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**LAREDO, TX**



**DENISSE GARZA**  
**SPANISH**  
**MIGUEL ALEMAN, MX-TA**



**DANIELA VIGIL**  
**COMPUTER ENGINEERING**  
**NUEVO LAREDO, MX-TA**



**JOEY FLORES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**LAREDO, TX**



**ANAHI VILLARREAL**  
**NURSING**  
**LAREDO, TX**



**RAFAEL CONTRERAS III**  
**MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**  
**ROMA, TX**



**JESSE SOTO**  
**PSYCHOLOGY**  
**ROMA, TX**



**NATILEIGH AVILES**  
**BIOLOGY**  
**LAREDO, TX**



**HECTOR IBARRA**  
**BIOLOGY**  
**LAREDO, TX**



**ANASOFIA DEL PRADO**  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**LAREDO, TX**



# MEET YOUR ORIENTATION LEADERS

**CELESTE HERRERA**  
EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION  
LAREDO, TX



**RUBEN DOMINGUEZ**  
NURSING  
LAREDO, TX



**BELMARIS VELIZ**  
MATHEMATICS  
RIO BRAVO, TX



**DEYANIRA HERNANDEZ**  
PSYCHOLOGY  
LAREDO, TX



**MAGDALENA VILLEGAS**  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES  
LA JOYA, TX



**XIMENA RUIZ**  
COMMUNICATIONS  
NUEVO LAREDO, MX-TA



**ALEJANDRO GARZA JR.**  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES  
LAREDO, TX





# DUSTY CAMP

# MARK YOUR PRESENCE @TAMIU

TAMIU PRESENCE



Explore a wide range of engagement opportunities on our platform! Find events, student organizations, leadership roles, community service, and much more, all conveniently in one location!

# BLACKBOARD UCONNECT

Blackboard Collaborate is a virtual classroom that integrates web conferencing tools to enhance your teaching and communication needs.

BLACKBOARD



Uconnect is a web-based, single-sign on platform that provides members of the University community: students, faculty, and staff, with gateway access to a multitude of TAMIU services.

UCONNECT






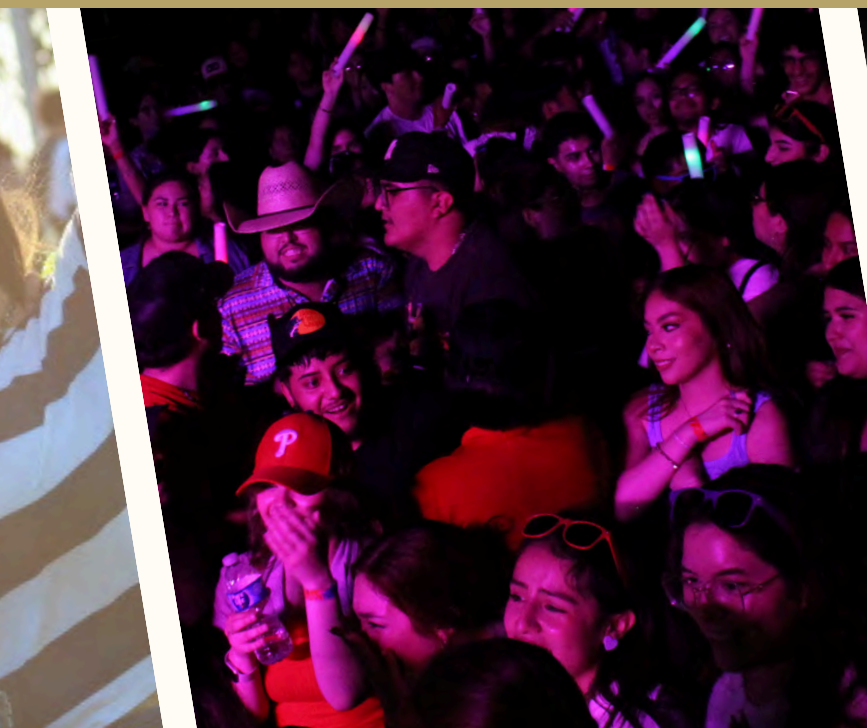
# WELCOME WEEK

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUG. 26-30**

Welcome Week and Welcome Back Week are held at TAMIU at the start of each academic semester. This serves as the kick-off of the Fall and Spring semester respectively.

Full schedule coming soon!  
Follow us to stay updated.

 [txamiusole](https://www.instagram.com/txamiusole)





# 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

DUSTYALRT

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

GRADUATE SCHOOL

OFFICE OF INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
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

TAMIU BOOKSTORE

TESTING CENTER

TRIO STUDENT PROGRAMS  
(FIRST GENERATION)

UCONNECT

OFFICE OF THE  
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

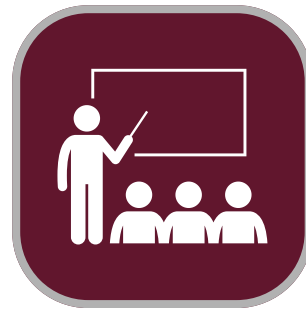
# COLLEGES AT TAMIU



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



**COLLEGE OF  
ARTS AND  
SCIENCES**



**COLLEGE  
OF  
EDUCATION**



**COLLEGE OF  
NURSING AND  
HEALTH  
SCIENCES**



**UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE**





# 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)

### Engineering

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

### Fine and Performing Arts

Art (BA)  
Music in Performance (BM)

### Humanities

Communication and Spanish (BA)  
English (BA)  
History (BA)  
History and Political Science (BA)

### Mathematics and Physics

Mathematics (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 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)  
Science with Grades 7-12 Certification (BS)  
Art with All-Level Certification (BA)  
Music with All-Level Certification (BM)  
English with Grade 7-12 Certification (BA)  
History with Grades 7-12 Certification (BA)  
Mathematics with Grades 7-12 Certification (BA)

## 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)

# THE FIGHT SONG

# THE ALMA MATER

Near to Rio Grande's waters, stately  
towers above the plain,  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
wisdom raised for all to gain.

Binding nations, hearts and visions,  
aspirations ever new,

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater!  
Hail to Thee, dear TAMIU!

Here 'neath sun and gentle breezes, dove and deer lodge safely  
by,  
May thy children, safe and wisdom, flourish ever 'neath thy  
sky.

Pledge we faith and homage ever, joined in our diversity,  
May time ne'er efface the memory of our University!

Binding nations, hearts and visions,  
aspirations ever new,

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater!  
Hail to Thee, dear TAMIU!

Lyrics by Ray M. Keck III, Ph.D. and family  
President Emeritus and Professor of Spanish

Go! Dustdevils, South Texas' shining pride.

Go! Dustdevils, with spirit from inside!

Fight! Fight! Fight!

Go! Dustdevils, we'll always stand by you.

Let's go Dustdevils, the pride of TAMIU!

Fight! Fight! Fight!

T!...A!...M!...I!...U!

TAMIU

Dustdevils!

Go...Fight!

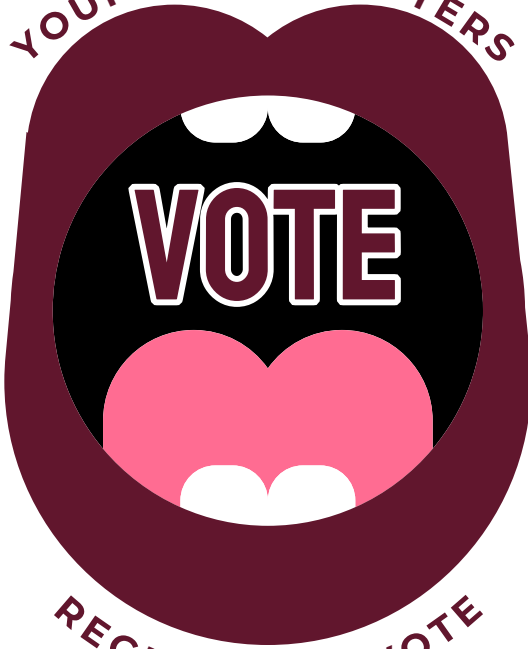


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# DUSTDEVILS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



SEPT

17

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**  
Campus-wide effort to register as many students as possible. Make sure to join us for fun activities!

OCT

21

**EARLY VOTING**  
Make your voice heard! You can vote on campus throughout Webb County!

NOV

5

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

REGISTER TO VOTE

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## 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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# WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?

ORIENTATION  
SURVEY



# KEEP IN TOUCH!



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WELCOME TO



FIRST DAY OF CLASS  
**AUGUST 26, 2024**

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