The Texas A&M University System

Facts 2010
The Texas A&M University System was officially established in 1948 and has evolved into one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a statewide network of 11 universities, seven state agencies, a comprehensive health science center, and a system administration office.

Each of the A&M System members has its own unique mission, history and goals. Together, they provide research, educational programs and community enhancement services that improve the lives of people in Texas and around the world.

The A&M System educates nearly 115,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. With more than 27,000 faculty and staff, the A&M System has a physical presence in 250 of the state’s 254 counties and a programmatic presence in every county. The A&M System has real property holdings totaling more than 65,000 surface acres and 55,000 mineral acres.

The Office of Technology Commercialization has created bold new commercial alliances with industry and the public sector that are redefining university and public interaction. In 2009, externally funded research expenditures exceeded $730 million to help drive the state’s economy.

The A&M System, with a total operating budget of $3.2 billion, is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents. A nonvoting student member was added in 2006. The regents appoint the chancellor, the chief executive officer who oversees the direction and operation of the system. The system’s role is governed by the state’s education code, Title 3, chiefly Ch. 51, Sec. 51.353 and Ch. 85, Sec. 85.17.
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www.tamu.edu
Established 1876

Texas A&M University at Galveston
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Established 1876

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www.tamiu.edu

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www.tamucc.edu
Established 1947; Joined A&M System 1989

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www.tamuk.edu
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J. Patrick O'Brien, President
www.wtamu.edu
Established 1910; Joined A&M System 1990

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Dan R. Jones, President
www.tamu-commerce.edu
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Established 1971; Joined A&M System 1996

Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Marc A. Nigliazzo, President-elect
www.tamuct.org
Established as System Center 1999; Independent Status 2009

Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President
www.tamuk.edu/sanantonio
Established as System Center 2000
Independent Status 2009

Texas A&M Health Science Center
Nancy W. Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
www.tamhsc.edu
Established 1999

Agricultural Agencies

Mark A. Hussey, Vice Chancellor and Dean
Agriculture and Life Sciences
agrilife.tamu.edu

Texas AgriLife Research
Craig L. Nessler, Director
agriliferesearch.tamu.edu
Established 1887

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Edward G. Smith, Director
agrilifeextension.tamu.edu
Established 1915

Texas Forest Service
Thomas G. Boggus, Director and State Forester
texasforestservice.tamu.edu
Established 1915

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
Tammy Beckham, Director
tvmdlweb.tamu.edu
Established 1967

Engineering Agencies

G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor for Engineering engineering.tamu.edu

Texas Engineering Experiment Station
G. Kemble Bennett, Director
tees.tamu.edu
Established 1914

Texas Engineering Extension Service
Gary F. Sera, Director
texx.org
Established 1948

Texas Transportation Institute
Dennis L. Christiansen, Director
tti.tamu.edu
Established 1950

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### Faculty, Staff and Student Headcount  
**Fall 2009**

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### Student Diversity  
**Fall 2009**

- **White**, 55.6%
- **Hispanic**, 22%
- **African American**, 12%
- **Asian**, 3.2%
- **Native American**, 0.6%
- **International**, 6%
- **Other**, 0.5%
- **Total**, 100%
Texas A&M University, the flagship university of The Texas A&M University System, is located in College Station, which, together with the adjacent city of Bryan, has a population of about 130,000 and is located within 200 miles of 19 million of the state’s 24 million citizens.

Texas A&M, the state’s first public institution of higher learning, is the nation’s seventh largest university, with 48,702 students. A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, the university holds land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant status and has annual research expenditures of almost $652 million (including College Station-based agencies). Texas A&M’s endowment is approximately $5.1 billion. More than $800 million in new construction or renovations to existing facilities on the 5,000-acre campus is either under way or in the planning stages. Texas A&M also is home to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

Average SAT scores are considerably higher than the national average, and the university ranks among the top public universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars. More than one in four enrolled in the fall 2009 freshman class is a first-generation college student.

Texas A&M University at Galveston is Texas’ only special-purpose institution dedicated to education and research in the science, engineering, business, and humanities of the oceans and coastal environments. Students participate in hands-on experiences that complement their academic studies. The atmosphere fostered by the faculty, staff and students emphasizes the intimate relationship between the university and the sea. TAMUG offers 10 undergraduate degrees, two master’s-level degrees and one post-graduate degree.

TAMUG is home to the USTS Texas Clipper and the Texas Maritime Academy, one of six state maritime academies in the United States that trains cadets for service in the U.S. Merchant Marines.

Texas A&M University at Qatar offers engineering programs in Education City, a 2,400-acre, multi-university campus in Doha, Qatar. Education City also has branches of Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Georgetown, Northwestern, and Virginia Commonwealth universities. Since 2007, 109 Aggies have received undergraduate degrees in chemical, electrical, mechanical or petroleum engineering, and the campus has a robust research program with more than $15 million in projects. Texas A&M at Qatar is wholly funded by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.
Prairie View A&M University, established in 1876 as a land-grant institution, is the second oldest public university in Texas. Close proximity to Houston, coupled with its quiet rural location, make the university an ideal place to study, learn and explore. Situated on 1,502 acres, the campus’ lush green lawns and historic buildings are complemented by 80-year-old live oak trees and state-of-the-art academic facilities and student housing.

With an established reputation for producing engineers, corporate leaders, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and schools. Undergraduate programs include engineering, natural sciences, architecture, business, technology, criminal justice, the humanities, education, nursing, and the social sciences. PVAMU offers master’s degree programs in business, education, engineering, natural sciences, nursing, selected social sciences, agriculture, and human sciences. Doctoral programs are offered in education, engineering and juvenile justice. All degree programs are offered on the main campus and selected degree programs are offered at distance sites, mostly in the Houston area.

Tarleton State University is located about 60 miles southwest of Fort Worth in Stephenville, which is included in Norman Crampton’s The 100 Best Small Towns in America. Tarleton is a near-perfect model of size, scope and affordability. It’s small enough to provide a student-centered environment yet large enough for students to pursue their dreams in a wide range of quality academic programs. The university is home to a viable and growing research enterprise that not only serves the public good, but also allows graduate and undergraduate students to actively participate in the research process.

Upgraded campus facilities and affordable tuition combined with Stephenville’s low cost of living make Tarleton one of the best university values in Texas. A new 70,000-square-foot sports recreation center opened in fall 2007 and a $13 million, 42,000-square-foot dining facility opened in fall 2008. The university recently broke ground on a new residence hall, state-of-the-art nursing facility and the Southwest Regional Dairy Center, which is designed to be a premier learning and research dairy serving Texas and surrounding states.

Tarleton also is rapidly expanding undergraduate and graduate programs in Fort Worth, Waco, Weatherford, and Cleburne.
Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Texas A&M International University is located in the city of Laredo, population 224,000, a historic cultural and commercial crossroads on the United States/Mexico border that is enjoying unprecedented growth. The stunning $160 million campus rises from former ranchland repurposed for the international empowerment of students as global citizens. The newest four-year university in Texas, TAMIU is a vibrant and diverse home to students from 30-plus countries as well as the South Texas region. It offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and is a collaborative partner in the continued growth and development of both Laredo and its sister city, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the nation's only university located on its own island, is nestled along the Coastal Bend of South Texas. Palm-tree-lined walkways dotted with tropical flowers welcome students and visitors, and a beautifully restored beach is found at the campus entry.

In 2008, the City of Corpus Christi donated 137 acres of city land for the future expansion of A&M-Corpus Christi. The addition will allow the university to significantly increase its student population by moving many nonacademic facilities off the Ward Island campus. With the newly-acquired property, the university will be able to increase its enrollment capacity to 16,000 students.

The university offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, including an interdisciplinary program in marine biology that allows students to earn postgraduate degrees utilizing the resources of A&M-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston. The program is the first of its kind in any state adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. In 2009, the university began offering a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. In addition, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences now offers a cooperative Ph.D. program with Texas Woman's University.
Texas A&M University-Kingsville is located in historic Kingsville, a city of approximately 25,000 that is home to the legendary King Ranch. The university is the oldest continuously operating public institution of higher learning in South Texas.

Texas A&M-Kingsville offers more academic degrees and programs than any other college or university in the region, including biological and health sciences, environmental engineering and a master’s program in ranch management—the only one of its kind in the world. Texas A&M-Kingsville opened a new residence hall in fall 2009, and recently completed construction on a new student recreation center. Construction also is underway on the university’s new Citrus Center in Weslaco, which will allow the expansion of research that has benefitted the Rio Grande Valley’s $200 million citrus industry for 60 years.

In 1910, West Texas State Normal College opened its doors to a handful of students. This year, West Texas A&M University celebrates its centennial with record enrollment, award-winning academic programs, top-notch professors, state-of-the-art facilities, and Lone Star Conference championships. And as the university honors its 100-year history, it continues to grow and look to the future. WTAMU is a student-driven university that offers the ultimate college experience through a balance of liberal arts and career-oriented programs combined with various campus activities and numerous community involvement opportunities to ensure ongoing success. It’s a place where students come to grow, learn and lead.

WTAMU is a beautiful tree-lined campus located in the Texas Panhandle near the rugged beauty of Palo Duro Canyon. In addition to its main campus in Canyon, WTAMU also includes an 186-acre Horse Center, the 2,310-acre Nance Ranch and its new Amarillo Center, located 15 miles north of Canyon in downtown Amarillo.
Texas A&M University-Commerce provides all students, ranging from first-generation college freshmen to transfer and non-traditional online students, with the tools they need to succeed. Here, students enjoy a small-town atmosphere, small classes with hands-on experience and personal mentoring from professors. On-campus facilities include the new Sam Rayburn Student Center, Morris Recreation Center and a new music building opening in fall 2010. Students also can use the new Student Access and Success Center—a one-stop shop approach to meeting a student’s enrollment, admissions and advising needs under one roof.

A&M-Commerce is recognized in several areas of study, including teacher and school administration education, pre-veterinary studies, music education, industrial engineering, and a new media art department whose students have attained national recognition. Convenient courses are available both through face-to-face and online instruction, as well as off-campus sites at Corsicana, Midlothian, downtown Dallas, and Mesquite.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana, located on the border of Texas and Arkansas, is an upper-level university serving junior, senior and graduate students. The university, which will begin accepting freshmen and sophomores in fall 2010, draws students from Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Students who reside in Arkansas and Oklahoma are eligible for in-state tuition rates.

A new campus, being built about five miles northwest of the existing site, encompasses 375 acres of land in close proximity to Bringle Lake. The first building, the Science & Technology Building, was opened in 2008. Construction of the University Center Building is underway with an expected completion date of summer 2010. The University Center will house the bookstore, classrooms, faculty offices, business office, student services, and administrative offices. When the campus is finished it will be able to accommodate up to 10,000 students.

A&M-Texarkana also operates off-campus programs at Northeast Texas Community College and at the Hallsville Independent School District.
Texas A&M University-Central Texas serves a diverse and growing student population of more than 2,000. It became a stand-alone university in May 2009 as an upper-level institution offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Classes are offered at several convenient sites, including area community colleges and Fort Hood, in order to accommodate both full- and part-time students. The university provides a wide range of flexible course schedules, including online, night and weekend classes.

A&M-Central Texas, formerly a system center offered through Tarleton State University, offers undergraduate degrees in 38 areas and graduate degrees in 26 areas. To encourage a seamless transfer from community colleges to upper-level work at A&M-Central Texas, the university has developed agreements with Central Texas community colleges that enable smooth transfers without a loss of credits for students who begin their community college studies with A&M-Central Texas in mind.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio, located in the heart of San Antonio’s South Side, was established as a stand-alone institution in 2009. The university operated as a system center under Texas A&M University-Kingsville for nine years until receiving stand-alone status, bringing access to higher education to a historically underserved community. Today, the university offers 19 undergraduate programs and eight graduate degree programs including a graduate alternative teacher’s certification program and master’s degrees in educational administration, counseling and guidance, and business administration.

Located at a temporary site at 1450 Gillette Blvd., the university will soon move to the new state-of-the-art campus on nearly 700 acres located at Loop 410 and Zarzamora. The new campus is projected to open by fall 2011. With an increase in enrollment of 62 percent from fall 2008, the university is making great strides in fulfilling the educational needs of the community.
The Texas A&M Health Science Center dedicates the collective expertise of its campus community to providing the state with high-quality health education, outreach and research. Faculty, staff, and students are united by a belief that all people, regardless of geography, economics or culture, deserve the benefits of compassionate care, superior science and exceptional health education.

The Texas A&M Health Science Center teaches a small number of undergraduates, but the majority of its students are graduate, professional and advanced post-doctoral. The health science center has campuses in Bryan-College Station, Dallas, Temple, Houston, Round Rock, Kingsville, Corpus Christi, and McAllen. Its six colleges are the Baylor College of Dentistry, the College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, and the School of Rural Public Health. Other units include the Institute of Biosciences and Technology and the Coastal Bend Health Education Center.

The Texas AgriLife Research, with headquarters in College Station and scientists and facilities throughout Texas, is dedicated to research and technology development in agriculture, natural resources, food, and life sciences. Its mission is to improve life through science and technology. On several university campuses and 13 research centers across the state, AgriLife Research professionals and scientists, many of whom are nationally recognized in their fields, conduct basic and applied research to improve the productivity, efficiency and profitability of agriculture while maintaining a sustainable environment. Through numerous collaborations, AgriLife Research is helping to strengthen the state’s position in the world market by meeting modern challenges through innovative solutions.
As an outreach education agency, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service teaches Texas residents where they live, extending research based knowledge to enhance their well-being. Historically, Extension educators have addressed the issues of the day and continue to target the locally identified, contemporary needs of the state.

Current efforts include programs to strengthen food security and emergency preparedness; improve family financial management; prevent diabetes; bolster the workforce preparedness of youth; and demonstrate state-of-the-art technologies and management practices in production agriculture, natural resource conservation, and community economic development.

Texas 4-H is AgriLife Extension’s major youth program. It involves some 642,000 youth, ages 5 to 19, in learning projects, leadership development and community service. Scholarships awarded to 4-H youth exceed $2 million annually.

AgriLife Extension also provides technical services such as soil analysis, water testing, pest identification, plant disease diagnosis, and wildlife damage control.

Texas Forest Service is recognized as the leader in defining forestry for the future of Texas and the nation. Its applied programs include forest and tree development; wildfire prevention, mitigation and protection; urban and community forestry; and a host of innovative forest sustainability programs.

TFS works to ensure the state’s forests, trees and related natural resources are conserved and continue to provide a sustainable flow of environmental and economic benefits.

TFS is the incident management agency for state disasters. The agency also is expanding the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan, increasing the number of personnel and emergency response resources throughout the state. TFS is the lead agency for the state for all-hazard responses, including suppression of wildfires and the management of state disasters such as the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery and Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.
Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory handles more than 700 daily submissions, more than 220,000 annual submissions and runs nearly 1.4 million tests per year from Texas, neighboring states and around the world. With four laboratories located in College Station, Amarillo, Center, and Gonzales, TVMDL's testing and diagnostic capabilities help protect the agriculture, companion animal and public health sectors of Texas. TVMDL's routine daily testing serves as the backbone of a statewide, regional, and global animal and zoonotic/emerging disease surveillance system.

The TVMDL College Station facility houses the state's only Biosafety Level 3 veterinary diagnostic lab. This high-containment laboratory is equipped to respond to high-consequence animal and zoonotic pathogens. TVMDL's primary clients include the citizens of Texas, veterinarians, state and federal agencies (Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture), and the livestock and poultry industries.

Texas Engineering Experiment Station has been providing quality engineering research and top technology to address state and national problems for nearly 100 years. TEES partners with industries, communities, government agencies, and academic institutions to find solutions to improve quality of life, foster economic development and enhance education.

Research activities focus on relevant state and national needs in areas including energy, infrastructure, national/homeland security, health care, informatics, workforce development, and education. The agency serves Texas with headquarters in College Station and specialized research centers and regional division offices throughout the state.
Texas Engineering Extension Service

Texas Transportation Institute

Texas Engineering Extension Service is an internationally recognized leader in the delivery of emergency response and workforce training, exercises, technical assistance, and economic development. The agency provides customized training and technical solutions impacting homeland security and economic development.

Each year, TEEX serves approximately 200,000 people representing all 50 states, every U.S. territory and 62 countries. TEEX offers programs in fire and emergency services, search and rescue, homeland security, public safety and security, public works, safety and health, and economic development.

TEEX operates the world’s most comprehensive emergency operations training complex. Brayton Fire Training Field boasts 132 training stations and live-fire props, while Disaster City® is a 52-acre mock community with collapsed buildings and rubble piles for urban search and rescue training. The state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Training Center uses computer-based simulations for incident management training.

Home to the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, TEEX has been preparing emergency responders to combat natural and man-made disasters since 1998. TEEX also sponsors Texas Task Force 1, which serves as a state and federal urban search and rescue team, and oversees Texas’ swift-water rescue program.

Texas Transportation Institute seeks solutions to the problems and challenges facing all modes of transportation — surface, air, pipeline, water, and rail. The institute works with nearly 200 sponsors annually at all levels of government and the private sector and is recognized as one of the finest higher education-affiliated transportation research agencies in the nation.

TTI has saved the state and nation billions of dollars through strategies and products developed through its research program. TTI research has a proven impact, saving lives, time and money. The Texas Department of Transportation has conservatively estimated that the benefit-cost ratio of its research program, of which TTI is the largest participant, is in excess of 5:1. The institute has made significant advancements in transportation safety, mobility, planning, systems, infrastructure, the environment, and other vital areas.

With headquarters on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station, TTI maintains a full-service safety proving grounds facility and erosion control laboratory in Bryan; a testing center in Pecos; and has offices in Arlington, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, Houston, and San Antonio.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Texas A&M University System?
The A&M System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation. Through a statewide network of 11 universities, seven state agencies and a comprehensive health science center, the A&M System educates nearly 115,000 students and reaches another 22 million people through service each year. In 2009, externally funded research expenditures exceeded $730 million to help drive the state’s economy.

When was the A&M System established?
The Texas A&M University System was officially established in 1948. The original members were Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University, Texas Forest Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas AgriLife Extension Service (formerly Texas Cooperative Extension) and Texas AgriLife Research (formerly Texas Agricultural Experiment Station).

Today, the Texas A&M System provides oversight and leadership for 11 universities, seven state agencies and a health science center. Its role is governed by the state’s education code (Title 3, chiefly Ch. 51, Sec. 51.353 and Ch. 85, Sec. 85.17). Responsibilities include systemwide planning, coordination and execution of the policies of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

What does “A” and “M” stand for?
Texas A&M, the state’s first public institution of higher education, was opened on Oct. 4, 1876, as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Both Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M owe their origin to the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, which established the nation’s land-grant college system. When Texas A&M gained university status in 1963, the “A&M” was incorporated into the official name in deference to the institution’s history and traditions, but the individual letters no longer explicitly stand for anything.

The A&M System is the state’s land-grant system.
What does that mean?
A land-grant college or university is an institution that has been designated by its state legislature or Congress to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. The original mission of these institutions, as set forth in the first Morrill Act, was to teach agriculture, military tactics and the mechanical arts as well as classical studies so that members of the working classes could obtain a practical education.

The A&M System’s agencies, which conduct research and bring practical applications of research findings to the people of Texas, also came out of the land-grant system. There is now at least one land-grant institution in every state and territory of the United States, as well as in the District of Columbia.

How is the A&M System governed?
The A&M System is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Texas Senate for six-year terms. A nonvoting student member was added in 2006. The A&M System chancellor oversees the day-to-day administration, and each of the A&M System’s 19 members has a president, CEO or director.

What is the mission of the A&M System?
The mission of The Texas A&M University System is to provide education, conduct research, commercialize technology, offer training and deliver services for the people of Texas and beyond through its universities, state agencies and health science center.

Does the A&M System have a central admissions office?
No. Students must contact directly the preferred A&M System institution’s admission office. Information about these institutions can be found on the system’s website, www.tamus.edu.
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