

# Resources for Graduate Students

Graduate Student Advisory Council  
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- Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)
- How to Search for University Resources
- Overview of Selected Resources
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  - Safety, Legal Issues, and Conflict Resolution
  - Residential Services
  - Money Matters
  - Career and Development

# Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)



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# Our Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)

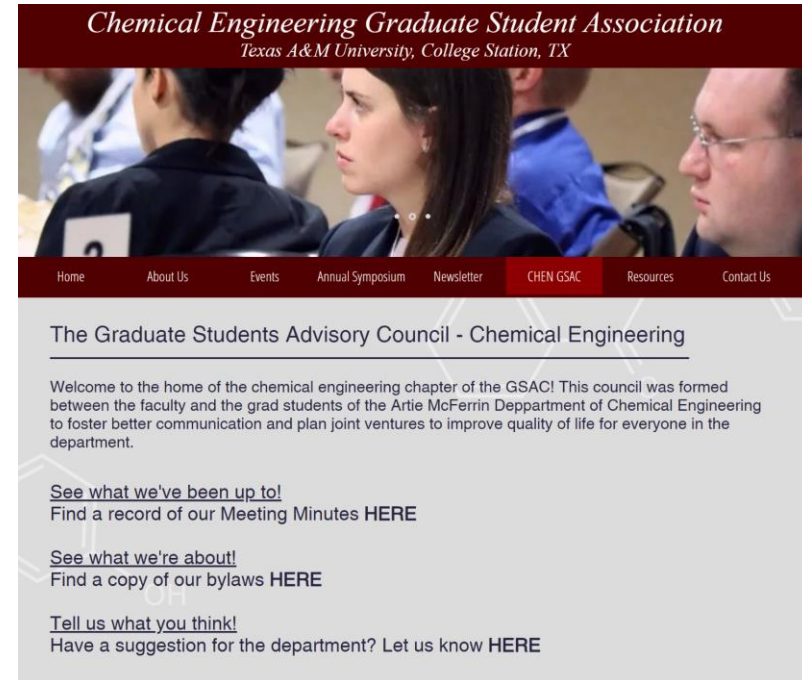
**Established in November 2018**

## Members:

- Opeyemi Olokede (Thomas) - Chair
- Jyot Antani - Secretary
- Ari Ufonde - Executive Assistant
- Pritishma Lakhe
  - Interim: Behnaz Rahmani
- Hallie Graham
- Spyridon (Spyros) Tsolas
- Edwin Lavi

## Purpose:

- to advocate for the graduate student body
- to facilitate departmental improvement
- to form a communication line between students, faculty and staff



## Website:

[www.chegsatamu.com/chen-gsac](http://www.chegsatamu.com/chen-gsac)

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**Membership based on student elections**

**1 year service term**

**Activity:**

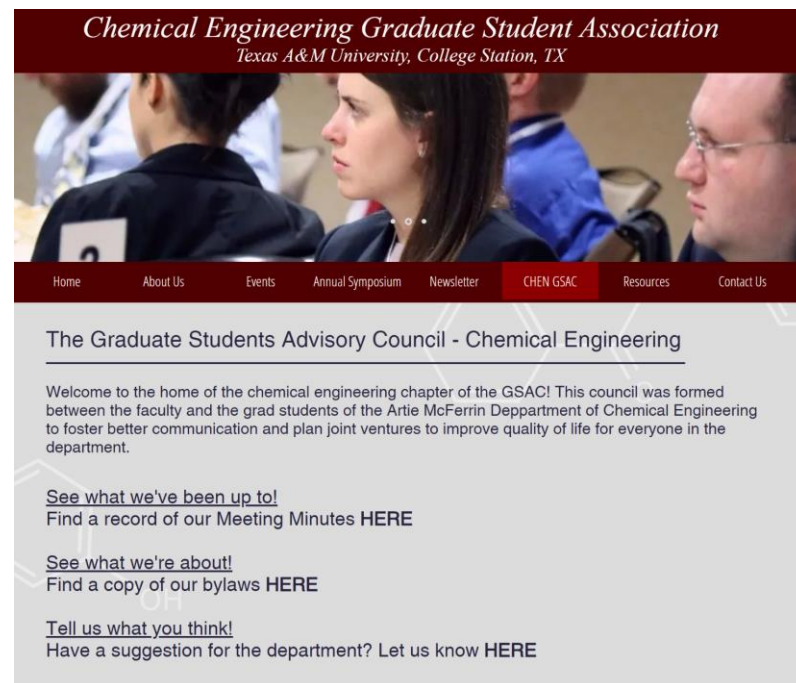
Monthly meetings (and as needed):

- Receive and discuss student feedback
- Provide feedback to department
- Organize initiatives to support graduate students

## Online Resources

Get access to:

- Agendas of past meetings
- Copy of by-laws, and
- Provide feedback - for matters to be discussed in future meetings



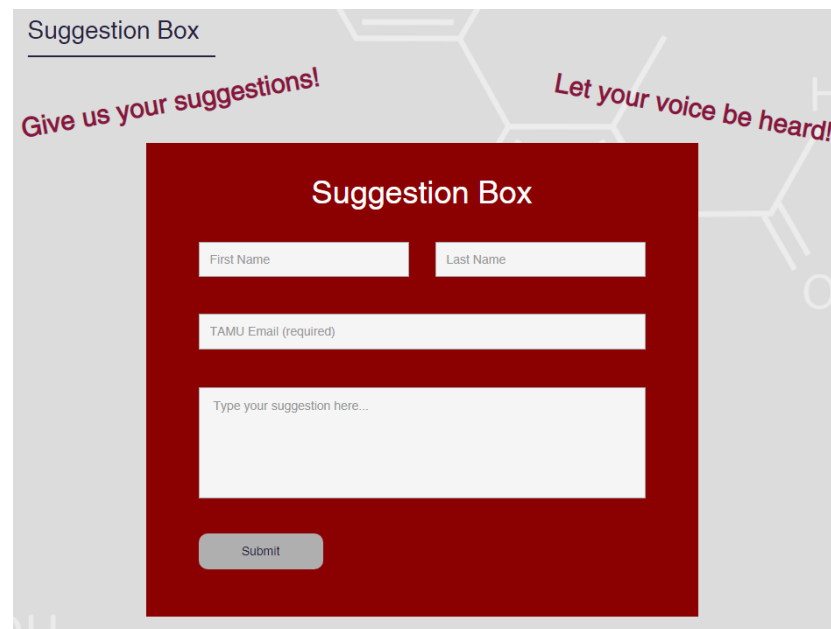
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## So far:

- Established by-laws
- Met with Department's Advisory Council
- Created website
- Created GSAC email account to communicate with student body and inform about events
- Organized today's informational session



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Suggestion Box" with a red background. At the top, there are two slogans: "Give us your suggestions!" and "Let your voice be heard!". Below these, the "Suggestion Box" title is repeated. The form includes input fields for "First Name" and "Last Name", a "TAMU Email (required)" field, and a large text area for "Type your suggestion here...". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

## Website:

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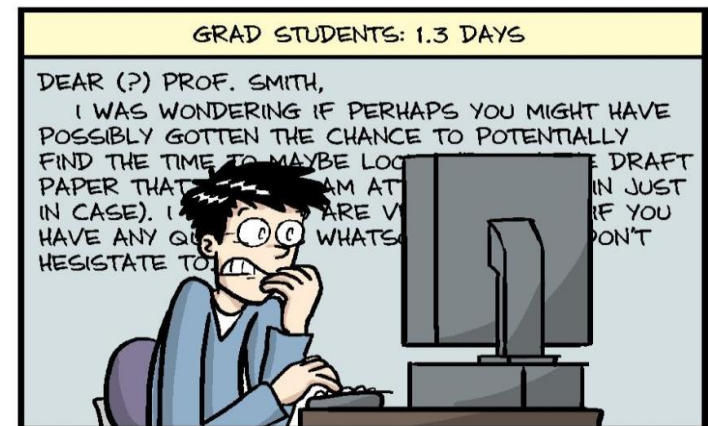
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## Important - Save the Date:

Departmental social with  
graduate students and faculty

- **Feb 20 3-5PM**  
**@ ZACH 297** (expect an  
official invitation)
- To-be-established as  
graduate students tradition

## AVERAGE TIME SPENT COMPOSING ONE E-MAIL



WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM

# How to Search for University Resources



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# How to Search for University Resources

## Website:

<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/services/>

Plethora of useful resources (links and descriptions) for all students

## Examples:

- **University Scholarship Application**
- **Career Center**
- **Health Promotion**
- **Student Conduct Office**
- **Student Counseling Service**
- **Student Health Services**
- **Student Legal Services**

### SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

[Home](#) > [Undergraduate Catalog](#) > [General Information](#) > Services for Students

Please click on a link below to easily navigate to that section on this page:

[Academic Advising](#)

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[The Association of Former Students](#)

[Career Center](#)

[Consensual Language, Education, Awareness and Relationships \(CLEAR\)](#)

[Disability Services](#)

[Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender \(GLBT\) Resource Center](#)

[George Bush Presidential Library and Museum](#)

[Health Promotion](#)

[International Student Services](#)

[Memorial Student Center](#)

[Department of Multicultural Services](#)

[Ombuds Services](#)

[Professional School Advising](#)

#### Student Assistance Services

<http://sas.tamu.edu>

- Referrals/Resource Connections such as:
  - Personal
  - Academic
  - Community
- Student absence notification
- Sexual violence response
- Assistance in coordinating family needs in the event of an emergency
- Transition issues
- General consultation:
  - University rules
  - Process
  - Faculty concerns

# How to Search for University Resources

## Website:

<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/campus-life-resources/>

Plethora of useful resources for graduate students

Notable:

- **The Academy for Future Faculty**
- **Center for Teaching Excellence**
- **GRAD Aggies**
- **Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services**
- **Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC)**

## CAMPUS LIFE AND RESOURCES

[Home](#) > [Graduate and Professional Catalog](#) > Campus Life and Resources

Please click on a link below to easily navigate to that section on this page:

[The Academy for Future Faculty](#)

[Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services](#)

[Becky Gates Children's Center](#)

[Center for Teaching Excellence](#)

[Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning](#)

[Consensual Language, Education, Awareness and Relationships \(CLEAR\)](#)

[Corps of Cadets, Office of the Commandant](#)

[Disability Services](#)

[First Professional Appeals Panel](#)

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[Memorial Student Center \(MSC\)](#)

[Department of Multicultural Services](#)

[Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Workshop Series](#)

[Recreational Sports](#)

[Department of Residence Life](#)

# How to Search for University Resources

## Academic Success Center:

<http://successcenter.tamu.edu/Student-Resources/A-M-Resources>

### Notable:

- **Academic Calendar**
- **Aggie Honor System Office**
- **English Language Institute**
- **MacResource Computers MSC**
- **Office of Graduate & Professional Studies**
- **Office of the Registrar**
- **Software Center**
- **Student Business Services**

## Helpful Links

### Academic Advising

Since advising procedures for every major vary, please contact your department to find out advising requirements, hours and locations.

### Academic Calendar

### Aggie Honor System Office

The purpose of this office is to serve as a centralized system established to respond fairly to academic violations of the Aggie Code of Honor.

### Campus Maps

Provides links to maps of campus, construction locations, parking, and featured events as well as bus routes.

### Career Center

This office provides career advising, handouts regarding majors, walk-in resume review, workshops, on campus interviews, assistance with interviewing skills, connections to former students as well as employers that recruit both on and off campus, and help finding internships, externships, co-ops, and work abroad.

### Department of Multicultural Services

Offers support services as well as diversity education programs that foster inclusive learning environments for all students. Services include a free peer tutoring program (tutor.tamu.edu), CLUES learning community, cultural seminars and day trips, diversity education seminars, and several student organizations and leadership institutes.

# Overview of Selected Resources: Health



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**Student Health Services**  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT  
HERE



<https://shs.tamu.edu/services/>

Dial-A-Nurse

EMS

Laboratory

Medical Clinic

Nutrition Services

Pharmacy

Physical Therapy

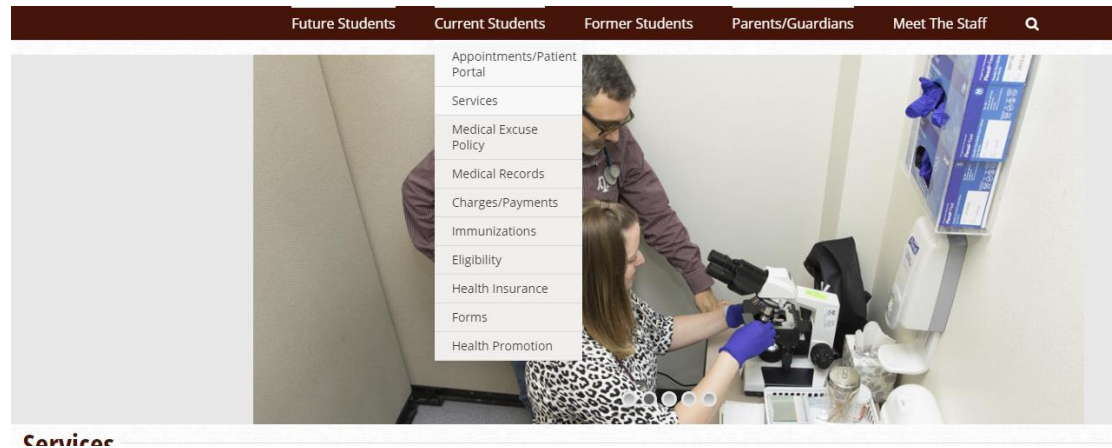
Preventive Medicine

Radiology

Referral Coordination

Women's Clinic

# SHS Patient Portal



SHS Patient Portal

Home

Profile

Appointments

Handouts

Messages

Survey Forms

Medical Records / Results

Immunizations

Log Out

Home for

You last logged in: 1/30/2019 10:58:20 AM [Log Out](#)

**Welcome to your patient portal for Texas A&M University Student Health Services.**

**Please choose from the navigation options on the left.**

If you have lab results ready, that have been posted for you by our staff, please check under the **Messages** section.

[Version: 12.11.4524] [Connection Service: 12.11.0.4524]

<https://cas.tamu.edu/cas/login?service=https://shsportal.tamu.edu>

# Student Counseling Services

- **AOD/Addiction**
- **Career Counseling**
- **Couple Counseling**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Group Counseling**
- **Learning Disability and ADD/ADHD Screenings**
- **Personal Counseling**
- **Psychiatric Services**
- **Self-Help, Outreach, and Consultation**
- **Stress Management & Biofeedback Services**
- **Testing Services**



**Website:** <https://scs.tamu.edu/>

**Location:** Student Services @ White Creek. Take the on-campus Bus Route 03 ("Yell Practice.")

# Health Promotion

-Educate and inform on all aspects of health and wellness

-Provided guides and tips

- Physical health, nutrition, Sleep, etc.
- Mental health, Stress management, etc.
- Alcohol, drugs, medication, etc.
- Healthy relationships, consent, etc.
- Sexual health, etc.

## Health Promotion

Home  
Contact Us  
Resource Request  
Meet the Staff  
How to Find Us  
Wellness Spotlight  
Presentations  
Programs and Services  
Events  
Health and Wellness Topics  
Get Involved

Health Promotion strives to support academic achievement and personal development by improving health outcomes of TAMU students through education, outreach, and collaboration.

Our services encompass a wide variety of topics such as fitness and nutrition, alcohol and/or other drugs, stress relief, time management, sexual health, and interpersonal violence prevention.



**Health Promotion** and the former office of **CLEAR** (Consensual Language, Education, Awareness, and Relationships) have merged under one unified title of Health Promotion. By working together, our office is better able to support YOU!

REQUEST A  
PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS AND  
CONCERNS

TELL SOMEBODY  
REPORT

We're open **Monday through Friday** from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/>



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## Health and Wellness Topics

### Health Promotion

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<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/topics/>

# Tell Somebody

Online report form for non-emergencies

- Can be submitted anonymously

If not sure about:

- student's behavior
- student's emotional distress
- student's disruptive behavior
- faculty member's behavior
- staff member's behavior

Contact:

- Dean of Student Life
- Student Counselling Service
- Student Conduct Office
- Dean of Faculties
- Human Resources

## TELL SOMEBODY

Home Reporting Form Resources Special Situations Team Q

Oftentimes after a tragedy, people come forward with information and observations that, in retrospect, may have signaled a larger issue. This information when viewed collectively may be helpful in preventing tragic events and initiating assistance to an individual. Texas A&M University is committed to a proactive approach and needs your help.

As a member of this University community, if you observe any behavior that is concerning you may report the behavior using the **online report form** or by contacting one of the Special Situations Team members during business hours. The **Special Situations Team** is comprised of University faculty and staff charged with helping students, faculty and staff who are exhibiting concerning behavior.

The submitter of the report has the option to fill in contact information or submit the report anonymously. Reports submitted anonymously or with limited information may limit the Team's ability to follow up on an incident. Once a report is submitted online, a copy is emailed to the entire team for appropriate review and necessary action. NOTE: Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed for reports submitted through this site. State law determines confidentiality.



**This is not a system to be used for emergencies. If you are in an emergency situation that requires medical, psychological or police services, call 911.**

Even when there is no threat to harm, it is recommended to involve others to discuss concerning behavior.

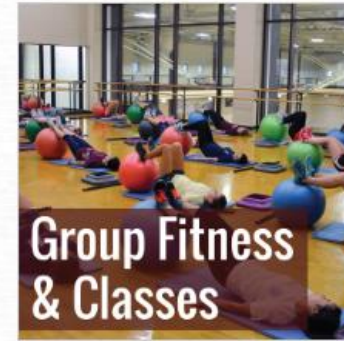
- If you don't know whether to be concerned about a student's behavior, contact the **Dean of Student Life** at 979-845-3111.
- If you need to consult with someone about a student in emotional distress, contact the **Student Counseling Service** at 979-845-4427.
- If you need to consult with someone about a student's disruptive behavior and the university conduct system, contact the **Student Conduct Office** at 979-847-7272.
- If you don't know whether to be concerned about a faculty member's behavior contact the **Dean of Faculties** at 979-845-4274.
- If you don't know whether to be concerned about a staff member's behavior contact **Human Resources** at (979) 862-4027.

<https://tellsomebody.tamu.edu>

# Athletic Services

The Recreational Center

<https://recsports.tamu.edu/>





# PEAP: Physical Education Athletic Program

## Lifetime Fitness, Lifetime Wellness, Lifetime Activity

The Physical Education Activity Program (PEAP) at Texas A&M University has been recognized as one of the best programs of its kind in the United States.

PEAP offers a wide variety of courses, focusing on "Lifetime Fitness, Lifetime Wellness, and Lifetime Activity."

- KINE 199 (1 credit hour): Over 50 types of exercise and physical activity classes are available in this elective course. Classes are open to all students at all levels of experience.

PEAP also offers real world science courses that fulfill the University's Core Curriculum requirements:

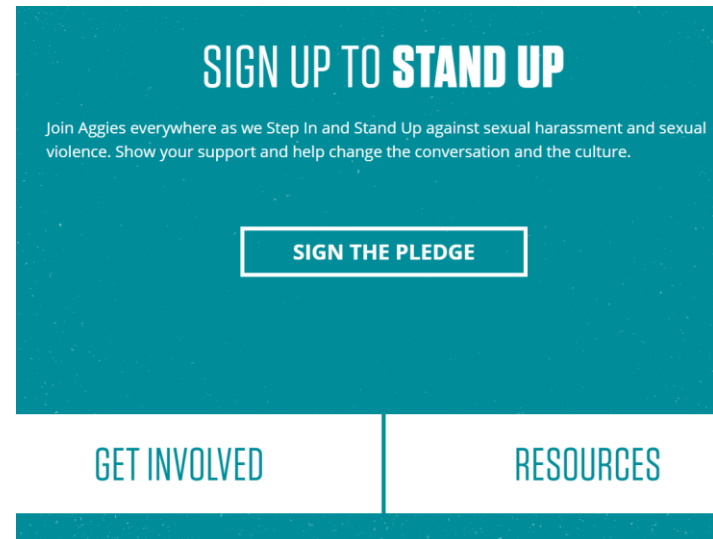
- KINE 120 (1 credit hour): Students will learn the fundamentals of stress, exercise, nutrition, disease and drug use while participating in a physical activity of their choice.
- KINE 223 (3 credit hour): This course incorporates several domains of integrative learning. Here, students will learn fundamentals of health, science, and performance while participating in a physical activity of their choice.



<http://peapcourses.tamu.edu/>

# Domestic Abuse

- Step In Stand Up  
<https://stepinstandup.tamu.edu/education-resources.html>
- Incidents can be reported to OGAPS at (979-845-3631)
- For a safe escort on campus contact corp escorts (979 845-6789)
- Emergencies can be reported to the university police number: (979) 845-2345 (on the back of the TAMU card)



## ⇒ GREEN DOT BYSTANDER TRAINING

Green Dot teaches Aggie faculty/staff and students to be aware of potential violence around them and provides the skills, strategies, and tactics to use the power of peer influence to intervene appropriately and safely in high-risk situations. Green Dot teaches how to become an active bystander when acts of power-based personal violence are witnessed.

# Disability Services



Disability Services  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Disability Services is available for all students with

- Accommodations Coordination
- Testing Administration Center (TAC)
- Assistive technology services (ATS)
- Communication Access Services

Website: <https://disability.tamu.edu/>

Phone: 979-845-1637

Location: Student Services at White Creek



Many great resources for students and instructors

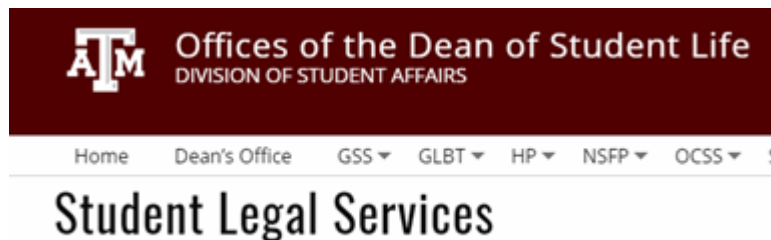
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# Student Legal Services

<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/sls/>



- Free Notary Public services (For your identification, bring a governmental identification card, such as driver's license, ID or passport. Not a student ID.)
- **Landlord/Tenant Disputes**
- **Criminal Law**
- **Expunctions**
- **Automobile Accidents**
- **Traffic Tickets**
- Consumer Protection
- Contracts
- Last Will and Testament
- Power of Attorney
- Name Change
- Divorce
- Paternity Issues
- Insurance Disputes
- Real Estate
- Demand Letters
- Debts
- **Mediation**





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<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/sls/>



Offices of the Dean of Student Life  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

[Home](#) [Dean's Office](#) [GSS](#) [GLBT](#) [HP](#) [NSFP](#) [OCSS](#) [S](#)

## Student Legal Services

## Schedule an appointment:

Student Legal Services is located at White Creek, Building 0072, Student Life Building #3, 861 West Campus Boulevard. To schedule an appointment, please call the Student Legal Services office at **979.862.4502**. Please bring the **Student Legal Services Intake Form** and pertinent data, documentation, or information to the appointment in order to maximize your ability to take prompt action.

**Looking for a Roommate Contract?**

Click here for a **Roommate Contract**.



# OGAPS Ombuds Officer

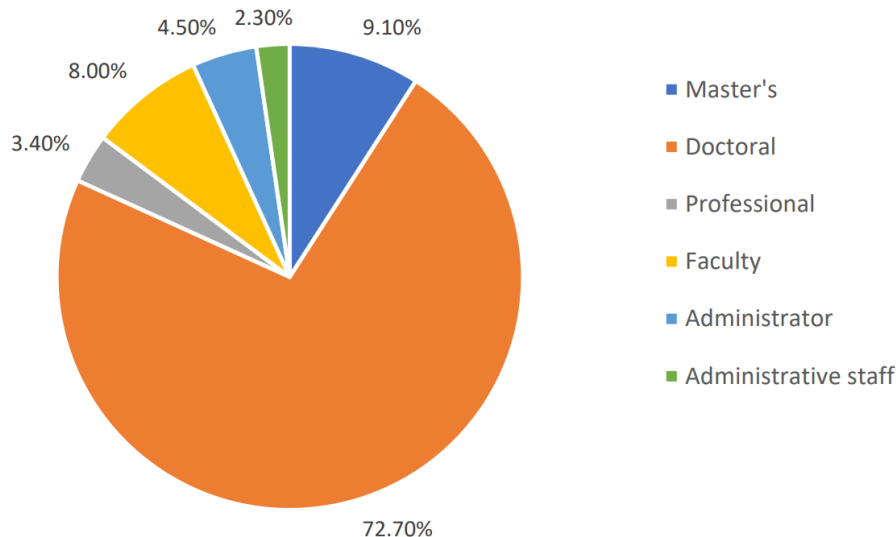
- Fair processes of graduate education
- Misunderstandings and conflicts
- Converse with an Ombuds officer if you don't know where to turn
- Informal, neutral, confidential resource to discuss conflicts

<https://ogaps.tamu.edu/New-Current-Students/Ombudsperson>

Or Google "OGAPS Ombuds"

ombuds@tamu.edu

Exhibit 2. Visitor Roles at the University



An **ombudsman**, ombudsperson, **ombud**, or public advocate is an official who is charged with representing the interests of the public by investigating and addressing complaints of maladministration or a violation of rights.

Ombudsman - Wikipedia

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ombudsman>

# Corps Escorts and Car-pool

## Corps Escorts

- Corps escort will meet and walk with you to most on-campus locations.
- Hours: 5 PM – 7 AM
- Phone: 979-845-6789



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
**CARPOOL**

- FREE, nonjudgmental rides home on weekends
- 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights
- Phone: 979-693-9905

**Phone numbers on back of student ID**



# Corps Escorts and Car-pool

## Corps Escorts

- Corps escort will meet and walk with you



The Aggie Card is the property of Texas A&M University and is non-transferable. Possession of this card by other than the owner is a violation of University regulations. Use of this card by other than the owner, is subject to criminal prosecution. If damaged or lost, a replacement fee will be charged. The University is not responsible for any loss or expense resulting from loss, theft, or misuse of this card.

### Emergency Numbers:

Off Campus	911
University Police	(979) 845-2345
<b>Corps Escort</b>	<b>(979) 845-6789</b>
Student Health Services	(979) 458-8250
Student Counseling Helpline	(979) 845-2700
<b>Car-Pool</b>	<b>(979) 693-9905</b>
Help Desk Central	(979) 845-8300

Motorist Assistance (979) 845-0057

If found please return to:  
TAMU-GSC, Aggie Card Office,  
750 Agronomy Rd, Suite 2801  
College Station, TX 77843-6001

Report lost or stolen cards to:  
[myaggiecard.tamu.edu](http://myaggiecard.tamu.edu) or [sbs.tamu.edu](http://sbs.tamu.edu)

**SCHLAGE** 8540M1

S40X125060-007013

## Phone numbers on back of student ID





# What Should You Do In An Emergency

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Protect yourself.
- Call for help.
- Help others.



Emergency or “blue light” phones have been installed at various locations across campus.

Code Maroon: alert system

Sign-up at <https://codemaroon.tamu.edu>

More info at: <https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/>

Phone: 911 or 845-4311 for Facility Emergencies



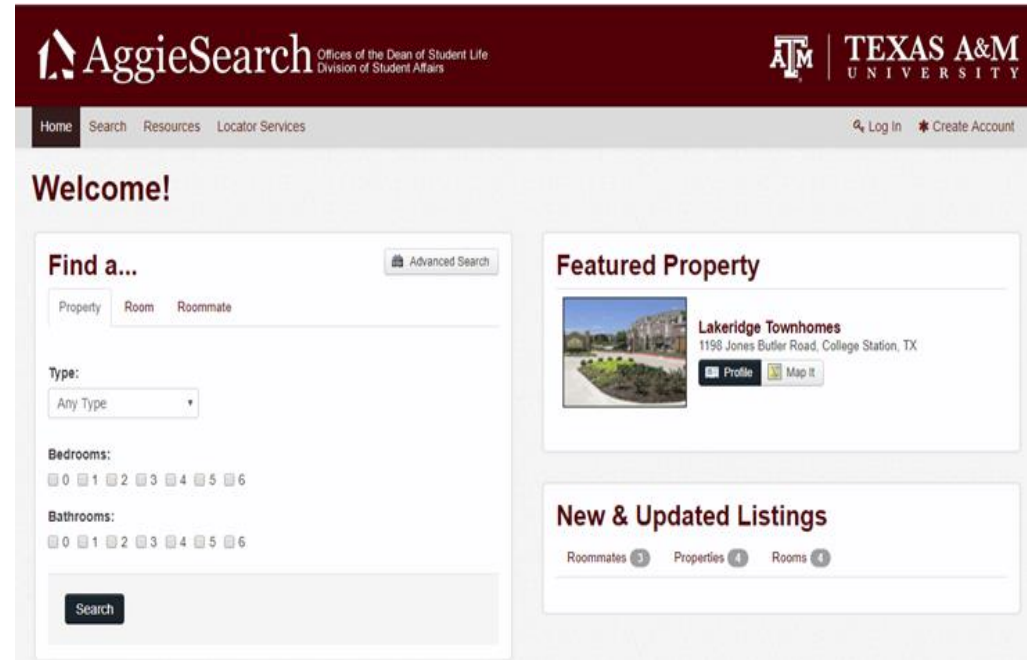
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# AggieSearch

- **LOCAL** apartment finding tool
- A good deal of customizability to find the perfect apartment/roommates
- Ideal for new students or current students looking for a change of scene
- Beware of scams!



<https://aggiesearch.tamu.edu/>

# Homebase Services

- **FREE** resource for housing arrangements and alumni networking in a new city
- Ideal for recent graduates and interns!
- Long relationship with the Bush school-starting to work with Engineering Depts.

<https://www.homebaseservices.com/university-directors/>



## FIND YOUR PLACE

Automatic searching of apartment listings

Daily or Weekly reporting of apartment matches

Deal alerts

Secure a place 6-12 months before move in date

New City Orientation

100% FREE! CREATE ACCOUNT

## FIND YOUR TRIBE

Access to profiles of other young professionals

Room mate alerts

Get alerted when alumni move to your city

Connect with your school's young alumni association

Adjustable privacy filters

100% FREE! CREATE ACCOUNT



# Overview of Selected Resources: Money Matters



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# Health Insurance & Benefits

Graduate students can choose to pay for the following:

- Health Insurance
- Dental Plan
- Vision Plan
- Life Insurance
- Long-term Disability Insurance

Katie Cates



Employee Benefits Specialist

[katiecates@tamu.edu](mailto:katiecates@tamu.edu)

(979) 458-7693

## TAMU Campus Office Hours

Mechanical Engineering Office Building (Room 532) Phone: 979.847-5849

Tuesdays and Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

On Campus Office Hours

# Money Education (ME) Center

Money Management  
Repayment

Eating on a Budget

Credit Cards & Credit Scores

Identity Theft

Graduating: Now What?

Student Loan

Love & Money

Buying a Car

Buying a Home

Saving

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM

Website: <https://money.tamu.edu/>

Phone: 979-845-SAVE (7283)

Location: Pavilion 1st Floor



AGEC 235  
(3 Credit Hour Course)



Schedule an  
Appointment



Walk-In  
Advising



Request a  
Presentation or Table



Scheduled  
Presentations

# Overview of Selected Resources: Career and Development



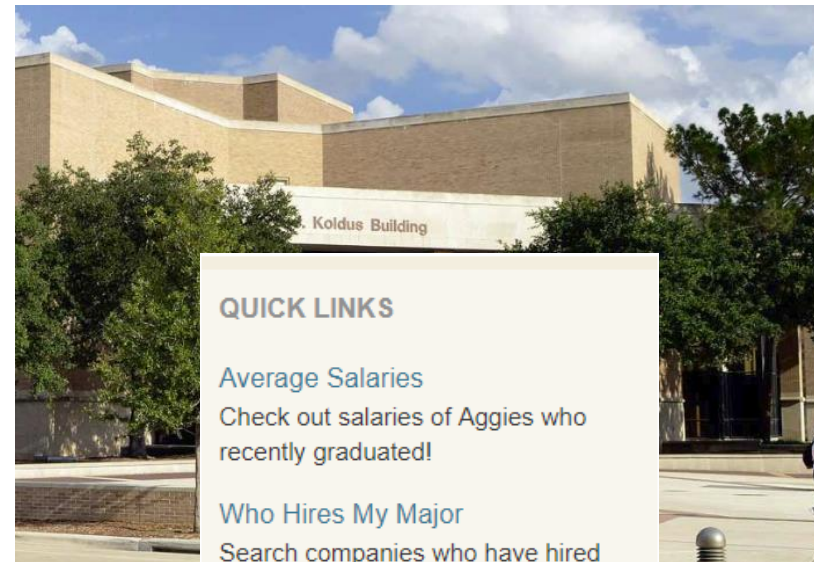
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# Career Center

Location: Koldus Building

- Resume and cover letter
- Search jobs
- Apply for interviews, search leads  
(HireAggies)
- Attend career fairs
- Mock interviews
- Salary evaluation and negotiation
- Apply for AggieExternship

Contact: <https://careercenter.tamu.edu/>  
**Career advisors, Professional school  
advisors**



## QUICK LINKS

### Average Salaries

Check out salaries of Aggies who recently graduated!

### Who Hires My Major

Search companies who have hired Aggies with your major!

### Professional School Admission Statistics

View Aggie admission statistics for dental, medical, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine schools.

# Center for Teaching Excellence

Location: YMCA Building

Develop teaching methods, classroom management and assessment, teaching statement, course syllabus, teaching portfolio



- For graduate students, postdocs, faculty
- CIRTl @ TAMU – NSF funded nationally recognized network

TAR fellowship – year long, with stipend, expected to publish/present

CCT – semester long course, 1 credit hour, certificate - nationally recognized

AFF – Free, semester long, core and elective sessions, certificate

Contact: <https://cte.tamu.edu/> and <http://cirtl.tamu.edu/>

**Dr. RaSheedah Richardson**

**sheedah@tamu.edu | 979.845.0793 | 200G YMCA**

Graduate Student or  
Postdoctoral Fellow



Leadership  
Experience

Undergraduate  
Student



Research  
Experience

**AGGIE RESEARCH  
LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAM**

# Aggie Research Leadership Program

- Aggie Research Leadership Certificate.
- Aggie Research Scholars Certificate.

Website: [aggieresearch@tamu.edu](mailto:aggieresearch@tamu.edu)

Email: [aggieresearch@tamu.edu](mailto:aggieresearch@tamu.edu)





# Power Studios

POWER stands for "**P**romoting **O**utstanding **W**riting for **E**xcellence in **R**esearch".

POWER Services support graduate students who:

- Wish to improve their writing ability
- Wish to learn how to write more productively, or
- Struggle with their current writing skills.

Website: <http://power.tamu.edu/>

"A grad student in procrastination tends to stay in procrastination unless an external force is applied."

# University Writing Center

- One-to-one appointments for help with seminar papers, proposals, theses and dissertations.
- Graduate Student Workshops.
- Proposal Retreats.
- Thesis and Dissertation Retreats.
- Website: <https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/>
- Phone: 979-458-1455
- Location: Room 1.214, Evans Library  
Room 205, West Campus Library

My thesis is written in



WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM

