

WELCOME LIONS!

Office of International Programs



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Mission Statement:

Office of International Program serves as a welcoming presence for our international students and scholars at A&M-Commerce. Our staff is here to help you navigate the U.S. and find your place at A&M-Commerce. We host on- and off-campus events for international students and scholars and work with the A&M-Commerce and DFW communities to help you make the most of your time in the U.S. Our role is to provide international admissions and immigration support to international and exchange students seeking an education at A&M-Commerce.



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Our Role

International Student & Scholar Services Office (ISSS) provide **support** to international students, visiting scholars and exchange students in matters related to their **non-immigrant status** by complying with immigration **rules and federal regulations**. ISSS advisors know the demands connected with studying in another country and they support the education, **social**, and **cultural** dimension of international education at the Texas A&M University-Commerce.



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



**Student
Exchange
Visitor
Information
System**





ISSS Services

The ISSS offers services to both international students and exchange students such as:

Immigration advising

- We advise on different visa categories, e.g, F-1/F2, J-1/J-2, H-1B/H4, and TN.
- Manage International student health insurance
- Cultural adjustment and personal advising
- Provide workshops to international and exchange students
- Community and campus outreach activities and events
- International mentoring program
- Act as a liaison for institutional departments and government agencies



IMMIGRATION SERVICES

The ISSS offers services to both international students and exchange students such as:

Travel Signature
Reduced Course Load
Change of Status
Change of Program Dates
Change of Program or Degree
Program extension
Transfer school and SEVIS record
Reinstatement to F-1 status
F-2 Dependents
Address, phone and email Update
Lost, damaged I-20 re-print
Funding update- award letter or email is required
On campus Employment
Off campus Employment

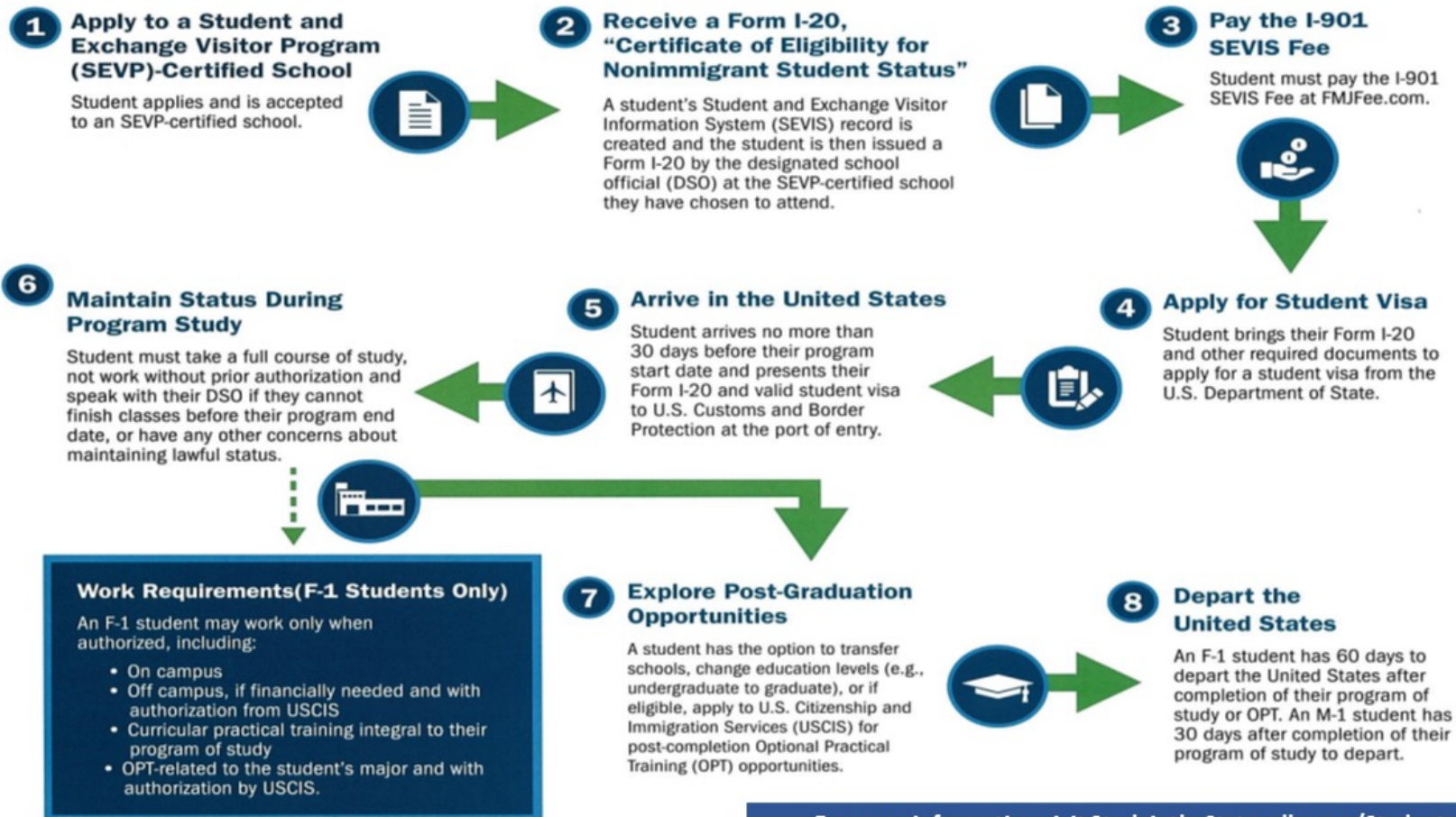
Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
Pre-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT)
Post completion Optional Practical Training OPT
Optional Practical Training (OPT) STEM extension
Severe economic hardship
Concurrent enrollment Letter
Social Security Letter
Enrollment Letter
Visitor Letter
Authorized Early withdrawal (AEW)



International Student Life Cycle (F-1/M-1)



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement



For more information visit StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Students

Walk-in Advising Hours

- **Drop-in Student Advising hours**
- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 to 4 p.m. | Tuesday or Thursday (Limited advising on Wednesdays, mostly case by case)
- Students can see an adviser during our daily drop-in periods ("drop-in" means you don't need an appointment). The adviser on duty will see you on a first come, first served basis.
- Current Physical Location: Ferguson 220 & 221
- Temporary Location: Library
- 2200 Campbell St, Commerce, TX 75428
- Phone: (903)886-5097
- Email: new students: new.intl@tamuc.edu current students: intl.stu@tamuc.edu
- Website: <http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/internationalStudentServices/>



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Our Staff

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About A&M University- Commerce



The Texas A&M System





History of Texas A&M Commerce

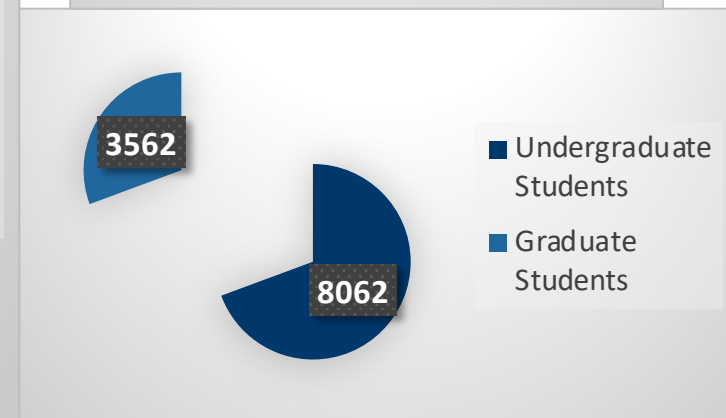
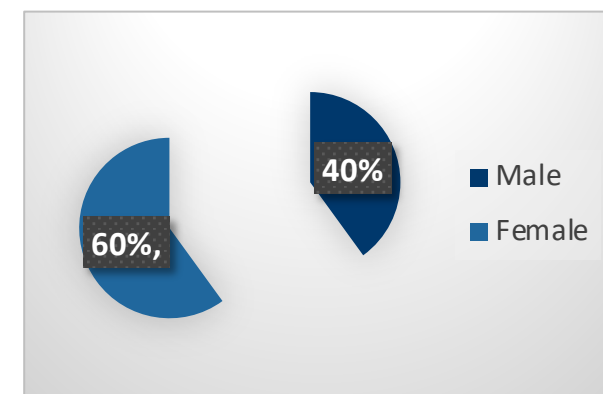
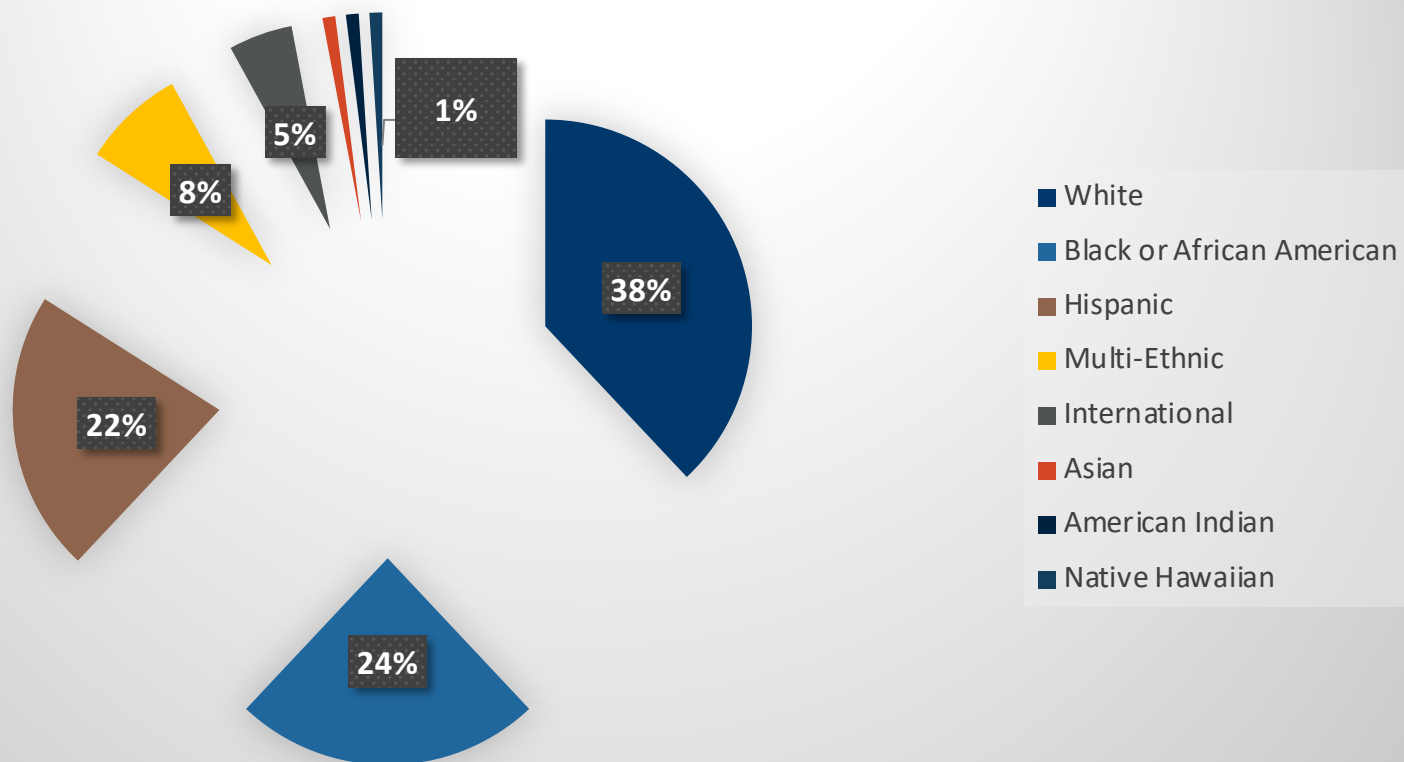
Established in 1889 as the 5th oldest state university in the state and currently the 2nd largest university in the Texas A&M system. Formerly known as the East Texas State University.

“Ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought, and unselfish service to others” – William Mayo (Founder)

What does it mean to Study at TAMUC

- We inform. We innovate. We inspire. At A&M-Commerce, we're dedicated to improving the lives of those around us. While here, you'll work with faculty as you design innovative solutions to complicated problems.
- Alumnus has moved on to successful careers in performing arts, business, politics and government, media and communications, athletics, and so much more.

Our Student Population



International Student Demographics

Top 4 countries

- India
- Nepal
- South Korea
- Nigeria

A Growing International Student Community

- *1600 active international student*

Top Programs Our International Students attend

- Computer Science
- Business Analytics
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Music

Student Engagement

The Office of International Programs is dedicated on providing unique experiences to all international students that can support multiculturalism, academic development, and professional development on and off campus in part of our students TAMUC experience.



International
Education
Week

Engaged • Resilient • Global

International Semesterly
Events



Global Student Association



International Student Organization

OIP Events

- Breakfast Bonanza
- Career Development Workshop
- Know your rights - off campus
- Life after F-1 visa - Art Seratelli Lawyer
- How to search for on-campus or off-campus jobs
- Academic Success Center
- Study Abroad Information Session
- Hangul Day : Korea
- Career Development Workshop
- Kick-off - International Flag Parade
- International Food Festival 2022
- International Movie Festival
- International Poster Fair
- Cultural Connect: Learn diverse Languages
- Diwali - Festival of Lights
- International Graduation Reception
- International Programs Travel Signature Open House



Campus Services

- Campus Life & Student Success
- Rayburn Student Center
- Campus Rec
- Dining Services
- Bookstore
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Counseling Center
- Student Disability Services
- Children's Learning Center
- Office of Intercultural Engagement & Leadership
- Student Advocacy & Support
- Student Health Services
- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Academic Success Center



The Charm of North Texas





Welcome to Texas

Texas is the 2nd largest state in the United States.





Two Campuses

Commerce Campus



Dallas Campus



Housing at TAMUC



On-Campus Housing

- Pride Rock
- Phase II
- Phase III
- New Pride Apartments
- Prairie Crossing
- Sorority Housing



Types of Housing

- Single
- Doubles
- Group Housing (Three or more)
- Off-campus



Living Learning Communities

- Academic
- Interest Themed
- Affinity Groups

Off- campus (Commerce)

- MAPLES PLACE APARTMENTS:**

<https://bit.ly/maplesplaceapartments> <http://www.commerceapartments.com/>

- TAYLOR TERRACE APARTMENTS:**

<https://bit.ly/taylorterraceapt>

- CHURCH HILL APARTMENTS :**

<https://bit.ly/churchillapts>

- REGENCY SQUARE APARTMENTS :**

<https://apartmentsincommerce.com/property/regency-apartments/>

- GANT APARTMENTS:**

<https://www.gantapartments.com/>

- BRADFORD APARTMENTS:**

<https://bradfordplaceofcommerce.com/>

- CROSSWINDS APARTMENTS:**

<https://bit.ly/crosswindsapt>





Off- campus (Dallas)

Brooklyn @ 9670

<https://www.apartments.com/brooklyn-9670-dallas-tx/bpjh919/#reviewsSection>

The Beckham

<https://www.apartments.com/the-beckham-dallas-tx/x2wnsyn/>

The Edison

<https://www.apartments.com/the-edison-dallas-tx/2bfkggb/>

The Marion

<https://www.apartments.com/the-marion-dallas-tx/edxz9tq/>

Residence at Lake Highlands

<https://www.apartments.com/residence-at-lake-highlands-dallas-tx/lz585zd/>

The Pearl at Midtown

<https://www.apartments.com/the-pearl-at-midtown-dallas-tx/d8z8mnk/>

Cityscape Apartments

<https://www.apartments.com/cityscape-apartments-dallas-tx/2r9184b/>

LaVita on Lovers Lane

<https://www.apartments.com/lavita-on-lovers-lane-dallas-tx/zgktfwx/>

Wyndham on the Creek (new)

<https://www.apartments.com/wyndham-on-the-creek-new-dallas-tx/5p5jwxm/>

Oasis

<https://www.apartments.com/oasis-dallas-tx/h1d6e20/>



Be Part of the Lion Pride



The Lion's "Pride"

- Texas A&M – Commerce is unique as it emphasizes on developing long lasting relationships with our students, faculty, administrators, and external partners from around the world.
- This Lion's "Pride" is a means of how we commit to the work we do to make sure all members of our community benefit from their time on our campus or working with us no matter where they are.



TAMUC is on the Prowl

- Texas is one of the fastest growing economies in the United States today. The North Texas region, Dallas-Fort Worth, has seen more growth in employment growth than other parts of the country under COVID.
- Our university Athletics programs have moved up to a Division 1 School which creates a unique environment for Athletic events on campus.
- State of the Art- Dallas Campus for the College of Business and the College of Education and Human Services.



More pre-arrival workshops!

<https://bit.ly/Pre-arrivalNISO>

INTL Handbook

<https://bit.ly/intlhandbook>



“At A&M-Commerce, we want to help you transform your life through education. Here, you can freely explore, create, learn and innovate in a safe environment where you feel welcome and valued. Your future is bright, Lion!”

Mark Rudin
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Quick tips

- **Questions about Accommodation:** Email gsa@tamuc.edu for off campus housing and on campus housing: On-campus work: <https://www.tamuc.edu/residential-living-learning/>
- **About transferring in to TAMUC:** Check in with your current school, then provide them TAMUC acceptance letter and inform them to transfer your SEVIS record to TAMUC. Apply for TAMUC transfer pending I-20 with TAMUC <https://bit.ly/TransferIntlTamuc>
- **Meningitis:** <https://www.tamuc.edu/meningitis-req/>
- **Scholarships:** <https://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/cost-and-aid/scholarships/>
- **Apply on campus work:** Apply through handshake <https://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/cost-and-aid/student-employment/>

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