

## The Division of Student Affairs

### Responsible Office:

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### Contact Information for This Office:

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### Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Located on the second floor of the McDowell Administration building (BA 296), the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students is responsible for supporting the goals of the University as the senior student affairs officer. The Vice President has assembled a Student Affairs Executive Team comprising the Executive Director for Student Access and Success, the Executive Director for Student Engagement and Operations, the Executive Director for Wellness and Assessment, and the Assistant Dean of Students. Department directors report to the Student Affairs Executive Team. For more information on the Division of Student Affairs, click [HERE](#). You may be approached by a student looking for resources, or independently recognize that a student needs help, and this section helps direct you to whom you should contact to make sure our students are safe and supported. If you do not see what you are looking for below, please contact us at the number or website above.

#### Concern and Incident Reporting Forms

The Dean of Students office is available to help with a number of student-related issues and address student behavior. To find the appropriate forms, please click [HERE](#). Once the report is filed, it will be directed to the appropriate department for follow-up.

If this is an emergency, contact our University Police Department at 911 or 903-886-5111, then complete the report.

#### Behavioral Intervention Team

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is an advisory group to the Dean of Students focused on students of concern and those in crisis. BIT focuses on prevention and timely intervention before a crisis arises. BIT addresses issues of both undergraduate and graduate student populations. For more information about the BIT, click [HERE](#)

#### Critical Incident Response Team

The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) provides rapid response psychological crisis intervention to mitigate the effects of trauma following a critical incident impacting the campus community. The CIRT is an annex of the university Emergency Operation Plan

(EOP). The CIRT may be activated by the EOP, University Police or by contacting the Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Student office at [DeanofStudents@tamuc.edu](mailto:DeanofStudents@tamuc.edu)

## **Campus Recreation**

Campus Recreation educates, connects, and inspires people for lifelong activity and well-being. They offer a variety of ways to be physically active and improve your well-being. Most students pay a Recreation Center fee in their tuition that covers the costs of these opportunities. Over a dozen intramural sports are offered every semester, ranging from basketball, flag football, and volleyball to tennis, cricket, pickleball, and table tennis. Club sports are organized by students who practice and compete against other universities on regional and national levels. With over 20 different group fitness sessions offered weekly, you can find ways to stay active with Zumba, yoga, cycling, strength training, and more. Outdoor adventure opportunities are also offered, such as trips around the region to hike, bike, kayak, rock climb, and much more. In addition to these programs, students can come to the Morris Recreation Center (MRC) to play basketball, volleyball, racquetball, and other sports. The MRC also includes weight and cardio rooms, an activity room, an outdoor leisure pool, and an indoor rock wall. For more information on Campus Recreation, click [HERE](#) or by calling 903-468-3181.

## **Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center provides free mental health and well-being services to currently enrolled University students. Counseling is available face-to-face or by teletherapy, and individual, couples, and group counseling is provided. The Counseling Center offers a warm and welcoming environment with programs and services to help maximize students' potential for academic and personal success. Confidentiality is respected, and counseling records are not included in a student's academic record. They also provide consultations and referral services for students, faculty, and staff; educational outreach and prevention services; and crisis intervention services 24/7. Psychiatric evaluation and medication management are available for students utilizing counseling services. We encourage all students to take advantage of the services the Counseling Center has to offer. For more information, click [HERE](#).

To schedule an appointment, visit the Counseling Center in the Halladay Student Services Building, Room 203, or call 903-886-5145. Students, faculty, and staff also have resources on the TELUS Health Student Support App. Connect with a licensed counselor for a free and confidential session 24/7 via phone or app. To learn more about TELUS click [HERE](#).

## **International Programs**

The Office of International Programs assists international students and exchange visitors regarding academic, personal, and immigration-related concerns. Services include issuing I-20's/DS-2019 documents, new international student orientation, and coordination of global activities for the university community. Other services include communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding nonimmigrant students and exchange

visitors, re-entry authorization for traveling outside the United States, employment authorization, and extension of stay. The office is located in the Waters Library on the first floor. To learn more about International Programs, click [HERE](#).

## **Rayburn Student Center**

The Rayburn Student Center (RSC), the heart of campus, provides programs, activities, and facilities for the campus community to gather, connect, and engage. The Rayburn Student Center features 120,000 square feet of modern meeting rooms, a Mane Cafe, Chick-Fil-A, the University Bookstore, a Student Club, graphic design and campus marketing services, informal lounges, patios, and an ATM. For more information on the Rayburn Student Center, click [HERE](#) or call 903-886-5400.

## **Residential Living and Learning**

Residential Living and Learning (RLL), located in the Halladay Student Services building, is committed to the educational philosophy of A&M-Commerce and promotes each resident's unique personal development by providing them with a safe, secure, and reasonably priced living/learning environment. Each residence hall offers activities and events that engage the student in their living communities as well as the University community. For more information, click [HERE](#) or call 903-886-5797.

## **Student Advocacy & Support**

Student Advocacy & Support, located on the south side of the Performing Arts Center, provides holistic services to aid, educate, and advocate for students when encountering life's challenges. The department comprises Case Management, Victim Support Services, The Lion Food Pantry, The Lion Wardrobe, Foster Care Liaison Services, and Student Legal Services.

- **Case Management** assists with challenges that may include homelessness, family crises, food insecurity, or any number of other issues. If a student is experiencing an issue that is not listed, please reach out to us at **CARE@tamuc.edu** to connect the student to the proper resource.
- **The Lion Food Pantry** is a direct response to the hunger gap found in many communities. The pantry helps students access tangible resources, such as food and toiletry items, to ensure student wellness so they can focus on academics. **LionPantry@tamuc.edu**.
- **Victim Support Advocates** provide support, resource information, and advocacy services to survivors of crime to assist in the journey after trauma. Our advocates provide information about rights, legal processes, and options available to the individual, as well as accompaniment to any legal or Title IX interviews. Victim Advocates are a confidential reporting option.

- **Foster Care Liaison Services** work to identify and assist students who have been impacted or involved with the foster care system or were adopted to ensure they are supported and have access to the resources and benefits they qualify for.
- **The Lion Wardrobe** is a student-run professional clothing shop maintained by the Office of Student Advocacy & Support. Faculty and staff are encouraged to drop off professional clothing, jewelry, shoes, belts, etc. by calling 903-886-5736.
- **Student Legal Services** offers a wide variety of legal guidance. Our attorney provides consultation, advice, and outreach to A&M-Commerce students. Student Legal Services may write letters, draft legal documents, or attempt to resolve legal problems. While general advice may be available, Student Legal Services does not represent students in criminal matters (including traffic tickets). Student Legal Services is available for in-person and virtual appointments. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact **StudentLegal@tamuc.edu**.

For more information on Student Advocacy and Support, click [HERE](#)

## Student Disability Services

Student Disability Services (SDS), located in Velma K. Waters Library, room 162, is committed to promoting an academic, recreational, and social experience for students with disabilities that is fully inclusive and accessible. Students with disabilities at A&M-Commerce are encouraged to participate in all aspects of campus life. SDS offers accommodations counseling, disability-related resources, access to adaptive technology, assistive equipment, and academic/non-academic accommodations.

All students with disabilities who need accommodations must file an application for eligibility, as well as provide current documentation of disability. Applications can be completed in the SDS office or online by clicking [HERE](#). For more information on how Student Disability Services can help faculty and staff, contact 903-886-5150 or email [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu).

## Student Engagement

Student Engagement cultivates a sense of belonging by creating transformative experiences that instill A&M-Commerce spirit and pride in our students. We offer programs, events, and activities designed to support and challenge students. Our offerings enhance leadership skills by promoting accountability, creative thinking, and meaningful personal connections. We will help the student find a place at A&M-Commerce!

- **Connection and Involvement** – Lion Camp, Lions Roar Weeks of Welcome, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Organizations, Student Government Association (SGA), Involvement Fair, ManeSync, Cultural Extravaganza, OSE Late Nights, Cultural Celebrations

- **Lion Spirit and Traditions** – Traditions Council, BG Wednesdays, Homecoming, Late Night Breakfast, Lion Walk
- **Leadership and Service** – Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Operation Blue and Gold, Alternative Spring Break, Lions Lead, Voter Engagement, Social Change Conference

Student Engagement is the hub for what is happening on campus. We are here to ensure students get the most out of their Lion experience and make A&M-Commerce their home away from home.

To learn more about Student Engagement, click [HERE](#) or stop by our office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Rayburn Student Center to get involved.

## **Student Health Services**

Student Health Services, located in Henderson Hall, offers students affordable medical care to undergraduate and graduate students of A&M-Commerce. Some of the primary health care services include acute care, minor injuries, allergy injections, birth control, EKG's, immunizations, flu shots, TB testing, lab testing, minor surgical procedure, physical exams, splints, STI testing & treatment, stitches, women's health, wound care, asthma management, X-Rays, and telemedicine. For more information about Student Health Services, click [HERE](#) or by calling 903-886-5853.

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Located in the Halladay Student Services Building, Suite 201, Student Rights & Responsibilities fosters learning and personal accountability by educating the University community on behaviors that promote civility and ethical standards. The Office addresses behavioral misconduct, provides a resource for students concerning their rights and responsibilities, and provides assistance to faculty, staff, and students regarding student conduct matters. The Office addresses issues of both undergraduate and graduate student populations.

Students are informed about their rights and responsibilities primarily through the Student Code of Conduct, produced annually by the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities. The Code of Student Conduct applies to every student enrolled at the University, whether in residence, participating in study abroad, or completing coursework at an off-site location or online. Each student is expected to be fully acquainted with and held responsible for compliance with all published University policies. The student code of conduct is available online to all students, faculty, and staff. [Student Code of Conduct](#)

For more information on Student Rights and Responsibility, click [HERE](#) or call 903-886-5195.