

# UNDERGRADUATE

## Purpose of the Catalog

This catalog is the official bulletin of Texas A&M University-San Antonio for the 2020-2021 academic year, in which are published the record of the year closing, the announcements for the coming year and the official administrative procedures which will be in effect during the coming year. Fees and administrative procedures (except standards and requirements for degrees) are, however, subject to change. This catalog may be viewed online at <http://www.tamusa.edu> (<http://www.tamusa.edu/>) under the "Academics" tab.

The courses of instruction announced herein are those that are available for offering during the sessions of August 2020-August 2021. Courses to be offered during any one semester or summer term are posted in JagWire system prior to registration for a particular semester or term. To meet evolving needs, the University does reserve the right to make changes in courses and to offer only those for which a sufficient number of students register.

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## Accreditation's, Certifications, and Approved Programs

Texas A&M University-San Antonio is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and master's degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at:

1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097  
404/679-4500

or visit <http://www.sacscoc.org> (<http://www.sacscoc.org/>) for questions about the accreditation of Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Teacher/Education Certification Accredited by the Texas State Board of Education Certification.

## Student Academic Responsibilities

Students are expected to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the regulations of the University, to accept responsibilities for course requirements for their degrees, and to make inquiries in case of doubt. It shall not be the University's responsibility should complications arise because of failure to follow regulations and requirements. Regulations will not be waived nor exceptions to requirements made on a plea of ignorance. Students, therefore, should become familiar with all of the information related to their program of study contained in the on-line university catalog.

Personal announcements sent to students through A&M-San Antonio's e-mail are the official means of communicating course and university business with students—not the U.S. Mail and not other e-mail addresses. Students must check their A&M-San Antonio e-mail accounts regularly, if

not daily. Not having seen an important A&M-San Antonio e-mail message from a faculty member, chair, dean or other University administrator is not accepted as an excuse for failure to take important action.

Campus safety is a high priority at A&M-San Antonio as we ensure the safety of all our students, faculty and staff. **JagE Alert** is the A&M-San Antonio comprehensive Emergency Notification System. Through this single site, students and employees can update their emergency contact information, see delivery statistics of previous emergency messages and access additional A&M-San Antonio emergency management resources. The JagE Alert address is <http://www.tamusa.edu/upd/emergencynotifications/index.html> (<http://www.tamusa.edu/upd/emergencynotifications/>).

## Equal Opportunity Policy

In compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Executive Order 11246, Texas A&M University-San Antonio is open to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability who are otherwise eligible for admission as students. A&M-San Antonio does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and no applicant or employee will be discriminated against because of race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin or disability in any personnel action. This University will not enter knowingly into contractual agreements for services or supplies with any firm failing to follow fair employment practices.

## University Assessment

Students enrolled at Texas A&M University-San Antonio are required to participate in University assessment activities for the evaluation and improvement of University programs and curricula.

## History

Texas A&M University-San Antonio was created in 2000 to address an educational need in south San Antonio. The Texas Legislature asked The Texas A&M University System to establish a center that would offer junior- and senior-level courses in south San Antonio, an area that has been historically underserved in terms of higher education. The University, then known as Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio, was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in January 2000. On May 23, 2009, Gov. Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 629 that created Texas A&M University-San Antonio as a stand-alone university.

## Main Campus Location

Situated in San Antonio's South Side, Texas A&M University-San Antonio serves an area comprising the greater San Antonio and Bexar County region and the surrounding South Texas counties. San Antonio, the county seat of Bexar County, is a city of approximately 1,330,000. Texas A&M University-San Antonio is located on approximately 700 acres southeast of the intersection of Loop 410 and S. Zarzamora. The address is:

One University Way  
San Antonio, TX 78224

## **Mission of the University**

A&M-San Antonio is reflective of the diverse and heritage rich community it serves. University and community partnerships provide a strong foundation for student and academic success and support interdisciplinary teaching and experiential learning. Faculty and staff collaborate to create comprehensive, industry-responsive academic and co-curricular programs that provide a transformative experience for all students. The University's inclusive environment inspires learning and fosters social development using relevant scholarship, research and public service. A&M-San Antonio graduates leave well-equipped with knowledge and marketable skills that prepare them for rewarding careers, responsible global citizenship and lifelong learning.

## **Vision**

A&M-San Antonio serves as an economic, research and social catalyst that will become nationally recognized for student and academic success, embracing all students, especially those from underrepresented communities.