

# ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES

## Academic Support Services

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi provides a variety of academic support services that complement the academic programs and help students reach their educational goals.

### Office of Academic Testing

The Office of Academic Testing at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi serves the student population and the Coastal Bend community with their testing needs. For information on TExES examinations, see the "College of Education and Human Development (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/education-human-development/>)" section of the catalog. Additional information regarding Academic Testing services is available on the Academic Testing website, <http://testing.tamucc.edu/academics/testing> (<http://testing.tamucc.edu/academics/testing/>).

### Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA)

The Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA) is committed to providing academic support services to help students reach their educational goals and to succeed in the university environment. CASA programs are designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of University students. These academic support services include tutorials, Writing Center, Supplemental Instruction, mentorship, developmental education (TSI), and student retention assistance. Students are encouraged to contact the Center for Academic Student Achievement, located in the Glasscock Student Success Center (GSSC-CASA), at 361.825.5933 or to visit our website at <http://casa.tamucc.edu> for hours of operation and schedule of services.

### CASA Services

The needs of students attending CASA are individually assessed and academic support services are recommended to aid students in reaching their academic goals. Services are available to all A&M-Corpus Christi students. In order to utilize academic support services such as tutoring and writing support, one must be enrolled at or an alumnus of A&M Corpus Christi.

### The Writing Center

The CASA Writing Center supports the writing process of all University writers, from freshmen to graduate students, as well as to alumni, faculty, and staff. The Writing Center offers face-to-face and online writing consultations. We also provide faculty-requested writing workshops. Though the Writing Center does accept walk-in sessions based on consultant availability, it is strongly encouraged those seeking assistance schedule an appointment by visiting: Casa Writing Center ([http://casa.tamucc.edu/tutoring\\_learning\\_services/writing\\_center/](http://casa.tamucc.edu/tutoring_learning_services/writing_center/)).

Most sessions are 30 minutes in length for undergraduate writers. For additional information, please contact [Kristen.Ruggles@tamucc.edu](mailto:Kristen.Ruggles@tamucc.edu) or call 361.825.3490.

### Graduate Resource and Opportunity Workspace (GROW)

GROW, a part of the College of Graduate Studies, provides graduate students exclusive space and resources tailored specifically to academic needs and professional development of graduate students. In addition to coffee, work space, and access to computers and printing, GROW is responsible for providing an array of workshops throughout the year, including but not limited to *Dissertation and Thesis Bootcamp* and *3 Minute*

*Thesis @ competition*. Students can also reserve a small group study room for group project work.

For information on GROW, see <http://grow.tamucc.edu/>

## Faculty Excellence Center

The Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) promotes professional growth and development for the faculty at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. CFE activities, such as workshops, are open to graduate teaching assistants.

## Courses for Teaching Assistants

The College of Liberal Arts/First Year Learning Communities Program offers a summer workshop to prepare graduate teaching assistants for teaching first year seminar courses. The college also offers ENGL 5392 Practicum for Composition Instructors (3 sch), which focuses specifically on preparing English Teaching Assistants.

The College of Science and Engineering offers SMTE 5004 Teaching Assistant Seminar (0 sch), which prepares graduate teaching assistants in the sciences for classroom responsibilities.

## Mary and Jeff Bell Library

For information on library resources and services, see "Mary and Jeff Bell Library (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/general-information/facilities/>)" elsewhere in this catalog.

## Computing Resources

For information on computing resources, see "Campus Facilities (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/general-information/facilities/>)".

## Academic Accommodations for Students With Disabilities

Disability Services arranges academic accommodations for persons with permanent disabilities. For more information, see "Disability Services" below.

## Student Services

### Career and Professional Development Center

The Career and Professional Development Center staff help students explore, select, prepare for, and actively pursue satisfying employment and careers. The following services are available:

- Career counseling, computer-assisted assessment, and vocational guidance, which help students explore career options beginning in their first semester. Students may meet with a Career Counselor to explore interests and values, with a view toward choosing a career. For students who are experiencing difficulty choosing a major, this can be a useful process of self-exploration.
- Job search and graduate school advisement.
- Student employment services: assistance in finding on- and off-campus employment.
- Internship and co-op placement assistance for students at all levels.
- On-line job listings via Handshake (Hire an Islander).
- Resume and professional document review.
- Interview skill practice with mock interviews.
- On-campus recruiting and Job Fairs throughout the year targeted at different majors.

- Career seminars, workshops, and Business Etiquette Dinner.
- Izzy's Career Closet.

The Career Center is located on the third floor of the University Center in Suite 304 (UC 304). For information, call (361) 825-2628 or visit the website at <https://www.tamucc.edu/institutional-advancement/career-center/>.

## Student Engagement and Success (SEAS)

Student Engagement and Success aims to foster a healthy academic climate and professional atmosphere that promotes and encourages student leadership, learning and growth. Services and programs are designed to meet the needs of students with varied backgrounds and interests. Music, arts, special events and multicultural programs contribute to a positive experience on campus and promote an understanding of a changing global community.

Student Engagement and Success is made up of various departments, including Career Services, Housing, Recreational Sports, University Center, Student Activities, Student Conduct, Disability Services, University Counseling Center, and University Health Center. The Division collaborates with all departments on campus to assist students in the attainment of their personal and academic goals.

A major strength of A&M-Corpus Christi is that students participate in a variety of out-of-class activities. Activities begin with orientation and include a variety of campus organizations and sports clubs that provide a wide range of leadership experiences. Student services are designed to help students attain their desired degrees, learn healthy lifestyles, and attain employment or admission into graduate school. For additional information, see the Student Engagement and Success (<http://studentaffairs.tamucc.edu/>) website. The Office of Student Engagement and Success is located in the University Center, Suite 318, (361) 825-2612.

## Chancellor's Student Advisory Council (CSAC)

The purpose of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council of the Texas A&M University System is to provide representation for the students to the Chancellor and Texas A&M University System leadership, and to educate and stimulate student involvement in Student Engagement and Success. It is made up of two students from each system institution. Thus, the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council is the official student voice to the system leadership.

## Islander Housing

On-campus housing is available through two communities. Miramar, the Island Campus, offers both residence hall and apartment room styles. Momentum Village is located on the Momentum Campus and offers apartments and townhomes. Living on campus will provide many rewarding experiences to supplement your academic studies and a student may apply financial aid to pay rent. Most importantly, studies have shown that students who reside on campus are more likely to graduate on time and with higher GPAs. For more information, please visit <http://housing.tamucc.edu>.

## Transportation Services

All students and employees ride the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) buses free of charge by showing their Sanddollar ID card. Plan a trip anywhere RTA services through Google Maps by selecting the 'public transit' method of transportation (train icon). For bus route information, go to [www.ccrta.org](http://www.ccrta.org) or call 361.289.2600. For paratransit transportation services, please call

361.289.5881 or go to [www.ccrta.org](http://www.ccrta.org) and select Paratransit from the Rider menu. If you have questions or concerns regarding this service, you may contact the RTA at the number above or call the Office of Student Engagement and Success at 361.825.2612.

## Student Conduct

Student Conduct & Community Standards Officers strive to protect the University's educational community and to maintain social discipline through the administration of the Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will be investigated and adjudicated in a manner consistent with the institution's educational and community development goals. Students may view a copy of the Student Code of Conduct at <http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu>.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

Established in 1994, the Student Government Association is a student-run, campus wide organization that provides students with a voice in the decision-making process of the University. SGA members are the link between students and the administration of TAMU-CC. SGA strives to improve communication, enhance leadership abilities, hone critical thinking skills, and successfully build relationships with staff, faculty and peers.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is composed of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch. The SGA President, Vice President, and Senators are elected in the spring semester for a term of one year. Elections for freshman senators are held in September. The Judicial Branch is appointed by the SGA President and approved by the Student Senate. For more information, call (361) 825-5745, or visit us on the website at: <http://sga.tamucc.edu>.

## Recreational Sports

The Recreational Sports program provides facilities, equipment, and opportunities for participation in a wide variety of sports and recreational activities for the University community. These activities are designed to accommodate all individuals and activities ranging from beginner to expert and sport activities ranging from highly competitive and structured to informal and social. Program areas of interest include intramural sports, fitness and wellness, informal (open play) recreation, sport clubs, aquatics, outdoor adventure, and special events.

The Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center (DWC) includes a gymnasium, free weights, weight machines, cardiovascular exercise equipment (treadmills, elliptical trainers, steppers and bikes), multi-purpose group exercise rooms, and offices for the Recreational Sports Department and Intercollegiate Athletics Department. A 25-yard outdoor season pool is located adjacent to DWC. Multi-purpose playing fields and tennis courts are located on Momentum Campus and available for use.

As the largest student employer on campus, each semester Recreational Sports employs students to work as intramural supervisors and officials, lifeguards, facility assistants and supervisors, group exercise instructors, and personal trainers. Work study and non-work study positions are available. No experience is necessary. Training for all positions is conducted by the Recreational Sports Department. The Recreational Sports Department Office is in the Dugan Wellness Center Room 107. For more information, call (361) 825-2454 or go to <http://recsports.tamucc.edu>

## Student Activities

Dedicated to cultivating students of character through inclusive programming, Student Activities promotes leadership development,

campus and community engagement and responsible citizenship that compliments the academic experience and instills Islander pride. Located in the Involvement Center on the 2nd floor of the UC, Student Activities is the place to get involved, with something for everyone! Interested in joining a student organization or Fraternity/Sorority, attending a leadership conference, seeing a movie, participating in a talent show, or serving your community? Stop by and learn about our programs and events or visit <https://studentactivities.tamucc.edu> (<https://studentactivities.tamucc.edu/>).

### **Campus Activities Board (CAB)**

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is a student led organization focused on providing programs and opportunities for students. You can catch a movie on the East Lawn, check out a comedy or talent show and much more! CAB members are dedicated to creating a safe and fun environment for our community to enjoy entertaining events and activities through extensive planning and organization. Additionally, CAB is devoted to providing opportunities for students to learn and develop leadership and social skills through meetings, retreats, socials and other activities. For information and upcoming events call (361) 825-2707 or search for CAB on I-Engage.

### **Leadership @ TAMU-CC**

Leadership @ TAMU-CC offers students the opportunity to improve leadership skills to become more marketable and global leaders. Centered on the belief that leadership is an important part of being the best version of yourself, the program works on developing awareness and personal leadership that can benefit any student regardless of positions held. Leadership @ TAMU-CC offers a variety of programs including Leadership Hour, Islander Leadership Conference, Weekend Leadership, Workshop To-Go and Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society for Leadership and Success (NSLS) Honor Society. For more information call (361) 825-2707 or visit I-Engage and search for Leadership.

### **Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)**

Fraternities and sororities are value-driven student organizations based on brother/sisterhood, leadership, service and academic success. The FSL community strives to enhance the college experience and compliment the mission of the university through engagement, service, scholarship, diversity and leadership. In addition, the community strives to maintain a respectful and unified environment where members and their organizations can positively develop into responsible global citizens. For more information call (361) 825-2707 or visit <http://greeklife.tamucc.edu>.

### **Student Volunteer Connection (SVC)**

The Student Volunteer Connection is a student organization that aims to get TAMU-CC students actively involved and committed to community service and service-learning. SVC makes community service opportunities more accessible to students by connecting students to off campus opportunities through the GivePulse platform and offering a variety of volunteer programs and events such as Islander Clean, National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, and Green Week. Their Big Event is a one big day of service in which the campus community comes together to express their gratitude and do service for the surrounding Corpus Christi Community. Additionally, SVC coordinates the Alternative Breaks program providing opportunities for students to engage in hands-on service and experiential learning through travel outside of the Corpus Christi community. SVC is a certifying organization for students interested in earning the President's Volunteer Service Award. For more information call (361) 825-2707, visit <http://svc.tamucc.edu> or find

events on I-Engage. To explore Give Pulse click on the Service tab in I-Engage.

### **University Council of Student Organizations (UCSO)**

The University Council of Student Organizations (UCSO) provides oversight, training and funding for the approximately 100 student groups that exist on campus. There are many types of organizations, including: academic, honor societies, special interest, political, faith-based, cultural, professional, and other interest groups. A current list of recognized student organizations is available at [iengage.tamucc.edu](http://iengage.tamucc.edu) (<https://tamucc.campuslabs.com/engage/>). For more information call (361) 825-3239 or visit <http://studentactivities.tamucc.edu/UCSO/Index.html>.

### **Waves of Welcome (WOW)**

Waves of Welcome (WOW) is designed to help students make the Island University feel like home by connecting to other students and student leaders, providing directions and information, and building campus spirit. By attending informationals, special events, student organization and community fairs, and other activities, students can learn more about the many student organizations, and campus and community resources available to help them succeed and get the most out of their college experience. The Waves of Welcome schedule is distributed at the beginning of the fall semester. For more information call (361) 825-2707 or visit <http://wow.tamucc.edu>.

### **University Center**

The University Center encourages, supports and commits to providing leadership, development and involvement opportunities for the campus to inspire people to be their best self. We are dedicated to enhancing the student experience by fostering community in an inclusive environment where our campus can engage, learn, and laugh with one another. Our department provides and promotes involvement in quality programs, activities, and services for diverse populations as well as providing well managed facilities which are safe, clean and enjoyable for the campus and surrounding community to use.

The University Center itself serves as the living room of the university, providing dining and lounge seating areas, Breakers game room with video games and billiards, and large flat-screen TV's for the campus community to enjoy. Several small to large meeting and event spaces are available for use. The UC hosts thousands of events and meetings every year for students. A number of small to large meeting and event spaces are available for reservations. The UC is also one of the largest student employers on campus. For more information, call 825-5202, or visit our website at <http://universitycenter.tamucc.edu> (<https://universitycenter.tamucc.edu/>).

### **Izzy's Food Pantry**

Izzy's Food Pantry strives to provide food assistance for currently enrolled Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students in need. Providing students with a convenient site to obtain food assistance when needed, helps ensure that students who are food insecure can meet their nutritional needs and minimize adverse impacts on their academic progress and success. The Food Pantry operates in partnership with the Coastal Bend Food Bank and is supported by individual donations and grants.

Izzy's Food Pantry also provides temporary assistance in obtaining meals through Izzy's Swipes, a short-term assistance program that allocates meals to students in need. For more information call (361) 825-FOOD (3663) or visit <http://seas.tamucc.edu/FoodPantry/>.

## University Center Programs

UCP hosts a variety of activities and entertainment to students, faculty, staff and university guests in and throughout the University Center as a way to engage students in a variety of ways. Activities and events include UCP Radio, Patio Jam, Late Night Breakfast, Study Center and other social and fun activities. For more information contact (361) 825-5202 or visit the UCP page on I-Engage.

## Engagement Initiatives

The Office of Engagement Initiatives is dedicated to creating unique opportunities to help Islanders succeed through programming and educational outreach. The office facilitates alcohol and drug prevention education through I-TEAM.

### Islanders Teaching, Engaging and Motivating (I-TEAM)

I-TEAM student leaders are dedicated to helping Islanders stay informed about substance use and all dimensions of wellness. I-TEAM's trained peer educators want each Islander to succeed, this means practicing healthy behaviors and making wise choices. Through exciting events like Party House, Bond-Fire, late night alternative programming, and many more, I-TEAM teaches facts about substance use, models healthy behaviors, and helps Islanders learn to unwind and party safely! Find out more and get in touch at I-TEAM's I-Engage page or call 361.825.4284.

### Islander Cultural Alliance (ICA)

A&M-Corpus Christi is a multicultural campus with students, faculty, and staff of diverse backgrounds and interests. It is also a place where differences are respected, and identities are affirmed. The Islander Cultural Alliance (ICA) is a student organization that organizes and promotes multicultural learning programs on campus. Some events include programming for Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Women's History Month, LGBTQ+ celebrations, disability/ability awareness, and Asian heritage festivities. The program also offers training to build a campus of Inclusive Islanders. For more information visit ICA's I-Engage page or call 361.825.3925.

## Disability Services

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to promoting equal opportunities for students with disabilities to access campus facilities, resources, and programs. Support services and reasonable academic adjustments are arranged for students with permanent or temporary disabilities through the Disability Services (DS) Office. The DS Office is in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who qualify for support under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 must self-identify and register with the Office of Disability Services. To qualify for services students must

1. be admitted to the University
2. present appropriate and current documentation of their disability from a qualified professional and
3. register with the Office of Disability Services each semester.

Advance planning by the student with the Office of Disability Services is necessary to ensure adequate time to arrange for appropriate accommodations. It is recommended that requests for services and/or academic adjustments be made as soon as possible. Requests for services requiring extensive preparation (e.g., interpreter services, adaptive and assistive equipment, textbooks in alternate format, etc.) may need up to 30 days to process. For additional information please call

(361) 825-5816 or visit the Office of Disability Services website at <http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu>.

## University Counseling Center (UCC)

The University Counseling Center helps students resolve problems that can interfere with meeting the demands of college life and offers a variety of services for students who want to develop skills and resources to be personally and academically successful. UCC services are funded through the Student Services fee and are available to all currently enrolled TAMUCC students at no additional charge. Counseling Center records are kept strictly confidential and are not released without the student's written permission except under certain legal conditions.

Services include brief individual counseling, academic skills counseling, psycho-educational workshops, limited psychiatry services, alcohol and other drug treatment and education, and consultation. The Counseling Center also offers a Relaxation Room which is a quiet, peaceful space for students to develop and practice relaxation skills that can enhance their academic productivity and their sense of well-being.

Students who are interested in counseling services, can call or visit the Counseling Center during walk-in hours for a brief consultation/assessment with the Counselor on Duty (COD). The role of the COD is to assist students to connect with the most appropriate services and resources. Common concerns addressed in counseling include stress, anxiety, depression, relationship issues, substance use, and identity issues. The Counseling Center is in the Driftwood Building. Walk in hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-11:30am and 1:00-4:00pm. Call (361) 825-2703 or visit the website <http://counseling.tamucc.edu> for more information. If a student is in crisis and needs to speak to a counselor outside of regular business hours, the after-hours crisis line, (361)825-2703, is available.

## University Health Center

The University Health Center, located in Sandpiper Hall, assists students in maintaining optimal health while attending A&M-Corpus Christi. Primary emphasis is on preventive health practices, health education, and the promotion of wellness. Primary health care is provided by registered nurses, family nurse practitioners, and a physician for the care of acute illnesses and minor injuries. Chronic health care needs are referred to local community providers and/or the student's primary care provider. The University Health Center provides a variety of health services such as:

- "Ask-A-Nurse-Line" at 361-825-2601
- Women's Health Clinic - Gynecological services
- Men's Health Clinic
- Laboratory testing
- Preventive health care and medical resource information - Referrals for community resources
- Blood pressure screening and monitoring
- Contraception, sexually transmitted diseases (STD), HIV testing, and counseling
- Physicals, vision, and hearing screening
- Substance abuse prevention, assessment, and referral
- Immunizations and tuberculin skin testing
- Educational consultations: nutrition, lifestyle, weight management, smoking cessation, and substance abuse
- Insurance and claim assistance



## Health Insurance

In collaboration with the Texas A&M University System, a private insurance plan is available at special rates to students attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. All non-insured students are strongly encouraged to consider the benefits of enrolling in a health insurance program. Informational brochures regarding this health plan are available in the University Health Center or <http://tamucc.myahpcare.com>.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Athletics has grown into a respected NCAA Division I program offering 16 men's and women's sports dedicated to achieving competitive success, providing an exceptional academic and athletic experience for student-athletes, and prioritizing community service and engagement. Men's sports include basketball, baseball, tennis, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Women's sports include basketball, tennis, golf, softball, volleyball, beach volleyball, soccer, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Athletics teams at A&M-Corpus Christi are known as the "Islanders," and the official school colors are blue, green, and silver.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Athletics' mission is to bring distinction to the university by winning conference championships and competing successfully on the national stage, contribute to a vibrant campus culture, and develop successful student-athlete graduates who will excel as leaders in their communities.

TAMU-CC has positioned itself as a leader among the institutions of the highly competitive Division I Southland Conference. Each year, the Southland Conference tournament champion in each sport receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championship tournament.

For more information on Islanders Athletics and to join the excitement, please call 361-825-3415 or visit [www.goislanders.com](http://www.goislanders.com) (<http://www.goislanders.com>).

## Campus Security Report

Click here (<https://police.tamucc.edu/cleryact/campusSecurityAct.html>) to view the university crime log.

## Office of International Education (OIE)

The Office of International Education (OIE) provides services and programs to TAMU-CC international students, scholars, faculty, staff, and help departments and schools/colleges hire international students, scholars, and faculty. OIE offers a variety of services and programs, including:

### Immigration Advising and Services

- Provide immigration advising and services that ensure students, scholars, and institutional compliance with federal rules and regulations and guides them through all the requirements for foreign nationals studying and working in the U.S., such as enrollment requirements, travel, status extension, OPT, CPT, dependent employment authorization, change of status, reinstatement, maintaining status, academic training, RCL, transfer, to name a few.
- Assist TAMU-CC departments and schools/colleges in their efforts to hire international students, scholars, and faculty.

### Support programs

Host intercultural and social events and activities that welcome and help international students and scholars transition and adjust to life

in the United States and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. These include the international student and scholar orientation, workshops, International Education Week, Parade of Nations, field trips, photo contests, coffee/tea hours, mixers, fashion shows, Eyes on the World, open house, as well as many others.

For more information, contact the Office of International Education at (361)-825-3346 or Email at [international@tamucc.edu](mailto:international@tamucc.edu); visit the office in UC 226, or visit the website at <http://oie.tamucc.edu/>.

## Study Abroad Services

The Office of International Education (OIE) is committed to providing access to international education opportunities for all students and dedicated to creating an inclusive community and establishing collaborative relationships across cultures. OIE promotes international learning environments that embrace diversity through the following study abroad programs:

### Faculty-led Programs

These programs are credit-bearing, international study-travel courses. They are led by one or more University professors and usually last between one to 15 weeks. Students travel as a group to one or more international locations, where there is a mix of lectures, exercises, assignments, excursions, cultural encounters, and free time. There are certain programs that are open only to students in a particular college, while others are open to all A&M System students.

### Reciprocal Exchange Programs

A reciprocal exchange involves an agreement between two universities to exchange students. Tuition and fees are paid at the home university while studying at the host university. When a student participates in a reciprocal exchange, the student remains enrolled at the home university, allowing students to receive credit. Proficiency in the language of the host country is required; however, some programs are available in English-speaking countries.

### Independent Programs

Students have the option to apply directly to an international university, to an institute or organization, or to a sponsoring U.S. University. Graduate students may conduct research abroad coordinated by a TAMU-CC faculty member.

### Third-Party Study Abroad Programs

Students can study abroad through the third-party study abroad providers. These providers work together with the OIE to take care of the whole study abroad process from the beginning of the application to transferring the credits back to the home institution. Most of the study abroad providers have onsite staff to advise and support students.

### Funding for Study Abroad Programs

Students who receive federal financial aid for on-campus study may use their aid for study abroad. Financial Aid counselors work with each individual student to assess their eligibility and give students accurate information. The University also offers the International Education Scholarship to all students meeting the general requirements. There are prestigious national grants and scholarships specifically for study abroad, including Boren Awards for International Study, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, Gilman International Scholarship, and Fulbright Scholarship.

For more information and applications for Study Abroad programs, please visit the OIE website (<http://oie.tamucc.edu/>) or email at [international@tamucc.edu](mailto:international@tamucc.edu) or [study.abroad@tamucc.edu](mailto:study.abroad@tamucc.edu) or call (361)-825-3346.

## The Pathways Program Pre-Master's Program

The Pathways program welcomes and supports international students by helping them to gain the academic English skills, cultural knowledge, and foundation to succeed at TAMU-CC. The Pre-Master's Program (PMP) prepares students for graduate level coursework at the university. The program's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses focus on academic writing, reading, speaking and listening skills, as well as knowledge of US Culture, critical thinking skills, and an understanding of US university norms.

### Matriculation Requirements

The Pre-Master's Program is comprised of two possible levels, each one semester in length. Students' placement is determined by their scores on IELTS, TOEFL, or other accepted test of English language proficiency.

PMP students must pass all EAP courses with a minimum grade of 'C', earn a cumulative TAMU-CC GPA of 3.0 and maintain attendance in the PMP at a level above 80% to progress to full graduate degree-seeking status at TAMU-CC.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of writing as a process involving invention, research, source analysis and evaluation, revision, and publication (spoken, written, and/or multimodal).
- Produce texts for various audiences and purposes using the appropriate vocabulary, grammatical conventions, and design/structure for the chosen genre.
- Comprehend, analyze, and evaluate texts from a variety of academic, professional, and consumer genres, while paying close attention to issues of bias, authority, and credibility.
- Create and deliver presentations designed for various audiences containing research-based evidence that supports unique purposes, with emphasis on scholarly sources designed to support an argumentative stance.
- Develop familiarity with available campus resources, student organizations, and soft skills pursuant to success with university navigation and student life.
- Adapt to teaching practices common at TAMU-CC, such as active reading and listening skills, student-centered teaching styles, group work, discussions, and integrative learning.

### EAP Degree Plans

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#### 2-Semester Program:

3-6 credit-bearing hours and the following non credit-bearing hours:

PATH 0022	Listening and Speaking III
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PATH 0023	Reading and Writing III
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#### 1-Semester Program:

3-6 credit-bearing hours and the following non credit-bearing hours:

PATH 0036	US Culture
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PATH 0037	Critical Thinking
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#### Course Descriptions:

##### PATH 0022 Listening and Speaking III 2 Semester Credit Hours

In this course students will learn and apply listening, note-taking, and presentation skills essential for academic learning, inquiry, and discourse in the context of authentic academic listening and speaking tasks. Students will work to build fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary skills through extensive and intensive listening tasks of increasing complexity. Contemporary academic lectures and seminar will be used to develop students' critical thinking skills.

##### PATH 0023 Reading and Writing III 2 Semester Credit Hours

In this course students will improve upon and apply the reading skills essential for academic learning, inquiry, and discourse in the context of authentic academic reading tasks. Students will build vocabulary through extensive and intensive reading tasks of increasing complexity. Contemporary academic tests about writing will be used to develop students' critical reading, academic vocabulary, and complex writing skills. There will be a number of in-class written tasks and prompts that will stimulate free writing practice and introduce students to various styles of writing. Students will also use these written tasks to develop editing skills through the writing process. The final project will be a collection of these written tasks in the form of a portfolio.

##### PATH 0036 US Culture 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

This course will offer English Language Learners a means for analyzing and evaluating the complex social and moral issues that are specific to the social and moral landscape of the United States. As students examine their own cultures and compare them with others, culture shock and cultural conflict may be lessened and appreciation for cultural differences may be strengthened. Students will engage in interactive tasks, including researching and case analysis of topics and social, academic and professional issues, especially those suggested by the extensive reading component of this course. Through the process of reading, discussion, analysis and writing students in this class will enrich their understanding of today's global society while at the same time they are sharpening their academic English skills.

##### PATH 0037 Critical Thinking 0 Semester Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to develop the critical thinking skills needed to interpret and assess arguments and information. This course will highlight the language skills essential for critically analyzing and discussing the quality of the information and opinions presented in authentic texts and listening selections. The course will concentrate on detecting errors of reasoning in short and long passages, evaluating evidence in written and verbal arguments, detecting logical inconsistencies, removing vagueness and ambiguity through word choice and phrasing, and identifying the point or purpose of someone's remarks. Through examining these topics, students will be able to thoughtfully respond to others' opinions in a clear, logical, and informed way. Students will leave the course better prepared to collect, synthesize, and evaluate information and feel more confident in presenting their perspectives in an academic setting.

## Other Offices

### Alumni Engagement Office

The Islander Alumni Association exists to strengthen the University's relationship with its graduates through meaningful engagement and campus experiences. Through a variety of programs, events, communications, and philanthropy opportunities, the Alumni Association promotes positive interaction between the University and its graduates.

All graduates from this institution are considered members of the Alumni Association. This includes graduates from the University of Corpus Christi, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi State University and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Members have many opportunities to get more involved with the Alumni Association and receive several perks including membership to Islander chapters, subscription to the Islander magazine and the monthly 'Currents' e-newsletter, participation in Alumni Association affinity programs, invitations to signature events, special discounts and much more.

All members of the Alumni Association are also encouraged to submit updated information about their personal and professional lives through a 'Class Note.' Updated information allows the Alumni Association to keep in contact with its members and share exciting news with the 55,000+ Alumni around the globe.

The Alumni Association also assists the Student Alumni Association, a student group dedicated to building strong future alumni through a variety of special events, programming, and class gifts. In addition to special events throughout the year, the Student Alumni Association raises funds for their scholarship endowment.

For additional information about the Alumni Association, contact the Woo Sung Lee Alumni Welcome Center at (361) 825-5787, located at 6129 Ennis Joslin Road, or go to the Alumni Association's Web site at [www.IslanderAlumni.org](http://www.IslanderAlumni.org) (<http://www.IslanderAlumni.org>).

### Research Engagement

The Office of Research Engagement (ORE) works to develop and support a community of practice within Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi that's focused on being impactful by leaving a legacy in the community. We know that can happen through research, teaching, service and beyond and want to support and empower people to do that. For more information, see <https://www.tamucc.edu/research/research-engagement/>.