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CORPUS CHRISTI



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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Direct Admission and International Study Center

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We believe our students have **unlimited potential** to **change the world** by **gathering knowledge and skills**, and learning how to apply these to the real world.

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"Studying at TAMU-CC is like having a vacation. When you have a vacation combined with top-notch academics and great student service, it becomes much more fun!"

**Olumide (TeeJay) from Nigeria,
Public Administration, MPA
President of the A&M-Corpus Christi
International Student Organization**



Innovative Education in a Unique Island Location

Welcome to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi!

At Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, we are committed to preparing our graduates for **lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a global community**. We welcome and embrace international students, which strengthens our perspective as a university and a community.

We have built a **solid academic reputation** based on our challenging curriculum and highly-rated degree programs. Among the opportunities offered to Islander students, you can explore the depths of the Gulf of Mexico, navigate the skies using unmanned aircraft and **engage in partnerships with businesses**.

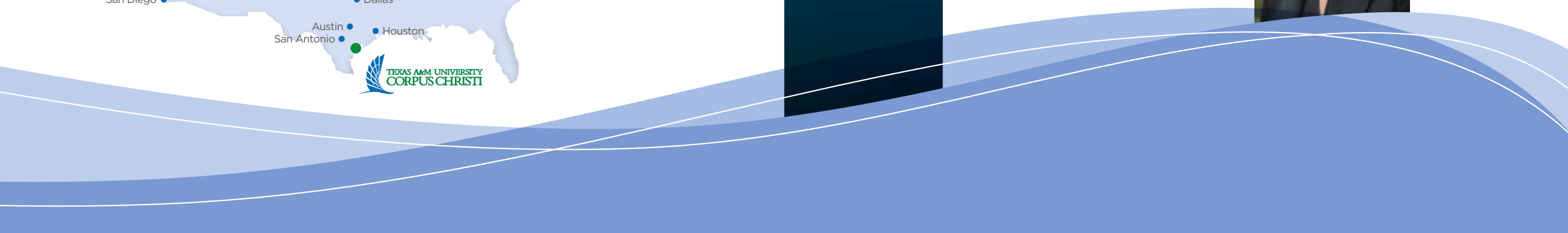
A&M-Corpus Christi is **committed to your success**. Our supportive, multicultural learning community provides our students with a challenging, hands-on educational experience. You will learn from premier professors who are engaged in ground-breaking research and who bring real-world experiences into the classroom.

The Island University is proud to have over **50 countries represented on campus**. We invite you to read on and discover how you can become part of our island!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kelly M. Quintanilla
President/CEO,
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi



Established in 1947
9,782 undergraduate students
2,389 graduate students
85+ programs
150+ student clubs and organizations
University colors blue and green
Mascot Izzy the Islander



Why Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi?

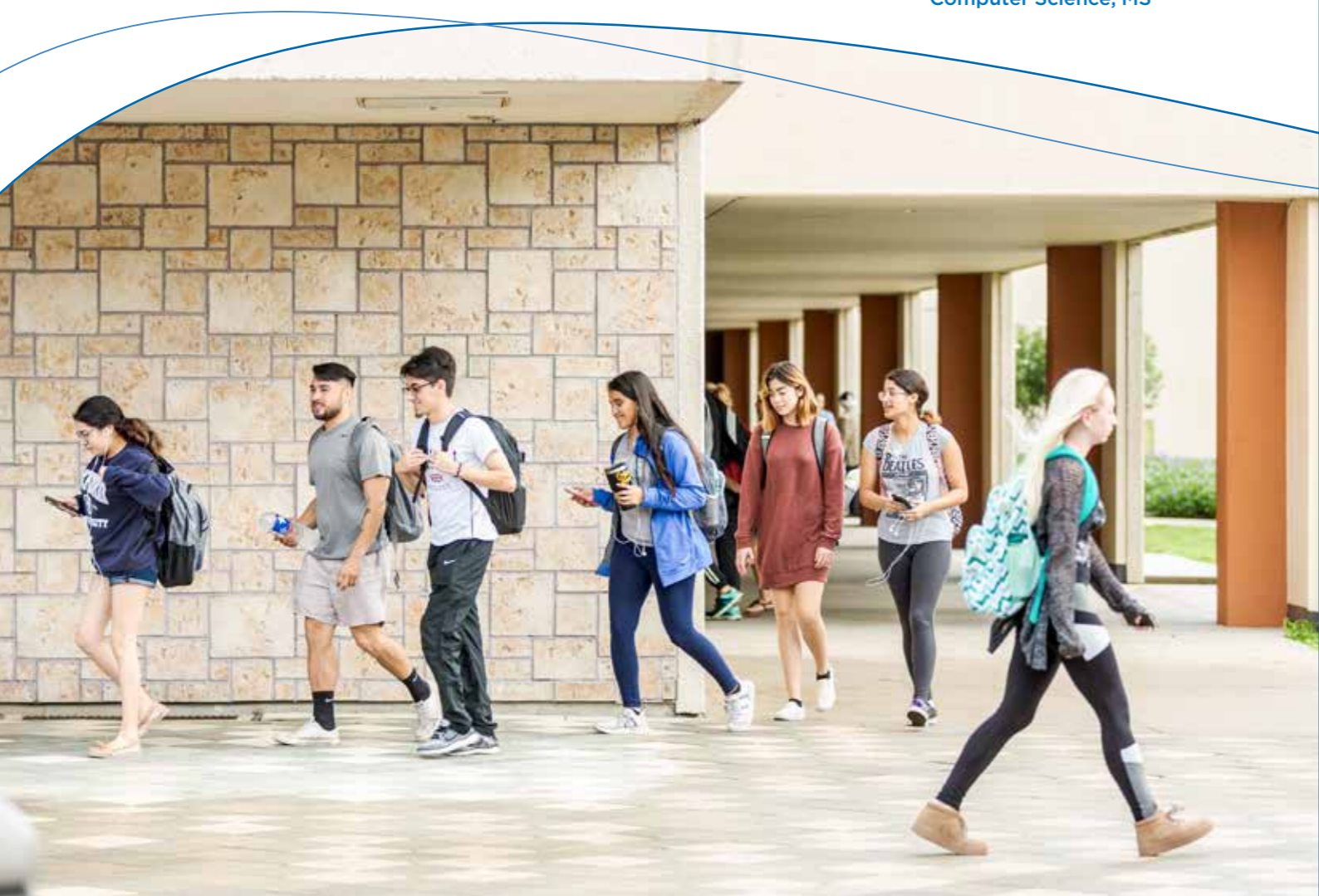
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has an excellent academic reputation with respected faculty working together with students to generate and research new ideas. The University is a part of the distinguished Texas A&M University System, one of the largest education systems in the USA, and offers a wide range of highly-rated degree programs.

Students who choose A&M-Corpus Christi enjoy a warm and friendly community where faculty often work one-on-one with students. Their work includes solutions to issues facing them in the local environments, and around the world; from geospatial intelligence to marine environment protection, and renewable energy to healthcare management.

The University offers an unrivalled campus location. Known as the Island University, it is the only college in the U.S. located on its own island, at the heart of the Texas Gulf Coast. With a university beach, a scenic hike-and-bike trail, and roads lined with beautiful palm trees, it is first choice for location alone.

"I'm loving it. Corpus Christi's a very good experience for me. I've never been to any other country so this is my first international encounter and I'm feeling excited. I've learned a lot of things. I never expected before coming here that I would be getting a job and I would be getting such good experience."

**Sandeep from India,
Computer Science, MS**



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

#75
in engineering
programs

US News & World Reports 2020



#16
Top public
universities
in Texas

Niche 2020



#11 best college
campuses
in Texas

Niche 2020



Texas

2nd largest
economy in
the U.S.

Forbes.com



#1 in economic
climate

Forbes.com

#1 U.S. state for
global exports

Forbes.com

#2 fastest job
and economy
growth

Forbes.com

Home to
**54 Fortune
500 companies**
and more than
120 large U.S.
companies

Corpus Christi

10th best city to
start a career in
the U.S. and
4th for professional
opportunities

WalletHub.com, 2016

8th largest
city in Texas
with a population
of 316k

#27 America's
best small cities

BestCities.org, 2018

An opportunity to be **part of the American college experience** while enjoying the beaches and island life unique to A&M-Corpus Christi.



Research to Impact the Future

College of Science and Engineering

Access a different approach to science and engineering by learning how to put your knowledge into practice.

Geographic Information Science (BS), Geospatial Systems Engineering (MS), Geospatial Computer Science (PhD)

Geographic Information Sciences capture, manipulate, analyze, and display all types of spatial and geographical data. If you have ever used Google Maps or any mapping services, you have benefited from this technology. Students at A&M-Corpus Christi use unmanned aerial vehicles to do research in this area.

Computer Science (BS, MS)

Computer Science degree programs are designed to prepare professionals to develop, maintain and manage complex computer-based information systems across a diverse set of industries.

Upon completion, you will have improved your knowledge of computing to organizational requirements and enhanced your analytical skills to improve the evolving computing industry.

#1 Best Colleges by the Sea

Best College Reviews, 2019

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, home of:

- The first sportfish research center in the Western Gulf of Mexico.
- An award-winning oyster shell recycling program.
- Center for Coastal Studies.
- Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies.
- Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science.
- A premier Geographic Information Science (GIS) program.
- A nationally certified Clinical Laboratory Science program.

Students are exposed to **professional experience** and networking opportunities at **Fortune 500 companies**, research organizations, and small businesses.



Focusing on Your Career

We understand that the reason you are studying is to create a better future for yourself and the world. At Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, you will study to become an expert in your field and have opportunities to put your knowledge into practice.

On-campus Employment

Teaching assistantships, graduate assistantships, academic tutoring positions, marketing student worker, and other types of on-campus jobs are available for outstanding students. By participating, you will learn to use your knowledge to help others and reward yourself with a salary.

Career Fairs

The University organizes many career events throughout the year for specific subjects. Students are able to network and learn about professional opportunities within their field of study or interest.

Working with the Community

The Small Business Internship Program provides an opportunity to work for a local company and gain valuable experience. The University works closely with these businesses, potentially even paying a portion of your salary to ensure your experience.

And Much More...

From career counseling to résumé help, practice interviews and the 'HireAnIslander' job database, A&M-Corpus Christi makes your future a priority.

Recent Employers of International Students

- Houston Independent School District
- Kiewit: Construction, Engineering and Mining Services
- Flatiron Dragados, LLC
- Cloud Hub IT Solutions, Inc
- Sam Houston State University
- CHRISTUS Health Hospital Corpus Christi
- Electric Power Group
- University of Delaware
- Zaps Technocrats
- GTEK Innovation Solutions LLC

"The best thing I like about our university is the opportunity to be a teaching assistant. I not only helped the students but also learned so much from them. My English improved, and I gained a lot of skills."

**Tu from Vietnam,
Communication, MA**

Life on Campus

You can balance your daily studies by walking along the beach, using the state-of-the-art sports facilities, eating sensational locally-caught seafood, attending concerts, cultural activities, and sporting events. To finish the day, you can meet with friends and enjoy the benefits of life on an island, with the beach, barbecues, and fresh air.

Ways to Get Involved

Whether it's academic, cultural, or recreational, getting involved with the campus community enhances your educational experience.

You can join more than 150 student organizations, make friends with the same interests, or even start your own society.

Popular Student Organizations

- International Student Organization
- Vietnamese Student Association
- India Student Association
- Saudi Student Association
- PorColombia TAMU-CC
- Islander Cultural Alliance
- International Conversation Club
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Annual Events

- Islander Music Festival: live music, free food, and much more.
- Ring Ceremony: a special campus tradition signifying achievement and university spirit.
- Parade of Nations: international food, performances, and crafts from multicultural organizations on campus.
- International Education Week: a variety of events such as the Parade of Flags, Flavor of the World, and international films.
- Celebrations of traditional holidays, such as Chinese Spring Festival, Vietnamese Tet, Diwali, and Holi.

Cheer on The Islanders

- 6 men's and 10 women's varsity sports including tennis, beach volleyball, soccer, and baseball.
- Join recreational sports and intramural sports leagues.



"I love our island campus. Everyday I can see the water from my window. It makes me feel relaxed and puts me in a good mood to study."

Xiaotian (Zoe) from China,
Accounting, BBA

On-campus Accommodation

There are two Islander housing communities, Miramar and Momentum Village. Both are very popular so remember to apply as soon as you have been accepted to the International Study Center.

Whether you choose a residence hall or an apartment, you will be a part of a traditional college experience on campus. First-year students are required to live on campus.

Miramar – Island Campus

- Spectacular bay views
- Recreation room with WiFi
- Easy access to outdoor sports facilities and on-campus Dugan Wellness Center
- Outdoor volleyball and picnic area
- Swimming pool

Momentum Village – Momentum Campus

- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Gated community
- WiFi throughout
- Direct shuttle to the Island Campus
- Swimming pool

Both Options Include:

- Fully-furnished units
- Utility-inclusive rent
- Electronic locks
- Individual lease liability
- Payment assistance for financial aid recipients
- Roommate matching
- Meal plan options

#14 Best College Campuses in Texas

(Niche 2020)

5 Reasons to Live on Campus

1. The Ultimate Value

Our luxury on-campus accommodation includes all utilities (plus laundry) in room rates.

2. Location

Being close to campus events, venues, university services, as well as the academic buildings helps you transition into American college life.

3. Get Connected

You'll live close to your professors' and advisors' offices, so finding support will be easy.

4. Security

Our campus is a safe community but if you have any concerns, the University Police Department is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

5. Outperform Your Peers

Studies consistently show that resident students are more likely to graduate on time and with higher GPAs.





Life in Texas

Nestled on the Gulf of Mexico, Corpus Christi is a vacation destination for visitors from around the world.

Texas is the second largest U.S. state by both area and population. It is a proud and unique part of America, famous for its delicious food, amazing weather, and 'southern hospitality'.

Average Temperatures:

- Mild weather all-year-round
- 250 days of sunshine annually
- Average summer temperature: 34°C
- Average winter temperature: 18°C

Events Around the Island

- The Beach to Bay relay marathon - the largest relay marathon in the USA
- Texas Jazz Festival
- Festival of the Arts
- Dia de los Muertos Street Festival



Corpus Christi Watergarden



Dia de los Muertos Street Festival

Top Tourist Attractions

- Padre Island National Seashore
- The Art Museum of South Texas (free admission for TAMU-CC students)
- Texas State Aquarium
- Whataburger Field
- Corpus Christi Watergarden
- Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures
- Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History



Padre Island



The friendly and exciting state of Texas is in the south of the USA, on the border with Mexico.

Travel Further

Corpus Christi is a short distance from many major cities in the Southern United States:

- **San Antonio** approximately 2.5 hours by car.
- **Austin** approximately 3.5 hours by car.
- **Houston** approximately 3.5 hours by car.
- **Dallas/Fort Worth** approximately 6 hours by car or 1 hour by airplane.



13th most affordable
online MBA program
in the country
(SR Education Group)

Undergraduate Programs

Gain entry to respected graduate programs. Develop your skills in research and academic thinking before joining your master's degree.

Environmental Science (BS)

As an environmental science student at TAMU-CC, you will enjoy small specialty classes and diverse laboratory and field experiences.

Environmental science facilities include biological, geological and map collections as well as a wide array of field and laboratory equipment. In addition to traditional coursework and lab exercises, A&M-Corpus Christi students experience hands-on learning in non-traditional settings.

Unique opportunities exist for careers in environmental education. The Gulf Coast Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching links A&M-Corpus Christi faculty and students to outreach programs at the Texas State Aquarium and the U.S.S. Lexington Museum-on-the Bay, affording real-life experience in educating the next generation about environmental science and the impact of human activities on Planet Earth.

Mechanical Engineering (BS)

Mechanical engineering is a branch of engineering that applies principles of engineering, basic science, and mathematics for modeling, analysis, design, and realization of physical systems, components or processes.

At TAMU-CC, you will be given a quality education that is well-grounded in the fundamental principles of engineering, fostering innovation and preparing students for leadership positions and successful careers in industry, government, and academia. You will also develop your teamwork and communications skills to develop a successful career in mechanical engineering. You will study taught and applied research in a global context, to succeed in a competitive field when you graduate.

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi is in the top 15% nationwide as the **best choice for students from Vietnam**.
College Factual 2018

Graduate Programs

Business Administration (MBA)

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree prepares you for the responsibilities of management in a wide variety of business and non-business endeavors.

Upon completion of the MBA program, you will have learned the communication skills needed for diverse audiences. These include: leadership skills through problem-solving, sharpened analytical skills to solve complex problems, and responsible and effective approaches to ethical and governance issues.

Be part of the Texas A&M University System

Through a statewide network of 11 universities and seven state agencies, the Texas A&M System educates more than 152,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year.

- Texas A&M consistently ranks in the forefront among public universities in Texas in retention rates—keeping students enrolled and on course for graduation.
- The A&M System's faculty includes recipients of the Nobel Prize, National Medal of Science, Pulitzer Prize, World Food Prize and the Wolf Prize, as well as members in the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.
- A&M System students receive about \$580 million in scholarships and grants annually.

We offer **45 bachelor's**, **31 master's** and **9 terminal degrees**

International Study Center

If you want to earn your degree in the USA but need to improve some skills to enter the University, we offer a range of programs to help you join the Corpus Christi community.

International Study Center

You will enjoy a unique American college experience at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi: great teaching, exceptional support, and a relaxed beachside atmosphere.

The International Study Center is a dedicated facility for ambitious international students. It is a place that welcomes, supports, and helps you to gain the skills, knowledge, and foundation to succeed at A&M-Corpus Christi and become an active member of our community.

The International Year gives you additional English language and academic support in the first year of your degree. You will enter the second year of your chosen course with the skills needed to excel.

Our Pre-Master's Program prepares you with extra tuition in research

skills, academic thinking, and English. This ensures you can make a confident start to your Master's degree.

After studying at the International Study Center, you will be fully prepared for the challenges of an A&M-Corpus Christi education.

Your Career Starts Here

At the International Study Center, we incorporate CareerAhead activities into our programs. CareerAhead focuses on the 'soft' skills you will need for success and will enhance your employability.

At the University, the International Study Center works with the Career Services Office on campus to make sure you continue your career-focused learning. This may include opportunities to participate in research and on-campus jobs.

"International students enrich our campus with a diversity of experience and cultural backgrounds, in ways that help our students appreciate the multicultural and global implications of the educational experiences we offer and advocate here at A&M-Corpus Christi."

Dr. Richard Ricard
Assistant Dean, College of Education and Human Development

Advantages for undergraduates at the International Study Center:

- Graduate on time.*
 - After completing your studies at the International Study Center, you will move seamlessly into your degree program.
 - Depending on your pathway program, you may earn up to 24 credits towards your degree.
- Save money by studying at the International Study Center first, as you study both English and academic courses at the same time.
 - You will take cohort classes with other international students in the International Study Center, receiving dedicated attention and academic help.
- You will take regular classes with American students once you finish your pathway program and progress to full-time degree study at the University.

*Graduation within four years is contingent upon student completing requisite number of credits, and may require a higher credit load in some semesters or attendance of summer term courses.



TAMU-CC has the **third greatest increase in student applications**

(Up 153.4%) according to USA Today

International Year

Receive a mixture of specialist academic teaching and English tuition as you begin your studies.

Undergraduate Pathway

This program is the equivalent of the first year of a bachelor's degree program enhanced with additional support for international students, helping you adjust to learning in your new surroundings.

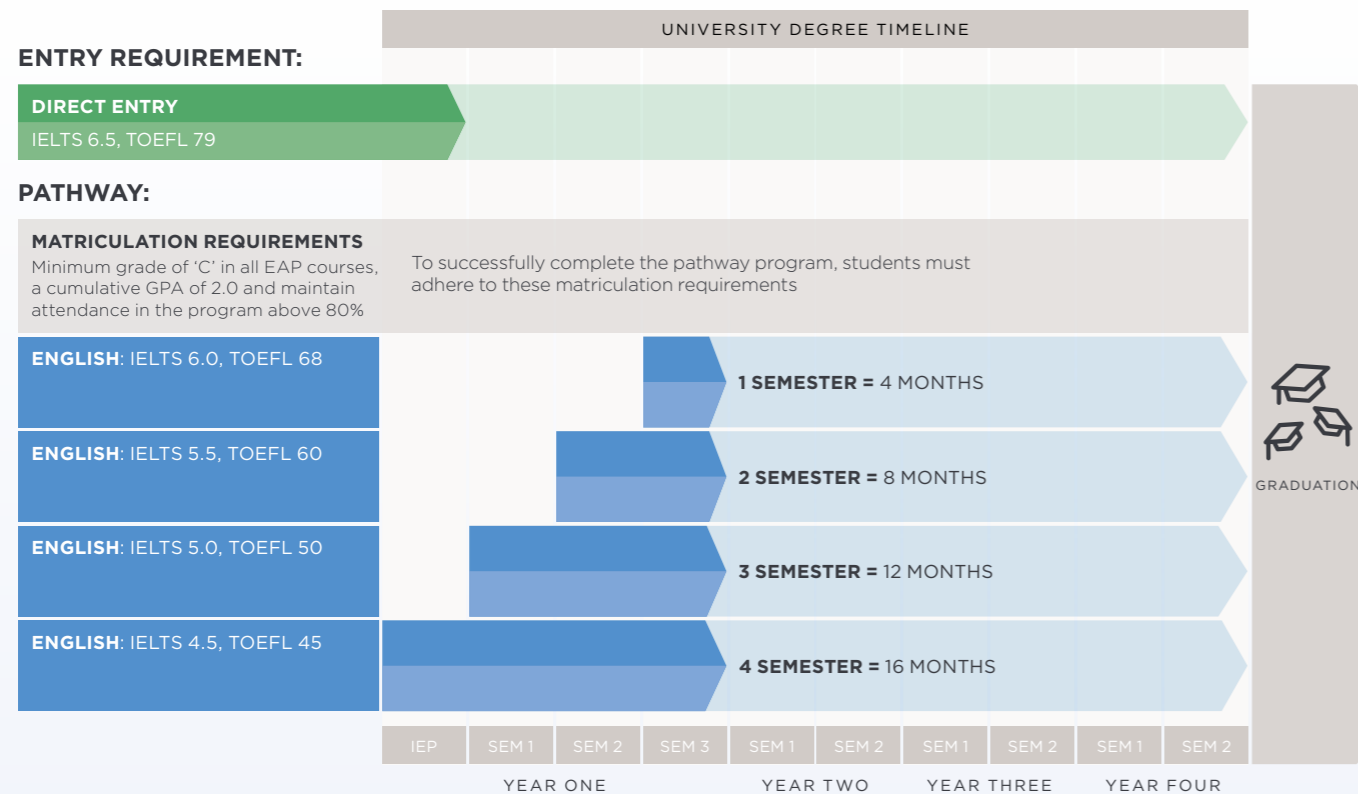
Intensive English Program (IEP)

Improve your English language level by developing your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. This program will prepare you to start your International Year.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

As an important component of the International Year curriculum, EAP courses focus on teaching the English language and academic study skills you need to succeed. The courses will also focus on critical thinking and developing your understanding of the American college life.

Undergraduate Study Plan – International Year



Undergraduate Degrees

- Accounting, BBA
 - Art, BA/BFA
 - Atmospheric Science, BS
 - Biology, BS
 - Biomedical Sciences, BS
 - Business (General), BBA
 - Chemistry, BS
 - Clinical Laboratory Science, BS
 - Communication Studies, BA
 - Computer Science, BS
 - Criminal Justice, BS
 - Economics, BBA
 - Electrical Engineering, BS
 - English, BA
 - Environmental Science, BS
 - Finance, BBA
 - Geographic Information Science, BS
 - Geology, BS
 - Graphic Design, BA
 - Health Sciences, BSHS
 - History, BA
 - Interdisciplinary Studies, BSIS
 - Kinesiology, BS
 - Management, BBA
 - Management Information Systems, BBA
 - Marketing, BBA
 - Mathematics, BS
 - Mechanical Engineering, BS
 - Mechanical Engineering Technology, BS
 - Media Arts, BA
 - Music, BA/BM
 - Nursing, BSN
 - Philosophy, BA
 - Physics, BS
 - Political Science, BA
 - Psychology, BA
 - Sociology, BA
 - Spanish, BA
 - Theatre, BA
 - University Studies, BA, BAS, BS
- Additional areas of study are available as a minor or certificate program. Examples include: entrepreneurship, international business, marketing, education, and many more.

Direct Admission

If you meet the language and academic requirements, you can apply directly to any of the progression degrees without joining the International Study Center first. This is an excellent opportunity for students from English-speaking countries or with high IELTS or TOEFL scores to attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Sample International Year Curriculum*

	1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER	3RD SEMESTER	4TH SEMESTER
1-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include US Culture Academic Courses include International Learning Community II Writing and Rhetoric Foundations of Communication Science and/or Math classes determined by major	Full-time degree study	Full-time degree study	Full-time degree study
2-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include Listening and Speaking III Reading and Writing III Academic Courses include International Learning Community I Other courses determined by major	EAP Courses may include US Culture Academic Courses include International Learning Community II Writing & Rhetoric Science and Math courses determined by major	Full-time degree study	Full-time degree study
3-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include Grammar II Listening and Speaking II Reading and Writing II College Life Academic Courses include First Year Seminar Math course determined by major	EAP Courses may include Listening and Speaking III Reading and Writing III Academic Courses include International Learning Community I Foundations of Communication Science and/or Math classes determined by major	EAP Courses may include US Culture Academic Courses include International Learning Community II Writing & Rhetoric Science and Math courses determined by major	Full-time degree study
4-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include Grammar I Listening and Speaking I Integrated Reading & Writing Academic Courses include First Year Seminar	EAP Courses may include Grammar II Listening and Speaking II Reading and Writing II College Life Academic Courses Math class determined by major	EAP Courses may include Listening and Speaking III Reading and Writing III Academic Courses include International Learning Community I Foundations of Communications Math and Science classes determined by major	EAP Courses may include US Culture Academic Courses include International Learning Community II Writing & Rhetoric Science and Math classes determined by major

*This chart serves as a guide only. Depending on English level, academic background and intended major, the student may take a different curriculum than this sample.

Pre-Master's Program

Gain entry to respected graduate programs. Develop your skills in research and academic thinking before joining your master's degree.

Graduate Pathway

Work with experienced and respected faculty and discover your potential within your field, either in research or in the workplace. Depending on your chosen master's degree and academic background, you can take up to four academic courses during the Pre-Master's Program, saving you time and money.

Progression Degree Options

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science in Computer Science (MS)

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

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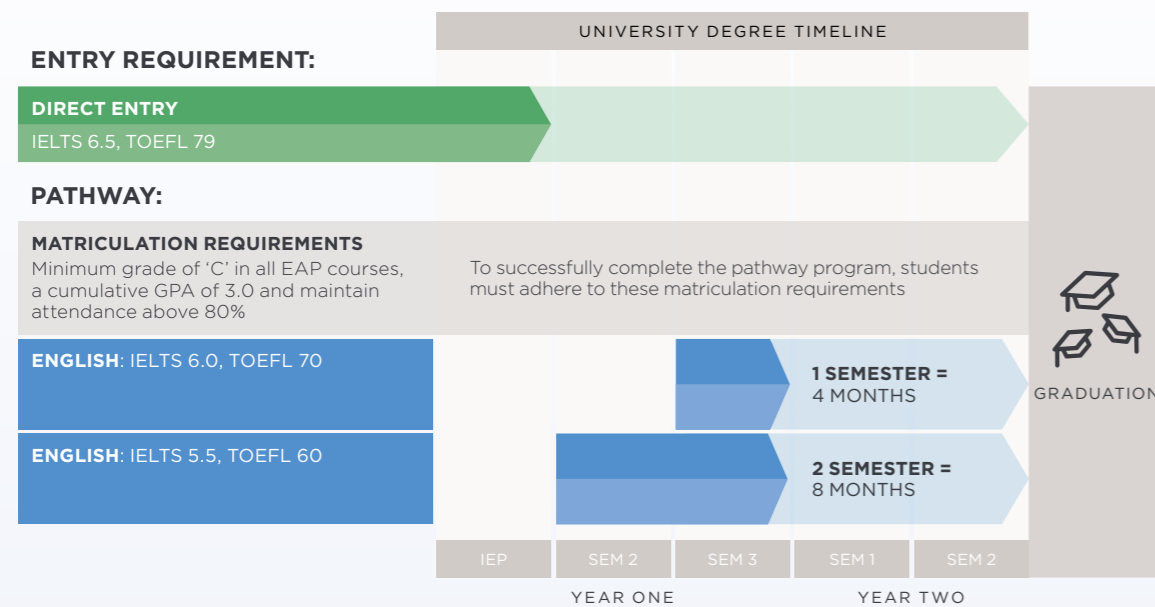
Direct Admission to a Master's Program

If you meet the English language and academic entry requirements of the University, you can apply directly to one of the following master's degree programs.

Graduate Degrees

- Athletic Training, MS
- Biology, MS
- Business Administration, MBA
- Chemistry, MS
- Coastal and Marine System Science, MS
- Communication, MA
- Computer Science, MS
- Professional Counseling, MS
- Curriculum and Instruction, MS
- Early Childhood Education, MS
- Educational Administration, MS
- Elementary Education, MS
- English, MA
- Environmental Science, MS
- Fisheries & Mariculture, MS
- Geospatial Systems Engineering, MS
- History, MA
- Kinesiology, MS
- Marine Biology, MS
- Mathematics, MS
- Professional School Counseling, MS
- Psychology, MA
- Public Administration - Health Care Administration Track, MPA
- Public Administration - Public Management Track, MPA
- Public Administration - Public Safety Track, MPA
- Reading, MS
- Secondary Education, MS
- Special Education, MS
- Studio Art, MFA

Graduate Study - Pre-Master's Program



Sample Pre-Master's Program Curriculum*

	1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER
1-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include US Culture Critical Thinking Academic Courses Determined upon enrollment	Full-time degree study
2-SEMESTER PROGRAM	EAP Courses may include Listening & Speaking III Reading & Writing III Academic Courses Determined upon enrollment; Prerequisites may be completed during this time	EAP Courses may include US Culture Critical Thinking Academic Courses Determined upon enrollment

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How to Apply

If you would like to apply to study at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi International Study Center, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

We are always happy to answer your questions and help with your application. Our advisers speak a variety of languages, and understand several more.

We will do our best to contact you in your preferred language.

Apply Online

isc.tamucc.edu

Apply via a Local Agent

Please contact your agent if you have any questions.

Take a Virtual Campus Tour

virtualltour.tamucc.edu

Join our Social Media Community

[facebook.com/CorpusChristiISC](https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiISC)

[instagram.com/tamucc_isc](https://www.instagram.com/tamucc_isc)

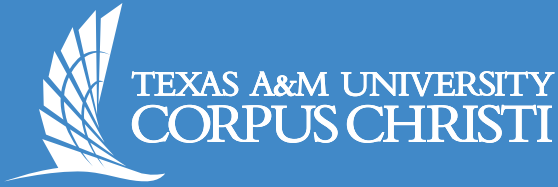
#MyTAMUCCLife

#YouAreWelcomeHere

Campus Map



Virtual map campusmap.tamucc.edu



Join the Texas A&M University System, one of the largest and most distinguished systems in the USA.

Study your subject with a hands-on approach.

Enjoy the beach lifestyle that no other university in the US offers.

Programs at the International Study Center are delivered by Study Group in partnership with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The International Study Center delivers the Intensive English Program courses and programs, and A&M-Corpus Christi delivers the academic, credit-bearing courses.

Texas A&M University System Map



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