



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A member of the Texas A&M University System

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

NOW THAT YOU ARE ADMITTED



Welcome to Prairie View A&M University

Use this brochure as your guide from the time you are admitted to the University until you are officially enrolled. For your convenience, we are providing this checklist of the essential steps you must complete as part of the enrollment process. We suggest you note the date you complete each step. We recommend you keep this brochure for reference, as it contains information that will help prepare for your first semester at Prairie View A&M University.

Checklist for Required Steps to Enrollment

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Acceptance of Admission and New Student Orientation Registration

Students who choose not to accept our offer of Admissions should contact:

Prairie View A&M University
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
P.O. Box 519 MS 1009
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-1000

Prairie View A&M University will have a new and exciting Orientation Program that is mandatory for all incoming students. For additional information contact:

New Student Orientation
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1012
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-1035

Exemptions are as follows:

- ACT-composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the math and English tests; (all criteria must be met)
- SAT-combined scores of 1070 or higher with verbal and math scores equal to or greater than 500
- TAAS-a minimum scale score of 1770 on the writing test, and a Texas Learning Index (TLI) of 86 on the math test and 89 on the reading test; or
- Earned at least three semester college credit hours prior to the 1989 Fall semester

Note: ACT and SAT scores can be no more than five years old at time of enrollment. THEA scores can be no more than three years old at time of enrollment.

Students who have not met THEA requirements are required by Texas law to enroll in an academic skills course and/or program each semester prior to successfully passing the THEA test. The hours for these courses will not count toward any degree program, but may count toward full-time status. For more information, please contact:

Office of Testing, Tracking, Assessment
and Evaluation
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. BOX 519 MS 3002
Prairie View, Texas 77446
(936) 261-3610

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Texas Higher Education Assessment (Formerly known as TASP)

The Texas Higher Education Assessment was instituted by the Texas Legislature to ensure that students enrolled in a public college or university possesses the necessary academic skills. All undergraduate students must take the THEA test prior to enrollment in college-level courses at Texas public colleges and universities unless they qualify for a THEA exemption.

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Medical Requirement

All students must provide a copy of their health and immunization records to Owens Franklin Health Center. A current tuberculosis skin test is a university requirement. All records must be sent to:

Prairie View A&M University
Owens Franklin Health Center
P.O. Box 519 MS 1413
Prairie View, Texas 77446
(936) 261-1400

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Credit by Examination Advanced Placement Testing

Advanced Placement Tests are developed by the College Board and administered nationally at approved test sites where the Scholastic Aptitude Test is administered. Scores on the national Advanced Placement Test between the levels of 3 and 5 will be acceptable for credit. Letter grade equivalents follow: 3=C, 4=B, and 5=A, Credit for advanced placement is subject to the total hour limitation of 30 semester credit hours.

College Level Examination Program

The CLEP is a national testing program offering the student an opportunity to earn college credit by examination. The University will accept credit by examination in Accounting, American History, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English, Business, Foreign Languages, Home Economics, Mathematics, and Sociology. The acceptance of credit by the University does not assure the application of this credit to a specific degree or special program. CLEP examination credit will be awarded a letter grade. CLEP examinations taken at Prairie View A&M University will be counted in the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). For more information please contact:

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(936) 261-3610

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Residency for Tuition Determination

Your residency status for tuition purposes is included in your letter of admission. It is the responsibility of the student to enroll under the correct residency classification for tuition purposes. Information concerning residency can be found in the 2001-2002 on-line Prairie View A&M University Undergraduate Catalog. If you disagree with your residency classification, please contact Undergraduate Admissions at the address below to obtain a residency questionnaire.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1009
Prairie View, Texas 77446
(936) 261-1000

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Tuition and Fee Payment

Tuition and fees are published in the Class Schedule, which can be obtained in The Office of the Registrar. If you miss a deadline, there are late payment penalties, and if your fees are not paid before classes begin, your registration may be cancelled. The actual dates for each installment payment will be shown on your fee receipt. Please be aware that there are penalties for late payments, reinstatements, and improper withdrawals. These dates are important! Make special note of the dates to avoid problems with your enrollment. For more information please contact:

Treasury Services
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1329
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-1903

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Financial Aid

To determine your eligibility to receive financial assistance, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available in both electronic and paper formats. The electronic FAFSA is a free Internet application located at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The paper FAFSA is available from your high school counselor and the Prairie View A&M Office of Student Financial Services. You must complete the entire FAFSA for every academic year for which you are applying for financial aid. This includes **ALL** need-based grant, loan, and federal/state work-study funds. There is no processing fee for this service. The Office of Student Financial Services must receive your application from the Federal Central Processor before **ANY** aid will be offered. Once Prairie View A&M University receives your application data, you will be contacted by mail as to further documentation requirements. Do not submit additional documentation until requested. For more information, please contact:

Office of Student Financial Services
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1005
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-1000

On-Campus Housing

If you choose to live on campus, it is important that you complete all housing documents and pay all housing fees promptly to insure that housing is available upon arrival.

Freshmen students must complete and return their application for housing along with **All** required fees to:

University College

Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 4449
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-5990

All other students must complete and return their application along with **ALL** required fees to:

University Village

Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 157
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-5950

Office of Disability Services (DS)

Disability services at Prairie View A&M University exist to enable students with disabilities to participate in the full range of the college experiences. Our goal is to provide a fully integrated university experience for all students. We work to promote an environment at Prairie View A&M University, which is barrier free and inclusive.

To be eligible for services, a student must apply and be accepted for admission to Prairie View A&M University through the regular admission process, provide current and comprehensive documentation of a disability according to ADA guidelines, and register with the Office of Disability Services at the beginning of each semester. For additional information, please contact:

Office of Disability Services (DS)
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1037
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-3585

Campus Tours

Campus tours are scheduled Monday through Friday. Visitors must secure a temporary parking sticker from the University Police Department. For more information, please contact:

Office of Recruitment
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1011
Prairie View, TX 77446
(936) 261-1000

Personal Computers On-Campus

Prairie View A&M University provides an array of computing and networking resources to support instructional, research and administrative computing. If you do not have a computer, there are computer centers located across the campus.

Sorority and Fraternity Information

The Panther Greek system is an excellent way to become involved on campus. The opportunities for leadership, academic achievement, community service and personal development are unlimited.

Intercollegiate Athletics at Prairie View A&M

Any student who desires to participate in intercollegiate athletics should register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. Additional information about intercollegiate athletic eligibility can be obtained from the members of the coaching staff of the numerous sports offered by the Athletic Department at Prairie View A&M University.

Location and Transportation

The main campus of Prairie View A&M University is situated on a 1,400 acre site in Waller County, approximately 45 miles northwest of Houston. The cities of Hempstead and Waller, Texas are nearest to the campus. Houston Intercontinental Airport is the closest airport to the campus. We suggest that students arriving via a commercial air carrier take public transportation (taxi or bus) to the Greyhound Bus Station in Houston, Texas and take the bus from the station to Prairie View, Texas. Students are permitted to bring their personal automobiles to the campus.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Please Contact The Office of the Registrar
for Further Information.

(936)-261-1000

<http://acad.pvamu.edu/content/registrar>

MANDATORY HEALTH ADVISORY

Bacterial Meningitis is a disease that can progress extremely fast. It is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord that can also infect the blood. This disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year with about 100-125 occurring on college campuses, leading to 5-15 deaths, but with other horrendous possible outcomes. The college student is at an increased risk, but there is a preventative treatment.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- High fever
- Rash or purple patches
- Light sensitivity
- Confusion and sleepiness
- Lethargy
- Severe headache
- Vomiting
- Stiff neck
- Nausea
- Seizures

There may be a rash of tiny, red-purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin. These can occur anywhere on the body. The more symptoms, the higher the risk, so when these symptoms appear seek immediate medical attention.

HOW IS BACTERIAL MENINGITIS DIAGNOSED?

Diagnosis is usually based on a combination of clinical symptoms and laboratory results from spinal fluid and blood. Early diagnosis can greatly assist any possible treatment.

HOW IS THE DISEASE TRANSMITTED?

It is transmitted when people exchange saliva (such as kissing, sharing drinking containers, utensils, cigarettes, toothbrushes, etc.) You increase your risk of Bacterial Meningitis by exposure to saliva by sharing cigarettes, water bottles, eating utensils, food, kissing etc., and by close living conditions (such as dorms, group housing).

CAN THE DISEASE BE TREATED?

Antibiotic treatment can be life saving if received early, and chances of recovery are increased. However, permanent disability or death can still occur.

CAN THE DISEASE BE PREVENTED?

Vaccinations are available and should be considered for:

- Those living in close quarters
- College students younger than 26

Vaccinations are very safe. The most common side effects are redness and minor pain at injection site for up to two days.

Vaccinations take 10-14 days to become effective, with protection lasting 3-5 years.

Cost averages \$90.00 (check your insurance provider)

Vaccinations are effective against 80% of the most common bacterial types that cause 70% of the disease in the US. (but does not protect against all types of meningitis)

Vaccinations are available on campus at Owens-Franklin Health Center.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISEASE?

- Death (8 to 24 hours from perfectly well to dead)
- Permanent brain damage
- Kidney failure
- Learning disability
- Hearing loss, blindness
- Limb damage (fingers, toes, arms, legs) that requires amputation.
- Gangrene
- Coma
- Convulsions

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

- Contact your own health care provider
- Contact Owens-Franklin Health Center at (936) 857-2511
- Contact your regional Department of Health
- Ncidod/dbms/diseaseinfo

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Owens-Franklin Health Center
P.O. Box 519 MS 1413
Prairie View, Texas 77446

Immunization and Health History records are integral parts of a student's health care. Documentation of the immunizations listed below is required for matriculation to PVAMU.

Your medically signed Health History and immunization documents become a part of your medical record. It is confidential and can only be released upon your written authorization (if 18 or older) or written authorization of your legal guardian if under 18 years.

This information should be returned to the following address only:

Prairie View A&M University
Owen Franklin Health Center
P.O. Box 519 MS 1413
Prairie View, Texas 77446

Immunization Record

	Date	Medical Professional Signature
MMR		
Measles		
Mumps		
Rubella		
Hepatitis		
Polio		
Tetanus or TD		
Diphtheria or DT		

Type	Date	Results	Medical Professional Signature
TB Skin Test			
Chest X-Ray			

Health Insurance Plan:

Company Name: _____ Group No. _____

Subscriber No. _____ Employee: _____

If the student will not reach his/her 18th year prior to matriculation to Prairie View A&M University, signature of the authorized legal guardian below gives consent to provide required medical treatment to the above referenced student.

Legal Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name (Legal Guardian) _____ Date _____

THE ROAD TO PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

We invite you and your family to visit the Prairie View A&M University campus to catch a glimpse of our family at work and play. The University is accessible by most forms of public and private transportation.

Located in the town of Prairie View, Texas, a residential community, the University benefits from the friendly local communities of Hempstead, Waller and its proximity to the educational, cultural, and recreational attractions of Houston, Texas. Just off US 290, the campus is located approximately 40 miles northwest of Houston, 114 miles east of Austin and 214 miles south of Dallas.

Houston Intercontinental Airport and Hobby Airport provide air transportation into the Houston area. Taxi services to the campus may cost approximately \$100.00. Greyhound bus services are also provided at each airport. Limousine services are also available from both airports at competitive prices.

Contact: Diamond Limousine
1046 Austin Street
Hempstead, Texas 77445

Toll Free: 1-877-248-5466

Local: 979-921-0154

4diamondlimo.com

glecamu@hotmail.com

(Diamond limousine also provides taxi services)

Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Offering baccalaureate degrees in 50 undergraduate academic majors, 41 master's degrees and four doctoral programs, this Historically Black University has an established reputation for producing thousands of engineers, nurses, educators and other professionals. A member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU has been dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service for over 130 years.



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