

Auxiliary Academic Resources

Much of the learning and the research in a university occur outside organized classes. The following units of Texas A&M University-Kingsville support faculty and student educational and research pursuits.

Academic Testing Center

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[Academic Testing Webpage](#)

The Academic Testing Center (ATC) provides comprehensive testing services for university students, prospective students and individuals in the community. The Testing Center serves as a national testing center for the following: American College Test (ACT), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) computer-based exam, Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), PRAXIS and School Leadership Series Tests, TOEFL IBT, TExES/ExCET and Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) Occupational Licenses Exam. The Testing Center also offers proctoring exam services.

ATC provides at-large services for the following: the General Education Development (GED), Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), and is an approved testing site for Performance Assessment Network (PAN) and Pearson Vue for Certification, entry level and advancement exams.

Center for Continuing Education

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[Continuing Education Webpage](#)

The Center for Continuing Education extends the services of the university to business, industry, educational institutions, professional organizations, governmental units and other groups of adults who need non-credit courses, through conferences, institutes, workshops, seminars, short courses and special training programs. Offerings of particular interest to graduate students include: Academic Preparation Programs, Business and Professional Development Programs, and Personal Enhancement and Fine Arts Programs.

Intensive English Language Training Center

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The Intensive English Training Center curriculum is focused on the needs and goals of each individual student. The Center provides intensive English training for non-degree and degree-seeking non-native English speaking students who have not reached the university's minimum TOEFL score requirement. The curriculum features high interest topics and focuses on both accuracy and fluency. The multi-skills course syllabi integrate themes, structures, functions, vocabulary and pronunciation. A computerized language lab with access to the World Wide Web provides an unlimited number of resources in Language studies. Students who successfully complete the Intensive English Training Center Exit Portfolio are exempt from the university's TOEFL requirement. Visit English Language Training Center for more information.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

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The Information Technology Services (ITS) department is the university's principal provider of administrative and infrastructure information technology resources and services. To support academic programs, ITS operates computing laboratories located in several locations on campus.

Video conferencing is available in the Jernigan Library, Rhode Hall, Engineering Complex, College Hall, Hill Hall, Same Fore Hall, Manning Hall and the Human Sciences Building. Distance learning classes can be delivered either via video conferencing (TTVN) or the Blackboard Learning Management System.

Besides maintaining the computer hardware and network infrastructure to support administrative information technology, ITS also maintains many administrative applications and systems. The Student Information System is Ellucian Banner. The university's e-mail system for faculty and staff is Microsoft Exchange 365.

The campus network supports a 10 Gigabit Internet backbone with 10/100/1000 Mbps to the desktop and a 2 Gbps connection to the Internet. The campus network also includes the wireless technology providing both coverage for the majority of the academic buildings on campus. More than 2500 PCs in campus administrative offices, faculty and staff offices and academic computing laboratories are connected to the campus network giving the users access to a variety of software, data sources, e-mail and the Internet.

John E. Conner Museum

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Free Admission

Discover the story of South Texas! The Conner Museum showcases the history and heritage of South Texas through our permanent and temporary exhibits and displays. The museum and its collection of artifacts serves as a hands-on learning environment and experience for students and faculty of Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The museum hosts lectures and research presentations from students, faculty, or community members throughout the year. The Conner Museum is a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Explore the natural history of South Texas, the landscapes of the Tamaulipan Biotic Province, and a variety of North American games species in our Caesar Kleberg Hall of Natural History and Graves Peeler Hall of Horns galleries. In My Family/En Mi Familia gallery is a bilingual interactive family exhibit highlighting the activities and traditions of a Mexican-American community in South Texas. The Conner Museum has additional displays honoring the life and accomplishments of Kingsville natives General Richard Cavazos and boxer Lil' Oscar Cantú. The Conner Museum has a Gift Shop with a variety of jewelry, toys, stuffed javelinas, and books.

Office of Institutional Research & Assessment

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The Office of Institutional Research serves to provide the high quality of research to support department program reviews, institutional planning and decision-making through the collection and dissemination of accurate and timely data, reports and analysis. The office is committed to providing support and expertise for the evaluation and assessment activities throughout the university. The office is also responsible for ensuring the timely submission and accuracy of reports to external agencies including, but not limited to, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), US News, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Legislative Budget Board and The Texas A&M University System.

Office of Global Engagement

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The Office of Global Engagement (OGE) works toward the internationalization of all aspects of Texas A&M University-Kingsville by involving students and faculty in international studies and research. OGE consists of four interrelated areas:

- a. Study Abroad Programs and International Internships;
- b. Student and Faculty Exchange Programs;
- c. Collaborative International Research;
- d. Study Abroad Scholarship;
- e. Employee and Student Business Travel Abroad; and
- f. International Memorandums of Understanding/Agreements of Cooperation.

Student Abroad Program and International Internships

In fulfillment of the mission of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, OGE encourages undergraduate and graduate students to spend a summer, a semester or, ideally, an academic year outside the United States. Students can earn credit toward their degrees through international studies. Faculty, staff and community members are also encouraged to participate in these programs. Options, with or without credit, are available for students and non-students in any degree or non-degree program.

Exchange Programs

Texas A&M University-Kingsville has many exchange agreements with international institutions. Students may earn credit toward their degree programs while faculty can obtain experience that positively impacts their professional careers. International students and faculty also can come to Texas A&M University-Kingsville through an exchange program and study or teach here on campus.

Collaborative International Research

OGE works with faculty, departments and colleges on identifying, developing and securing international research opportunities world-wide. This includes assisting faculty with Fulbright teaching and research awards and locations.

Study Abroad Scholarship

All Texas A&M University-Kingsville full-time students are welcome to apply for a scholarship to facilitate international studies. Scholarships can be used for tuition, fees and travel for an approved Texas A&M University-Kingsville Study Abroad Program outside the United States. These scholarships are also available to degree-seeking international students and these pay for their tuition and fees here at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Employee and Student Business Travel Abroad

University employee and students traveling internationally while representing Texas A&M University-Kingsville are required to register their travel with OGE. By registering with OGE, individuals will receive international health insurance coverage, registration with the Department of State's STEP program and coverage of their travel under the TAMU system insurance policy.

International Memorandums of Understanding/Agreements of Cooperation

OGE is responsible for handling the process and procedures for developing and signing of agreements of cooperation/memorandums of understanding between Texas A&M University-Kingsville and institutions abroad. The Office collaborates with the President's Office in organizing ceremonies and official visits of international delegations.

For additional information, contact the OGE at (361) 593-3558 or via email at studyabroad@tamuk.edu.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

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The office assists faculty in securing external funds for research. It coordinates campus research activities, acts as a liaison for interdisciplinary research and community outreach programs, provides information on funding sources and proposal and budget development, as well as data on submissions and awards. All proposals for external funds are submitted through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.