

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Although the focus of the university is intellectual, it also fosters the broad mental, physical and spiritual well-being of the campus community. To this end, a variety of non-academic programs are offered to enhance student learning and personal development.

Dean of Students

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The Dean of Students (DOS) exercises broad responsibility for the student services of the university. The office is responsible for improving the quality of life for students and assisting them in attaining their educational goals; for promoting an environment which aids in the students' emotional, social, cultural and ethical development; and working with all academic colleges and departments as an advocate for students' rights. The Dean of Students assists the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, Enrollment Management and University Administration in creating and implementing programs, services and activities which are consistent with the university's mission. The Dean of Students oversees the Associate Dean of Student, Memorial Student Union, Student Activities, Student Health and Wellness, B&G Express shuttle program, Welcome Week, the Student Government Association, the ID Center, the Post Office, student discipline, shuttle and specific retention programs. In addition, the office has a liaison relationship with Javelina Dining Services (operated by Aramark) and Javelina Bookstore (operated by Barnes & Noble College). The Dean of Students also has oversight of certain councils and committees that are charged with student programming, disciplinary issues and in providing cultural and enrichment programs to the University community.

Memorial Student Union

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The Memorial Student Union (MSU) is the center of social life on the campus. It includes multiple dining areas, student lounges, the CueShack Game Room, two large ballrooms, meeting areas, ID Center and student related offices. The Memorial Student Union hosts games and tournaments, welcome and hospitality programs and campus food service. Recognized student organizations may schedule use of the facilities at no charge for normal use. Outside organizations must pay a fee. The Office of the Dean of Students is located in the Memorial Student Union, along with the Javelina Enrollment Services, Javelina Bookstore (operated by Barnes and Noble College), the Post Office, Student Government Association and Javelina Dining (operated by Aramark).

Student Activities

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The Department of Student Activities serves as the resource hub for all student organizations. Student Activities provides many services to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville student organizations, such as registering organizations, producing directories, providing advising services and helping student groups with operational assistance. The department provides many cultural, educational, recreational and social programs for the campus community. Some examples are Homecoming, Family Fiesta, Fall Carnival, Spring Fling, Windows on the World and the Miss Texas A&M University-Kingsville Scholarship Pageant. In addition to serving over 125 student organizations, Student Activities also provides a variety of specialized leadership programs such as Leadership Month, Student Retreats and Conferences and an annual Student Leadership Conference. The department provides full-time support to Greek Life, International and Multicultural programming and the Campus Activities Board. The department also includes activities related to Community Services. Believing campus involvement is essential to student success, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Department of Student Activities completes a student's education.

Orientation Programs

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Javelina Camp is a high-intensity three-day experience designed specifically for incoming Freshmen. Students who participate in Javelina Camp will learn about the spirited traditions of TAMU-Kingsville, spend time in small "packs" centered on bonding and connecting with student in an interactive setting, participate in team competitions, reflect on their personal college goals and most importantly have fun with other future students.

Javelina Welcome, the University's official orientation program, begins two days prior to each fall semester's first day of class. During this program, students will move into their residence halls, attend study skill seminars and information sessions, as well as participate in the University's Matriculation Ceremony. Families are encouraged to attend; participation by new students is encouraged.

International Student Orientation (ISO) is a program for all incoming international students in F-1 or J-1 student status, including freshman, graduate, professional, transfer, returning students from leave and exchange students. ISO is designed to help students learn about and understand important immigration regulations and procedures required of F-1 and J-1 students, confirm their arrival for required government reporting purposes, and to assist new students in adjusting to Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The South Texan

The South Texan, a weekly print newspaper with a web edition that is updated daily. It offers a means to bring student concerns to the academic community, to ascertain and express student opinion, to train future professional journalists, to publish official announcements and policies and to provide the campus with a general interest newspaper from the student perspective. The editor is selected by the Student Publications/Media Committee, and must have taken basic journalism classes and have an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better. A paid staff, chosen by the editor with the advice and consent of the faculty adviser, is chiefly responsible for newspaper production. Volunteer help from throughout the student body is always welcome.

Campus Recreation and Fitness

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The Department of Campus Recreation and Fitness is housed in the new \$12 million, 30,000 square foot Student Recreation Center (SRC). Completed in spring 2010, the SRC provides unlimited opportunities for Texas A&M University-Kingsville students to partake in indoor recreational, intramural sports and fitness activities. The SRC includes two full size multipurpose basketball courts, a 6,100 square foot cardio fitness and free weight room and a 1/8 mile elevated indoor jogging track. Activities such as volleyball, badminton and soccer are played in the gymnasium. The SRC also offers an adjacent outdoor basketball court. The SRC is available to all full-time students with a validated Texas A&M University-Kingsville ID.

SRC Cardio Fitness and Free Weight Room

The Fitness Center is housed in the Student Recreation Center (SRC). The area has a wide range of the latest cardio fitness exercise equipment treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary bikes, weight machines and a full selection of free weights. A full cardio theater and individual monitors on machines are also available to make workout routines more enjoyable. The Cardio Fitness and Free Weight Room also provides programs in wellness, fitness, personal training, aerobics and nutrition.

Intramural Sports

A wide variety of individual, dual and team sports are offered each semester. Individuals are provided the opportunity to socialize, learn leadership skills and exercise. Championship T-shirts are awarded in every sport. In a select number of sports, opportunities are available to compete at regional and national extramural sport tournaments. All outdoor intramural team sports are scheduled on the department's lighted turf fields located in the northwest campus.

Cheerleading

Javelina team spirit and tradition is a vital part of any college atmosphere. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville cheerleading program offers students the opportunity to get involved, learn leadership skills, provide community service and promote support for the Javelinas. The cheerleaders perform at all intercollegiate basketball and football games, serve on campus spirit activities and offer community cheerleading campus in the summer. Tryouts for the cheer team are held in the spring semester in late March each year.

Informal Recreation

The Student Recreation Center (SRC) is available to all students, faculty and staff for recreational free-time use. The SRC facilities offers informal recreation opportunities in basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, cardio fitness and weight training, indoor jogging and outdoor basketball. Racquetball, swimming and bowling facilities are available in the Steinke Physical Education Center (SPEC).

Intercollegiate Athletics

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NCAA II nationally ranked athletic teams for men and women are a tradition at the university. Athletic teams for women include volleyball, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, softball,

tennis and golf. Athletic teams for men include football, basketball, baseball, cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field. Each enrolled student may attend all scheduled regular-season home athletic events free of charge with a validated Student I.D.