



Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering



Undergraduate Degrees Offered



- Agricultural Systems Management (AGSM)
- Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BAEN)

Curriculum Coordinators



Mrs. Ashlea Schroeder – Undergraduate Senior Academic Advisor

Mrs. Stormy Kretzschmar – Program Coordinator (Graduate and HIP)





Dr. Patricia Smith – BAEN Coordinator

Mr. Russell McGee – AGSM Coordinator















Required courses with a "C" or better

■MATH 141 & 142 ■ACCT 209

■CHEM 101/111 ■AGSM 301

■PHYS 201 ■AGSM 439

■ECON 202 ■AGSM 440



Employment Opportunities

- Traditional agricultural companies
 - ■Case IH
 - John Deere (sales representative)
 - •Holt Cat
 - ■Texas Cotton Ginners (TCGA assistant gin manager)
- Construction management
- •Food Processing
 - Blue Bell (Facilities Maintenance)
 - Tyson (safety and compliance)
- Government Agencies
 - ■USDA
 - **■**EPA
 - ■Texas AgriLife Extension Service (program specialist)



Required of **EVERY** student in **EVERY** major

- •Mathematics (6+ hours)
- ■Life and Physical Sciences (9+ hours)
- ■Government/Political Science POLS 206 & 207
- •American History* (6 hrs)
- ■Communication ENGL 104 & ENGL 210

- •Creative Arts* (3 hrs)
- Social and Behavior Science (3 hrs)
 - ■ECON 202 for AGSM
- Language, Philosophy, and Culture* (3 hrs)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Int'l Cult. Diversity (6 hrs)*Check courses that will "double dip" with other core curriculum courses



http://core.tamu.edu International and Culti Creative Arts Elective Language Philosophy and Culture Elective Language Philosophy and Culture Elective



- TAMU commits to providing a well-rounded, quality undergraduate experience.
- We ask that you, the student, pursue your undergraduate education seriously and intentionally through commitment.
- Examples of commitments: Corp of Cadets, athletics, honors, service learning, internships.



BAEN supports and encourages students to participate in HIP activities as part of Aggies Commit.

Employers today are looking for at least TWO high impact activities on resumes of graduating seniors

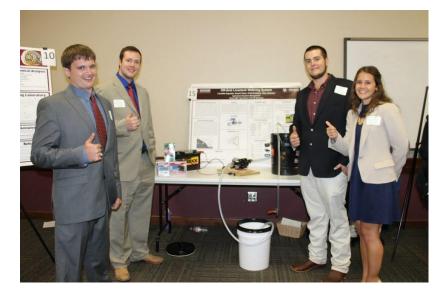




Competitions



Honors



Research



Clubs and Organizations ASABE AGSM Student Club

Study Abroad

Internships





About the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department



- Approximately 19 teaching faculty members
- Approximately 300 undergraduate students in two majors
 - •~143 AGSM (freshman-seniors)
 - •~160 BAEN (sophomores-seniors)
- Students are blocked prior to pre-registration every semester
- •You must see your *Faculty Advisor* to review the next semester's courses before your academic hold will be lifted



Ashlea Schroeder

- Helps students understand the rules and policies that affect their study
 - Requirements for degree completion (not completing classes in a timely manner, etc)
 - Probation, Blocks/Dismissals
- Monitors graduation progress
 - Adjustments of course requirements if needed
 - Monitors enrollment in or completion of appropriate departmental prerequisite courses for the undergraduate degrees
- Handles day-to-day advising concerns of students
 - Answers questions regarding transfer credits accepted



Stormy Kretzschmar

- Facilitates activities related to High Impact Practices
 - Advise students concerning study abroad options, research, internships, honors program, clubs and organizations
 - Coordinates yearly Mexico Exchange Program
 - Assist with coordination of Belgium study abroad program
- Professional development / resume building / interview and job searching skills
- Graduate Program Advisor
 - Monitors program completion for MS, MEN, and PhD degrees
 - Helps students understand the rules and policies that affect their study



Preparing for a successful college experience

No, it is not like high school.

Yes, you will have to study (a lot) and turn in homework.



Time Management for College

- Schedule <u>estimated study time</u> for each class
 - •AGSM students require 1-2 hours of study time per credit hour of courses.

•Agricultural Systems Management majors would need to study approximately 21 hours each week (1.5 x 14 credit hours).



Advising Appointment Etiquette

- **<u>DO</u>** come to an advising appointment prepared (questions, copy of degree evaluation, tentative schedule of classes).
- **■DO** come on time.
- **<u>DO</u>** silence your phone.
- **<u>DO</u>** phone or email the advisor if you must reschedule.
- **■DON'T** wear headphones or earphones.
- ■Remove your hat.
- **■DON'T** wear sunglasses.
- **■DON'T** text or take personal phone calls.
- **DON'T** bring your best friend, boyfriend/girlfriend, or parent with you (prior notification is preferred).



Tips for Success in and outside the Classroom

- ■GO TO CLASS!!!
- ■Put your electronic device away...it can wait.
- ■Be prepared, pay attention, take notes and ask questions.
- **■**DO check your TAMU email account daily.
- Refer to faculty as Dr. or Professor.
- Respect the facilities, faculty and staff.
- ■Take responsibility for your education and seek assistance when needed.
- ■Please remember that Texas A&M is an international university and you will be interacting with people from various backgrounds, religions and cultures.

Remember the Aggie Honor Code: "An Aggie does not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do."



Email and Phone Message Etiquette

When emailing

- •Include your full name and UIN # / for professors; also add your course & section number
- •Please allow 24 hours during normal business hours for a response.
- •List a brief reason for the email in the subject line (e.g. Homework assignment question).
- •Choose professional sounding email addresses (YOUR real name is a good choice / avoid nicknames).
- •Check for spelling, punctuation & grammatical errors before sending; use a professional font.
- •Don't send an email if an extended conversation is required.
- Compose your email in a professional manner.

When Phoning

- Annunciate; do not mumble
- Include your full name and UIN # / for professors also state your course & section number
- Please allow at minimum 24 hours during normal business hours for a response.
- Keep it brief
- Leave a return phone number or method for how best to contact you



■The **Academic Success Center** offers a holistic approach to help students identify roadblocks to academic success and ensures that all students have access to comprehensive resources.

http://successcenter.tamu.edu/Home

■The **Student Counseling Service** provides short term counseling and crisis intervention services to students of TAMU.

http://scs.tamu.edu/

■Disability Services offers accommodations coordination, evaluation referral, disability-related information, assistive technology services, sign language interpreting and transcription services for academically related purposes.

http://disability.tamu.edu/

Please refer to your handbook for other student related resources.



Resources for Pre-Registration



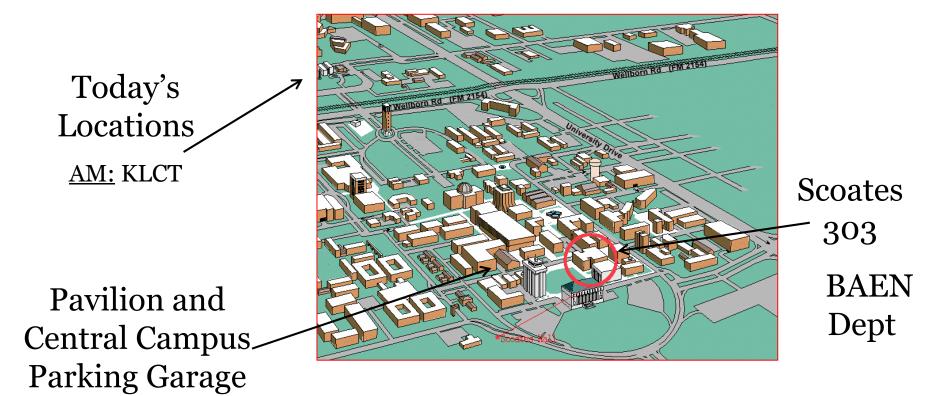
1st Semester for AGSM

Class	Hours
AGSM 201	3
MATH 141	3
CHEM 101	3
CHEM 111	1
UCC elective	3
AGSM 125	1



Where to meet this afternoon

Advising Office: SCTS 303 @ 1:30pm





What to expect this afternoon!

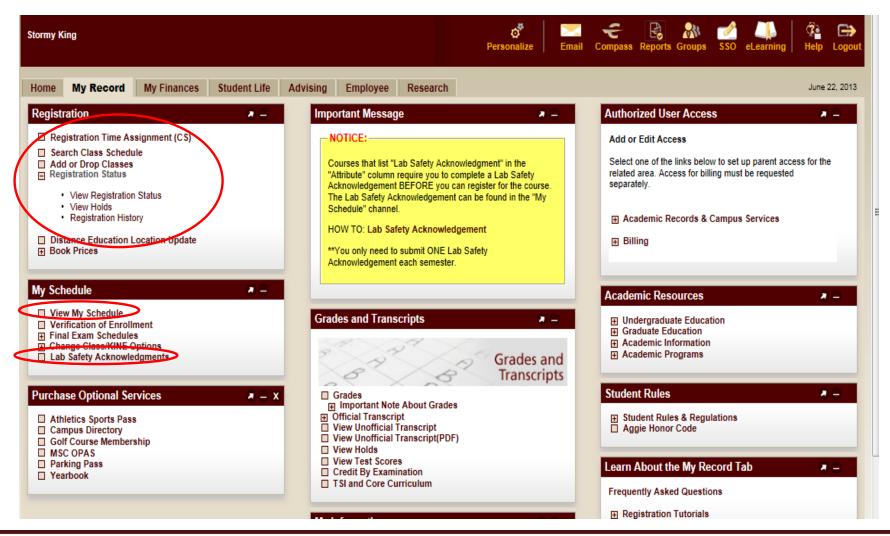
- Be prepared with several trial schedules by 1:30pm
 - Visit http://howdy.tamu.edu to plan what suits you best
 - Howdy -> My Record tab -> Search Class Schedule
- Utilize the time between this advising session ending, lunch, and registration beginning to create your first semester schedule – educate yourself on using Howdy.
 - Have your CRN's written down on your trial schedule.
 - Accept that you might have to have Friday classes, 8 am classes, night labs, etc.
 - If you are not honors eligible, <u>DO NOT</u> build a schedule with a <u>200</u> <u>section</u> these are for honors students only.
 - Check <u>EACH</u> course <u>restriction/details</u> to verify that you have the correct criteria to enroll in that particular section (majors only, U1/U2, etc).



- Accept Lab Safety Acknowledgement
 Howdy -> My Record tab -> My Schedule ->
 Lab Safety Acknowledgements
- Double check your holds!
 Howdy -> My Record tab -> Registration
 Status -> View Holds
 OR Back of nametag
- ■Consider pre-ordering your books following registration – link to order textbooks through the MyRecord page on the Howdy portal

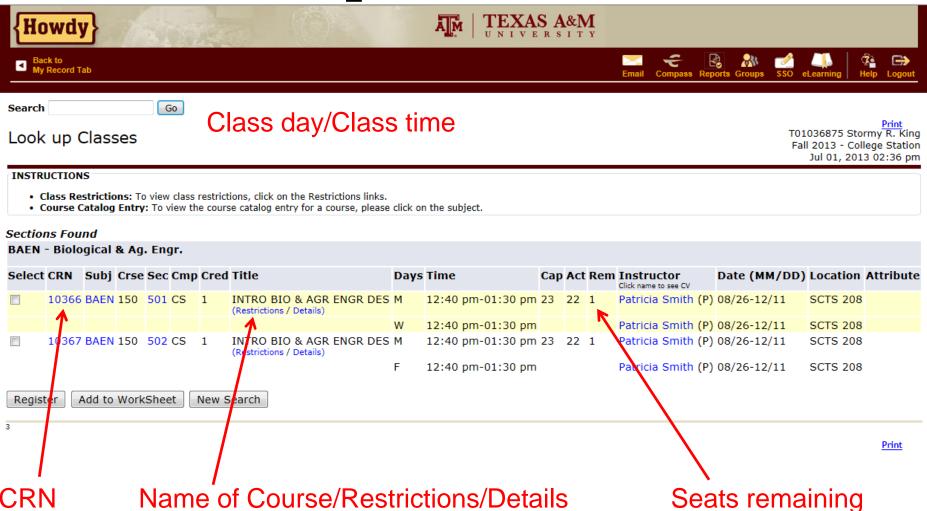


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