



Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character prepared for the global leadership challenges of the future.

2017 – 2018 School Year Quick Facts

- Corps Strength:
 - Start the Fall 2017: 2,560, the largest Corps since 1970
- Corps Fall 2017 GPR 3.03 – equals the record GPA for fall term for the Corps
 - 216 cadets posted a 4.0
 - 1,311 cadets posted a 3.0 or greater
- Occupied the last four renovated dorms thus completing the two year Quad Renovation Project that included the renovation of the entire quad (12 dorms, four leadership learning centers, Duncan Dining Hall, decorative paving, and revived landscaping). With the renovation complete, the has become a primary destination point of interest for the A&M campus.
- Transformed the Hollingsworth Leadership Excellence Program to a more comprehensive Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership. Center will continue to provide instruction and experience toward the award of the Certificate in Leadership Study & Development. In addition, will also function as a leadership and character "hub of excellence" for all cadets and staff in fulfilling the Corps' mission.
- 27 (61%) students named as *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges for 2017* on the Texas A&M campus are cadets.

- Commissioned 175 cadets into the US Armed Forces and awarded 115 Leadership Certificates last year
- Worked with over 300 companies to help cadets obtain employment. Over 450 cadets obtained summer 2017 internships and jobs
- 2021 Fish Drill Team won the National Championship at the Tulane Invitational Drill Meet in New Orleans.
- Honored our veterans with a military review in their honor prior to the November 11th, Texas A&M vs. New Mexico football game.
- For the seventh year in a row, the entire Corps of Cadets formed the famous Block “T” on Kyle Field during the halftime of the November 11th, Texas A&M vs. New Mexico football game.
- **Facilities**
 - Completed the Corps dorm renovation project, which transformed the 1939-era Quad into a 21st century living-learning environment. The project included complete renovation of all 12 Corps dorms and construction of four leadership learning centers to support the cadets’ academic success. The interior of the Quad was transformed as well, with new landscaping, paving, benches, lighting, and more. The flagpole was moved to the center of the Quad and the bugle stand was refurbished and surrounded by a brick plaza.
 - Renovated the mail and laundry area and converted it into a first-class Corps Athletic Training Room. This facility – operated by an orthopedic surgeon and team of athletic trainers from St. Joseph’s Hospital – provides treatment and rehabilitation for injuries to help support cadets’ health and physical fitness.
 - Completed a major renovation of the Military Property Warehouse. This renovation supports a more efficient business model for issuing cadet uniforms, which was developed in consultation with the Mays School of Business.
 - Worked as part of the university-led project to begin construction of the new Music Activities Center (MAC) for the Fighting Texas Aggie Band and all of the other student music groups (bands, symphonies, orchestras, vocal music groups, etc.). The MAC, located on Duncan Field at the corner of George Bush and Coke Streets, includes a new artificial turf drill field for the Aggie Band. The facility is scheduled to open in August 2019.

- Gained university approval for the Quad Master Plan, Phase II, which lays out the vision for further development of the Corps area to support our growing Corps for decades to come. Key features include two more leadership learning centers, a new 440-bed dorm for the Aggie Band that will increase Corps housing capacity to 3,000, a multi-purpose center, major renovation of Duncan Dining Center, major renovation of the Trigon, and more. The plan ties in seamlessly with the new Campus Master Plan, which was developed concurrently with the Corps plan and by the same architects.
 - Hired architects to develop conceptual design for two more leadership learning centers, which will be located between Dorms 9 and 11 on the southeast side of the Quad and Dorms 10 and 12 on the southwest side.
- **Corps International Excursions:**
 - Three Corps International Excursions are offered each year. Twenty-seven cadets participate in each of the two week trips, which are fully-funded by the Office of the Commandant.
 - The Corps completed 3 highly successful International Excursions to China, South Africa, and Costa Rica/Panama in May 2017.
 - Three additional Corps excursions are planned for May 2018: Australia, Brazil, and England/France.
 - Additionally, the Corps conducted a national excursion to Washington, D.C. for approximately 15 cadets to increase the awareness and knowledge of our cadets with the elements of power within our own country.
 - More information is available at facebook.com/corps.global.
- **Corps International Exchanges:**
 - The Corps of Cadets offers a reciprocal exchange programs with Helmut Schmidt University (HSU) in Hamburg, Germany, one of the German military academies, and with the Australian Defence Force College in Canberra, Australia.
 - During the 2017 Fall Semester, two members of the Corps of Cadets studied at HSU while two officers from HSU studied at Texas A&M and were integral members of the Corps of Cadets. One additional A&M cadet is studying at HSU this spring.
 - This spring, two cadets are studying in Australia as part of the reciprocal exchange program with the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. Four officer cadets are studying at A&M as member of the Cadet Corps.

- **Republic of Korea Leadership Exchange Program**

- In February 2018, the Corps hosted 49 Republic of Korean ROTC cadets for a three-week leadership exchange program. The Korean cadets stayed in the Corps dorms, ate in Duncan Dining Center, and interacted daily with their Aggie hosts. This marks the fifth year in a row where the Corps of Cadets and the ROK ROTC programs have participated in leadership and cultural exchanges.

- **Corps Athletics:**

Cadet teams represented Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets throughout the state and nation as members of the Corps' intercollegiate club sports program. The program offers cadet athletes the opportunity to compete in their sport at a high level while developing leadership skills as members of the Corps of Cadets. Corps teams include: Baseball, Basketball (men's & women's), Lacrosse, Marathon, Marksmanship, Soccer (men's and women's), Tennis, and Triathlon. The Corps teams are highly competitive and a few have won national-level championships in recent years.

All are invited to follow the Corps teams on social media at [facebook.com/corpsathletics](https://www.facebook.com/corpsathletics) and on Twitter @CorpsAthletics. For more information contact Will Schrank '86, Asst. Commandant Logistics & Advisor to Corps Athletics, w-schrank@tamu.edu.

General Facts

- The Corps of Cadets has been a part of Texas A&M since 1876 with a purpose of developing well-educated leaders of character prepared to lead in the military and the public and private sectors. The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets is in its 141st year of training leaders for our communities, our state, and our nation – all within the framework of a military organization.
- The Corps remains one of the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation, and consistently produces more officers for the Armed Forces than any other Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) source outside the military academies. With Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC instruction available, Texas A&M is one of the few schools to offer military commissions in all branches of service. However, membership in the Corps carries no military obligation.
- The Corps of Cadets is committed to offering students a wide range of opportunities to learn, succeed and excel. There are more than 2,000 Corps scholarships available.
- Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets. All units offer cadet-led scholastic programs, volunteer academic assistance, receive access to state-of-the-art academic support facilities and hold mandatory daily study periods. The grades of freshman and sophomore cadets consistently exceed those of their peers among the Texas A&M student body.
- There are two paths to success in the Corps at Texas A&M:
 - **Degree + Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies**
 - **Degree + Military Commission**
- Cadets in the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer, and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets.
- Cadets seeking a commission in one of the branches of the US Military also stay with their units through their time in the Corps, but attend structured ROTC classes and summer military training designed to prepare them to become effective Lieutenants and Ensigns upon graduation. Currently approximately 40-45% of senior cadets in the Corps

will commission into the US Armed Forces.

- The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band is the world's largest precision military marching band. With over 400 members, the Band provides music for University and Corps functions and presents spectacular halftime performances at football games. For more information on the Band, go to **tamubands.tamu.edu**.
- A cadet can join a special unit in addition to his or her outfit. Corps special units give cadets a unique chance to challenge themselves through training, education, and competition. Special units represent Texas A&M and the Corps at a variety of events, both on and off campus.

Special Units: Corps

- Parsons Mounted Cavalry
- The Ross Volunteer Company
- Simpson Honor Society
- Fish Drill Team
- The Corps Color Guard
- The Corps Center Guard

Special Units: ROTC

- Arnold Air Society (Air Force)
- Rudders Rangers (Army)
- Sandhurst Ranger Challenge Team (Army)
- SEAL Platoon (Navy)
- Recon Platoon (Marine)
- Special Tactics Squadron (Air Force)

- Corps Recruiting continues to offer a variety of programs designed to introduce potential cadets to Corps life and Corps programs. **To register for or learn more about Corps recruiting programs (listed below), go to corps.tamu.edu.**
 - Aggie Eagle Program
 - Spend the Night with the Corps
 - Spend the Day with the Corps
 - Junior Cadets Accessions Program (JCAP)
- The Corps of Cadets is a large, diverse leadership program with 46 company sized units, each with unique identities and offerings. Students are assigned to a unit based on their interests, academic major and ROTC choice. Cadets live on campus with their unit in the Corps dorms, live, learn, and train together, develop as leaders, and build lifelong friendships with the other members of their class.

For more information on the Corps of Cadets,
go to **corps.tamu.edu** or call **800-TAMU-AGS**



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Corps of Cadets Recruiting
corps.tamu.edu
800-TAMU-AGS or 979-845-9232

Corps of Cadets Military
Property Warehouse
979-845-2528

Corps of Cadets Admissions Support
979-845-3723

Sanders Corps of Cadets Center
979-862-2862

Texas Aggie Band
tamubands.tamu.edu
979-845-3529

ROTC Programs

Center for Ethical Leadership
979-458-0436

Army
armyrotc.com/edu/txam
979-845-2814

Corps of Cadets Academics
979-862-3337

Navy/Marine
afrotc.tamu.edu
979-845-1775

Corps of Cadets Housing
corpshousing.tamu.edu
979-845-7215

Air Force
nrotc.tamu.edu
979-845-7611