

# MAKING THE GRADES:

## ACADEMIC TRANSITION TO TAMS

Summer Orientation  
Class of 2027



# Summer Orientation Session Attendance



Items highlighted in yellow throughout these slides indicate answers to questions that you submitted when you registered!

# AGENDA

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2 Meet the Academics Team

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# LET'S RECAP...

What have you learned from Summer Orientation so far?

Students, what were the 5 big-picture lessons we discussed this morning?

Now, let's talk about how that will all help you make the grades and thrive at TAMS!





Do we need to pick  
our classes?  
Is a healthy work-  
life balance  
promoted?

# ACADEMIC COUNSELING



## SUPPORT

Guiding students through  
course registration,  
overcoming challenges,  
balancing commitments, and  
helping in any way we can

## ATTENDANCE

Building positive routines so  
students regularly attend,  
actively participate, and stay  
caught up in all classes

## PROFESSORS

Gathering syllabi and grade  
information from professors

Advocating for students if  
they need support or  
accommodations in class

## GRADES

Tracking grades during the  
semester to follow students'  
progress

Setting up meetings if grades  
show room for improvement

# COMMUNICATION & FERPA



	ACs→ PARENTS
	ACs will send Mid-Semester Grade Report to parents halfway through each semester. We will also reach out if we have questions or concerns about a student's progress.

	PARENTS → ACs
	Parents are welcome to contact ACs whenever they want to check in on a student's academic progress. We expect students to keep parents updated on all topics.

	FERPA
	<b>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</b>
	TAMS students sign FERPA waivers so ACs can communicate with parents about grades, classes, etc.

	FERPA, CONT.
	ACs serve as liaisons between UNT faculty and TAMS parents, so parents should not contact UNT faculty on their own. Instead, contact an AC first.



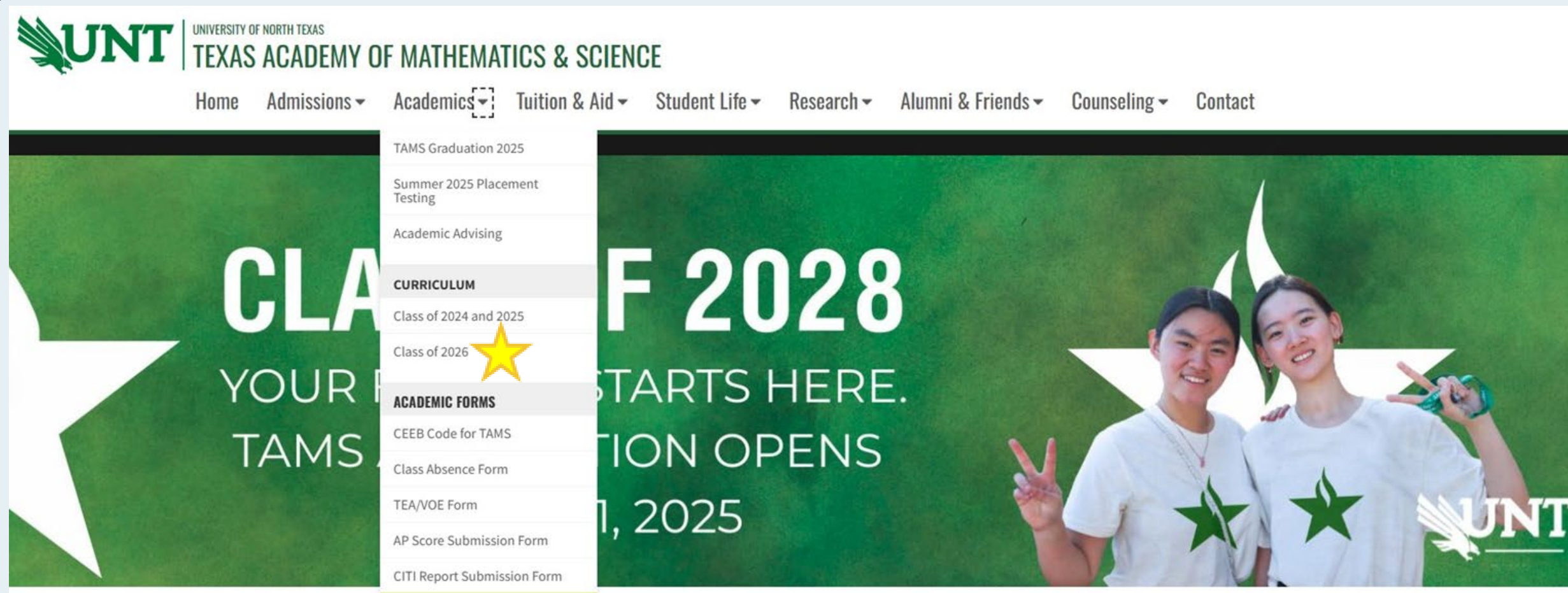
# WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR TAMS CURRICULUM

What math classes will I be taking after Calculus 2 (pending placement tests)?

This depends on any additional math course(s) required by your track. Check the curriculum listed for your track on the TAMS website for more information.

What is the process of changing pathways, and how can I get more information about the pathways?

You can change your track when you submit the track confirmation form next week. In the fall when we start registration for Spring 2026, you will have one final chance to change your track. Information about all of the tracks/pathways can be found on the TAMS website.



# WHAT TO EXPECT IN A WEEK

What do students' schedules look like, do they have much time for free time and activities?

What are the electives we can choose and what is the Seminar course?

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:00am			Sci 1 Rec		
9:00 am	Science 1	Math Rec	Science 1	Math Rec	Science 1
10:00 am	Math		Math		
11:00 am					
12:00 pm		English			
1:00 pm	Science 2		Science 2	English	Science 2
2:00 pm					
3:00 pm					
4:00 pm		Sci 1 Lab	Sci 2 Lab		
5:00 pm	Seminar				
6:00 pm					

4-5 classes (12-19 credit hours) per semester  
3 credit hours = 1 “typical” class  
4 credit hours = lab science (lecture + lab)

Some tracks have room for **electives**

- Elective - a non-required course
- Any UNT class can be an elective if the student meets the prerequisites and if the class does not conflict with other TAMS policies

At least 10 minutes between each class  
Students will not take more than 3 classes back-to-back

**Time outside of class** can be spent...

- Office hours
- Tutoring
- Studying
- Volunteering
- Research
- Student organization leadership



# WHAT TO EXPECT IN A SEMESTER

## SEMESTER BEGINS

AKA Syllabus Week  
Students meet their  
professors and  
receive syllabi



## FIRST ROUND OF EXAMS

Major exams in most  
classes within a 2  
week span  
Students may  
receive low grades  
as they adjust to the  
college workload

## ROUTINE CONTINUES

Most classes have  
3-4 unit exams per  
semester



## FINALS WEEK

Busy time with many  
exams, due dates, and  
end-of-semester  
responsibilities  
(packing, move-out,  
returning textbooks)



# WHAT TO EXPECT OVER 2 YEARS AT TAMS

## FALL 1

Adjusting to college classes and life in McConnell Hall

Last chance to change track



## SPRING 1

First chance for students to take **electives**

Club leadership application process

College applications begin



## SUMMER

Optional summer research OR summer classes (retakes or electives)



## FALL 2

College applications continue

Balancing classes with club leadership responsibilities



## SPRING 2

College applications and decisions

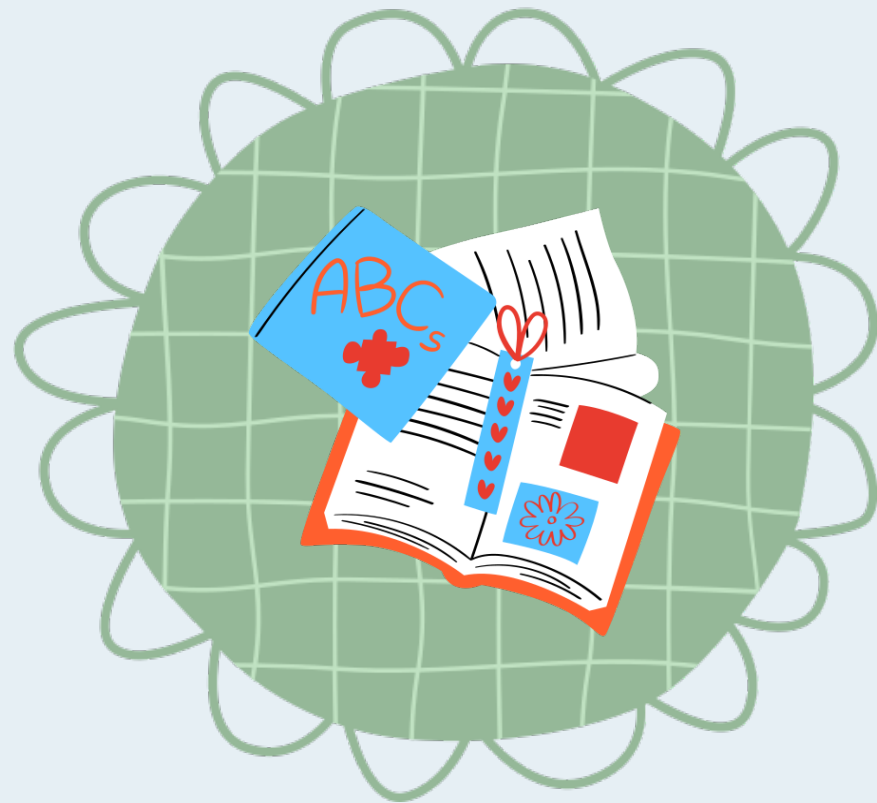
Senioritis

Big events like Prom, Senior Day, Rosecutting, and Commencement

How hard is it to  
keep a 4.0 GPA?

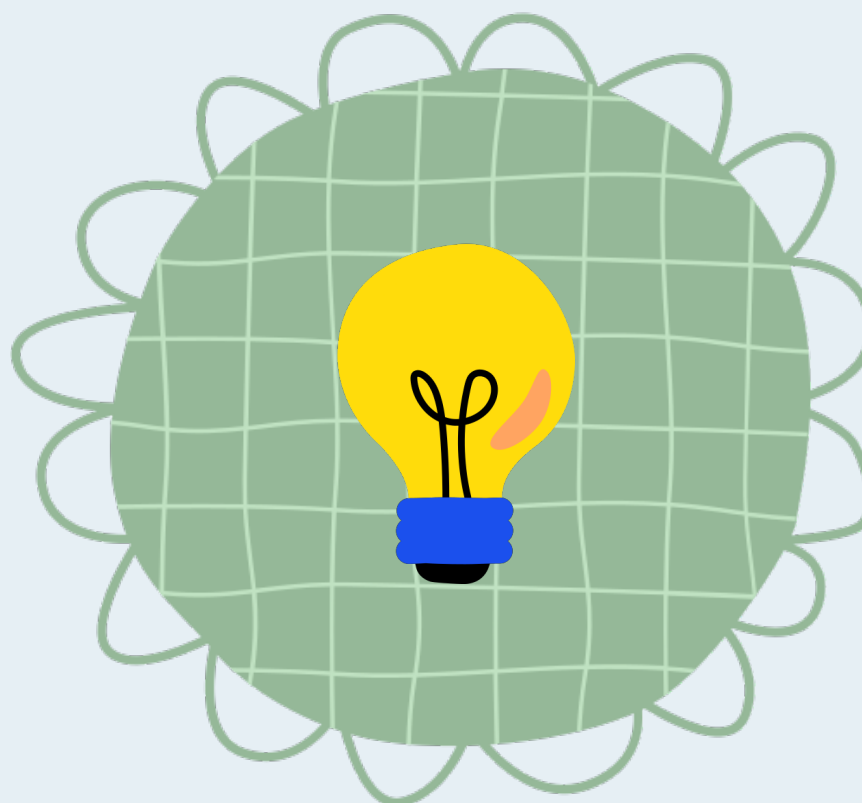
# TAMS RESOURCES

## TAMS Academic Society



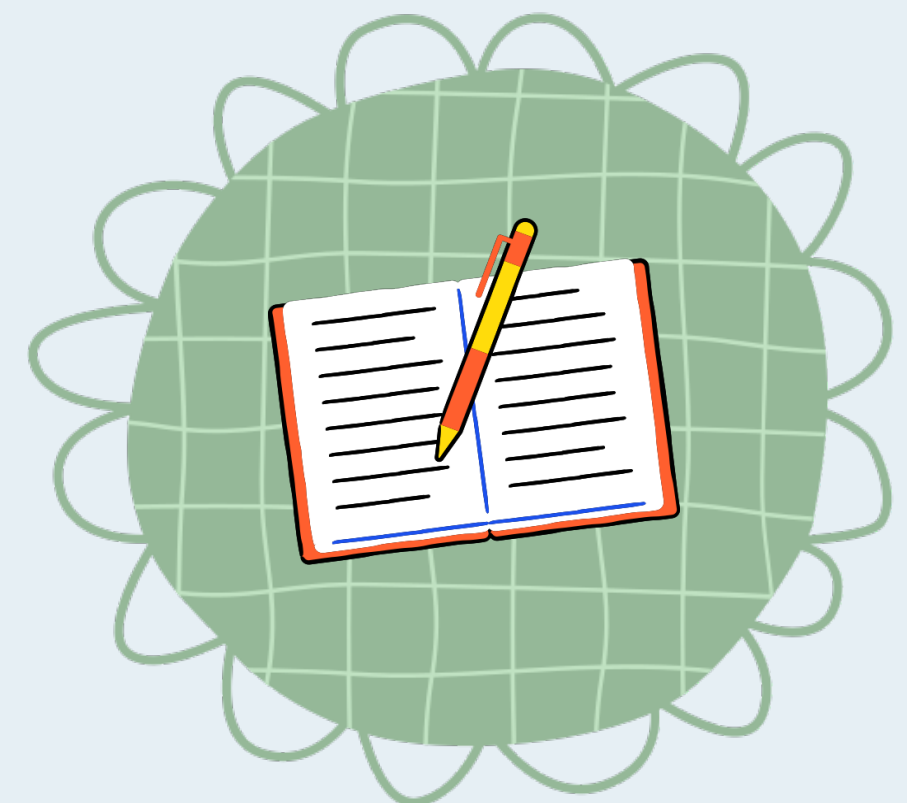
Online resources, one-on-one  
tutoring, study groups

## Counseling Services



Offers personal counseling and  
career counseling

## Academic Counseling



Finding resources, time  
management, study skills

# UNT RESOURCES

Learning Center

Math Lab

Chemistry Resource Center

Life Science Resource Center

Writing Center

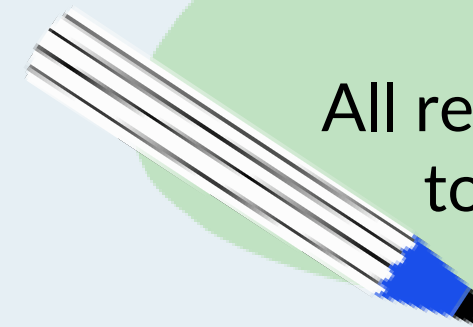
Physics Instructional Center

Technical Communication Lab

History Help Center

Professors & TAs

Office of Disability Access



All resources are free  
to TAMS/UNT students, so take  
advantage of what your  
tuition already covers!

Most tutoring centers offer  
drop-in tutoring, one-  
on-one tutoring, and  
online resources



# STAYING AT TAMS



## GRADES

Grades earned at TAMS will forever be a part of students' higher education transcripts

Review the TAMS Handbook for more information about grades and GPAs needed to remain in TAMS

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Involvement in any form of academic dishonesty makes a student eligible for dismissal from TAMS

Details available in TAMS Handbook

Be proactive and report any suspicions to ACs

## BEHAVIOR

Students are not automatically invited to return to TAMS

Poor attendance, accumulation of academic points, and disciplinary infractions within McConnell Hall could make a student eligible for dismissal from TAMS

# NEXT STEPS

- / Complete the track confirmation form
- / Review the TAMS Handbook
- / Reflect on your application and interview
- / Keep an eye on your inbox (summer assignment, instructions to remove holds for enrollment, etc.)



# THANKS FOR LISTENING!

## QUESTIONS?

Email [Francine.Hazy@unt.edu](mailto:Francine.Hazy@unt.edu) if you have additional questions

