

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## OVERVIEW

Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M-Central Texas), located in Killeen, Texas, is an upper-level, regional institution serving Central Texas.

A&M-Central Texas offers junior- and senior-level coursework needed to successfully complete baccalaureate degrees and all coursework leading to the completion of graduate (master's and specialist) degrees. Founded in 1973 as the American Technological University (ATU), the University has experienced significant change. In 1989, ATU officially changed its name to the University of Central Texas (UCT) and concurrently experienced a growth in enrollment from approximately 550 students in 1988 to more than 1,000 in 1997. In October of 1998, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) supported Tarleton State University's proposal to create a university system center in Central Texas; and on September 1, 1999, Tarleton State University-Central Texas was established.

A&M-Central Texas became a stand-alone university on May 27, 2009, one of eleven universities within The Texas A&M University System. A&M-Central Texas became a separately accredited institution in June 2013 through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), retroactive to January 1, 2013.

## History of Name Changes

1973 - 1989	American Technological University
1989 - 1999	University of Central Texas
1999 - 2009	Tarleton State University-Central Texas
2009 - Present	Texas A&M University- Central Texas

## Geographic Service Area and Student Population

A&M-Central Texas is located on 672 beautiful acres of land at the intersection of State Highway 195 and State Highway 201 in Killeen. The land was transferred to The Texas A&M University System from the U.S. Army in the summer of 2009. The University's service area includes Central Texas. The student population at A&M-Central Texas is diverse and growing, currently serving over 2,600 students, a 19% increase in headcount and a 41% increase in full-time equivalent (FTE) students over Fall 2009. In Fall 2016, 43% of students reported that they were White, 23% reported they were Black or African American, 21% reported they were Hispanic or Latino, and 13% reported that they were of other or multiple races. More than 4,800 students have graduated with a baccalaureate or graduate degree since 2009.

Full-time faculty, advisors, and support staff are available to assist students with admission, financial aid, degree plans, and career planning during both day and extended evening hours. A&M-Central Texas offers undergraduate degrees and graduate degrees.

As an upper-level institution, A&M-Central Texas has developed agreements with Central Texas community colleges that enable a seamless transfer without the loss of credits. In addition, A&M-Central Texas faculty and staff actively engage in dialog with representatives

from area community colleges to monitor instructional need and to ensure appropriate access to educational opportunity at all levels.

A&M-Central Texas is a member of GoArmyEd, a virtual gateway for soldiers on active duty who may at any time request Tuition Assistance (TA) online for classroom, distance learning, and eArmyU online college courses. GoArmyEd is used by soldiers as a one-stop shop to pursue and manage their postsecondary educational goals; by Army Education Counselors to provide educational guidance; and by colleges to deliver degree and course offerings and to report soldiers' progress.

Newly admitted A&M-Central Texas students are required to complete an application for admission and meet with an academic advisor to review degree plans. For current students, registration is available online. The University offers programs to assist students with academic advising, special needs, tutoring, counseling, medical needs, and career services.