

**Results of the Entering Student Survey
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1) How did you learn about TAMU-T?

	Count	Pct of Responses	Pct of Cases
From people at my high school	24	10.5	11.9
From relatives or friends	72	31.6	35.8
From a representative of TAMU-T	12	5.3	6.0
From a college placement or other information service	12	5.3	6.0
From a college catalogue	12	5.3	6.0
From material I received in the mail	13	5.7	6.5
From material I read in a newspaper or magazine	3	1.3	1.5
From a radio or TV advertisement	2	2.0	1.0
From an information display (education fair, convention, etc.)	4	1.8	2.0
From a billboard	2	0.9	1.0
From people at the college from which I am transferring	72	31.6	35.8
Total responses	228	100.0	113.4

2) What image do you have of TAMU-T?

	Count	Pct of Responses	Pct of Cases
A teacher training school	22	8.5	10.8
An intellectually demanding school	18	6.9	8.9
An inexpensive place to get an education	26	10.0	12.8
A general liberal arts school	5	1.9	2.5
A school with a faculty of high quality	21	8.1	10.3
A school with strong student services	10	3.9	4.9
A school with a reputation for excellence	37	14.3	18.2
A non-demanding place to get an education	7	2.7	3.4
A school with a promising future	57	22.0	28.1
Have no clear image	56	21.6	27.6
Total responses	259	100.0	127.6

3) Compare TAMU-T printed materials to other schools

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Unknown - didn't receive similar material from other schools	72	35.5	36.2	36.2
	TAMU-T materials were worse than others	8	3.9	4.0	40.2
	TAMU-T materials were about the same	95	46.8	47.7	87.9
	TAMU-T materials were better than others	24	11.8	12.1	100.0
	Total	199	98.0	100.0	
Missing	System	4	2.0		
Total		203	100.0		

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4) At how many other colleges did you apply for admissions this year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	142	70.0	70.3	70.3
	One	46	22.7	22.8	93.1
	Two	10	4.9	5.0	98.0
	Three	3	1.5	1.5	99.5
	Four	1	.5	.5	100.0
Total		202	99.5	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.5		
Total		203	100.0		

5) Besides TAMU-T, at how many colleges were you accepted this year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	135	66.5	68.5	68.5
	One	39	19.2	19.8	88.3
	Two	17	8.4	8.6	97.0
	Three	5	2.5	2.5	99.5
	Four	1	.5	.5	100.0
Total		197	97.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	3.0		
Total		203	100.0		

6) Was TAMU-T your first choice?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	26	12.8	13.0	13.0
	Yes	174	85.7	87.0	100.0
Total		200	98.5	100.0	
Missing	System	3	1.5		
Total		203	100.0		

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7) Listed below are some factors that may have influenced your decision to attend TAMU-T. Please mark each factor that influenced your decision.			
	Count	Pct of Responses	Pct of Cases
Academic reputation of TAMU-T	46	7.3	22.9
Academic programs	89	14.2	44.3
Academic scholarship	17	2.7	8.5
Advice of a current or former TAMU-T student	37	5.9	18.4
Affiliation with The Texas A&M University System	51	8.1	25.4
Availability of financial aid	31	4.9	15.4
Campus visit or tour	3	0.5	1.5
Close to home	172	27.4	85.6
Counselor's or teacher's advice	11	1.8	5.5
Institution's social reputation	12	1.9	6.0
Range and availability of student services	7	1.1	3.5
Reasonable costs	78	12.4	38.8
Relative's advice	21	3.3	10.4
Reputation of TAMU-T in the job market	7	1.1	3.5
Reputation of TAMU-T's graduates in graduate schools	3	0.5	1.5
Size and availability of classes	35	5.6	17.4
Other	7	1.1	3.5
Total Responses	627	100.0	311.9

OTHER	
	ONLY COLLEGE IN AREA
	SCHEDULE
	HUSBAND TRANSFERRED
	BOYFRIEND
	TRANSFERRED
	SIZE OF CLASSES
	I WORK HERE
	RELAXED

8) What is your gender?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	44	21.7	22.1	22.2
	Female	155	76.4	77.9	100.0
	Total	199	98.0	100.0	
Missing	System	4	2.0		
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9) Mark each objective you consider essential.			
	Count	Pct of Responses	Pct of Cases
Becoming an authority in my field	78	11.3	40
A degree that provides entry into my chosen career field	153	22.2	78.5
Courses that will enable me to transfer to another university	25	3.6	12.8
Discovering my field of interest	36	5.2	18.5
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	27	3.9	13.8
Influencing the political structure	7	1	3.6
Influencing social values	39	5.7	20
Improving my self-confidence	79	11.5	40.5
Developing my ability to be self-reliant	61	8.9	31.3
Developing my general skills to be adaptable in job market	91	13.2	46.7
Preparing for graduate or professional school	93	13.5	47.7
Total responses	689	100	353.4

10) Race/Ethnicity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	3.0	3.1	3.1
	Black/non-Hispanic	25	12.3	12.8	15.9
	Hispanic	4	2.0	2.1	17.9
	White/non-Hispanic	160	78.8	82.1	100.0
	Total	195	96.1	100.0	
Missing	System	8	3.9		
Total		203	100.0		

11) Do you feel that you have a permanent disability?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	182	89.7	95.3	95.3
	Yes	9	4.4	4.7	100.0
	Total	191	94.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	5.9		
Total		203	100.0		

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12) How many credit hours do you plan to take EACH TERM during this academic year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3 or less	8	3.9	4.2	4.2
	4-8	30	14.8	15.7	19.9
	9-11	16	7.9	8.4	28.3
	12-14	88	43.3	46.1	74.3
	15 or more	49	24.1	25.7	100.0
Total		191	94.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	5.9		
Total		203	100.0		

13) What is the highest level of education completed by your father?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A) Did not graduate from high school	28	13.8	14.4	14.4
	B) High school graduate	73	36.0	37.4	51.8
	C) Attended college	38	18.7	19.5	71.3
	D) Completed two year college degree program	25	12.3	12.8	84.1
	E) Received a Bachelor's degree	22	10.8	11.3	95.4
	F) Attended graduate or professional school	1	.5	.5	95.9
	G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree	8	3.9	4.1	100.0
Total		195	96.1	100.0	
Missing	System	8	3.9		
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14) What is the highest level of education completed by your mother?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A) Did not graduate from high school	29	14.3	14.9	14.9
	B) High school graduate	61	30.0	31.3	46.2
	C) Attended college	39	19.2	20.0	66.2
	D) Completed two year college degree program	17	8.4	8.7	74.9
	E) Received a Bachelor's degree	28	13.8	14.4	89.2
	F) Attended graduate or professional school	3	1.5	1.5	90.8
	G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree	18	8.9	9.2	100.0
Total		195	96.1	100.0	
Missing	System	8	3.9		
Total		203	100.0		

15. Are you a Texas resident?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	61	30.0	31.4	31.4
	Yes	133	65.5	68.6	100.0
Total		194	95.6	100.0	
Missing	System	9	4.4		
Total		203	100.0		

If not, what state/country?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		145	71.4	71.4	71.4
	ARIZONA	1	.5	.5	71.9
	ARKANSAS	55	27.1	27.1	99.0
	OKLAHOMA	1	.5	.5	99.5
	WASHINGTON	1	.5	.5	100.0
Total		203	100.0	100.0	

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If yes, what county?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	91	44.8	44.8	44.8
ANDERSON	1	.5	.5	45.3
BOWIE	79	38.9	38.9	84.2
CAMP	1	.5	.5	84.7
CASS	18	8.9	8.9	93.6
HARRISON	2	1.0	1.0	94.6
MARION	1	.5	.5	95.1
MILLER	1	.5	.5	95.6
MORRIS	3	1.5	1.5	97.0
TITUS	5	2.5	2.5	99.5
UPSHER	1	.5	.5	100.0
Total	203	100.0	100.0	

16) Which of these is your top concern as you enter TAMU-T?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	110	54.2	57.0	57.0
Academic	3	1.5	1.6	58.5
Childcare	10	4.9	5.2	63.7
Employment	11	5.4	5.7	69.4
Family	57	28.1	29.5	99.0
Finances	2	1.0	1.0	100.0
Transportation				
Total	193	95.1	100.0	
Missing	10	4.9		
System				
Total	203	100.0		

17) Do you expect to apply for financial aid at TAMU-T?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	61	30.0	31.3	31.3
No	96	47.3	49.2	80.5
Yes, I've applied	38	18.7	19.5	100.0
Yes, but I've not yet applied				
Total	195	96.1	100.0	
Missing	8	3.9		
System				
Total	203	100.0		

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18) Do you expect to apply for an academic scholarship?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	89	43.8	47.1	47.1
	Yes, I've applied	34	16.7	18.0	65.1
	Yes, but I've not yet applied	66	32.5	34.9	100.0
	Total	189	93.1	100.0	
Missing	System	14	6.9		
Total		203	100.0		

19) Do you expect to be employed while attending TAMU-T?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	45	22.2	24.2	24.2
	Yes	141	69.5	75.8	100.0
	Total	186	91.6	100.0	
Missing	System	17	8.4		
Total		203	100.0		

If yes, how many hours per week?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 20	14	6.9	9.6	9.6
	20-25	33	16.3	22.6	32.2
	26-30	12	5.9	8.2	40.4
	31-35	16	7.9	11.0	51.4
	36 or more	71	35.0	48.6	100.0
	Total	146	71.9	100.0	
Missing	System	57	28.1		
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20) Please indicate the degree program in which you expect to major:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Business Administration	41	20.2	21.7	21.7
	Criminal Justice	8	3.9	4.2	25.9
	Psychology	19	9.4	10.1	36.0
	English	10	4.9	5.3	41.3
	History	9	4.4	4.8	46.0
	Mathematics	5	2.5	2.6	48.7
	Applied Arts & Sciences BAAS	45	22.2	23.8	72.5
	Interdisciplinary Studies	29	14.3	15.3	87.8
	General Studies	15	7.4	7.9	95.8
	Nursing	6	3.0	3.2	98.9
	Mass Communications	2	1.0	1.1	100.0
	Total	189	93.1	100.0	
	Missing	System	14	6.9	
Total	203	100.0			

21) Academic Advising

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	2	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Dissatisfied	10	5.6	5.6	6.8
	Satisfied	90	50.8	50.8	57.6
	Very Satisfied	75	42.4	42.4	100.0
	Total	177	100.0	100.0	

21) Advising from Financial Aid Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	4	3.1	3.1	3.1
	Dissatisfied	9	7.1	7.1	10.2
	Satisfied	62	48.8	48.8	59.1
	Very Satisfied	52	40.9	40.9	100.0
	Total	127	100.0	100.0	

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21) Correspondence from Admissions Office

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	5	2.8	2.8	2.8
	Dissatisfied	5	2.8	2.8	5.7
	Satisfied	112	63.6	63.6	69.3
	Very Satisfied	54	30.7	30.7	100.0
Total		176	100.0	100.0	

21) Registration Procedures

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	3	1.6	1.6	1.6
	Dissatisfied	5	2.6	2.6	4.1
	Satisfied	118	61.1	61.1	65.3
	Very Satisfied	67	34.7	34.7	100.0
Total		193	100.0	100.0	

21) Service from Business Office Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	2	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Dissatisfied	3	1.6	1.6	2.7
	Satisfied	101	54.9	54.9	57.6
	Very Satisfied	78	42.4	42.4	100.0
Total		184	100.0	100.0	

21) Service from Degree Planning Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	6	3.5	3.5	3.5
	Dissatisfied	8	4.6	4.6	8.1
	Satisfied	81	46.8	46.8	54.9
	Very Satisfied	78	45.1	45.1	100.0
Total		173	100.0	100.0	

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21) Service from Financial Aid Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	5	3.8	3.8	3.8
	Dissatisfied	12	9.1	9.1	12.9
	Satisfied	64	48.5	48.5	61.4
	Very Satisfied	51	38.6	38.6	100.0
Total		132	100.0	100.0	

21) Service from Registrar's Office Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	5	3.1	3.1	3.1
	Dissatisfied	3	1.8	1.8	4.9
	Satisfied	100	61.3	61.3	66.3
	Very Satisfied	55	33.7	33.7	100.0
Total		163	100.0	100.0	

21) Service from Student Support Service Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	2	1.9	1.9	1.9
	Dissatisfied	1	1.0	1.0	2.9
	Satisfied	63	61.2	61.2	64.1
	Very Satisfied	37	35.9	35.9	100.0
Total		103	100.0	100.0	