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# WELCOME TO WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY!

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# **Welcome to West Texas A&M University!**

## **In This Packet, You Will Find Information On...**

- Office of Admissions – International
- Registering for Classes
- Paying Your Bills
- Getting Your Books for Classes
- List of Off-Campus Apartments in Canyon
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- List of Banks in Canyon
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- How to Get a Texas Driver's License
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- Maintaining Your F1 Student Visa (basics)
- On-Campus Employment
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- Health Insurance
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- Campus Map

# DISCOVER THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS - INTERNATIONAL!



**Website: [www.wtamu.edu/international](http://www.wtamu.edu/international) >>> Current Students**

- Make an appointment with us online
- Change your address with us online
- Immigration Resources – Maintaining Visa status, online class regulations, program extensions, travel requirements, less than full time enrollment, change of major processes
- Employment Information– on-campus employment process, Curricular Practical Training (internships), Optional Practical Training, Social Security process
- Health Insurance—requirements, usage, claim processes and waiver process
- Other Services—drivers license, Social Security, and tax processes and procedures

## **Contact Information**

- **Old Main 1st Floor (basement), Admissions Office**
- **Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8-5
- **Phone:** 806-651-2073
- **Email:** [internationaladmissions@wtamu.edu](mailto:internationaladmissions@wtamu.edu)

# ACCOUNT ACTIVATION, REGISTERING FOR CLASSES, GETTING YOUR BOOKS & PAYING THE BILLS

## Account Activation: [www.wtamu.edu/activate](http://www.wtamu.edu/activate)

- You will need to know your Student (BUFF) ID, Last Name, and Date of Birth

## Registering for Classes

- **All Undergraduate Students (Freshmen & Transfer students)**

Please check your email for important information on how to register.

You will receive an email from Advising Services once you are ready to register.

- **All Graduate Students (Masters, PhD, and Second Bachelor students)**

Once ready for registration, you will receive an email from our office addressed to your academic advisor letting them know that you are ready for registration.

## NEW THIS YEAR!!! Getting Your Textbooks Will Look Different!

- Courses that utilize textbooks published by Cengage; the material will be provided FREE of charge to students
- When searching the website for texts, a posted message "Materials available within Blackboard", the textbook required for the course will not need to be purchased. Reach out to the Faculty member for guidance on how to access the material via **WT Class Blackboard**.
- Provisions are available for a printed copy of a Cengage textbook if desired.
- Please note: students may incur a textbook expense in courses where the material is not a Cengage publication. Should you need assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to the WT Campus/Online University Bookstore [www.wtbookstore.com](http://www.wtbookstore.com) or your Faculty.

## Paying the Bills

Once you register for classes, a bill will be generated

Bill Payment Options:

\*In-person at the Business Office in Old Main

\*Online:

1. Go to [www.wtamu.edu](http://www.wtamu.edu)
2. Click on Buff Portal & Login
3. Click on Buff Advisor, then click on students
4. Click on View Account and Make Payments
5. Select Make a Payment & Select Payment Method
6. Proceed to Payment



# Canyon Apartment List

Apartments	Address	Miles from Campus	Contact
3C Apartment	2613-2619 2nd Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	2608 2nd Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	105 N 28th StCanyon, TX 79015	0.4 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	610 24th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.6 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	2612 5th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	610 24th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.6 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	8th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	2611 6th Ave, Canyon, TX 79015	0.3 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	801-805 27th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.4 miles	806-674-0903
3C Apartment	408 27th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.1 miles	806-674-0903
5th Ave Apartment	2712 5th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.8 miles	(844) 347-9692
Avlaon Apartment	2714th 6th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.5 miles	(806) 655-4121
Brandiwine Apartment	2710 5th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.6 miles	(806) 655-9611
Briar Hurst Aprtment	25 Southridge Dr,Canyon, TX 79015	3 miles	(806) 655-7715
Cambridge House	22 US-60Canyon, TX 79015	3.2 miles	(806) 655-7732
Campus Row	2500 89th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.4 miles	<a href="tel:8066835949">(806)-683-5949</a>
CampusView	107 28th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.4 miles	<a href="tel:8558199694">(855) 819-9694</a>
Canyon Creek	50 southridge Dr,Canyon, TX 79015	1.3 miles	(806) 655-9611
Canyon Crest	1310 23rd St,Canyon, TX 79015	1.1 miles	(806) 655-9611
Canyon Manor	2407 13TH Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.2 miles	(806) 331-2787
Canyon Park	1601 US-60,Canyon, TX 79015	0.9 miles	(806) 655-9611
Canyon Village	2707 6th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.3 miles	(806) 655-6192
Chalet Apartment	2602 6th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	(806) 655-4121
Cheryywood Apartment	2101 1st Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	(806) 331-2787
Cimmaron Apartment	10 Cottonwood Ln,Canyon, TX 79015	1.5 miles	(806) 655-1080
Coyote Bluff	2801 Mable Drive,Canyon, TX 79015	0.6 miles	(806) 679-2220
Four Season	203 28th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.8 miles	(806) 655-8080

Hunsley Heights Apartment	2 S Hunslewy Hills Blvd,Canyon, TX 79015	2.4 miles	(806) 556-4455
La Paloma	2111 3rd Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.1 miles	(806) 655-8080
Legends Canyon	50 Valleyview Road,Canyon, TX 79015	1.6 miles	(806) 749-6949
McCaslin Apartments	2400 4th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.2 miles	(806) 651-5800
Mesa Verde	2519 8th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.3 miles	(806) 679-2220
Palo Verde	2712 9th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.1 miles	(806) 655-3373
Paradise Apartments	2710 8th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.1 miles	(806) 655-4237
Parkview	2620 10th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.1 miles	(855) 821-9053
Pepper tree	207 28th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.8 miles	(806) 655-8080
Ponderosa	1410 Ponderosa St,Canyon, TX 79015	1.2 miles	(806) 665-6192
Silver Creek	104 N 28th St,Canyon, TX 79015	0.8 miles	(806) 655-3632
Southeast Park	2618 10th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.1 miles	(806) 331-2787
The Depot	1901 N 2nd Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	0.5 miles	806) 655-7732
Torres Evolution Village	47 Valleyview Road,Canyon, TX 79015	1.2 miles	(806) 205-6400
Village West	504 4th Ave,Canyon, TX 79015	1.5 miles	(806) 679-2220

Please visit Google to find out more information about apartments listed above

***Disclaimer: The list provided above is provided as a courtesy. The Office of Admission-International or any of its staff are not responsible or liable for agreements made between students and apartments.***

***On-Campus Housing Disclaimer: Students under the age of 20 are required to live on-campus during the first two years following high school graduation. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they are in compliance with university housing policies, found at: <https://www.wtamu.edu/student-life/residential-living/housing/housing-policy.html>***

# PLACES TO...

## BUY A CELL PHONE/SIM CARD

WHERE TO PURCHASE	PREPAID CELLPHONE OPTIONS	ADDRESS
AT&T	AT&T	205 North 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Canyon, TX
Best Buy	AT&T, Cricket, T-Mobile	101 Westgate Parkway West, Amarillo, TX
T-Mobile	T-Mobile	301 North 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Canyon, TX
Walmart	AT&T, Spring, T-Mobile, Tracfone	1701 North 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Canyon, TX

## BANK IN CANYON

BANK NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	DISTANCE
Amarillo National Bank	1700 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Canyon TX	(806) 655-8880	0.7 miles
Education Credit Union-Buff Smart	2100 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Canyon, TX	(806) 358-7777	0.4 miles
First United Bank	801 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Canyon, TX	(806) 655-8000	0.6 miles
Happy State Bank	1908 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Canyon, TX	(806) 851-2265	0.5 miles
Wellington State Bank	1310 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Canyon, TX	(806) 655-1000	0.9 miles
Wells Fargo	2111 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Canyon, TX	(806) 655-1111	0.4 miles

### \*\*\*WHAT YOU NEED TO OPEN A U.S. BANK ACCOUNT\*\*\*

\*MONEY

\*PASSPORT

\*VISA

\*I-20

\*I-94

\*FOREIGN ADDRESS

\*LOCAL ADDRESS (you may use WT address if you do not have a local one)

# HOW TO GET A TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE & GETTING PLACES



## How to get a Texas Driver's License

Please visit the Current Students Section of the International website at: [www.wtamu.edu/iso](http://www.wtamu.edu/iso) and go to the Resources Section for information on how to obtain a Texas Driver's License.

## Getting Places (without a car)



### Panhandle Transit

- There is no set schedule for the Panhandle Transit
- Within Amarillo, there is a \$2.00 charge per stop. \$30 monthly passes are also available.
- Call 800-800-6162 at least 24 hours in advance for a ride

**Uber**— you will need to download the Uber app on your phone

**Taxi Services**— please search for taxi services in the Canyon/Amarillo Area

### Electric Scooters

-You might have seen these scooters all around campus and apartment buildings.

-These are called "Bird" and they are available for anyone to use within short distances.

-You need to download the app called "Bird" on your phone, scan the QR code, and make the required payment before use.



Disclaimer: Walmart is out-of-range.

# MAINTAINING F1 VISA STATUS BASICS

## Undergraduates

- \*A full course load is considered 12 credit hours
- \*At least 9 credit hours (3 courses) must be face-to-face
- \*Students may take one (1) online course as part of the full course load
- \*Students are welcome to take more than 12 credit hours per semester
- \*If you are unable to take a full course load for ANY reason, please contact the Office of Admission-International.



## Graduates

- \*A full course load is considered 9 credit hours
- \*At least 6 credit hours (2 courses) must be face-to-face
- \*Students may take one (1) online course as part of the full course load
- \*Students are welcome to take more than 9 credit hours per semester
- \*If you are unable to take a full course load for any reason, please contact the Office of Admission-International.

## All Students

- \*Make sure your passport is valid at all times
- \*When traveling outside of the US, please visit the ISS to get your I-20 signed for travel
- \*When traveling outside of the US, make sure your visa is valid (visa doesn't need to be valid if staying in the US)

## Retrieving Your I-94 (Arrival/ Departure record)

- This document is required to apply for employment, open a bank account, drivers license, etc.

1. Go to the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/recent-search>
2. Click Consent & Continue
3. Enter the information and click Next

# ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT & GETTING A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

## On-Campus Employment

\*Students on an F1 visa may work up to 20 hours per week on-campus for the Fall and Spring semesters. During official university breaks, international students may work up to 40 hours per week on-campus

Off-campus work is strictly prohibited on the F1 student visa, per federal regulations

If you wish to work for the on-campus Starbucks, Pony Express, Wich Wich, and/or Chick-Fil-A, you must ensure the employer is Aramark.



### How to Get an On-Campus Job: Handshake

<https://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/career-services/job-search/handshake.html>

\*Office of Career Services and Professional Development Contact Information

Hours: Monday-Friday 8-12, 1-5

Location: JBK Student Center: Classroom Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Student Success Center, Suite 113

Phone: 806-651-2345

Website: [www.wtamu.edu/career](http://www.wtamu.edu/career)

## How to Get a Social Security Card

\*You should be in the US for at least 48 hours before applying for a Social Security Card, this allows Port of Entry Officials to upload arrival information

\*Please visit the Current Students page of the International Students website at:

[www.wtamu.edu/international](http://www.wtamu.edu/international) under the Employment section

for information on obtaining a Social Security Card

# WHAT DO I DO IF I FALL SICK!?!

**Student Medical Services is a great place to start!**

Hours: Monday-Friday 8-12, 1-5

Location: Virgil Henson Activity Center, Room 104

Phone: 806-651-3287

Website: [www.wtamu.edu/medical](http://www.wtamu.edu/medical)



## Services Provided by Student Medical Services

- Illness, Injury, Preventative Care
- Minor Surgery
- Lab & X-Ray Services
- Mental Health Screening, Referral
- Immunizations & Injections
- Men's & Women's Healthcare
- Cold Care Packs – includes decongestants, antihistamines, cough medicine, and pain relievers
- Medical Equipment for Loan or Purchase – splints, medical boots, crutches, slings, thermometers, etc.
- Small Pharmacy – offers about 40 generic medications
- Patient Assistance Programs – for uninsured and low-income patients
- Classes – First Aid, CPR/AED, Basic Life Support

# HEALTH INSURANCE NEED-TO-KNOW

 **BlueCross BlueShield**

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

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Subscriber Name: [REDACTED]  
Identification Number: [REDACTED]

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Group Number: [REDACTED]  
Coverage Date: 01/01/19  
Member Effective: 01/01/19

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Office Visit	\$35
Urgent Care	\$35
Emergency Room	\$150
RX Generic Copay	\$15
RX Copay	\$30/\$40

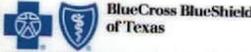
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[www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com)

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 **BlueCross BlueShield of Texas**

Customer Service 1-855-267-0214  
Preauth-Medical 1-800-441-9188  
Preauth-Mh/Cd 1-800-528-7264  
Blue Card Access 1-800-810-2583  
Provider Service 1-800-451-0287  
24/7 Nurseline 1-800-581-0368  
MDLive 1-888-680-8646

[www.MDLIVE.com/BCBSTX](http://www.MDLIVE.com/BCBSTX)

BlueCross BlueShield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an independent licensee of the BlueCross BlueShield Association.

Pharmacy Benefits Manager



**Did You Know?** The Texas A&M University System requires health insurance for ALL enrolled international students at WTAMU.

## What You Need to Know

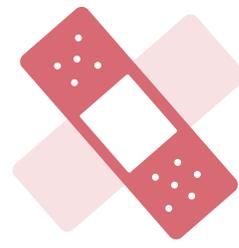
- **Cost & Effective Dates:**
  - \$250 for August 2024 (August 1st - August 31st)
  - \$1,010 for Fall 2024 (September 1st - December 31st)
  - \$2,013 for Spring 2025 (January 1st - August 31st)

## Can I Get a Waiver?

- All-Online students will automatically be waived on the 12th class day.
- Graduate Student Employees who qualify for and choose insurance through on-campus employment and complete the onboarding process through WorkDay will automatically be waived on the 12th class day.
- All other students can apply for a waiver through the insurance company at: <https://bit.ly/WHealthInsurance>
  - *Please be aware that the International office does not review insurance policies or grant insurance waivers.*
  - **Waiver Request Deadline for Fall 2024 is September 7, 2024**

## What Are the Benefits of Health Insurance Through WT?

- Valid worldwide
- Regular medical appointments at Student Medical Services are free!
  - *Other services, such as labs and x-rays may cost some money*
- Cheaper than getting your own U.S. Insurance

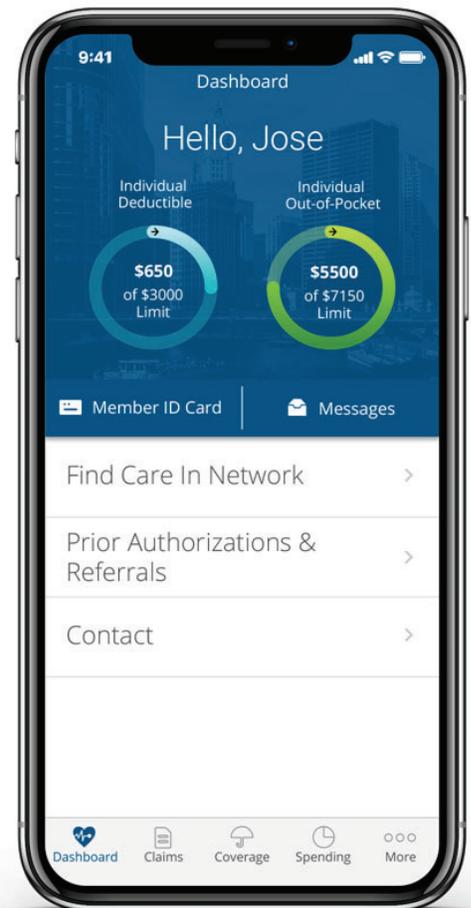


# HEALTH INSURANCE INFO ON YOUR CELL

## BCBSTX MOBILE APP

### FEATURES:

- FIND AN IN-NETWORK DOCTOR HOSPITAL OR URGENT CARE FACILITY OR SEARCH FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING DOCTORS
- ACCESS YOUR CLAIMS, COVERAGE AND DEDUCTIBLE INFORMATION
- ACCESS YOUR TEMPORARY DIGITAL MEMBER ID CARD
- SECURE LOGIN WITH FACE ID (IOS ONLY) AND FINGERPRINT ID
- AVAILABLE FOR IPHONE AND ANDROID USERS.



PLEASE VISIT THE  
LINK BELOW TO  
DOWNLOAD THE  
MOBILE APP

# THINGS TO DO IN CANYON & AMARILLO

## Explore

- Palo Duro Canyon
- Caprock Canyons
- Wildcat Bluff Nature Center
- Lake Meredith



## Things to Do

- Palace Coffee - Journey's - 1330 - Starbuck's - Bubble Bar
- Historic Route 66
- Cadillac Ranch
- Amarillo Botanical Garden
- Amarillo Zoo
- Wonderland Amusement Park
- Canyon & Amarillo Public Libraries
- The Big Texan - 72-ounce Steak Challenge



## Museums

- Panhandle Plains Historical Museum (on-campus)
- Amarillo Museum of Art - AMOA
- American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum
- Don Harrington Discovery Center
- Texas Air & Space Museum

## Shopping

- Westgate Mall -
- Wolflin Village (Amarillo)
- Boutiques in and around Canyon



## Sports

- Amarillo Sod Poodles - Minor League Baseball
- Amarillo Wranglers Hockey
- FC Amarillo - Pro Soccer
- Amarillo Venom - Indoor Football League
- WTAMU Sports



# -OTHER ESSENTIALS-

## FOOD

- Buff's
- Taco Villa
- Whataburger
- Chicken Express
- Robinson's BBQ
- Subway
- Braum's
- Best Thai/Thai Kitchen
- Wendy's/Burger King/McDonald's
- Pony Express Burritos
- Feldman's Wrong Way Diner
- Domino's Pizza/Pizza Hut
- Pepito's Mexican Restaurant



## CLOTHES/SHOES/ACCESSORIES

- Westgate Mall (Amarillo)
- Clothezexchange (Amarillo)
- Plato's Closet (Amarillo)
- Walmart (Canyon)



## HAIR SALON/BARBERSHOP

- Buffalo Barber Shop (Canyon)
- SmartStyle Hair Salon (Inside Walmart, Canyon)
- Great Clips/Sports Clips (Amarillo)



**Canyon** Walmart offers delivery service. If you live off-campus, your order will be delivered to your residence. If you live on-campus, please check with your Dorm RA (Resident Assistant) to know where your orders will be delivered.



Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum .....	1
Geneva Schaeffer Education Building .....	2
Victory Circle .....	3
Jack B. Kelley Student Center .....	4
Classroom Center .....	5
Fieldhouse "The Box" .....	6
Mary Moody Northern Hall .....	7
Charles W. "Doc" Graham '53 DVM, The Texas A&M University System Center .....	8
Charles W. Graham DVM Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) .....	9
Buffalo Courts Alumni Center .....	10
Hayward Spirit Tower and Charles K. and Barbara Kerr Vaughan Pedestrian Mall .....	11
Guenther Hall .....	12
Bivins Nursing Learning Center .....	13
Physical Plant Complex .....	14
Bain Athletic Center .....	15
Conner Hall .....	16
Buff Hall .....	17
Jarrett Hall .....	18
Alumni Banquet Facility .....	19
Bain-Schaeffer Buffalo Stadium .....	20
Virgil Henson Activities Center .....	21
Boiler Plant .....	22
President's Home .....	23
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Centennial Hall and the Office of Residential Living .....	25
Cornette Library and Marmaduke Internet Innovation Center .....	26
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Joseph A. Hill Memorial Chapel .....	28
Natural Sciences Building .....	29
Engineering and Computer Sciences Building .....	30
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Cross Hall .....	36
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