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TEXAS A&M-BLINN TEAM OVERVIEW

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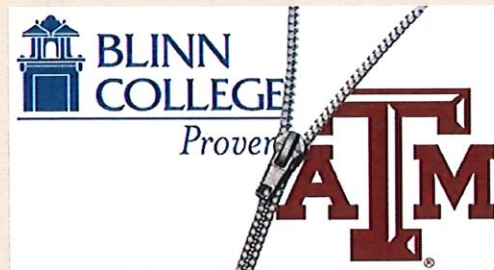
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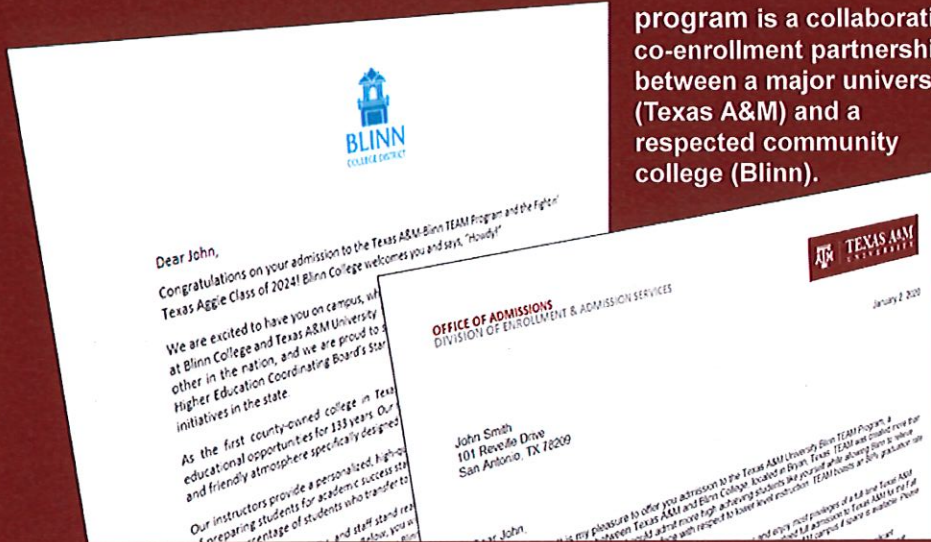
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TEAM Defined

The Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM program is a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between a major university (Texas A&M) and a respected community college (Blinn).



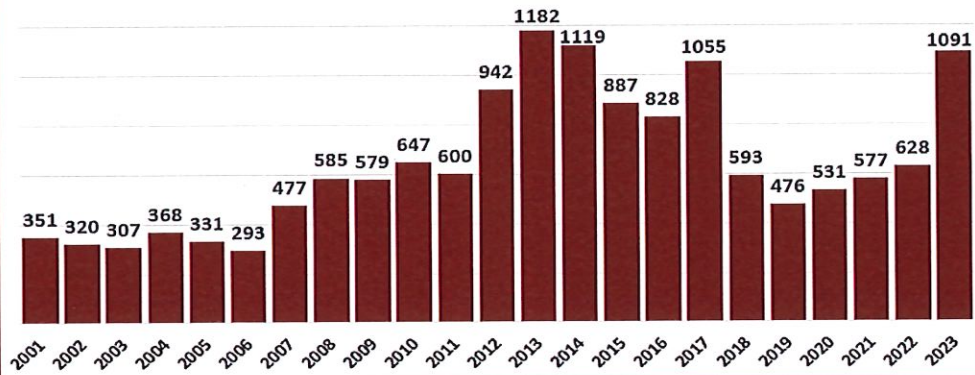
TEAM students are co-enrolled at Texas A&M University and Blinn College.



TEAM Defined

Each year since 2001 this pioneering initiative has allowed the admission of hundreds of additional qualified students into the Texas A&M freshman class than would have otherwise been possible due to enrollment limitations. More than 14,700 students have participated in TEAM.

TEAM Participation 2001-2024

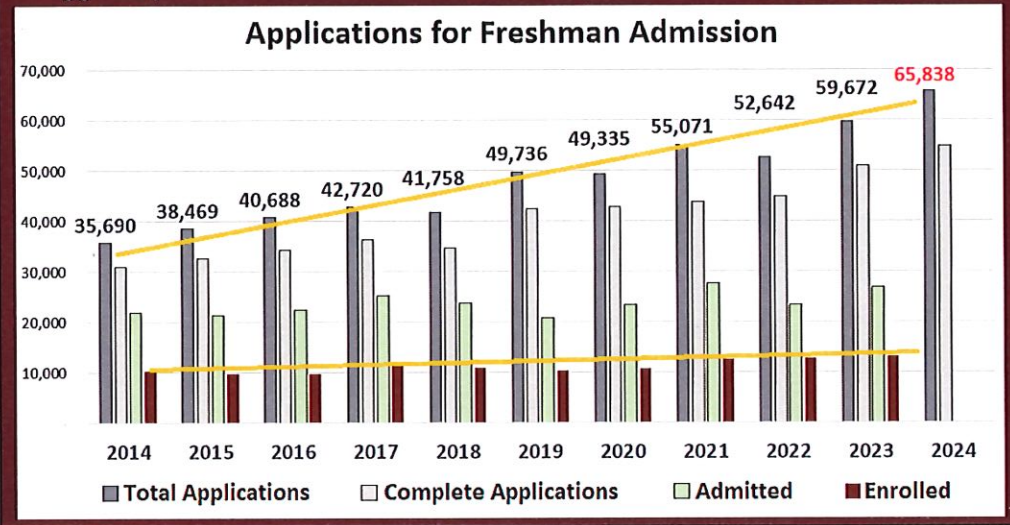


Because TEAM students take a significant number of their courses at Blinn College there are more A&M courses to go around, thus enabling increased admissions.



Why TEAM?

Demand exceeds enrollment capacity. Co-enrollment between A&M and Blinn enables more of the qualified freshman applicants to have a 4-year Aggie experience than would otherwise be possible.



The demand to attend Texas A&M continues to grow, making admission increasingly competitive. Any offer of admission is worthy of celebration..



Background



- 1990s - A&M operating at maximum enrollment capacity
 - Increasing number of applicants
 - Corresponding increase in denial of qualified applicants
 - Large number of Blinn transfers (since 1970)
 - History of close collaboration



- 2001 – TEAM created
- 2006 – Partnership renewed



- 2011 – Partnership renewed
- 2012 – TEAM briefed to State Legislature
- 2013 – TEAM received "Recognition of Excellence" from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board



- 2014 – TEAM recognized with Star Award by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 2017 – Partnership renewed, with program improvements
- 2018 – TEAM students initiate TAMUS RELLIS Campus
- 2021 – Partnership renewed through 2026



Blinn College, founded in Washington County in 1883, has been teaching Aggies in Aggeland (Bryan-College Station) since 1970! Taking some courses at Blinn has become somewhat of an Aggie tradition in the past half-century. The TEAM Program formalized this in 2001.



Basics

- **TEAM may work well for students who:**
 - Have no previously-earned college credits, or few credits
 - Wish to graduate from A&M more than any other school
 - Believe *university* is more important than *major*
 - TEAM cannot guarantee entry to any major
 - Some majors are extremely competitive to enter, such as those in engineering, computing, business, architecture, etc.
 - Students who receive offers of admission into such majors at other universities may find those offers to be their best options



Basics

- **Students should carefully consider *other* options if they:**
 - Have many college credits (>30)
 - Received a scholarship from another university
 - Have a priority of participating in athletics all four years
 - (TEAM students are ineligible due to enrollment limits.)
 - Value graduating with a specific major more than from A&M
 - Have been offered their preferred major by another university
 - This is particularly true if the desired major is highly competitive to enter at A&M (such as engineering, computing, business, architecture, etc.)



Basics

- **It is highly recommended that students with an associate degree *seriously consider* their other options**
 - What courses would you take at Blinn?
 - You might have to pay for (and study for) unneeded courses to maintain full-time co-enrolled status
- **Students hoping for an engineering major, please be aware that:**
 - TEAM students are not permitted to take engineering courses
 - TEAM students are in the lowest priority category for selection in the engineering change of major process
 - Of the most recent 1,593 former TEAM graduates, only 12 earned degrees with “engineering” in the title (0.7%)



Basics

- TEAM participants are selected from among the qualified applicants for freshman admission to Texas A&M University
 - There is not an application specifically for TEAM
- TEAM students are co-enrolled at A&M and Blinn College
 - Students enroll in 1-to-2 A&M courses each semester (3-6 credits)
 - It is *not* necessary to maximize the allowed credits at A&M
 - Summer School is not required, but is a chance to get ahead
 - Students concurrently enroll in sufficient Blinn courses so that A&M credits + Blinn credits ≥ 12
 - 12 credit hours is considered “full-time” for financial aid purposes
 - The majority of a student’s courses should be taken at Blinn
 - Students pursuing majors that require multiple science courses each semester will need to take some of them at Blinn



Basics

- TEAM is designed to be a 2-year co-enrollment program
 - Some majors have entry requirements that take 2 years to complete
 - The majority of students are in the program 2 years
- Early transition to full enrollment is possible when students have:
 - Completed 2 or more semesters, *and*
 - Maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at each school, *and*
 - Satisfied all entry requirements for their intended major, *and*
 - Been selected by the college or department to which they applied
- In recent years approximately 20-25% of students have successfully transitioned to a major after only 2 semesters



Basics

- Each major at A&M has unique entry requirements
- Each TEAM student is responsible for knowing and completing the requirements to qualify for their intended major
 - These requirements are available at <http://tap.tamu.edu>
 - Select the “Change of Major” tab
 - Satisfying minimum criteria does not always result in selection
 - Entry requirements for some majors include completion of a specified number of A&M credit hours
 - Students selected for early transition are *not* required by TEAM rules to complete a particular number of A&M or Blinn credit hours



Basics

- Students who remain in TEAM for the maximum allowed time (2 years) are expected to:
 - Complete 60 total credit hours
 - At least 36 Blinn credit hours with cumulative 2.5 GPA
 - At least 15 A&M credit hours with cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Completion of the 2-year program requirements enables continuation at A&M but does not guarantee a certain major

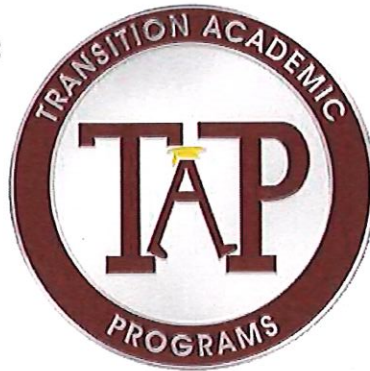


Basics

Transition Academic Programs,
a unit within the Division of Academic
Affairs, provides:

- **Academic advising**
- **Accurate, timely information**
- **Administrative Support**
- **Advocacy**

for students to help them succeed
while in TEAM and beyond.





Benefits (to students)

- 4-year flagship university experience
- Financial Aid eligibility
 - for those who otherwise qualify
- A&M on-campus residence
 - must apply to be eligible
- A&M sporting events
- Blinn cost savings
- Blinn smaller class sizes
- Blinn Associate Degree opportunity
- Student activities
 - Corps, Greek Life, Service organizations, Fish Camp, etc.
 - Exception: NCAA sports



Fish Camp



CORPS OF CADETS



GREEKS



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THE BIG EVENT
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Our Big Day Our Big Thanks Our Big Game

Texas A&M is home to more than 1,300 student organizations, most of which are available to TEAM students. The few that are unavailable are mainly sports teams or clubs that are bound by league enrollment rules.



Benefits (to students)

Estimated Tuition & Fee Comparison for Texas Residents TEAM vs Full-Time TAMU Students

<i>Co-enrolled TEAM Student (15 hrs)</i>		<i>Full-time A&M Student (15 hrs)</i>	
Blinn (9 hrs)			
Tuition & Fees	\$1,791		
A&M (6 hrs, Variable Rate)			
Tuition & Fees	\$2,526	A&M (12+ hrs, Variable Rate)	
		Tuition & Fees	\$5,775
TOTAL	\$4,317		\$5,775

In-State TEAM students may save approximately \$1,400 per semester (depending upon their enrolled credit hours at each school).

Estimates based on Spring 2024 rates for: (A&M) Texas Resident, (Blinn) Out of District Texas Resident
(References: <https://tuition.tamu.edu>, <https://www.blinn.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance.html>)

In this example, a Texas resident TEAM student (depicted on the left) would pay approximately \$1,400 less than a student taking the same courses at A&M (depicted on the right). For estimates of the total cost of attendance, search “cost of attendance” on the A&M and Blinn websites (<http://www.tamu.edu>, <http://www.blinn.edu>).



Benefits (to students)

Estimated Tuition & Fee Comparison for Out-of-State Residents

TEAM vs Full-Time TAMU Students

<i>Co-enrolled TEAM Student (15 hrs)</i>		<i>Full-time A&M Student (15 hrs)</i>	
Blinn (9 hrs)		A&M (12+ hrs, Variable Rate)	
Tuition & Fees	\$3,195	Tuition & Fees	\$19,898
A&M (6 hrs, Variable Rate)		A&M (12+ hrs, Variable Rate)	
Tuition & Fees	\$8,175	Tuition & Fees	\$19,898
TOTAL	\$11,370		\$19,898

Out-of-State TEAM students may save approximately \$8,000 per semester (depending upon their enrolled credit hours at each school).

Estimates based on Spring 2024 rates for: (A&M) Texas Resident, (Blinn) Out of State/Foreign
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Benefits (to students)

Classroom Comparison

Blinn (RELLIS Campus)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Students</u>
History 1302	≤ 29
Math 1324	32



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<u>Course</u>	<u>Students</u>
History 106	133
Math 140	124



Classroom sizes reflect average enrollment per section for the courses listed during the Spring 2020 semester.

Blinn College classrooms at the RELLIS Campus are considerably smaller than A&M lecture halls. In this example, the Schwartz Building classroom at RELLIS (left) seats 32 students whereas the Blocker Building classroom at A&M (right) seats 294.



Benefits (to A&M)

- Admission of quality students who would have otherwise been denied (due to enrollment limitations)
- Increased lower division enrollment without decreasing upper division capacity and resources
- Places A&M in a leadership role in seeking creative ways of admitting students
 - TEAM was the first program of its kind in Texas and the U.S.



Benefits (to Blinn)

- Collaborative partnership with a major university
- Admission of academically prepared students
 - Improves classroom learning environment
 - Contributes to Blinn having the highest transition rate to 4-year schools in Texas
- Increased enrollment
- Opportunity to award more associate degrees

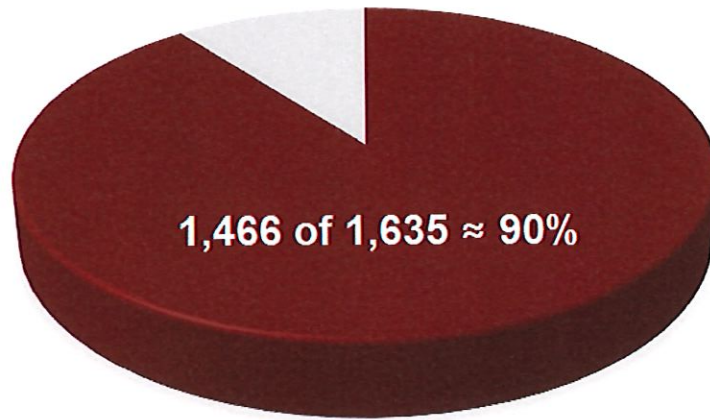


TEAM Students who transition to full enrollment at A&M may later graduate with an associate degree from Blinn College using A&M courses via the reverse transfer process. A degree from Blinn College on a resume during job interviews is a TEAM advantage. .



Breakdown

TEAM Student Transitions to a Major for Recent Cohorts (2019-21, 2020-22, 2021-23)



The three most recent cohorts to complete the program had an impressive success rate of transitioning into degree-granting majors at A&M after TEAM.



Breakdown

Top Majors of the Most Recent 1,593 TEAM Graduates

(As of December 2023)

MAJOR	TOTAL	HONOR GRADS
1. Public Health *	113	76
2. Psychology	104	55
3. Communication	98	47
4. Agricultural Economics	87	20
5. Economics	69	24
6. Construction Science	65	15
7. Biomedical Science	61	26
8. Education	61	51
9. Kinesiology	60	22
10. Finance	59	30

* All health majors were recently consolidated into a single Public Health major. This total includes the discontinued Allied Health and Community Health majors which are now part of Public Health.



Breakdown

Top Majors of Recent TEAM Graduates, continued

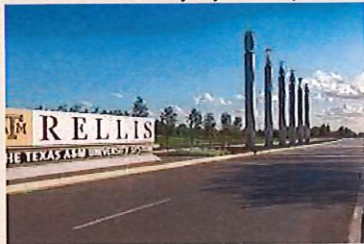
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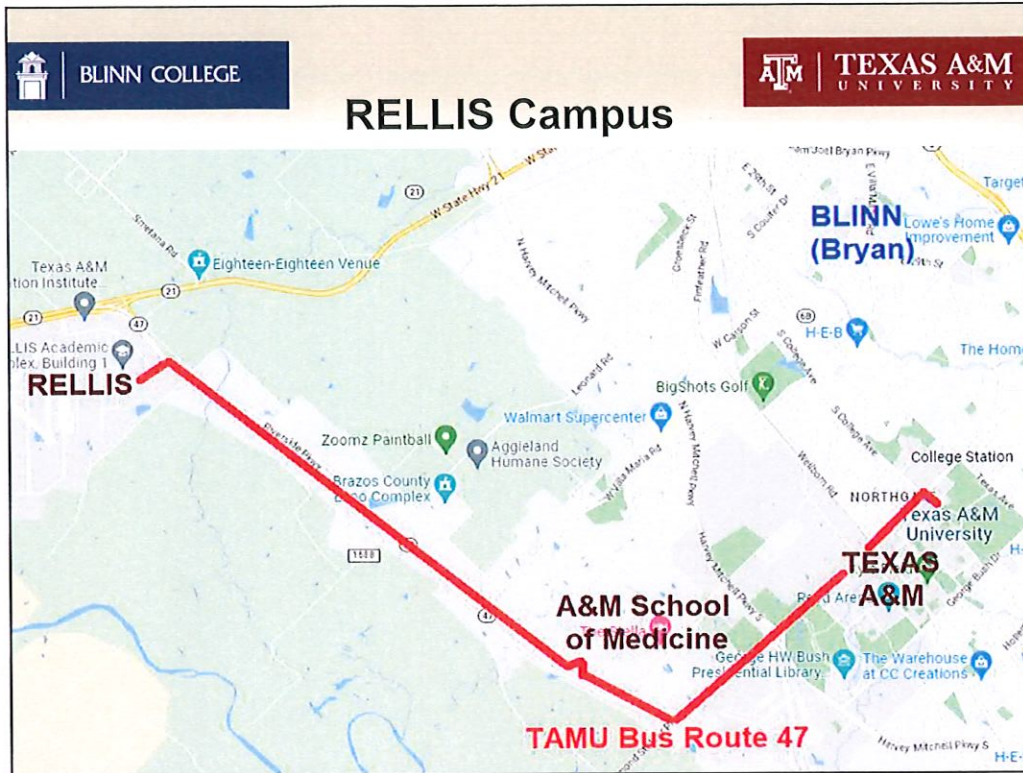
MAJOR	TOTAL	HONOR GRADS
11. Nutrition	56	35
12. Sport Management	48	19
13. Animal Science	47	10
14. Agribusiness	44	14
15. Political Science	40	15
16. Marketing	34	30
17. International Studies	33	17
18. Accounting	30	23
19. Nursing	27	25
20. Sociology	25	6



RELLIS Campus

- The property was developed as Bryan Army Airfield in 1942
- After WWII A&M acquired the base and it was known as “The Annex,” and later, the “Riverside Campus.”
- In 2016 the TAMU System re-designated it the “RELLIS Campus.”
 - RELLIS = an acronym of Texas A&M’s core values: Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service.
 - In 2018 RELLIS established a new educational community combining a major university system (TAMUS) and a community college (Blinn) at a single location.





There is one stop on the 10-mile bus route between Texas A&M and RELLIS, at the Texas A&M Health Science Center.



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Blinn at RELLIS



Blinn College's 83,000-square-foot Schwartz Building at RELLIS includes 18 classrooms and eight laboratories.



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Blinn at RELLIS



The Blinn facilities at RELLIS are outstanding. The Schwartz building was completed in 2018 and the Blinn RELLIS Administration Building was added in 2022.



Logistics

Housing

- Students may live on campus.
- Apply for on-campus housing as soon as possible.
 - If full, get on the waitlist.
- If a student will be relying on the A&M bus service, live on or near the A&M campus to avoid multiple bus connections.



Logistics

Transportation

- University buses provide transit service between A&M and RELLIS from 6:50 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., departing/returning every 30 minutes.
- Students with cars who need to park at A&M will need a permit.
 - Students with A&M permits will not need a separate RELLIS permit.
 - RELLIS parking is also available on a pay-as-you-go basis via the Parkmobile App.



See the RELLIS Bus Route (#47) at <https://aggiespirit.ts.tamu.edu/RouteMap>



Logistics

Dining



- **The Blinn Marketplace** convenience store sells snacks, sandwiches, drinks, etc. It is in the Schwartz Building.



The Blinn Marketplace convenience store is a handy lunch destination.



Logistics

- Dining**
- **The Houston Street Deli** offers hot & cold food options. It is in the RELLIS Academic Complex Bldg. 1



The Houston Street Deli will accept TAMU student meal plans and dining dollars.



Challenges

- Information
- Scheduling Classes
- Transitioning to a Major



Challenges

Information

- TEAM students are enrolled at 2 separate schools with 2 different sets of rules
 - They have twice as many details to track as students enrolled at 1 school
 - Deadlines, policies, etc. are different
 - Most tasks must be completed twice: once for A&M and once for Blinn
 - Registration, payment, transcripts, immunizations, test scores, etc.



Challenges

Scheduling Classes

- Registration times are different
- Students register at Blinn first and A&M a month later
 - Must plan their courses in advance and decide which to register for at each campus
 - Most Blinn courses are 8-weeks in length and cover the material at twice the normal pace



Challenges

Scheduling Classes

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00	MATH		MATH		MATH
9:00					
10:00	ENGLISH	HISTORY	ENGLISH	HISTORY	ENGLISH
11:00					
12:00					
1:00		PHYSICS		PHYSICS	
2:00					
3:00					
4:00					

Morning & Afternoon Class Schedule



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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9:00	MATH		MATH		MATH
10:00					
11:00					
12:00					
1:00					
2:00	PHYSICS	ENGLISH	PHYSICS	ENGLISH	
3:00					
4:00					

Separate A&M and Blinn Days
Class Schedule

Most TEAM students attempt to obtain a class schedule (left) which minimizes changes of location each day. When this is not possible, they try for a morning/afternoon schedule (right) with time for lunch and travel between classes.

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Challenges				
Scheduling Classes				
August	September	October	November	December
16-week A&M courses (August - December)				
16-week Blinn courses (August - December)				
1st 8-week Blinn courses (Aug - Oct)		2nd 8-week Blinn courses (Oct - Dec)		
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Blinn offers some 16-week courses, but predominantly 8-week courses. The schedule at the top contains four courses, two 16-week and two 8-week. The 8-week courses cover material at twice the traditional pace. This can be challenging, yet also provides the opportunity to complete course sequences more quickly. The five-course schedule at the bottom contains only one 16-week course and four of the faster paced 8-week Blinn courses. Note that in each schedule students are only studying for three subjects at any point in time.

				
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This is an example of a schedule no student should attempt.



Conclusion

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