Texas A&M University–San Antonio (A&M-SA) is now the first comprehensive four-year university on the South Side of San Antonio. This opens the door for economic development and educational options as the City and the County continue their growth. Since 2015, when the 84th Texas Legislative Session approved expansion of the University’s enrollment to freshman and sophomore students, A&M-SA has moved at a quick pace, providing greater educational access to individuals from historically underserved communities. Today, the University is strictly a commuter campus and serves as home to a diverse population of more than 5,500 students. Rapid campus growth is projected to continue over the next 10 years.

A&M-SA is laser-focused on becoming a National Model for Student and Academic Success by providing an enriching and high-quality education to students, particularly for a first-generation, underrepresented population. The University is leveraging our geographical location and A&M System excellence to meet the educational needs of a growing student body and regional workforce demands. We embrace the need to be responsive to the communities we serve as a prominent Hispanic-Serving Institution in San Antonio.

The role of A&M-SA’s 2017 Master Plan is to guide campus development in a manner that accommodates growth while balancing academic programming, environmental, financial, cultural and other considerations. The Master Plan aligns with the University’s Strategic Plan and focuses on achieving outcomes associated with the four University goals:

1. Become a National Model for Student and Academic Success for serving underrepresented students and achieve graduation and retention rates above the national average.
2. Implement an academic plan.
3. Achieve enrollment growth through strategic enrollment management, student-focused academic experiences, co-curricular programs and student-support services.
4. Engage in partnerships that advance student growth as well as opportunities for faculty and staff engagement, scholarship and research.
MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

Over the next several years, A&M-SA anticipates growing from current enrollment of 5,500 students to 12,500 students. The near-term implementation plan accommodates this enrollment milestone by expanding existing academic and administrative facilities, adding on-campus student housing, recreation and student-life functions and identifying critical infrastructure projects and parking needs. Near-term plan projects are denoted with asterisks on the campus map.

The 2017 Master Plan envisions a complete build-out of the campus to accommodate more than 50,000 students. It features more density than previous plans and incorporates more connections to regional, ecological and recreational systems. Architectural and landscape elements draw from San Antonio’s and South Texas’ cultural heritage, anticipating future growth and connectivity with regional transportation infrastructure.

The plan arranges the University’s programmatic elements into six districts, which are connected by pedestrian-friendly pathways and eco-corridors. While similar architectural elements and plant palettes unify the campus, each district’s scale, proportion and development pattern vary to accommodate the area’s function.

Academic District

The plan concentrates primary academic functions in several six- to eight-story buildings encircling an expansive green space. The grand view from University Way terminates in the four-story Central Academic Building (CAB), which is situated at the edge of a formal quadrangle and framed by two three-story academic buildings (Madla Building and the future Science and Technology Building). A complex of art and performing arts buildings will be located on the western edge of this district, close to parking and roads.

Student Life District

The student life district is a centralized hub at the heart of campus, including buildings such as the student innovation center, the student recreation center and the dining hall. The district’s physical placement between the academic core and the student housing district reinforces its high-frequency use.

Student Housing District

The northeast quadrant of campus is reserved for student housing facilities, which are planned to accommodate 10,000 students. Buildings and outdoor spaces in this primarily pedestrian-only district are smaller in scale than those in the academic district. Architectural references should draw from regional residential character, and interior courtyards should feel private and quiet compared to the larger spaces on campus.

Student Recreation and Athletics Districts

Situated to the east of the student life district and south of the student housing district, the recreation district features soccer, football and baseball fields along with tennis and basketball courts for use by all students. The University’s athletics district is located on the southern edge of the campus, adjacent to the recreation district. Competition-grade baseball, softball, football and soccer fields, tennis courts and a track are positioned centrally within the district, surrounded by surface parking lots.

Research District

The scale and density of the research district matches the academic core, with six- to eight-story buildings framing exterior courtyards and green spaces. The usage pattern, however, will be more mixed-use in nature. Cafés, sundry shops, retail stores and service-oriented businesses will appear on the ground floors; upper stories will be reserved for professional offices or research laboratories.
PLANNING & DESIGN PRINCIPLES
The Steering Committee developed five principles to guide the creation of the 2017 Master Plan.

- Academic Prominence
- Campus Community Wellbeing
- Environmental Stewardship
- Cultural Richness
- Access & Connection

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

1. Academic District
   I. Academic District
   A. Central Academic Building
   B. Science & Technology Building (2018)

2. Student Life District
   C. Academic & Administration Building #1
   D. Academic Building #2
   E. Student Innovation Center & Central Plant
   F. Recreation Center
   G. Residence Hall #1 (2017)
   H. Residence Halls #2 & #3
   I. Residence Halls #4 - #8

3. Student Housing District
   J. Student Recreation District
   K. Recreation Fields
   L. Recreation Fields
   M. Athletics District
   N. Research District
   O. Eco-Corridors
A&M-SA’s core values are central to everything done across campus. The A&M-SA family strives for **excellence** above all else and does so with the highest standards of integrity. The University is **student focused** and utilizes intentional and innovative teaching and applied-learning methods to educate our diverse student body, enhance retention and encourage timely graduation. Through **audacious** thinking, our faculty and staff prepare students to create a better future. **Opportunities** exist for both traditional and non-traditional students. And through **collaboration** of various interdisciplinary approaches, students gain marketable skills contributing to meaningful life and fulfilling careers.