Financial Aid

Tarleton has purposefully kept tuition and fees low, and there is a variety of financial support available through academic and need-based scholarships, grants, and student loans.

Each year, more than seventy-five agricultural scholarships are awarded to deserving current and prospective students.

You may also choose part-time work to finance your education. Our Work Study program offers a number of employment opportunities ranging from secretarial to laboratory assistance. Many local businesses offer employment opportunities for Tarleton students, and opportunities are also available through Tarleton’s Co-op program. In addition to helping meet expenses, a campus job provides invaluable experience.

For more information, contact Tarleton’s Financial Aid Office at (254)968-9070 during regular business hours.

Faculty

One of Tarleton’s most unique features is our desire to keep classroom enrollment small. This enables you to enjoy one-on-one attention and instruction with knowledgeable and helpful instructors, many of whom have had practical experience in the field. While diverse in academic and professional backgrounds, their primary mission is to teach and advise you in a positive learning environment.

The faculty members in Tarleton’s Wildlife, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Sciences Department all hold advanced degrees in their respective areas of specialization and are widely respected in their field.

Faculty Members
Barry Lambert, Ph.D.: Associate Professor Specialty: Ruminant Nutrition
Larry Beran, Ph.D.: Senior Research Scientist Specialty: Natural Resource Economics, Environmental Policy
Jeff Brady, Ph.D.: Associate Professor Specialty: Genomics
Jeff Breeden, Ph.D.: Associate Professor Specialty: Wildlife Science
Hennen Cummings, Ph.D.: Associate Professor Specialty: Turfgrass Science and Weed Science
David Kattes, Ph.D.: Professor Specialty: Entomology
Paula McKeehan, M.S.: Associate Professor Specialty: Sustainable Food Studies
Jacqueline (Jacquie) Glass, Ph.D.: Visiting Faculty Specialty: Wildlife Science
Donald McGahan, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor Specialty: Environmental Soil Science, Biogeochemistry
Paula McKeehan, M.S.: Associate Professor Specialty: Sustainable Food Studies
Kyle McGregor, Ph.D.: Associate Professor Specialty: Agricultural Education, Agricultural Systems Mgmt
Jim Muir, Ph.D.: Professor Specialty: Grassland Ecology
Roger Wittie, Ph.D.: Professor Specialty: Range Ecology
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Overview

Tarleton provides personal attention because of its size, relaxed small-city atmosphere, and a commitment to you, the student. We are located only an hour southwest of Fort Worth in the heart of Stephenville, Texas. This places the Tarleton student, in a safe, convenient, family-oriented environment. This location in the Cross Timbers region is characterized by beef cattle, forage, horticulture, peanut, pecan, dairy, and equine industries. Moreover, the region is home to a diverse array of wildlife, and provides an ideal setting for agriculture students.

As a part of the land-grant Texas A&M University System since 1917, Tarleton has a heritage of commitment and service the natural resources – our most important resources. The Department of Wildlife, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Sciences is committed to equipping today’s students with the skills they will need to address the environmental challenges of tomorrow, and conserve our world’s precious natural resource heritage. As part of this commitment, we offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Science, as well as a Master of Science degree.

Quality teaching is the primary goal at Tarleton. Our faculty is involved in various scientific and industrial endeavors but work to maintain a closeness between student and professor that fosters quality instruction. In addition, Tarleton faculty are involved in cutting edge research, providing undergraduate students the opportunity to work at the frontiers of knowledge in wildlife science.
The Tarleton Curriculum

Tarleton’s mission is to provide you with a solid academic foundation. This starts with a 42-hour core curriculum.

These hours along with your major’s required hours provide you with a well-rounded education.

The Tarleton Core Curriculum includes:
- Language and Culture, 9 semester hrs
- Math, 3 semester hrs
- Political Science, 6 semester hrs
- History, 6 semester hrs
- Lab science, 8 semester hrs
- Communication, 3 semester hrs
- Social & Behavioral Science, 3 semester hrs
- Creative Arts, 3 semester hrs
- College Preparedness, 1 semester hr

Wildlife Science Curriculum

The Wildlife Science curriculum has foundation courses in biology, mathematics, and wildlife management and provides opportunities for students to gain field experience through internships or co-op opportunities. This program is designed to prepare graduates for a career in wildlife and natural resource management. It is also one of the few university programs in the nation that provides internships and co-op opportunities.

In addition to the Tarleton Core Curriculum, wildlife science majors complete:
- Mathematics, 6 semester hrs
- Biology, 27 semester hrs
- Ecology, 6 semester hrs
- Wildlife Science, 20 semester hrs

Facilities

Tarleton has extensive teaching facilities on the main campus as well as on outlying farm and ranch operations, and major off-campus teaching centers are available for all areas of study. If you are an equestrian and want to bring your horse with you, there are excellent boarding facilities in the community.

Tarleton’s farm and ranch operations, involving almost 2,000 acres, enrich teaching efforts in our various study programs. Animals maintained for teaching include beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and poultry. Students participating in the Wildlife Science program raise and maintain Northern Bobwhite Quail for teaching purposes.

In addition, the nearby Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center provides excellent employment experiences for Tarleton undergraduate agriculture majors and exciting research opportunities for students seeking an M.S. degree.

You will enjoy Tarleton’s spacious classrooms, well-equipped science and computer laboratories, and modern, electronically advanced library. As part of the Texas A&M System, you will have access to the electronic resources of the Texas A&M University libraries, one of the best academic libraries in the United States.

Many of Tarleton’s residence halls have computers available in designated study areas. The Barry B. Thompson Student Center also has a computing center for your use.

As for sports, our intercollegiate and intramural facilities rank among the finest in the Southwest. Whether you participate in athletics as a team member, through intramurals or on a more casual basis, you’ll find we’re equipped to help you experience and enjoy a wide range of sports.

Organizations

Tarleton provides you with a broad liberal arts-based education and the technical foundation for a successful and rewarding professional career. Equally important, however, is that university life provides the opportunity for students to develop character that fosters the commitment to personal and community involvement and service.

With this in mind, you might like to get involved with one of Tarleton’s more than 100 organizations – academic, professional and social. Among these is the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Society is the professional organization for wildlife biologists around the world. Membership provides you with networking and professional development opportunities that will prove invaluable when seeking employment after graduation. In addition to the Wildlife Society, honorary scholastic societies such as Alpha Zeta and Alpha Chi recognize your high academic and extracurricular achievements.

Tarleton also presents ample opportunities for competition through intercollegiate judging events that allow you to travel to regional and national competitions in such fields as soils judging and range-plant identification. The diverse professional and social organizations further your academic growth and self-development. You will want to get involved. It allows you to form strong bonds with people who share your interests.

Professional Opportunities

An ever-expanding world interest in the environment and natural resource management increases the demand for people trained in wildlife and natural resource management – this is a trend that will persist in the future.

Because of their specialized training, graduates in Wildlife Science are qualified for positions with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other state natural resource agencies; federal agencies such as Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, U.S.G.S. Biological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Wildlife Services, and Natural Resources Conservation Service; professional wildlife consulting firms; private ranches; and universities/colleges.