When the first students enrolled at Texas A&M University to study agriculture, it was a brand new academic field. Today, after more than a century of discovery and innovation, agriculture and the life sciences are still part of the bedrock of Texas A&M — but they are also very much a part of its future.

From long-established majors such as agronomy and animal science, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has expanded to 14 academic departments and nearly 100 degree programs. Our students will find a clear focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) courses to prepare them for a career in a job market that is searching for qualified graduates. Our diverse and supportive faculty members and advisors bring each student into the Aggie family, with respect for all. As one of the nation’s largest colleges of agriculture and life sciences, with nearly 8,000 students, we offer outstanding academics. At the same time, Texas A&M is proud of its recognition as one of the nation’s best values in a college education.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences offers high-impact learning, taking students far beyond the classroom to abundant research and outreach opportunities, distance learning, internships in state and federal government, and study abroad opportunities worldwide. And through the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, our students can help respond to world economic and humanitarian challenges while broadening their college experience.

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The College is made up of 14 academic departments:
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications
- Animal Science
- Biochemistry & Biophysics
- Biological & Agricultural Engineering
- Ecosystem Science and Management
- Entomology
- Horticultural Sciences
- Nutrition & Food Science
- Plant Pathology & Microbiology
- Poultry Science
- Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences
- Soil and Crop Sciences
- Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences

Improving Our Health
From recreation and weight control to designing fruits and vegetables with more phytoneutrients for cancer prevention to using the latest biotechnology advancements to search for new drugs, the College is dedicated to improving health.

Growing Our Economy
Producing more, selling more, adding value, and increasing the safety and security of what we trade are all ways the College is growing our economy.

Feeding Our World
Growing populations, decreasing natural resources, and increasing environmental challenges present us with opportunities to find the most efficient and healthful ways to provide food for all, both domestically and globally.

Protecting Our Environment
The College is committed to environmental sustainability and restoring the health of our ecosystems.

Enriching Our Youth
We prepare students to be leaders in solving the world’s problems.

Dr. Bill Dugas is the Acting Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences for the Texas A&M University System, and Acting Dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University. Dr. Dugas is serving in these two roles while the permanent Vice Chancellor and Dean, Dr. Mark Hussey, serves as Interim President of Texas A&M University.

Prior to this temporary assignment, Dr. Dugas was the Associate Vice Chancellor and Associate Dean. He has also served as Interim Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Director for Texas A&M AgriLife Research in College Station (formerly known as the Agricultural Experiment Station).

Before moving to College Station in 2005, Dr. Dugas was Professor and Resident Director at the Blackland Research and Extension Center in Temple. He has a B.S. degree in climatology/meteorology from California State University — Chico, a M.S. degree from the University of Illinois, and a Ph.D. degree in Soil Science and Biometeorology from Utah State University.

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