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### **Texas A&M at Qatar welcomes 15th class to campus**

Texas A&M University at Qatar welcomed 100 new students this semester, the branch campus's 15th incoming class.

The new students bring Texas A&M at Qatar's total enrollment this semester is to 489, including graduate students.

Sixty-two percent of new students are Qatari, bringing the branch campus's total Qatari enrollment to 52 percent. Texas A&M at Qatar's student body comprises students from 40 countries.

In addition, 52 percent of the new class is female. Texas A&M at Qatar's total female enrollment is 45 percent — more than twice the U.S. national average of women in engineering (20.9 percent).

Officials said the count of students may fluctuate slightly during the next few days.

Dr. César Malavé, dean of Texas A&M at Qatar, welcomed students back to campus, especially the incoming freshmen of the Class of 2021. "Texas A&M at Qatar is educating the next generation of engineering leaders in Qatar. Our students have the knowledge, drive and confidence to succeed in our world-class engineering degree programs, and our goal is to develop our students into well-rounded Aggie engineers of character who lead and serve — in the classroom and in the workplace."

Eleven new graduate students started their master's degree in chemical engineering this semester, bringing the total number of graduate students to 45. Texas A&M at Qatar has offered Master of Science and Master of Engineering degrees in chemical engineering since 2011 and has signed an agreement with Hamad bin Khalifa University to offer a dual Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and the other from HBKU in either Sustainable Energy or Sustainable Environment.

More than 100 new students were welcomed to campus during orientation week, called Aggie Life 101 and organized by the Department of Student Affairs. The weeklong series of workshops and activities gave incoming students a chance to learn about Texas A&M and its unique traditions, as well as what it takes to succeed in a world-renowned engineering institution. Aggie Life 101 showcased the opportunities Texas A&M at Qatar affords to students to help them become exemplary engineers — from leadership and social activities to transformative educational experiences.

Throughout the week, the incoming students were split into groups led by upperclassmen Aggie Orientation Leaders who served as ambassadors of Texas A&M at Qatar and answer any questions the new students might have about college life. The orientation leaders also introduced the Aggie core values and the Aggie Code of Honor, two driving principles that sets apart an Aggie education from the rest.

Texas A&M commands an international reputation as one of the world's premier engineering programs, and since 2003, Texas A&M at Qatar has built on that esteem. Students at Texas A&M at Qatar receive the same top-tier training as students enrolled at the main campus in College Station, Texas, USA. Texas A&M at Qatar's accredited bachelor's degree programs in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering rank among the top American engineering programs for education and research. The master's program is an example of Texas A&M at Qatar's commitment to addressing the needs of the State of Qatar in partnership with Qatar Foundation, and is critical to the success of Texas A&M at Qatar's ambitious research program.

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### **About Texas A&M University at Qatar**

Since 2003, Texas A&M University has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering in Qatar Foundation's Education City, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded nearly 850 degrees. All four undergraduate engineering degree programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to educate the next generation of engineering leaders in Qatar and to conduct research valued at more than \$236.4 million that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit [www.qatar.tamu.edu](http://www.qatar.tamu.edu).