Before you come to your New Student Conference, please refer to the NSC website for information prior to your arrival (http://newaggie.tamu.edu/).

For students in Biology we require completion of the Math Placement Exam (https://mathplacement.tamu.edu/). The only exceptions for the exam are if you have AP credit for calculus or if you have credit transferring from another institution (Texas Common Course Numbers MATH2413 and 2414). This test is important for us to know if you are ready to start in calculus in the fall or if you would benefit from a precalculus course first. Statistics for success rate in Calculus I based on Math Placement Exam scores can be found at http://nsfstep.math.tamu.edu/ as well as information about the Personalized Precalculus Program available to students who score less than a 22 on the exam.

Your score on the Math Placement Exam does not show up on your transcript, etc. Please plan a time to take the test early in the summer so that if needed you can sign up for the Personalized Precalculus Program or retest if necessary.

Foreign language courses are not a required in any of our Biology degrees as long as you completed two years of the same language in high school. However, if you would like to take a language at A&M you are required to take the Foreign Language Placement exam prior to beginning in a language class. For all of the information about those exams please go to http://mars.tamu.edu/testingsite/HTMLfiles/dept.htm. Testing will be offered the afternoon prior to your New Student Conference.