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The main campus of Prairie View A&M University is situated on a 1,509-acre site accessible by Hwy. 290 in Waller County, approximately 40 miles northwest of Houston. Classes are also offered in Houston, The Woodlands and Dallas. The University’s location offers the advantages of a pleasant, semi-rural environment with convenient access to the fourth largest city in the U.S.

Prairie View A&M University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. It is committed to achieving relevance in each component of its mission by addressing issues and proposing solutions through programs and services designed to respond to the needs and aspirations of individuals, families, organizations, agencies, schools, and communities—both rural and urban. Prairie View A&M University is a state-assisted institution by legislative designation, serving a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic population, and a land-grant institution by federal statute.

Having been designated by the Texas Constitution as one of the three “institutions of the first class” (1984), the University is committed to preparing students in a range of careers including but not limited to engineering, computer science, natural sciences, architecture, business, technology, criminal justice, the humanities, education, agricultural sciences, nursing, mathematics, and the social sciences.
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ENROLLMENT: The University's enrollment now exceeds 8,000 including more than 2,000 graduate students. Students come from throughout the United States as well as many foreign countries. In the last five years, 5,970 degrees were awarded, including more than 2,400 graduate degrees. During the University's 130-year history, some 46,000 academic degrees have been awarded.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greek-lettered organizations provide opportunities for students to develop leadership and organizational skills. Its members have a chance to make lasting friendships while participating in various campus activities and community services. Over 90 honorary, professional and social interest groups are currently active on campus, recruiting members regularly.

TECHNOLOGY: Prairie View A&M’s wireless network covers nearly all of campus.

ATHLETICS: Prairie View A&M fields a total of 18 sports and competes as a member in NCAA Division I.