Money Education (ME) Center
FACTS & FIGURES 2020-2021

With the support of the Office of the Provost, Scholarships & Financial Aid opened the ME Center in August 2016 to help students limit the net cost of attending college, navigate unexpected financial barriers to graduation, minimize student loan debt and default, and prepare for a lifetime of financial decisions.

18,013* total customer contacts
5,039* event attendees
10,373* AGLS 235 contacts
2,085* walk-ins and appointments
105* received online counseling
411* withdrawn students reached

Number of Attendees, by Event Topic

Withdrawn Student Outreach
ME Center advisors proactively reached out to recently withdrawn students during the 2020-2021 academic year as such students are most likely to struggle during student loan repayment. Texas A&M’s Official Cohort Default Rate dropped to 2.2% for FY 2018.

Annual Loan Counseling
Since being accepted into the Department of Education’s Loan Counseling Experiment, the ME Center has provided Annual Loan Counseling to 5,698 different students through online trainings, group presentations, and appointments.

Appointment Topics

The Foundations of Money Education
In Fall 2017 the ME Center partnered with the Financial Planning Program to create the Foundations of Money Education Course (AGLS 235) so that students could learn about money while earning 3 hours of academic credit. The course was approved as a Social & Behavioral Sciences Core Elective beginning Fall 2020 and enrolls around 200 students each semester.

“When I saw the opportunity to take this class, I was excited and relieved. The knowledge, strategies, and good finance practices that I learned in this class will last a lifetime. I now have the knowledge and courage to share what I’ve learned from you with my family and friends.”

-Sade H, Economics Student

*Unique students with multiple ME Center contacts are duplicated in these figures.