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The State of Texas: Big and Diverse

Texas – The Lone Star State

- State Motto: Friendship
- 695,000 km², 7.4% of the total U.S. land area
- Population: 27 million
- 37 public universities
- 50 public community college districts with multiple campuses
- 10 public health-related institutions
- 4 public technical colleges
- 39 private colleges and universities
- 636,750 students enrolled in public universities
- 42,660 international students enrolled in public universities



Texas state flag



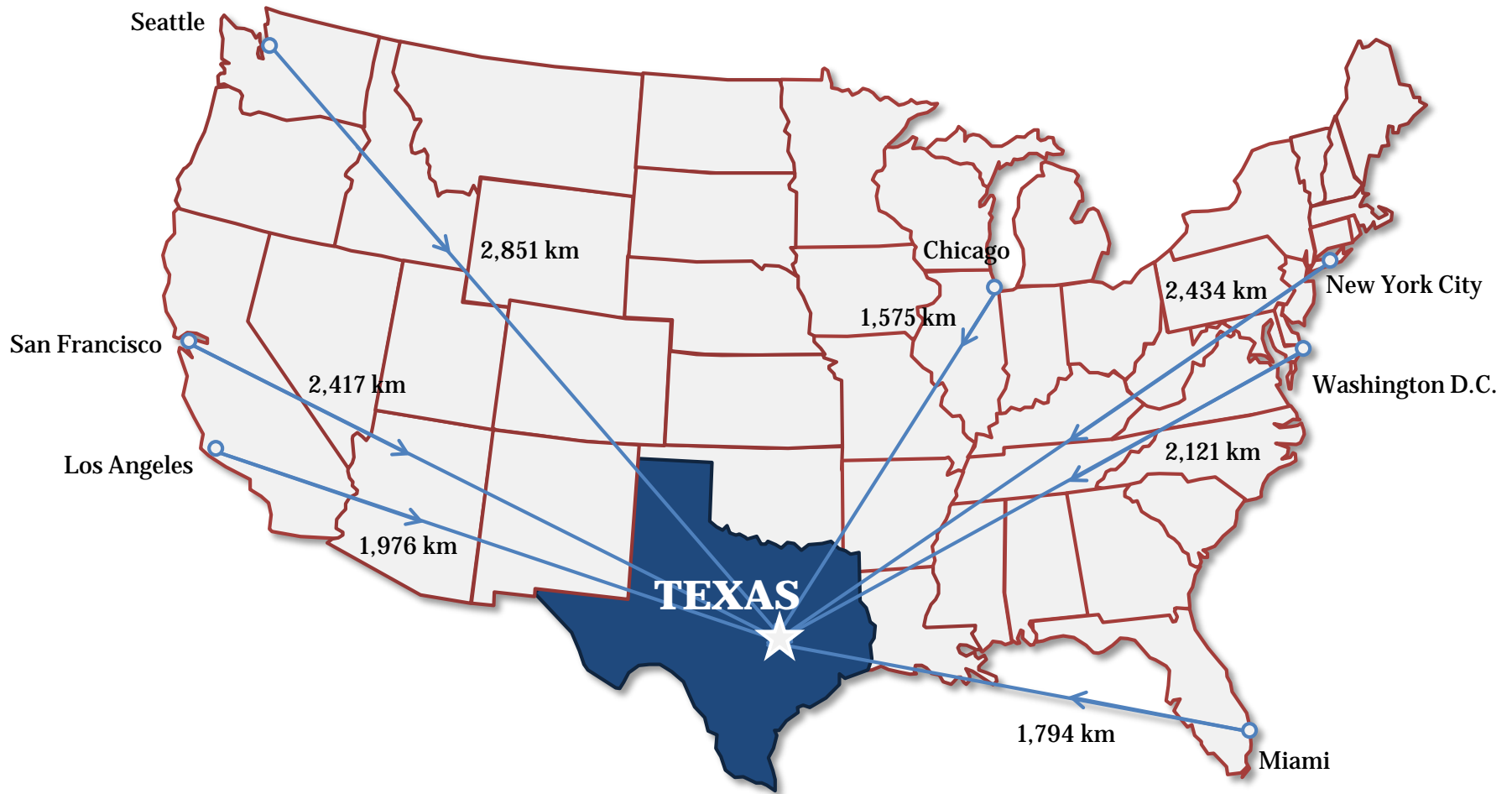
Why Study in Texas?

Texas has...

- A great variety of educational opportunities.
- A high concentration of students and young professionals.
- Three of the 10 largest U.S. cities are in Texas.
- A good mix of urban and rural communities, home to both international high-tech companies as well as large cattle ranches. Large cities in Texas are more affordable than large cities in California or New York.
- Highly diverse geography, which provides endless opportunities for outdoor activities.



Where is Texas?



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Urban Texas: Big Cities

- More than 84% of the Texas population lives in cities.
- Texas cities are major centers of technology, industry, culture, and professional sports.
- There are over 600 cultural amenities such as museums, historic places, aquariums, parks, botanical gardens, zoos, and planetariums.



Museum of Modern Art of Fort Worth



*The Mustangs of Las Colinas sculpture,
Dallas*



Moody Gardens, Galveston



Houston

- The fourth largest city in the U.S.
- A major port city for international shipping
- “Energy Capital of the World”
- Center for the Texas oil economy
- Home to:
 - NASA and the Johnson Space Center
 - Houston Grand Opera
 - Texas Medical Center, one of the largest medical facilities in the U.S.



Houston skyline at dusk



NASA rocket

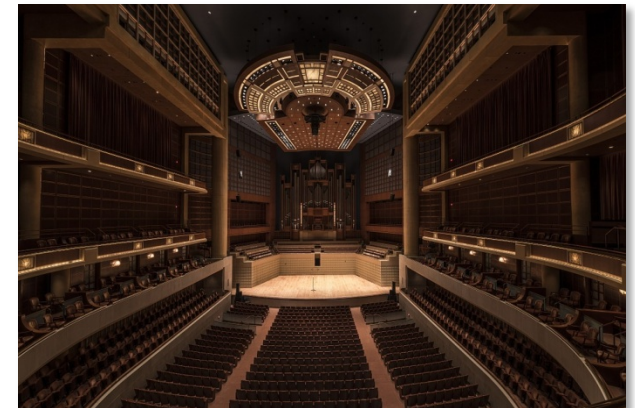


Dallas/Fort Worth

- The ninth largest city in the U.S. (Dallas)
- Center of insurance, commercial marketing, and banking in Texas
- Industrial center and leading financial center of the Southwestern United States
- Home to:
 - Meyerson Symphony Hall
 - Kimball Art Museum
 - The Stockyards



Dallas skyline



Meyerson Symphony Hall interior



San Antonio

- Is the seventh largest city in the U.S.
- One of the largest produce exchange markets in America and a leading livestock center
- Home to:
 - the Alamo
 - the Paseo del Rio (also known as the Riverwalk - shopping, restaurants, and hotels along the San Antonio River)
 - Institute of Texan Cultures (the history of the many groups of people that settled in Texas - Native Americans, Mexicans, Europeans, Cajuns, Africans, Asians, and Middle Easterners)
 - “Tex-Mex” (a combination of Mexican and Texan cooking)
 - Sea World



Alamo



Paseo del Rio (Riverwalk)

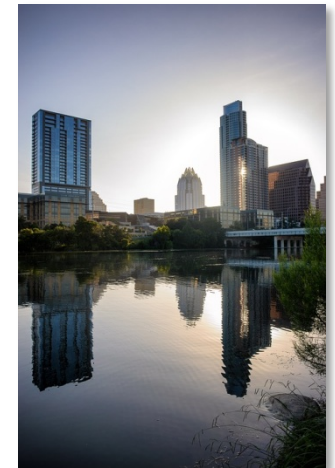


Austin

- The capital of the state of Texas
- “Silicon Valley of the South”
- Live Music Capital of the World®
- Commercial and diversified manufacturing center
- Home to:
 - Live music every night of the week, ranging from country to punk to the blues
 - Two of the country’s largest music festivals: South By Southwest (SXSW), a large music, film, and technology festival; and Austin City Limits
 - A growing film industry and the famous TV show “Austin City Limits”
 - The Lyndon Baines Johnson (“LBJ”) Presidential Library and Museum



Texas state capitol interior



*Austin viewed from
Ladybird Lake*



Texas Landscape

- 84% of Texas land is covered with farms or ranches
- Texas is the biggest producer of oil, cattle, sheep, and cotton in America
 - Texas has a cattle population of over 10 million
- Texas has a highly diverse landscape, including mountains, forests, wooded hills, prairies, deserts, wetlands, and sandy beaches



Oil pump in West Texas



Fort Worth Stockyards



Cotton plant



Texas Outdoor Activity

- Most Texas cities have parks and golf courses
- The varied geography across Texas provides sites for many activities: golfing, hiking, camping, biking, boating, fishing, scenic walks and drives, and horseback riding
- Texas produces award-winning wines; there are over 4,000 acres of producing vineyards in Texas, and Texas is the fifth largest producer of wine in the U.S.



Padre Island National Seashore



Carlsbad Caverns



Big Bend National Park



Famous Texans

- Many internationally famous people grew up, lived, or studied in Texas, or came to Texas for career opportunities:
 - *Stevie Ray Vaughn*, blues guitar legend
 - *Barbara Jordan*, Civil Rights leader and politician
 - *Yao Ming*, center for the NBA's Houston Rockets from 2002 - 2011
 - *Babe Didrickson Zaharias*, legendary athlete, won two gold and one silver medal in 1932 Olympics
 - *Beyoncé Knowles*, R&B, pop, and soul musician
 - *Four U.S. Presidents* have called Texas home: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George Bush, and George W. Bush
 - *Sandra Bullock*, movie star of "Speed", "Miss Congeniality", and "Gravity"
 - *Michael Dell*, President and founder of Dell Computer Corporation
 - *In addition to:* George Foreman, Willie Nelson, Kelly Clarkson, Carol Burnett, Roy Orbison, Walter Cronkite, and Farrah Fawcett



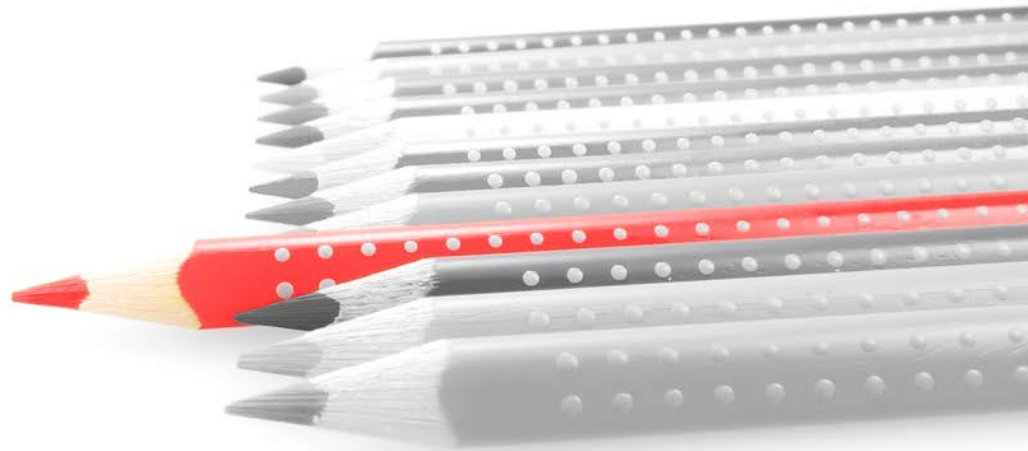
Applying for Admission: Step by Step

- Choose your field of study
- [Locate schools offering your major](#)
- Review admission requirements
- [Apply online](#)
- Have an alternate plan



Choosing a Major

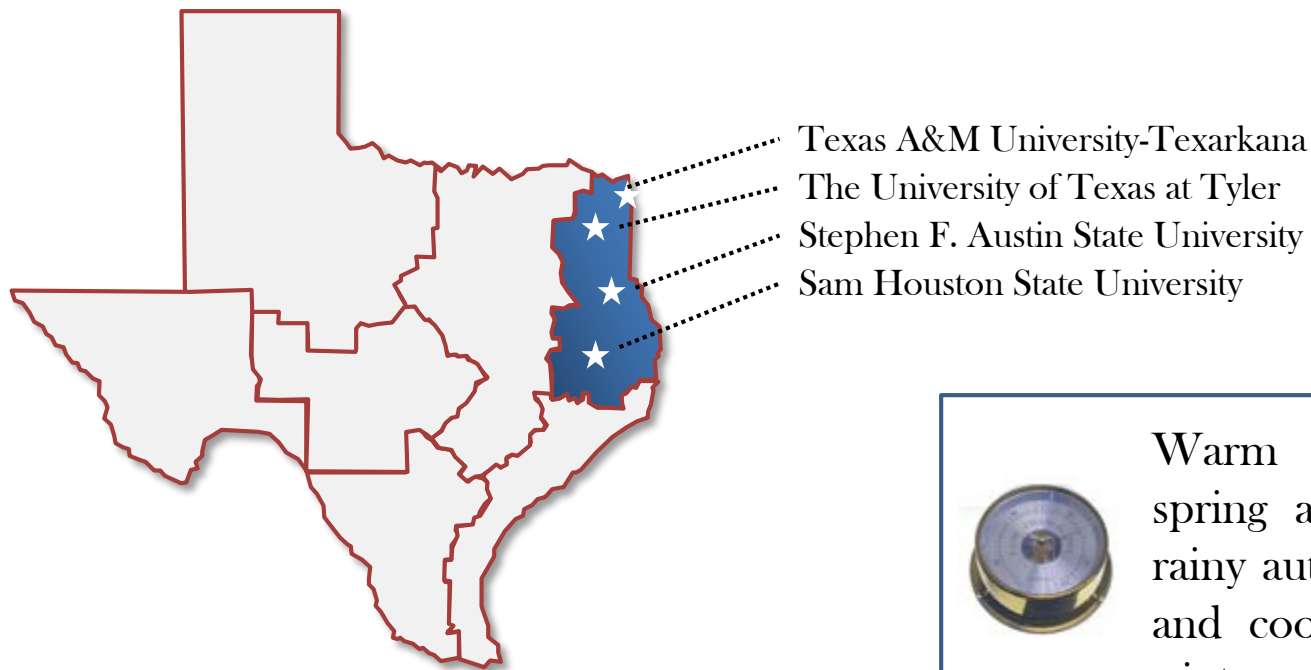
- Discuss it with your family
- Research career opportunities in your country
- You can change your major later, but save time and money by making any changes during your first year of study



Choosing a University

Location: Piney Woods

Attractive small towns and pine forests



Warm and humid
spring and summers,
rainy autumn months,
and cool and humid
winters



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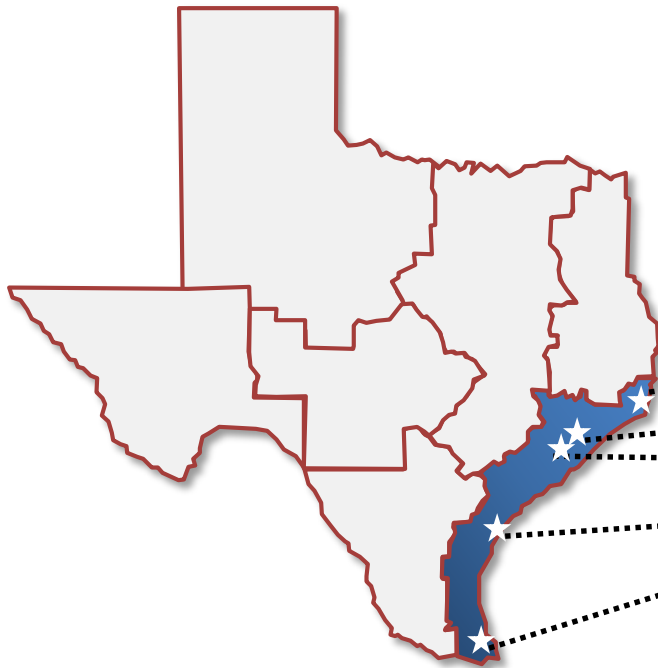
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Choosing a University

Location: Gulf Coast

Miles of beaches and many cultural attractions



Coastal breezes, warm and humid spring and summers, cool and humid winters

- Lamar University
- Texas Southern University
- University of Houston campuses
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



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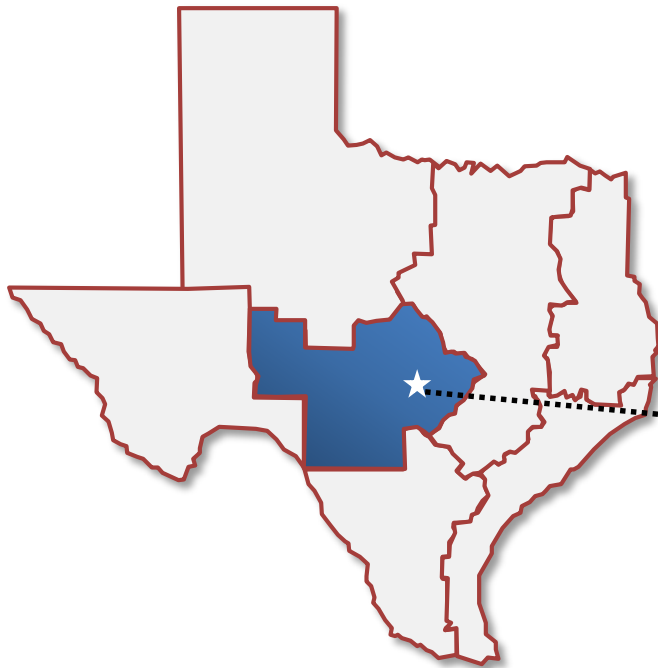
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Choosing a University

Location: **Hill Country**

Lakes, rivers, and rolling hills



Texas State University



Mild sunny springs,
warm and humid
summers and fall
months, cool and wet
winters



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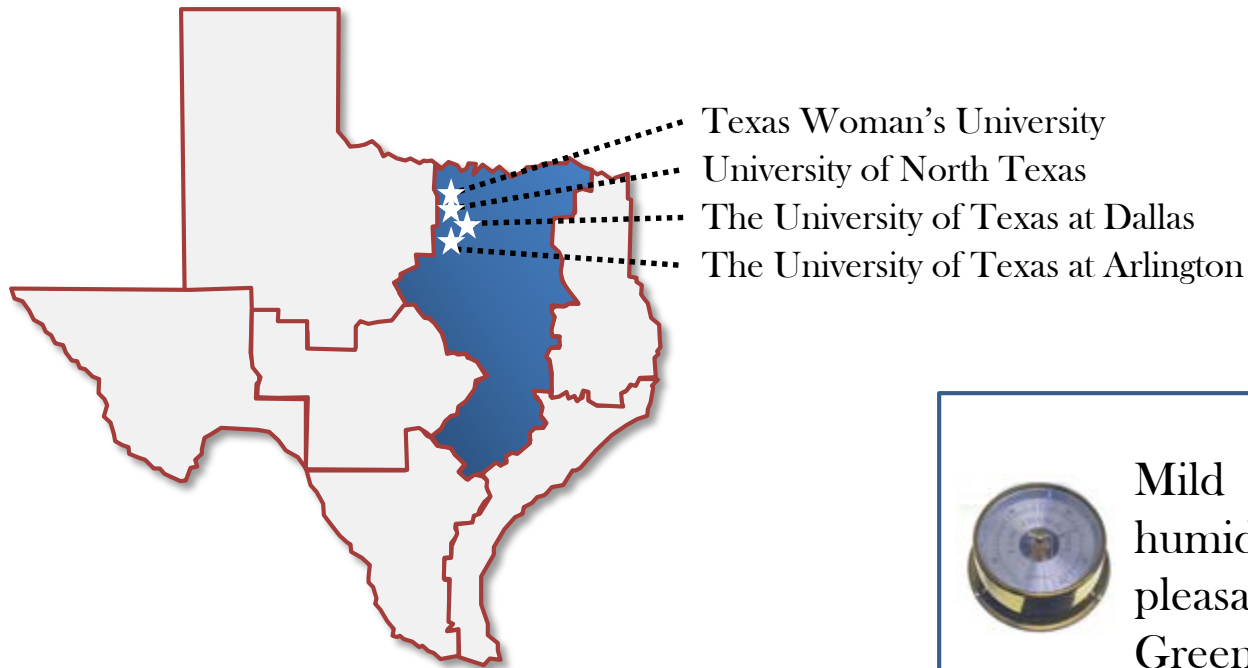
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Choosing a University

Location: Prairies and Lakes

Big cities, night life, shopping, theme parks



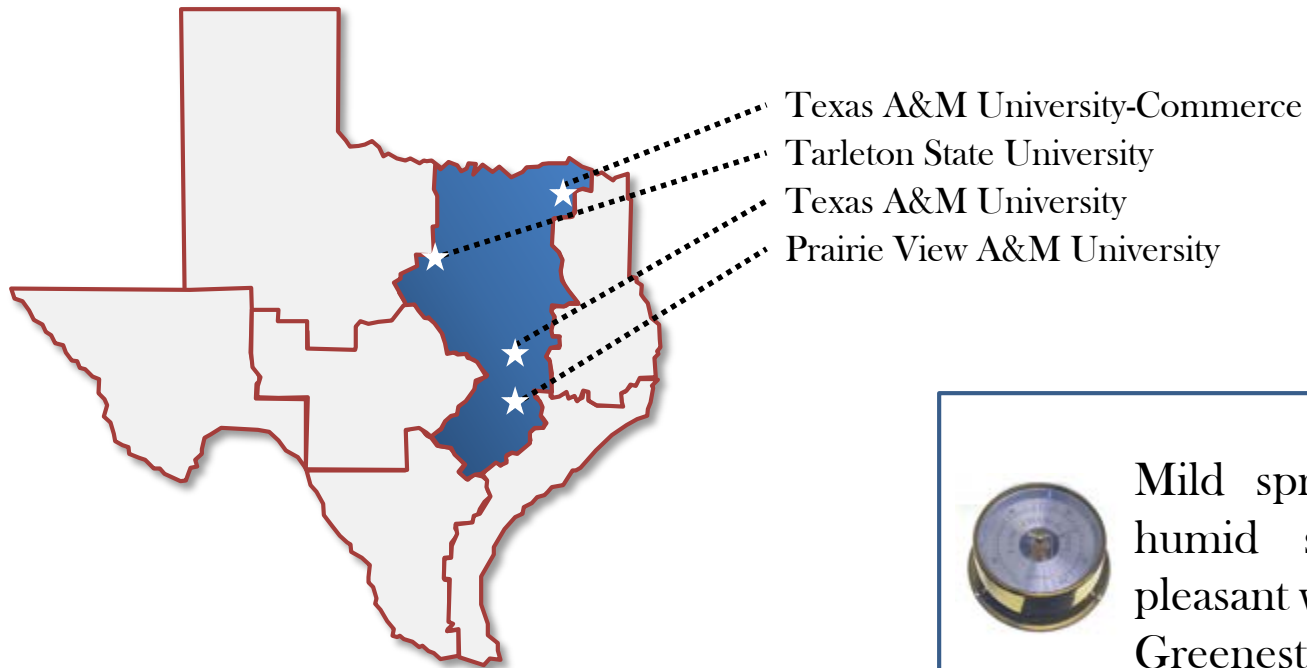
Mild springs, hot and humid summers and pleasant winters.
Greenest area of Texas.



Choosing a University

Location: Prairies and Lakes

Small towns and farmland



Mild springs, hot and humid summers and pleasant winters.
Greenest area of Texas.



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Choosing a University

Location: Panhandle

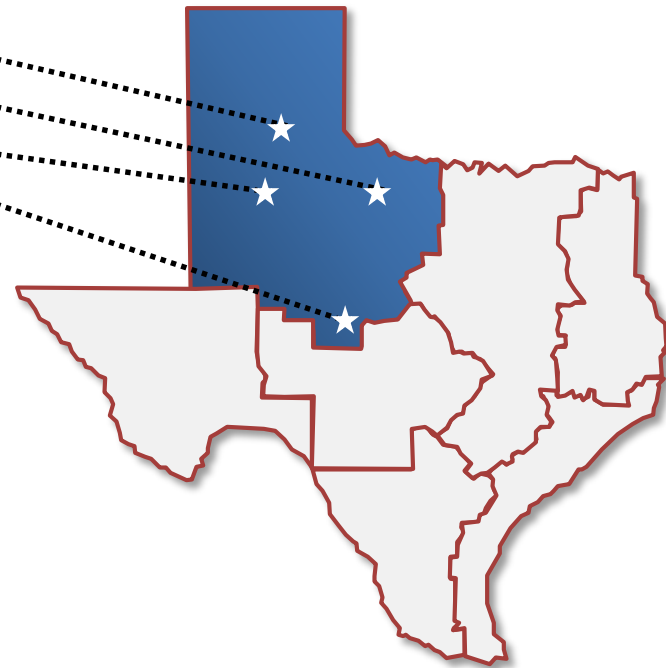
Great plains

West Texas A&M University

Midwestern State University

Texas Tech University

Angelo State University



Windy and dry; hot summers and cold winters.

Only place in Texas to get snow yearly



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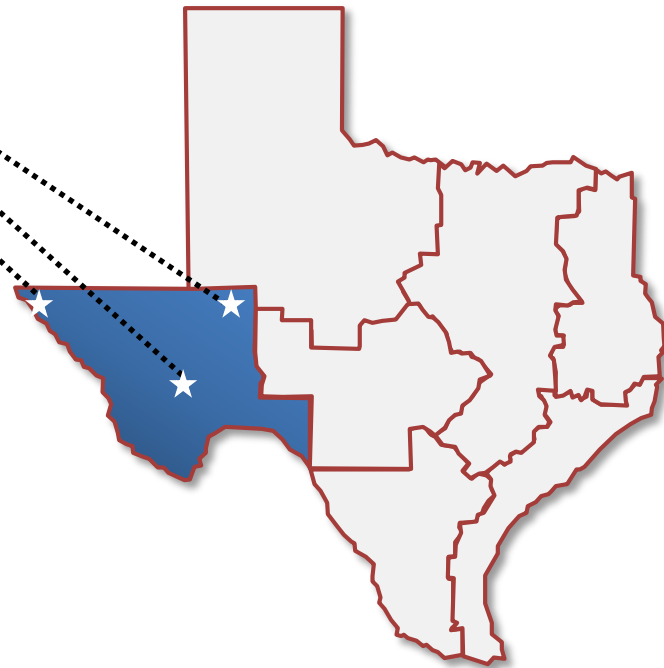
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Choosing a University

Location: **Big Bend Country**

Mountains and deserts

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Sul Ross State University
The University of Texas at El Paso



Warm days and cool
nights; warm dry
summers and cold
winters



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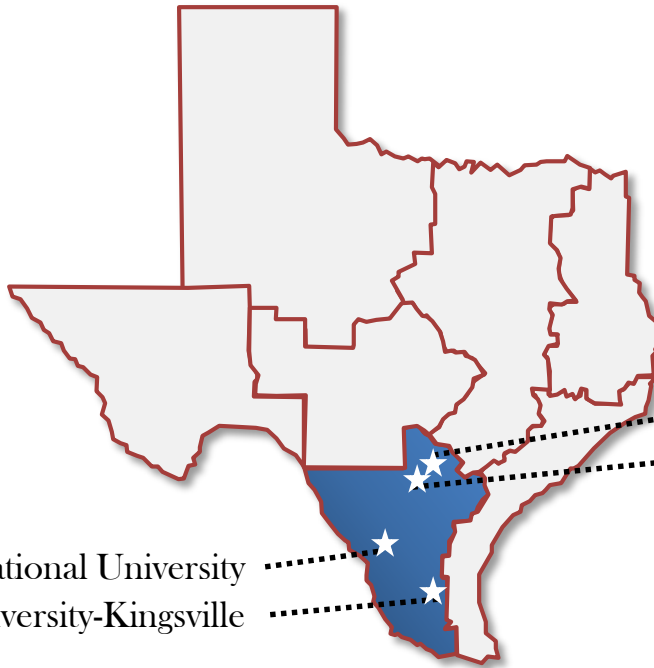
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Choosing a University

Location: South Texas Plains

Ranching and gateway to Mexico



Sunny springs, hot
summers, and cool
winters

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University-Kingsville



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Choosing a University

Size of the School

- Would you be comfortable in the cosmopolitan atmosphere and fast pace of a large university, or
- Would you prefer a smaller school with a friendly atmosphere, smaller class size, and individualized attention?



The University of Texas at Austin



University of North Texas



Choosing a University

Texas Public University Enrollments, Fall 2017

Angelo State University	9,475		
Lamar University	14,391		
Midwestern State University	5,682		
Prairie View A&M University	8,762		
Sam Houston State University	20,477		
Stephen F. Austin State University	12,653		
Sul Ross State University	2,071		
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	1,014		
Tarleton State University	13,052		
Texas A&M International University	7,390		
Texas A&M University	60,435		
Texas A&M University at Galveston	2,178		
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	2,619		
Texas A&M University-Commerce	12,385		
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	12,202		
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	9,278		
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	5,474		
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	1,993		
Texas Southern University	8,862		
		Texas State University	38,808
		Texas Tech University	36,225
		Texas Woman's University	15,511
		The University of Texas at Arlington	39,706
		The University of Texas at Austin	51,281
		The University of Texas at Dallas	26,793
		The University of Texas at El Paso	23,888
		The University of Texas at San Antonio	28,959
		The University of Texas at Tyler	9,416
		The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	6,524
		The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	27,504
		University of Houston	43,774
		University of Houston-Clear Lake	8,669
		University of Houston-Downtown	14,245
		University of Houston-Victoria	4,144
		University of North Texas	37,979
		University of North Texas at Dallas	3,030
		West Texas A&M University	9,901
		Statewide Total	636,750

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (www.thecb.state.tx.us)



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Choosing a University

Size of the City

- See [university websites](#) for information about the campus and surrounding city



University of Houston-Downtown



Sul Ross State University



Choosing a University

Cost

- Average total estimated cost for nine months' full-time study for one student without dependents at a Texas public university, including living expenses, is \$34,001 (see next page).
- Depends on where you go to school, where you live, and what your individual spending habits are.



Typical 9-Month Costs at Texas Public University for Nonresident Students

Institution	Tuition and Fees	Books and Supplies	Room and Board	Transportation	Other Costs	Total
Angelo State University	\$20,751	\$1,200	\$7,702	\$1,900	\$1,580	\$33,133
Lamar University	\$22,630	\$1,012	\$7,632	\$2,424	\$1,812	\$35,510
Midwestern State University	\$10,644	\$1,050	\$8,534	\$2,026	\$1,868	\$24,122
Prairie View A&M University	\$23,298	\$1,302	\$7,355	\$1,532	\$2,555	\$36,042
Sam Houston State University	\$22,340	\$1,372	\$11,664	\$2,004	\$1,862	\$39,242
Stephen F. Austin State University	\$21,778	\$1,204	\$8,868	\$1,616	\$1,873	\$35,339
Sul Ross State University	\$20,522	\$1,366	\$8,802	\$2,490	\$1,552	\$34,732
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	\$17,815	\$1,366	\$7,695	\$1,896	\$1,552	\$30,324
Tarleton State University	\$20,657	\$1,207	\$10,598	\$1,146	\$1,857	\$35,465
Texas A&M International University	\$21,455	\$1,200	\$7,298	\$1,050	\$1,546	\$32,549
Texas A&M University	\$29,986	\$1,054	\$10,368	\$2,282	\$3,474	\$47,164
Texas A&M University at Galveston	\$24,644	\$1,054	\$13,168	\$2,946	\$2,596	\$44,408
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	\$17,568	\$1,200	\$9,135	\$1,440	\$1,800	\$31,143
Texas A&M University-Commerce	\$20,884	\$1,400	\$8,855	\$2,070	\$1,868	\$35,077
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	\$22,131	\$1,180	\$9,666	\$2,049	\$1,825	\$36,851
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	\$22,034	\$1,344	\$10,350	\$2,319	\$2,497	\$38,544
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	\$19,654	\$1,342	\$7,912	\$2,574	\$2,952	\$34,434
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	\$17,228	\$1,400	\$9,854	\$1,037	\$1,000	\$30,519
Texas Southern University	\$21,620	\$1,569	\$13,713	\$2,356	\$2,506	\$41,764
Texas State University	\$23,060	\$770	\$8,420	\$1,880	\$1,570	\$35,700
Texas Tech University	\$23,012	\$1,200	\$9,384	\$2,300	\$2,120	\$38,016
Texas Woman's University	\$21,540	\$1,050	\$6,993	\$1,269	\$2,439	\$33,291
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$24,402	\$1,206	\$8,924	\$2,894	\$1,684	\$39,110
The University of Texas at Austin	\$35,682	\$662	\$10,070	\$1,490	\$2,820	\$50,724
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$33,654	\$1,200	\$10,748	\$2,140	\$2,040	\$49,782
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$21,396	\$1,862	\$12,192	\$2,264	\$1,968	\$39,682
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$23,263	\$1,500	\$9,558	\$2,760	\$1,836	\$38,917
The University of Texas at Tyler	\$20,872	\$1,292	\$7,486	\$2,360	\$2,160	\$34,170
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	\$8,174	\$1,000	\$10,800	\$1,670	\$1,960	\$23,604
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	\$20,037	\$1,210	\$7,943	\$2,149	\$2,091	\$33,430
University of Houston	\$23,424	\$1,300	\$11,066	\$2,804	\$2,704	\$41,298
University of Houston-Clear Lake	\$23,668	\$1,064	\$9,732	\$2,760	\$3,644	\$40,868
University of Houston-Downtown	\$19,691	\$1,210	\$8,806	\$2,936	\$4,052	\$36,695
University of Houston-Victoria	\$20,077	\$1,200	\$7,996	\$2,102	\$2,076	\$33,451
University of North Texas	\$24,106	\$1,000	\$8,200	\$2,260	\$2,158	\$37,724
University of North Texas at Dallas	\$20,298	\$1,500	\$7,668	\$2,494	\$2,182	\$34,142
West Texas A&M University	\$9,428	\$1,000	\$7,196	\$2,392	\$2,150	\$22,166
Average Cost	\$21,444	\$1,218	\$9,253	\$2,110	\$2,168	\$36,193

•Information is based on average costs for dependent students living off campus who enroll in 15 credit hours in both fall and spring and may not reflect mandatory health insurance, graduate or doctoral students, dependants, or individual programs.

•Source: [College for All Texans](#). Information is subject to change without notice. TIEC cannot guarantee accuracy.



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Choosing a University

Housing Options

- **University dormitories** are conveniently close to campus and classes. Living in a university dormitory may help you make new friends. Cost of living here may depend on where you go to school and what your individual spending habits are.
- **Private dormitories** can cost more than university dormitories but may offer more amenities (computer connections in rooms, cleaning services, etc.)
- **Cooperative housing** is cheaper than a dormitory, and it is a good place for meeting a variety of people as well as for learning English. Upkeep around the cooperative is done by the residents.
- **Apartments** are quieter than either dormitories or cooperatives, but they are also more isolated. They can be expensive: you will probably have to pay utility (electric, gas, and water) bills, and you may also have to provide furniture. Make sure there is a bus route close to the apartment complex.



Choosing a University

Student Life

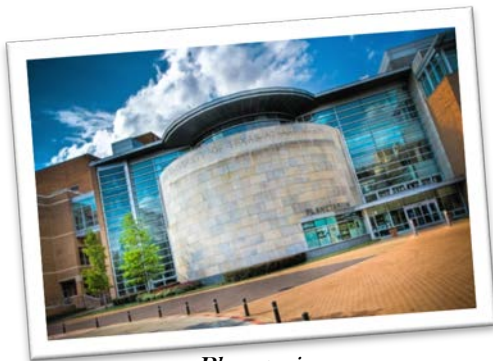
- Explore links to Campus Life or Student Life under Prospective / Future Students on [university websites](#)
- Consider:
 - Diversity of students and student organizations
 - Number and variety of recreational activities (music, sports, art, outdoors, movies)
 - Male-to-female ratio
 - Cultural amenities provided by the university or available in the city or surrounding area. Examples: cultural events, diverse types of restaurants, and religious organizations.



Choosing a University

Facilities and Resources

- **Libraries:** Does the university have specialized libraries for your field of study (music, science, international affairs)?
- **Laboratories:** Biology classes, chemistry classes, language classes
- **Recreational facilities:** Gymnasiums, swimming pools, fitness classes
- **Advising/counseling:** Undergraduate and graduate advising, career counseling, student health center



*Planetarium,
The University of Texas at Arlington*



*Blagg-Huey Library,
Texas Woman's University*



*Horticultural Gardens & Greenhouse
Complex, Texas Tech University*



Choosing a University

Safety

- Most universities have campus police on duty 24 hours per day
- You may request a security report from the university in which you are interested
- [U.S. college crime statistics](#) are readily available for comparison



Choosing a University

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

- Does your GPA meet your chosen university's admission requirements?
- Some universities do not publish minimum GPA requirements but instead provide an average GPA of recently admitted students. How does your GPA compare to the average?



University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Tests

- You will probably need to take the TOEFL
 - Depending on your field of study and your chosen university's admission requirements, you may also need to take the SAT, GRE, or GMAT
- You may find information on taking these tests in your home country and submitting official test results at the following websites:
 - [TOEFL](#)
 - [ACT](#) or [SAT](#)
 - [Graduate Record Exam \(GRE\)](#)
 - [Graduate Management Admission Test \(GMAT\)](#)



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Essays, Statements of Purpose, and Letters of Recommendation

- Depending on your field of study and your chosen university's admission requirements, the university's application may require essays, statements of purpose, and letters of recommendation from your former teachers or employers.
- Essays and statements of purpose are very important for your application and must be well written. State your education background, work experience and goals.
- The university will have guidelines for the letters of recommendation. Give the guidelines to your former teachers and ask them to write letters of recommendation early. The letters of recommendation are due by the admission deadline date.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

English Language Proficiency

- You may need additional English language training before you begin your university studies
- Consider attending the [Texas Intensive English Program \(TIEP\)](#) for your English language and TOEFL preparation.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Application Fees and Deadlines

Institution	Application Fee*	Deadlines*		
		Fall	Spring	Summer
Angelo State University	\$50	10-Jun	1-Nov	15-Mar
Lamar University	\$45	1-Jul	1-Dec	15-Apr
Midwestern State University	\$50	15-May	15-Sep	15-Mar
Prarie View A&M University	\$50	1-May	1-Oct	1-Mar
Sam Houston State University	\$75	90 days before the start of the semester of enrollment		
Stephen F. Austin State University	\$50	1-Jun	1-Nov	1-Mar
Sul Ross State University	\$75	1-May	1-Oct	1-Apr
Tarleton State University	\$130	15-Jun	15-Nov	15-Apr
Texas A&M International University	no fee (undergrad) / \$50 (grad)	Applications accepted until first day of classes		
Texas A&M University	\$90	1-Dec	1-Aug	
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	\$130	60 days before the start of the semester of enrollment		
Texas A&M University-Commerce	\$60 (undergrad) / \$75 (grad)	90 days before the start of the semester of enrollment		
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	\$75 (undergrad) / \$70 (grad)	1-Jul	1-Dec	1-May
Texas A&M University-Galveston	\$90	1-Dec	1-Oct	31-Jul
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	\$50	1-Jun	1-Oct	1-Apr
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	\$90	1-Aug	1-Dec	
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	\$50	60 days before the start of the semester of enrollment		
Texas Southern University	\$78	15-Jun	1-Dec	15-Apr/30-May

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*Application fees and deadlines often vary by graduate program. Check with the university website for more information.



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Satisfying Admission Requirements

Application Fees and Deadlines

Institution	Application Fee *	Deadlines *		
		Fall	Spring	Summer
Texas State University	\$90	1-May	31-Oct	1-May
Texas Tech University	\$60	1-Apr	1-Oct	1-Apr
Texas Woman's University	\$75	1-Feb	1-Jul	1-Feb
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$70	1-May	1-Oct	1-Mar
The University of Texas at Austin	\$90 (undergrad) / \$60 (grad)	1-Dec	1-Oct	1-Dec
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$100	1-May	1-Sep	1-Mar
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$65	1-May	1-Oct	1-Mar
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$60 (undergrad) / \$85 (grad)	1-Jun	15-Oct	1-Mar
The University of Texas at Tyler	\$75	31-May	31-Oct	28-Feb
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	no fee	6 months prior to anticipated enrollment date		
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	\$50	1-Jul	1-Nov	1-Apr, 1-May
University of Houston	\$75	1-Jun	1-Oct	1-Apr
University of Houston-Clear Lake	\$75 (undergrad) / \$135 (doctoral)	1-Apr	1-Oct	1-Mar
University of Houston-Downtown	\$60	1-May	1-Oct	1-Apr
University of Houston-Victoria	no fee	1-Jun	1-Oct	1-Mar
University of North Texas	\$85 (undergrad) / \$75 (grad)	15-Jul	15-Nov	1-Apr, 15-Apr, 1-May
West Texas A&M University	\$75	1-Jun	1-Nov	

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Satisfying Admission Requirements

Conditional Admission

- Students who plan to study at the [Texas Intensive English Program](#) for a minimum of 8 weeks may apply for a letter of conditional admission from some of the Texas universities and colleges
- These letters of conditional admission state what the universities require before the student may be admitted to the university
- These conditions may include more English language study, certain test scores, certain courses, etc.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

1. Complete **the application form completely and correctly**

- Spell your name as it appears in English on your passport.
- Do not abbreviate any names.
- Do not use nicknames.
- Do not omit any details.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

2. Spell your name the same each time

- If documents or test scores arrive in the admission office with different spellings, the university may not know whether the documents belong to you or to someone else.
- Adding or deleting a hyphen, space, or letter to your name can result in misfiling or losing your document or test score.



TIEP class picnic



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University Admission: 10 Essentials

3. Submit only **OFFICIAL** documents and test scores

- Universities will generally NOT accept faxes or photocopies of documents. Original or official credentials are required.
- The stamp and original signature of a school official must appear on your transcripts.
- If the transcript is not in English, you should have it translated by your school or by a recognized translation agency.
- Both the transcript and the translation in the original or official form should be submitted.
- Official test scores are those ordered directly from the testing agency to the university. Universities will NOT accept your student copy of a test score as official.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

4. Know the university's deadline date

- Deadline dates differ from university to university.
- Deadline dates can also differ within the university for different classifications of applicants, e.g., American, international, graduate, undergraduate.



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University Admission: 10 Essentials

5. Meet the university's deadline date

- ALL required documents must be received in the Admissions Office by the university's deadline date.
- If you cannot arrange for a test score or other document to reach the school by the deadline date, make a written request for a waiver of the deadline date for that particular item.
- Some universities will approve your request, but other universities will not consider late arriving documents.
- Plan ahead - be sure to allow plenty of time for documents to reach the university.
- Submit your documents before the deadline to allow for any lost mail or mistakes.



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University Admission: 10 Essentials

6. Submit all required documents

- ALL required documents must be received before the university will grant admission.
- The university will inform you if documents can be submitted upon or after your arrival, but generally late submission is not allowed.



TIEP Computer Lab



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

7. Know exactly what is required for admission, registration, and housing

- Admission requirements and procedures *differ from university to university*. Make sure that you have done your research on each university that you apply to.
- Your admission may be delayed or prevented because you did not know that a photograph, essay, or recommendation letter was required.
- Read the information sent to you by the university carefully. For example, the university may require you to live in a university dormitory when that was not your plan.



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University Admission: 10 Essentials

8. Understand and accept the Admissions standards of the university of your choice, and be realistic
 - It is not wise to apply to a university if your academic record or test scores do not meet the stated minimum requirements.
 - If a university describes its admission policy as *selective* or *competitive*, and your academic record is “average,” there is LITTLE chance that you will be admitted.
 - Universities with competitive or selective admission accept only applicants with the highest test scores and academic records. Even if you have excellent grades and high test scores in excess of the university’s stated requirement, you can still lose your admission to other applicants with better academic records and test scores.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

9. Apply to more than one university

- You may dream of going to a big, famous school, but if you apply to only one university and your application is not successful, you have nowhere to go.
- It is best to apply to several universities. You can then choose among the schools that offer you admission.



The University of Texas at San Antonio



Texas A&M International University



Satisfying Admission Requirements

University Admission: 10 Essentials

10. Begin your academic studies with sufficient English language skills

- It is unwise to have to struggle and damage your Grade Point Average (GPA) at the university because your English language skills are weak.
- Do **not** start until you are ready. The better your English skills are, the easier the “credit” classes will be for you.



TIEP students



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Financing Your Education

- Evidence of Sufficient Funds
 - You will be required to submit evidence to the university and to the U.S. Embassy that you have sufficient funds available for your financial support during your studies in the U.S.
 - Immigration documentation (I-20/DS2019) cannot be issued by the university until this information is on file.
 - The university will provide specific dollar amounts and the forms you will need to comply with this requirement.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Financing Your Education

- Financial Aid
 - If you plan to apply for an assistantship or scholarship, you should begin the process EARLY.
 - The university will provide you with information about the availability of scholarship assistance if you request such information.
 - Financial awards to international students are merit-based only, not need-based.
 - To prevent delays in completing your admission application, submit your financial guarantee even if your application for a scholarship or assistantship is still pending.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Alternate Plans

- **Waiting is the Hardest Part**
 - The universities will respond to your application, but perhaps not as quickly as you would like.
 - Correspondence by e-mail rather than the postal service is now shortening the process. Be sure to include your e-mail address, if you have one, on the application form.
 - You will be informed if there are any documents required to determine your admission that have not yet been received by the university. Be sure to submit the requested documents promptly.
 - Inform the university *immediately* if the Admissions Office requests documents that you have already submitted.
 - If documents are requested that you are unable to supply, tell the university the reason you cannot supply them and the university will let you know if the requirement can be waived.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Alternate Plans

- What if Your Application is Rejected?
 - If your application for admission is denied, the university will inform you in writing, usually stating the reason for the denial.
 - If the denial is based upon something you can improve, such as a low TOEFL score, you can take [additional English language courses](#), re-take the TOEFL, and apply for admission to the university again.
 - If you have applied to other universities, you may have the option of enrollment at another university where you have been admitted.



Satisfying Admission Requirements

Alternate Plans

- Too Many Choices?
 - If you are admitted to more than one university, quickly decide which one you plan to attend.
 - Return the immigration forms (I-20 or DS 2019) to the universities that you have declined, with a brief letter or note informing them that you have accepted admission elsewhere.



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University



*Students attending TIEP's in-house
University Fair*

- Importance of English Language Ability in a U.S. College or University
 - Whether you have a sufficient TOEFL score or not, you may want to [improve your English skills](#) before enrolling in a U.S. college or university.
 - For all fields of study, from Liberal Arts to Natural Sciences, U.S. colleges and universities require a high level of competence in English.



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- The Four Basic Skills

- **Speaking:** University courses in all fields of study expect students to ask and answer questions in class, participate in class discussion, work with other students on class projects, and give oral presentations. Some degrees also require oral comprehensive exams.
- **Listening:** Many university courses are taught in a lecture format that requires students to have good English listening comprehension and note-taking skills. Students also have to understand each other during class discussions and presentations.
- **Reading:** Courses in all fields of study have lengthy reading assignments. The ability to read quickly in English and the development of an advanced academic vocabulary will assist with homework and research projects.
- **Writing:** Writing requirements include answering essay questions on timed tests and writing short reports as well as major research papers, theses, and dissertations in prescribed formats



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University

University Express

- A comprehensive, customized program for students desiring to enroll in a U.S. university
- Provides rigorous intensive English language preparation, training in academic study skills to meet the challenge of U.S. university standards, and individualized instruction, assessment, and advising



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University Express

- **Intensive Academic English Coursework:** 24-26 hours of classroom instruction per week with other students, delivered in small, multinational classes. Class activities and assignments focus on preparing for university study including:
 - Reading intensively and extensively
 - Preparing for academic lecture classes
 - Listening to lectures and taking notes
 - Giving academic presentations
 - Writing essays
 - Developing academic vocabulary
 - Developing effective study skills
 - Strengthening critical thinking skills
 - Conducting Internet and library research
 - Understanding U.S. university culture



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University Express

- **Individual, Customized Tutorials:** Tutors meet with students 4 hours per week. These one-to-one tutorials include:
 - Individual needs assessment
 - Individualized English language instruction
 - Preparation for standardized tests
- **Test Preparation:** Students develop and practice essential test-taking skills for standardized exams such as:
IELTS TOEFL SAT GRE GMAT LSAT MCAT
- **Enrichment Activities:** Extracurricular events and activities available to University ExpressSM students include:
 - Cultural activities
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Social events
 - University athletic events



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University Express

- **University Placement Service:** A specialized designated student adviser meets with University ExpressSM students to support them throughout the university admission process. Services include:
 - Orientation to the admission process
 - Guidance in selecting appropriate university options
 - Assistance with university admissions applications, including:
 - meeting deadlines,
 - registering for required exams,
 - completing and submitting required forms,
 - and monitoring admission status.
- **University Course Auditing for students with Advanced English Proficiency:** University ExpressSM students experience the U.S. university classroom firsthand by attending a semester-long course. The advising team will guide students in selecting appropriate courses from several local universities and colleges.



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University

Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP)

- Small, multinational classes (8-16 students)
- Seven levels of instruction, beginning to advanced
- 20 classroom hours per week, plus homework, laboratories, and optional elective classes



TIEP students in class



TIEP students and instructors at outdoor gallery



TIEP students on a field trip to the Blanton Museum



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University

Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP)

- *Foundations of English*
 - Beginning to low-intermediate levels
 - Listening: everyday and general topics through simplified audio and video materials
 - Speaking: conversations, discussions, dialogues, short presentations, pronunciation
 - Reading/Vocabulary: everyday and general topics, vocabulary, idioms, and reading skills, through simplified materials
 - Writing: basic compositions, journals, with a focus on paragraph form and organization
 - Grammar: systematic presentation on basic grammar
 - Projects: varied activities such as creating class newspapers, booklets, and videotaped presentations
 - Field Trips: 2-3 educational/cultural field trips



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University

Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP)

- *English for Academic Purposes*
 - Intermediate to advanced levels for students who plan to enter an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a U.S. college or university
 - Listening: lectures, discussions, note-taking, TOEFL practice
 - Speaking: academic discussions and presentations, debates, panels, conversations, pronunciation
 - Reading/Vocabulary: academic, technical, and general topics, vocabulary and idioms, TOEFL practice
 - Writing : compositions, essays, research papers, journals, TOEFL practice
 - Grammar: systematic and comprehensive approach, TOEFL practice
 - Projects: Internet and library research, academic projects
 - Field Trips: 1-2 educational field trips



Preparing My English Language Ability for Study at a U.S. University

Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) – since 1965

- Accredited by the [Commission on English Language Program Accreditation \(CEA\)](#)
- Experienced, professionally trained teachers with native English speaker proficiency, M.A.s or Ph.D.s, overseas experience, and a minimum of two years' teaching experience (many have 10 years' or more of experience)
- Comprehensive student services, which includes: assistance with visas, housing, medical problems, university applications, new student orientation, field trips, and social activities
- Institutional TOEFL and Open TOEIC® Test Center
- Authorized under Federal Law issue SEVIS Form I-20
- Reasonable cost



TOEFL/IELTS Waiver

- [TIEP](#) has a [TOEFL/IELTS](#) waiver in which several Texas public universities will waive the TOEFL admission requirement for students who successfully complete the advanced coursework at [TIEP](#).



TIEP in Austin



Welcome to Texas!

Arrival and Settling In

- Contact the university that you plan to attend with any questions you may have about your arrival on campus.
- Ask about travel arrangements to the campus, housing options, dates of orientation and registration, how to buy books, and what to expect on the first day of class.



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