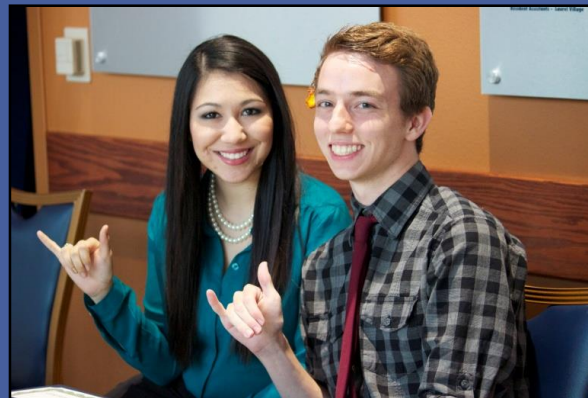


UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

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FRESHMEN SUCCEED WHEN...

- They make progress toward fulfilling the following educational and personal goals:
 - Developing academic and intellectual competence;
 - Establishing relationships;
 - Developing an identity;
 - Deciding on a career path;
 - Maintaining personal health and wellness;
 - Developing a philosophy of life.

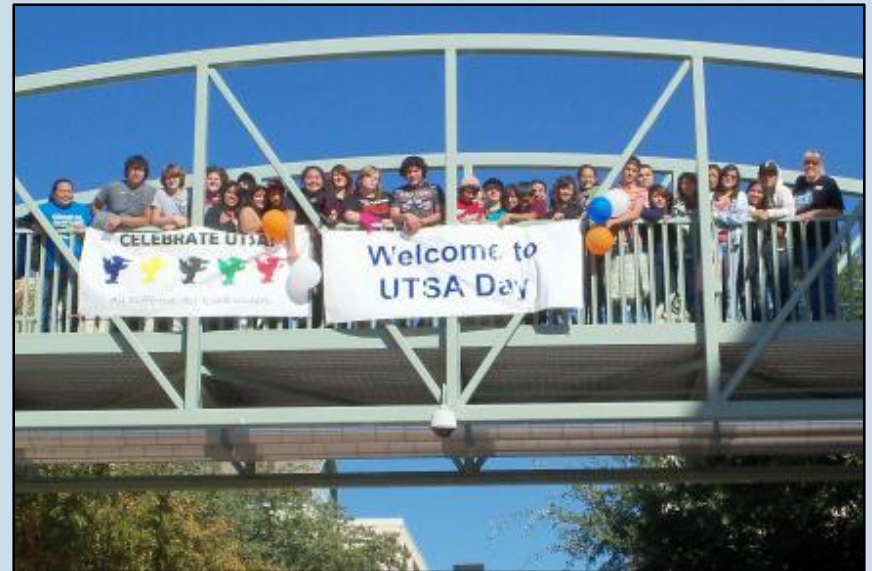
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- Home to the following departments and programs:
 - First-Year Experience (FYE)
 - Core Curriculum & QEP
 - Academic Advising Centers
 - AIR Force ROTC
 - Army ROTC
 - Testing Services
 - Tomas Rivera Center
 - Office of Undergraduate Studies Support and Technology Services
 - University Health Professions Office
 - Writing Program
 - Multidisciplinary Studies
 - Institute for Law and Public Affairs
 - Gateway Program

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- Students in their first year at UTSA are part of University College while they complete first-year academic and major-related requirements.



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE EXITING REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete 30 UTSA hours
2. Have no TSI deficiencies
3. Meet all requirements to declare a major
4. Earn credit for AIS 1203
5. Earn credit for WRC 1013
6. Earn credit for a core mathematics requirement
7. Complete the First-Year Experience Program



**Transition to
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FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



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FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- **First-year common experiences:**
 - **Academic Inquiry & Scholarship (AIS) 1203**
 - **University Peer Mentorship Experience (UPM) 1000**
- **Activities to help students determine an appropriate major**
- **Programming designed to help students successfully navigate UTSA**

ACADEMIC INQUIRY & SCHOLARSHIP (AIS) 1203

- Beginning Fall 2014 core course requirement for all students
- Food Matters
 - Introduces three different areas of inquiry
 - Humanities (Liberal, Literary, & Fine Arts)
 - Social Sciences
 - Natural Sciences
 - Explores the world around us through cutting edge research and scholarship in each area
- Three unique components of AIS
 - AIS Academic Support Team
 - Assigned Peer Mentor
 - Linked Courses

AIS FACULTY

- 6 faculty hired within University College to teach 24 sections each fall and spring term
- Faculty from all other academic colleges will teach remaining sections each term
- Faculty range from tenured, tenure-track, and full-time non-tenure track
- Faculty are expected to enter grades in Blackboard Learn and utilize the EARN system (progress reports, midterm grades, faculty raised flags, etc.)

UNIVERSITY PEER MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE (UPM) 1000

- An additional common first-year experience required of all first-year students at UTSA.
- Designed to help students
 - explore UTSA's academic and social resources,
 - adjust to the rigors of college,
 - connect to peers, and
 - learn of college success strategies.



FYE PEER MENTORS



- *Balancing* college life
- Getting *involved*
- Getting *connected*
- Learning college *survival skills*
- *Studying smarter* not harder
- *Navigating* campus resources

FYE COMMON EXPERIENCES

- Students enrolled in AIS fall semester, will automatically be enroll in UPM spring semester.

-VICE VERSA (students switch)-

- Students enrolled in UPM fall semester, will be enrolled in AIS spring semester.

2014-15 PROJECTIONS

Fall 2014

Academic Inquiry and Scholarship: Projected Sections & Needed Support

3000 students enrolled
63 sections offered

University Peer Mentorship: Projected Sections & Needed Support

1500 students enrolled
31 sections offered

Spring 2015

Academic Inquiry and Scholarship: Projected Sections & Needed Support

1500 students enrolled
~35* sections offered

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~63 sections offered

2014-15 PROJECTIONS BY CAMPUS

Fall 2014

1604 Campus

58 AIS sections

31 UPM Sections

DT Campus

5 AIS sections

0 UPM sections

Spring 2015

1604 Campus

33* AIS sections

58 UPM sections

DT Campus

2 AIS sections

5 UPM sections

2014-15 PROJECTIONS SECTIONS BY STUDENT POPULATION

■ Fall 2014

- 63 sections broken down by linkage
- 1604 Campus
 - 5 Honors standalone (no TA)
 - 1 Fame standalone (no TA)
 - 43 traditional AIS + WRC 1013
 - 5 traditional AIS + WRC 1023
 - 4 traditional AIS standalone
- DT Campus
 - 4 traditional AIS + WRC 1013
 - 1 traditional AIS standalone

■ Spring 2015

- 35* sections
- 1604 Campus
 - 1 Honors standalone (no TA)
 - 23 traditional AIS + WRC 1013
 - 4 traditional AIS + WRC 1023
 - 5 traditional AIS standalone
- DT Campus
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FALL 2014 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND FIRST-YEAR STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Enroll in/successfully complete a minimum of 15 hours each fall/spring term
- Enroll in/successfully complete AIS 1203 during fall term*
- Enroll in/successfully complete appropriate linked AIS/WRC sections
- Enroll in/successfully complete core math requirement during fall term



FALL 2014 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND FIRST-YEAR STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Declare an appropriate major and met requirements to transition to major college prior to completion of 30 hours
- Clear any TSI deficiencies during fall term
- Actively participate in UPM 1000
- Meet with assigned academic advisor on a regular basis each term



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACCELERATED STUDENTS – REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All UC students register with the freshman cohort, regardless of hours earned (excluding upper level MDST), unless they have a designated priority registration.
- There is a distinction for freshmen and freshmen transfers entering UTSA with 15 or more credit hours. These students may satisfy the 30 UTSA hour requirement by completing 30 total hours, 15 of which must be UTSA hours with a UTSA GPA of 2.5 or higher.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACCELERATED STUDENTS – REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Freshmen and freshmen transfers entering UTSA with 15 or more credit hours may be designated as ***University College Accelerated Students*** as soon as they meet the first six exiting requirements. Upon completion of these first six requirements, University College Accelerated Students will be able to register with their appropriate cohort based upon hours earned (30-59 sophomore, 60-89 junior, etc.).
- ***University College Accelerated Students*** will however remain in University College until all seven exiting requirements have been met.



Q&A