



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE INSIDER

THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Message from the Vice Provost and Dean



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the University College Insider: The Office of the Vice Provost and University College Newsletter.

You may ask “What is the Office of the Vice Provost and University College?” We are home to the Air Force ROTC, the Army ROTC, Testing Services, the Tomás Rivera Center, the Office of Undergraduate Studies Support and Technology Services, the University Health Professions Office, the Writing Program (including the Writing Center), the Multidisciplinary Studies Program (MDST), the Institute for Law and Public Affairs (ILPA), the Core Curriculum, the First Year Experience Program and the undergraduate academic advising community.

As you can see, the office strongly supports the academic success of all students at the university, especially undergraduates. Moreover, we operate as the university office of undergraduate studies that manages academic matters which include the coordination of the undergraduate curriculum, handling academic processes and receiving student appeals that require action beyond the level of the college deans.

Our student newsletter distribution includes all first-time in college students including freshmen, all students with undecided majors, MDST majors, and ROTC cadets.

We hope you find this issue as well as our future issues genuinely helpful to ensure your success as a student!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lawrence R. Williams
Vice Provost and Dean

Valuable Information from Testing Services

Summer is the only time to take advantage of free Math JumpStart and Boot Camp opportunities to strengthen your Algebra, Trigonometry and Precalculus skills for success in MAT 1023,1033,1043,1073,1093 and 1214.

CLEP and Competency-based testing can give you credit by testing out for 60 hours or your entire core curriculum! CLEP exams cost approximately \$120 (depending on essay components) versus course costs which range from \$600.00 and up. CLEP exam results are available the same day in most cases and provide credit hours toward graduation.

Math and Chemistry placement are administered by the Testing Services office. Practice exams should be reviewed at the Testing Services web site prior to attempting the actual exams. Registration for math or chemistry placement is available on ASAP, under the Testing Services link.

For more information, visit www.testing.utsa.edu.

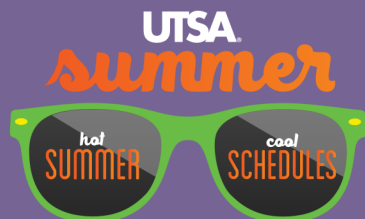
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Register Now for Summer 2016

The Summer 2016 course schedule has plenty of offerings, including online sections for core courses such as Intro to American Politics, Freshman Composition II, Technical Writing, US History Pre-Columbus to Civil War, and US History Civil War to Present. Face-to-face sections of Freshman Composition I and Academic Inquiry & Scholarship (AIS) are also available.

Summer is also a good opportunity for first-year students to enroll in AIS 1203 or WRC 1013 if they have not completed it yet. These courses are required prior to transferring to the college of your academic major.



Dr. Williams Receives the TRC ACE Scholar Program Award



Dr. Lawrence Williams (right),
Dean and Vice Provost
University College and Leticia
Longoria, Assistant Director
TRC DT and ACE

On Wednesday, April 12, Dr. Williams received the TRC ACE Scholar Program Award! He was the keynote speaker and talked to the students about his own first generation story and pathway to the doctorate.

The Access College and Excel (ACE) Program works with 11 inner-city high schools and provides students with a two-year scholarship, a dedicated Advisor, the College Success Seminar, and student support programs like tutoring and Supplemental Instruction.

Dr. Williams will also be honored on Saturday, April 23, by the Dunbar Alumni Association at its biannual reunion. Their State Representative along with Polk County and City of Livingston officials have been invited to join in the recognition of Dr. Lawrence Ray Williams Day. The celebration will begin with a parade at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with a Scholarship Banquet at 6:30 pm on the Livingston Junior High campus.

FYE Peer Mentor of the Month



February—Bryana Guerra

Student Quote— “Bryana has been one of the most influential people I have met in my first year with regards to advice, and has been the most helpful. Having her as my peer mentor makes me appreciate the program and has made the transition to college easier.”



March—Nathaniel Mayberry

Student Quote— “Since the beginning Nathaniel let us know that he would do his best job and I believe he has. He went and took initiative many times to make sure we scheduled our meetings with him and kept up with events on campus. His meetings were always helpful and he always took the time to make sure everything was good academically and personally. All around his performance was outstanding.”



April—Kayla Sanchez

Student Quote— “Kayla helped me improve on my classes by suggesting some study techniques and explained how the techniques could benefit me. Kayla provides great academic advice and has a great personality which makes her a great peer mentor. She goes above and beyond to help in every aspect - from summer school to the application process for becoming a peer mentor.”



The Graduate School and Research Building

Winners of the Judith G. Gardner Writing Program Scholarship

Congratulations to the following Freshman Composition II students who have won a Spring 2016 Judith G. Gardner Writing Program scholarship.

- \$2,000-- Madeleine Toro, “Confined in a Cage” (Instructor: Lindsay Ratcliffe)
- \$1,000-- Aldo Sepulveda, “Solutions for the Long-Term: Why Fracking Is Subpar Compared to Clean Energy” (Instructor: Santiago “Jim” Longoria)
- \$1,000-- Jessica Zarzar Lee, “How Climate Change Is Worsening World Hunger” (Instructor: Lindsay Ratcliffe)



Cadets to be Commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Air Force

On Friday, May 13th, 10-12 cadets from the Air Force ROTC Program will be commissioned to become Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force. These students have completed four years in the Air Force ROTC program. Another 32 cadets are scheduled to attend Field Training over the summer, which is a requirement if they want to move into their junior/senior level courses.

University College Directory

Advising

- Arts & Humanities
210-458-6513
- Business Studies
210-458-4562
- Downtown
210-458-2550
- Engineering
210-458-5525
- Honors
210-458-4106
- Interdisciplinary Education
210-458-4424
- Life & Health Sciences
210-458-4045
- Mathematical & Physical Sciences
210-458-6073
- Social Sciences
210-458-4900
- Student Placement
210-458-5170

Air Force ROTC

210-458-4624

Army ROTC

210-458-4011

First-Year Experience

210-458-7490

Health Professions Office

210-458-5185

Institute for Law and Public Affairs

210-458-2990

Multidisciplinary Studies Program

210-458-6877

Testing Services

210-458-4125

Tomas Rivera Center

210-458-4694

University College

210-458-5191

Writing Program

210-458-5363

Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24	25	26	27	28	29	30 -Last Day of Classes
May 1	2 -Student Study Day	3 -Student Study Day	4 -Final Exams	5 -Final Exams	6 -Final Exams	7 -Final Exams
8	9 -Final Exams	10 -Final Exams	11 -Classes Begin (M1)	12 -Census Date (M1)	13	14 -Spring Commencement
15 -Spring Commencement	16 -Classes Begin (M4)	17	18 -Census Date (M4)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 -Last Day of Classes (M1)
29	30	31 -Classes Begin (M, T, F)	June 1 -Census Date (M)	2	3 -Census Date (F)	4