ADDENDUM

As of September, 2006, The University of Texas at San Antonio has increased the number of degree programs offered to 62 Bachelor’s Degree Programs, 43 Master’s Degree Programs, and 19 Doctoral Degree Programs.

The undergraduate (Bachelor’s Programs) application fee is now $40.

UTSA has a new mailing address:

(The name of the department or office to which you are writing)
The University of Texas at San Antonio
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, Texas 78249
U.S.A.

The following degree plans have been added:
Bachelor’s Degrees
BA – Mexican American Studies/Non-profit Management
BA – English/ Creative Writing
BA – History/Social Studies
BA – Communication/Social Interaction
    (Media & Speech Communication have been cancelled)
BS – Computer Science/Computer & Information Security

Doctoral Degrees
PhD – Applied Statistics
PhD – Applied Demography
PhD – Applied Anthropology

The web address for SEVIS has changed from www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/ to www.ice.gov/sevis.

Additional web addresses of interest:
Housing – www.utsa.edu/housing
Dining Services – www.utsa.edu/utsacard/dining.htm
Health Center – www.utsa.edu/health/

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Rosalie Ambrosino, formerly Vice President for Student Affairs, has recently been appointed University Provost.
Welcome to The University of Texas at San Antonio. UTSA is one of the fastest-growing public universities in Texas and a proud institution of the University of Texas System. We enthusiastically invite you to attend UTSA and successfully achieve your higher education goals.

UTSA has assembled an excellent faculty; 79 percent hold doctorates or other terminal degrees. Faculty members are both teachers and researchers and provide a quality education for all students.

UTSA is growing in the number of degree programs offered as well as in the number of students registered. New degrees are added each year and several are currently under development.

UTSA is committed to every international student’s success in school and in life. Offering programs that promote the importance of developing knowledge, building leadership skills and participating in school activities helps students make the most of their college education.

UTSA welcomes international students from more than 80 countries. We hope you will decide to join us and the many international students who attend The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Romo
President
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
San Antonio, a city of 1.2 million, was originally settled in 1718 as a mission and military outpost on El Camino Real, a highway through the wilderness built by the king of Spain. The original settlers were from Spain, the Canary Islands and Mexico. During the colonization period, people from the United States and many European countries joined them. More recently, there have been immigrants from the Middle East and Asia.

Texas was an independent nation for approximately 10 years. It is a state with six flags because Texas has been ruled by a number of countries including Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, the Confederacy and the United States of America. A number of the colonial period buildings remain and can be visited—the Spanish Governor’s Palace, the original Mexican village and the Spanish missions. The best known of the missions is the Alamo, the site of a major battle during the fight for independence.

The city of San Antonio has many parks including two large theme parks, Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld. The most unusual park is the River Walk. It is a narrow strip of land on either side of the San Antonio River that winds for two-and-a-half miles through the center of the city. The park has quiet walkways, gardens, sidewalk cafes, nightclubs and an outdoor theater—all 20 feet below street level. The city also has several theaters, museums and art galleries.

And, San Antonians love athletics. The city is the home of the Spurs (NBA men’s basketball), the Silver Spurs (WNBA women’s basketball), Missions (minor league baseball), and every spring there is a rodeo. UTSA has been the host school for the collegiate men’s basketball Final Four championship and expects to host the women’s tournament in the near future. The city hosts the Texas Open Golf Tournament, international soccer tournaments and many other athletic events.

Temperatures range from 40-degree Fahrenheit (4.4C) lows in winter to 95-degree Fahrenheit (34.7C) highs in the summer. Summers are
uniformly hot, but winter temperatures are rather changeable. It may be shirt weather in the morning and coat weather by afternoon. Snow and ice are so rare that people rush outside to see them when they fall. The annual average rainfall is 30.41 inches per year—the most falling in May and September.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS

Admission into UTSA is competitive and applications are reviewed on an individual basis. Final decisions on admission are made only after all factors and credentials related to an applicant’s educational background have been considered.

General procedures for applying for admission
All prospective students from countries other than the United States who are not immigrants and who have not been granted permanent residency must submit the following items:

• International Student Application
• Official transcripts of previous academic work with English translation attached if written in a language other than English
• Transcript evaluation report written by an acceptable evaluation service
• Standardized test scores when required
• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
• Evidence of sufficient financial support while studying in this country
• Application processing fee of U.S. $30, which is not refundable.

Letters of recommendation, résumés and essays are not required, but will be considered by the admissions committee along with the required documents.

Application deadlines
Students should complete and forward their applications to UTSA as early as possible to allow sufficient time to obtain their visas and arrange for transportation if admission is granted. Additional information and some forms are available on our Web site at www.utsa.edu/admissions/international.htm. UTSA encourages all applicants to use the electronic Common Application form at www.applytexas.org. This application will be in our office within 48 hours, excluding Saturday and Sunday. We also prefer to correspond with applicants via e-mail because it speeds the application process.

Applicants who cannot complete the electronic application may write to IntlAdmissions@utsa.edu or The University of Texas at San Antonio, Office of Admissions, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas, 78249, U.S.A. to request a paper application.

The deadlines for all undergraduate applications are listed below.

Applications received after the deadline will automatically be processed for the following fall or spring term.

Fall semester (beginning in late August) June 1
Spring semester (beginning in early January) October 15
Summer term (beginning in early June) March 1

Application fee
All international applicants must pay a nonrefundable processing fee of $30. Payment may be made by MasterCard or Discover credit card by completing the appropriate question on the application form. It may also be paid in the form of cashier’s checks, postal money orders or bank drafts in U.S. dollars. Personal checks will be accepted if they are drawn on a U.S. bank. Cash will not be accepted. Applications will not be processed until the fee is received.

Completion of the application form
The Office of Admissions can respond more quickly if all required documents are mailed in the same envelope. Students must answer each question on the application and make sure that it is transmitted or mailed as soon as possible. Unavoidable delays may result when forms are received with questions left unanswered.

Prospective students may designate a representative to act on their behalf for the admission application. Unless a representative is identified in this manner, no information regarding admission status may be released except to the applicant. While a designee may submit materials, he or she may not sign the application.

Each applicant will be able to access and track his/her application on the university computer. Instructions will be sent with the e-mail acknowledging receipt of the application. The electronic application-processing center will issue each applicant an application identification (tracking) number. Upon receipt of the application, UTSA will issue each person a university student identification (ID) number. A personal e-mail account will be issued upon acceptance.

Electronic applications are encouraged and preferred. However, students who do not have access to the World Wide Web can obtain a paper application by writing to the Office of Admissions.

Official transcripts/marksheets for freshman students
Entering freshmen (first-year students) must present completed official preparatory school (secondary school/high school) transcripts, diplomas, certificates and/or national examination scores as appropriate for the educational system in their country. All applicants must possess
the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma based upon a combined elementary and secondary pattern of 12 years with a better than average academic record.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Transfer applicants must submit official transcripts or marksheets from all universities or university-level schools attended both in the United States and abroad. Transfer applicants with less than one year of transferable coursework (30 semester hours, 10 half-year courses) must also submit secondary school (high school) transcripts as described in the section above. If transferring from a U.S. college or university, applicants must be in good academic standing and have a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. If transferring from a non-U.S. institution, applicants must have an above average grade record.

Students transferring from U.S. schools (Intensive English, high schools and colleges or universities) must submit a SEVIS Transfer Notification form. These forms may be downloaded from the International Admissions Office Web site at www.utsa.edu/admissions/international.htm and sent to the International Student Adviser of the school attended immediately prior to transfer to UTSA.

Official documents
Transcripts or other academic records must be presented according to the following criteria:

- Official transcripts or marksheets must bear the official seal and/or original signatures of school authorities. Transcripts should show a current issue date. Photocopies or copies attested by non-school authorities will not be considered official.
- Certificates issued by regional or national examining boards (GCSE, SSC, HSSC, WASC, CXC, HKCE, School Leaving or other appropriate matriculation certificates) must be official certificates or official attested copies.
- Official translations must accompany documents not prepared in English. Both the native language and English translation are required in most cases.
- When an original document cannot be duplicated according to the secondary school, university or examining board policy, attested copies may be substituted. The examining board officer or designated school official of the school attended must make attestations. Copies attested by notary officials, translators or other government posts are not acceptable substitutes.
- A transcript evaluation report written by an outside agency must also be submitted for documents from countries other than the United States. The agency must follow the placement recommendations of the National Council on the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials.

See the UTSA Web site for a recommendation and application form.

TEST SCORES
Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT-1) or American College Testing (ACT)
International students are not required to take the SAT or ACT with the following exceptions:

- Freshman applicants who graduate from a U.S. high school or U.S.-type high school overseas
- Freshman applicants who are applying for the Honors College
- Freshman applicants or transfer students with less than 30 semester hours transferable credit who are applying for scholarships, including athletic scholarships.

Information about these examinations and application procedures can be found on the Web at www.sat.org and www.act.org.

Proof of proficiency in the English language
International student applicants from non-native-English-speaking countries must prove proficiency in the English language by taking either the IELTS or TOEFL examinations. English as a Second Language courses will be required for those students who need additional language training.

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* The UTSA English Language Assessment Program is required of all new students. Students are assigned to take up to three English as a Second Language classes if it is judged the courses will benefit the student.
** Students are admitted to Intensive English with a guarantee that they are accepted to the bachelor’s degree program of their choice as soon as the appropriate level of English proficiency has been achieved. Conditional admission is not available to graduate students. The I-20 issued by the university covers both programs. Separate applications are not required.

IELTS is jointly managed by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), British Council and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia. For more information go to www.ielts.org.
TOEFL is an examination written by The Educational Testing Service of The College Board. For more information go to www.toefl.org.
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**Application fee**

All international applicants must pay a nonrefundable application fee of $80 for an online application or $85 for a paper application. You may pay the application fee while submitting the application online by credit card or electronic check. Applications will not be processed until the fee is received.

**Completion of the application form**

Electronic applications are preferred. Please apply online at [www.utsa.edu/graduate](http://www.utsa.edu/graduate). However, students who do not have access to the World Wide Web can obtain a paper application by writing to the Graduate School.

**Official transcripts/marksheets**

Applicants pending completion of degree should submit final mark-sheets or provisional certificates once your undergraduate degree has been conferred.

Send to: UTSA, The Graduate School, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio TX, 78249, U.S.A.

**Official documents**

Same as for undergraduates except for doctoral programs.

**Proof of proficiency in the English language**

Same as for undergraduates except for doctoral programs.

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**Confirmation of financial resources**

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires that international students show proof that adequate resources are available to meet their first year of educational living expenses. Therefore, a Confirmation of Financial Resources form must be completed and returned with bank statements or other financial documents attached before an I-20 can be issued. Bank statements must bear the original signature and/or seal of a bank official. A cover sheet is available on the UTSA Web site at [www.utsa.edu/intprograms/Forms/ConfirmationofFinancialResources.doc](http://www.utsa.edu/intprograms/Forms/ConfirmationofFinancialResources.doc). A duplicate set should be prepared for use when applying for a visa. Students should not come to the United States expecting to seek on- or off-campus employment to help finance their education or living expenses. Employment on campus is allowed for up to 20 hours a week while school is in session, but positions are few in number.

**GRADUATE ADMISSION POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS**

Admission into UTSA Graduate School is competitive and applications are reviewed on an individual basis. Faculty committees make final decisions on admission only after all factors and credentials related to an applicant’s educational background have been considered.

**General procedures for applying for admissions**

- Submit the completed international application for admission to the Graduate School found online at [www.utsa.edu/graduate/](http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/), along with a nonrefundable application fee. Your payment must be submitted by computer or electronic check.
- Refer to the [http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/](http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/) table to determine which documents are required for your classification. All college transcripts must be sent directly to UTSA by each college or university attended.
- Request that the testing company send the appropriate test scores (GRE or GMAT) directly to UTSA. In addition, you must submit TOEFL scores unless you graduated with a bachelor’s degree in the United States. The University’s code is 6919.
- All official documents (transcripts and test scores) and the completed application and application fee must be received by the Graduate School by the stated international graduate application deadline for the semester for which you are applying. Because of the large number of official college and university transcripts we receive, we cannot individually acknowledge the receipt of each transcript.
- Contact a graduate adviser ([http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/](http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/)) in the program of interest for further information on supplemental requirements such as statement of purpose, résumés or letters of reference needed to complete your graduate application.
The University of Texas at San Antonio currently offers more than 100 degree programs, including bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees.

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Accounting
Actuarial Science
American Studies
Anthropology
Architecture
Art
Art History and Criticism
Biology
Chemistry
Civil Engineering
Classical Studies
Clinical Laboratory Sciences/joint UTSA/UTHSCSA

Communication
- Concentrations in Electronic Media, Public Relations, Speech Communication, Technical Communication

Computer Science
Construction Management
Criminal Justice
- Concentrations in Policing and Crime Prevention, Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Courts and Adjudication, Forensic Science, Economic Crime Investigation

Economics
Electrical Engineering
Elementary Education (Interdisciplinary Studies)
English
- Emphasis in Professional Writing

Environmental Science
Finance
French
General Business
Geography

Geology
German
Health
History
Humanities
Human Resource Management
Information Systems
Infrastructure Assurance
Interior Design
Kinesiology
Management

Concentrations in
- International Business,
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Management Science
Marketing
Marketing with a Tourism Concentration
Mathematics
- Concentrations in Mathematics, General Mathematical Studies

Mechanical Engineering
Mexican American Studies
Multidisciplinary Science
Music
- Concentrations in Composition, Music Marketing, Music Performance, Music Studies

Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics

**MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Accounting
Adult and Higher Education

Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Architecture
Art
Art History
Bicultural-Bilingual Studies
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biotechnology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Civil Engineering
Communication
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Counseling
Economics
Education
Electrical Engineering
English
Environmental Science
Finance
Geology
History
Information Technology
International Business
Justice Policy
Management of Technology
MAECIT
(Master’s w/ a teaching certificate)

**DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Biomedical Engineering
Biology
Business Administration
Cell and Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Counselor Education and Supervision
Culture, Literacy and Language
Education Leadership
Electrical Engineering
English
Environmental Science and Engineering

**ACADEMIC YEAR**

The academic year at UTSA includes a fall semester, a spring semester and a summer session. The fall semester is a 16-week term, including a final examination week, which begins in late August and ends mid-December. The spring semester is a 16-week term that begins in early January and ends in May. The summer session consists of two five-week terms in sequence and a 10-week term running concurrently with the two five-week terms, beginning early June and ending in mid-August. International students on a student visa are required to attend full time during the fall and spring semesters. The summer sessions are optional. New students can only enter doctoral programs during the fall semesters.

**LENGTH OF DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Baccalaureate
The average length of time required to complete a bachelor’s degree
in the United States is four academic years (late August through May). Some undergraduate programs such as engineering may take up to five years.

Instruction is given in courses that begin and end in a single semester. Course credit is measured in semester hours. Most courses meet three hours per week in the long session and have a credit value of three hours for one semester. Each course requires approximately three hours of outside study per week for each semester hour of credit. Laboratory, field or studio hours vary depending on the class.

Undergraduate students are classified as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors depending on the number of credit hours they have completed. Freshmen (0 to 29 semester hours) and sophomores (30 to 59 semester hours) are referred to as lower-division students; juniors (60 to 89 semester hours) and seniors (90 or more semester hours) are considered upper-division students.

Master’s
The average length of time required to complete a master’s degree in the United States is two academic years. The Master of Fine Arts (Studio Art) requires three academic years. As with the undergraduate programs, courses are one semester and the majority are three-semester-hours credit.

Ph.D.
The average length of time required to complete a doctoral degree in the United States is from three to five years, depending upon the student’s academic background. The time may vary because the doctoral degree is primarily a research degree.

HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College is open to highly talented students from all academic departments. Members of the Honors College receive a rigorous academic program with small classes, increased student-faculty contact, greater individual attention, special seminars, encouragement to study abroad and supervised research experiences. All activities are designed to challenge talented students.

Transfer students are eligible for admission to the Honors College if they have a grade point average of 3.3 or better on a 4.0 scale. High school students are eligible if they rank in the top 10 percent of their class or have a combined Verbal and Math SAT score of 1100 or ACT of 26. Students can be admitted throughout the year, but must submit their applications by February 1 to be considered for Presidential Honors Scholarships. A separate application is required for the scholarship.

COLLEGES’ FRESHMAN ADVISING CENTER
At the undergraduate level, full-time professional advisers provide academic advising. The freshmen have their own advising center. Students who have earned 30 or more semester hours credit are advised in the various schools and colleges by advisers who specialize in the student’s chosen major.

The College of Business also maintains a graduate advising center staffed by full-time professional advisers to consult with M.B.A students. All other graduate students are assigned a faculty adviser at the time of their admission.

LIBRARIES
The UTSA library’s mission is to support and enhance the university’s instructional, research and public service activities by providing bibliographic, interpretive, physical and electronic access to information and resources for learning to university students, faculty and staff.

The library, which has locations at all three UTSA campuses, maintains a collection of more than 650,000 books and access to more than 30,000 electronic and print journals. A variety of non-print materials, including video and audiotapes, DVDs, CDs and curriculum resource kits are also collected. The library is a selective depository for state and federal government documents. The Archives and Special Collections Department houses a significant collection of primary and secondary research material focusing on South Texas, with particular emphasis on Bexar County and San Antonio.

In addition to traditional study and stack areas, the library includes a computer lab, multimedia viewing and listening facilities, student study carrels, group study rooms and faculty study rooms.

COMPUTER LABS
Three large, general-purpose student computer laboratories provide workstations with full Internet access. The laboratories are staffed with professionals who work to enable students to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to complete academic assignments. Printers are also available.

Students who live in the new residence hall, Chaparral Village at UTSA, have Internet access provided within their room. Residents of Chisholm Hall and University Oaks can arrange for the same service, and many of the academic departments have computer laboratories. UTSA has recently begun installing a wireless network that allows students with wireless laptop computers to access the Internet.

All applicants are issued an e-mail account for their personal use throughout their career at UTSA.
STUDENT VISA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations require proof that sufficient financial resources are available to meet prospective education and living expenses while in the United States. Therefore, applicants must submit financial documentation that equals or exceeds one full year of expenses. See the UTSA Web site for a one-year estimated budget. The tuition rate is set by the Texas Legislature and subject to change without notice. The Web site will be updated immediately in the event of a change. Additional resources must be documented if a prospective international student has a dependent spouse or children who plan to accompany him or her to the United States.

In general, students who plan to provide their own support will need a letter from a bank that verifies an amount of deposit equal to the minimum first year of expenses. Students who plan to be sponsored by another individual, including family members, will need a letter from the bank and a sponsor statement of guarantee. Students who have more than one sponsor must submit a bank letter and a sponsor statement from each sponsor.

STUDENT SERVICES

FINANCIAL AID

United States government (federal) financial assistance is not available to international students. However, students may apply for the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) after enrollment at UTSA. Funding for the program is limited; therefore applications should be made early. Applications for this grant are available in the Financial Aid Office during the month of February. The deadline for submission of completed applications is March 30. Selection is based on need and academic performance. Recipients must maintain satisfactory scholastic progress and must pay out-of-state tuition to be eligible. TPEG is available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

New international students are encouraged to apply for a variety of merit-based scholarships. The prospective student is cautioned that competition for these is very high. Since there is no guarantee scholarships will be awarded, they should not be relied upon as a means to finance education in the United States.

Freshman criteria is based upon SAT/ACT test scores and high academic achievement at the secondary school. Where possible, different grading scales will be reconfigured to a 4.0 scale.

Scholarships are not awarded unless the student has been accepted for admission to UTSA. Most scholarships are awarded in January and February. It is important for students to apply early. The following are scholarship possibilities:

SEVIS FEES

SEVIS is the tracking system of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The student will need to pay a SEVIS fee, usually $100, if issued a form I-20 or DS 2019 on or after September 1, 2004, and is attending a school in the United States for the first time. This fee must be paid before you apply for your visa. Information and forms can be found at http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/.

STUDENT VISA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There are two visa categories in which a person may enter the United States to pursue a course of study—F-1 and J-1. Students are also allowed to study as dependents on other non-immigrant visas, except F-2.

F-1 is the most commonly used student visa. Students on F-1 visas must maintain a full course of study during the fall and spring semesters—12 hours for undergraduate students and nine hours for graduate students. To get an F-1 visa, the student must request it at a U.S. consulate by presenting form I-20 issued by UTSA, along with a valid passport and proof of sufficient financial support for the course of study. To obtain a J-1 visa, a student must present form DS 2019 issued by UTSA, along with a valid passport and proof of sufficient financial support.

Students with F-1 status who are transferring from another educational institution in the United States should consult with the international student adviser at their current school and complete an International Transfer Form issued by UTSA. This form will allow the Office of International Programs to make the transfer official within the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

Students should not enter the United States on tourist visas and then expect to change to F-1 or J-1 status later. If the admission documents have not arrived on time, a student may seek a B-2 visa with the notation “Prospective Student,” which will assist later with the change of status to F-1 or J-1.

Students are allowed to enter the United States up to 30 days before the start date of the academic program as noted on the I-20. If there are difficulties in arriving in time for the start of that semester, they should contact the Office of International Admissions about postponement of their start date. Most consular posts now require visa interview appointments made at least two weeks in advance, so this should be figured into the timing for a trip to the United States. Some students will also need to have security clearance requested by the consulate from agencies in the United States, which can add on weeks or months to the time needed for visa approval.

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The program start date listed on your I-20 or DS 2019 is the first date of International Student Orientation, which is run by the Office of International Programs. Each semester OIP puts together a program that acquaints students with student services, student organizations, academic advising and other parts of campus life. During the orientation program students will also be assisted in meeting other requirements for pre-registration, including TB testing, English language testing and an academic placement exam. On-campus application for Social Security numbers is also part of orientation, as are some social events.

**TUTORING**

The Tomás Rivera Center is a comprehensive academic support center for undergraduate students. Services offered include tutoring, study strategy instruction, workshops, supplemental instruction to accompany difficult courses, the College Success Seminar and developmental instruction in reading, writing and mathematics. Any student in academic difficulty is invited to visit the TRC, located at the University Center at the 1604 Campus or the Durango Building at the Downtown Campus.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE**

The UTSA Intensive English program offers professional English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for students wishing to learn English so they can successfully study in a North American university. The ESL courses focus on English for academic purposes and prepare students for academic success. We offer 24 hours of instruction in Writing/Grammar, Reading/Vocabulary, Listening, Oral Communication, Culture and TOEFL classes. These classes are designed to quickly increase your English so that you can perform well in an American classroom. We also work to give you the academic skills and knowledge that will allow you to be a successful UTSA student. Students study for a total of 24 hours per week. The IEP also offers a conversation partner program and academic advising.

**DISABILITY SERVICES**

Special assistance is provided to students with disabilities through Disability Services. Some of the services available include the following:

- test accommodations (such as extended time)
- readers or scribes
- note takers
- recorded texts
- registration assistance
- interpreters for the deaf.
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
The focus of health services is to provide first aid for injuries and limited medical and nursing care for minor illnesses. In cases of severe illness or serious accident, the student will be transferred to a local hospital for treatment and the student will be responsible for the expenses incurred. The student medical service fee allows free medical coverage for general use of the student clinic and for on-campus physician visits. There are reasonable charges for student clinic laboratory tests and medications.

HEALTH INSURANCE
International students are automatically billed, in their tuition and fee statements, for health insurance coverage. Students sponsored by a foundation or agency should inquire about insurance coverage for themselves and their dependents. A student having private insurance and wishing to be waived from paying for the university insurance policy must submit proof that the insurance covers the following required minimums:

- Medical coverage: $100,000
- Medical evacuation: $25,000
- Repatriation of remains: $25,000
- Maximum deductible per accident or illness: $300

The request for a waiver of the health insurance fee must be made by the 12th class day. After that, the university pays the insurance company for the semester’s coverage and the charge can no longer be waived. Waivers can be requested in the International Programs Office from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
UTSA has an office where you can go for assistance every weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located in the Main Building at the 1604 Campus, the office has advisers who can help you with meeting the requirements of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of State, Social Security, Internal Revenue Service and other governmental agencies that have a role in your life while you are in the United States. The advisers are experienced in cultural adaptation issues and are good resources to adjust to life in San Antonio and the United States. Further information on OIP can be found on its Web site at www.utsa.edu/intprograms.

STUDENT LIFE

ATHLETICS
UTSA fields men’s and women’s teams for intercollegiate competition in Division I of the NCAA. Men’s sports include basketball, baseball, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, and tennis. Women’s sports include basketball, cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, soccer, softball, volleyball and tennis. All currently enrolled students receive free admission to any on-campus UTSA athletic event.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
The university sponsors more than 130 student organizations that are open for participation to all students. Additionally, the International Student Association cultivates friendships and cultural understanding between students from a variety of backgrounds and traditions. These organizations are grouped into the following categories: academic, cultural and minority, honorary, political, professional, religious, service, special interest and sports and recreation. For a complete list of organizations, go to the Web site www.utsa.edu/slcp.

UNIVERSITY CENTER
The University Center serves as the community center for all UTSA students, faculty, staff and guests. It provides various services, conveniences and amenities needed in daily campus life. The University Center serves as the focal point for programs, meetings, dining and relaxation. For more information visit the University Center Web site at www.utsa.edu/uctr/.

CAMPUS RECREATION
The UTSA Recreation and Wellness Center is a 69,000-square-foot facility offering students an outstanding opportunity to participate in numerous recreation and fitness activities. It features a weight room, cardio workout room, aerobic studios, basketball and volleyball courts, as well as racquetball and wallyball courts. In 2005, a 54-foot climbing wall was added. Locker rooms and towel service are also available.

For more information on campus recreation programs visit its Web site at www.utsa.edu/recreation.

For program-specific information

Fitness and wellness fitness@utsa.edu 210-458-4175
Intramural sports intramurals@utsa.edu 210-458-7566
Club sports intramurals@utsa.edu 210-458-7566
Outdoor pursuits outdoor@utsa.edu 210-458-6565
Recreation center campusrec@utsa.edu 210-458-7575

HOUSING
UTSA has several housing options, but space is limited and international students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. A housing application may be submitted at the same time as an application for admission. The Housing Office may be contacted at studenthousing@utsa.edu.
CHISHOLM HALL
Chisholm Hall is a co-educational residence hall with 509 beds. Spacious rooms are designed for two students—each room having a private bath. An indoor swimming pool, snack bar and laundry facilities are available. Roommate matching is provided upon request.

UNIVERSITY OAKS APARTMENTS
The University Oaks Apartments are located on campus. There are 1,456 beds available, and apartments range from efficiency to four-bedroom units. There are three outdoor swimming pools, party rooms and laundry facilities. Rates do not include electricity, cable or telephone. The management will do roommate matching if requested.

CHAPARRAL VILLAGE AT UTSA
Chaparral Village at UTSA, with 1,002 beds, opened in the fall of 2004. Units consist of two- and four-bedroom suites grouped around a central living area. Each student has his or her own private bedroom. Units include a kitchenette that consists of a full-size refrigerator and microwave. Kitchen facilities are located in the five common buildings along with laundry facilities, TV areas, study rooms and game areas. Rates include electricity, cable television, high speed Internet and telephone with free local and long distance calling anywhere in the United States. There is also an outdoor swimming pool. A dining hall sits adjacent to the residence hall, and all residents are required to purchase a meal plan. The management will provide roommate matching on request.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Several large apartment complexes are located near campus. There is a list on the university’s Web site that indicates the apartments in close proximity to the campus. The university will not do roommate matching and is not responsible for the management of off-campus housing.

SHUTTLE BUS
During the semester while classes are in session, UTSA provides shuttle bus transportation to several locations:
- Intercampus shuttle bus system from parking lots and on-campus housing to the main classroom buildings
- Transportation between the Downtown Campus and the 1604 Campus
- Friday afternoon shopping shuttle from on-campus housing to a local shopping center where students will find a theater, grocery store, restaurants and a number of small shops
- Currently UTSA runs a shuttle bus to several off-campus apartments.

Please accept our warmest greetings from the Division of Student Affairs at The University of Texas at San Antonio. Having a diverse and international student population at UTSA provides the opportunity for people from throughout the world to connect and learn from each other—for the good of the world. Because of this, we hope you choose to join us and make UTSA your university.

We want you to come to UTSA and share your country’s international and cultural experiences with us. In turn, we will help you achieve a top-quality college education and provide you with an exciting “American learning experience” in the city of San Antonio.

We know that you, your parents or other members of your family may be concerned about the idea of you attending college in a distant land. If you choose to attend UTSA, these concerns may be easily set aside.

UTSA is committed to providing a learning and living environment that promotes academic success and the personal growth of all of our international students. The city and community surrounding UTSA are culturally diverse and provide a welcoming environment to international visitors. We have a caring staff of International Admissions and International Programs advisers on hand to help resolve any administrative or personal problems you might encounter. The staff, faculty and students at UTSA will all work together to make you feel at home in San Antonio and help you to be successful in reaching your educational goals.

Once again, we really hope you decide to make UTSA your university of choice. We look forward to welcoming you as a new international student at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Ambrosino, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs