**YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE**

- **FRESHMAN**
  - Complete STAT 1380 and other core courses recommended for your degree plan.
  - Focus on English, Math, and Science courses.
  - Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term.

- **SOPHOMORE**
  - Take MATH 2303, PSCI 2303, remaining recommended core courses, and remaining 1000- and 2000-level courses.
  - Continue to focus on English, Math, and Science courses.
  - Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term.

- **JUNIOR**
  - Complete prerequisite upper-division courses after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP).
  - BED 4340 is a prerequisite for BED 4343, and BED 4343 is a prerequisite for three other courses.

- **SENIOR**
  - Ensure that you qualify for Student Teaching (ST) by completing all degree plan courses and state exams. ST will be your only course during your final semester.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

- **FRESHMAN**
  - Participate in New Student Orientation.
  - Meet with your Academic Advising Center Freshman Advisor before registration.
  - Ask your Advisor about the COED recommended core courses for your degree plan.

- **SOPHOMORE**
  - Look out for Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Workshop invitations in your UTEP email.
  - Schedule an appointment with your CSS Advisor to submit your EPP application once you meet the EPP application requirements.
  - Submit all Observation Forms to your CSS Advisor.

- **JUNIOR**
  - Meet with your CSS Advisor after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to plan for state exams.
  - After admission, attend a Post-Admission Workshop to learn about EPP requirements, Student Teaching application requirements, and registration.
  - Maintain a clean record. Student Teaching requires a criminal background check.
  - Submit all Observation and Reflection Forms to the CSS.

- **SENIOR**
  - Meet with your CSS Advisor at the beginning of the year to discuss Student Teaching (ST) application requirements and verify completion of all degree plan courses.
  - Apply for ST once you have passed your state exams and completed the semester prior to your graduation term.
  - Apply to ST by May 31 to complete ST in the Fall.
  - Apply to ST by October 31 to complete ST in the Spring.

**ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**

- **FRESHMAN**
  - Join the Texas State Teachers Association.
  - Explore the American Federation of Teachers, the Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO), Chi Sigma Iota, and Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education (KDP).
  - Discover the world with a Study Abroad course.

- **SOPHOMORE**
  - Engage in test preparation/professional development workshops. Check UTEP email and the CSS Events Calendar to learn about these opportunities.
  - Ask Education faculty for guidance on finding a mentor in the teaching field.
  - Explore community involvement opportunities in your field with the Center for Civic Engagement.

- **JUNIOR**
  - Engage in a unique hands-on experience with methods COED courses taught at local K-12 schools. Check UTEP email to learn about these opportunities.
  - Expand your community engagement efforts with Project MOVE.
  - Explore career opportunities with the DOD and Peace Corps.
  - Participate in mock interviews and resume reviews.

- **SENIOR**
  - Attend the CSS and district Student Teaching Orientations once accepted into ST.
  - Immerse yourself in Student Teaching, and stand out by volunteering for activities outside of the classroom.
  - Engage with your field through diverse COED seminars.

**LIFELONG SUCCESS**

- **FRESHMAN**
  - Strive for high grades. The Educator Preparation Program (EPP) requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission.
  - Take the THEA exam as early as possible if you did not pass all areas of the TSI. The EPP requires that you have passed either of these exams.
  - Discover tutoring resources.
  - Visit the University Career Center and develop your CV and resume.

- **SOPHOMORE**
  - Prepare for interviews by recording special projects, campus involvement, field experiences, and lesson plans for your portfolio.
  - Prepare for the content qualifying exam.

- **JUNIOR**
  - Prepare for remaining qualifying exams.
  - Take state exams promptly after passing qualifying exams.
  - Research post-graduate professional and educational opportunities.

- **SENIOR**
  - Prepare for interviews by recording special projects, campus involvement, field experiences, and lesson plans for your portfolio.
  - Explore career opportunities at the Teacher Job Fair.
  - Participate in a Graduation Workshop.

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**EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:**

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

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EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM (EPP) REQUIREMENTS

Admission
- Submit Application Packet to CSS Advisor.
- Complete the Communication, Mathematics, and Component Area Option portions of the Core Curriculum with a grade of "C" or better.
- Complete at least 60 semester credit hours.
- Have a minimum cumulative UTEP GPA of 2.75.
- Pass the THEA or TSI.
- File a degree plan with a program advisor.
- Submit 3 Recommendation Rating Forms (RRF).
- Complete the EPP Application.

Testing
- Pass the Content and Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility (PPR) Qualifying Exam.
- Pass the Required Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). You have five attempts to pass each of the TExES.

Observation Hours
- Prior to Student Teaching, you must complete 30 hours of observation. Some of your courses will include this field experience component. For those courses:
  - Complete an Observation Form.
  - Submit the Observation Form to your CSS advisor upon completion of the course.

Student Teaching
- Complete all degree coursework and testing prior to applying to Student Teaching. Apply online during your second-to-last semester.
- Pass fingerprint/background check with a Social Security Number.

Checklist for success
- [ ] Create a Job Mine account.
- [ ] Check in with your advisor.
- [ ] Review your degree plan to stay on track.
- [ ] Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- [ ] Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC).

Notes