



	YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ENRICHING EXPERIENCES	LIFELONG SUCCESS
FRESHMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete STAT 1380 and other core courses recommended for your degree plan. Focus on English, Math, History, and Science courses. Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for interviews by recording special projects, campus involvement, field experiences, and lesson plans for your portfolio. Prepare for the content qualifying exam.
JUNIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete prerequisite upper-division courses after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP): BED 4343 is a prerequisite for three courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for remaining qualifying exams. Take state exams promptly after passing qualifying exams. Research post-graduate professional and educational opportunities.
SENIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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



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.

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).

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.

Notes
