



	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, 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, 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"> • 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 upper-division English 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
