



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Examine the options for your core Math requirements including Math 1320 and STAT 1880.
- Take courses that enable you to explore various disciplines that relate to your academic interests.
- Explore Humanities and Social Sciences courses such as Latina/o Presence in the U.S. in the University Core section of the B.A. degree.
- Consult your degree plan and speak with the Chicano Studies advisor if you are transferring from EPCC.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Meet the department chair.
- Talk to Chicano Studies faculty about career opportunities in the field.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for language placement in Spanish.
- Visit the Office of Scholarships to seek financial support.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Explore student organizations and seek out leadership development activities.
- Engage with your field by attending lectures in the Hispanic Heritage and César Chávez celebrations.
- Visit the Chicano Studies website to learn about upcoming events.
- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.

LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Avail yourself of tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume.

SOPHOMORE

- Enroll in CHIC 3311 to determine if Chicano Studies is right for you.
- Begin taking courses for your Spanish requirement.
- Identify an academic minor that complements your major and professional aspirations.

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Discuss minor options with your advisor.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of joining the Liberal Arts Honors Program.

- Explore student organizations in Chicano Studies or other areas of interest.
- Join the Chicano Studies Scholars Association.
- If leaning toward law school, join the Chicana/o Legal Leadership Institute.
- If leaning toward Medical School, join the Medical Professionals Organization.
- Engage with your community by participating in Project MOVE.
- Continue to visit the Chicano Studies website to learn about upcoming events.

- Learn about employer recruitment activities through JobMine.
- Explore the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.
- Investigate research opportunities with faculty.

JUNIOR

- Take courses in the major and minor: complete 15 hours in the major.
- Complete core requirements.
- Complete 15 hours as specified in the course menus for the CHIC major.
- Begin taking courses in the Liberal Arts block electives.

- Meet with your departmental advisor.
- Discuss internship opportunities with your advisor.
- Ask your advisor about the availability and benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center once you reach 90 hours for a review of your degree plan.

- Discover community engagement opportunities in your field through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Participate in academic conferences held on campus or in the region.
- Discover research and conference opportunities through the Inter-University Program for Latino Research.
- Explore the world with a Study Abroad course during Summer or Maymester.
- Cultivate leadership roles with your student organizations, such as the Chicano Studies Scholars Association.
- Attend events in the Hispanic Heritage and César Chávez celebrations.

- Identify opportunities for graduate or professional study, including deadlines for admission, and begin preparing for required exams.
- Ask the chair or graduate director for further guidance on career and graduate school options.
- Develop relationships with faculty to identify undergraduate research opportunities and to obtain letters of recommendation.
- Research career opportunities in government, law enforcement, business, law, and the private sector.

SENIOR

- Complete your major requirements with at least 24 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level. You must have 120 total credit hours to graduate. You must have 45 hours at the 3000/4000 level in the BA degree.
- Complete 12 hours as specified in the major menus for the CHIC major. The CHIC major requires a total of 30 hours.
- Complete 18 hours of Liberal Arts block electives.

- Meet with your departmental advisor.
- Review your graduation audit with the Liberal Arts Graduation Director.

- Expand your future employment opportunities by securing an internship.
- Expand your leadership efforts with your student organizations, such as the Chicano Studies Scholars Association.
- Expand your research and conference activities through local, regional, and national organizations such as SACNAS MALCS, and IUPLR.
- Attend events in the Hispanic Heritage and César Chávez celebrations.
- Continue to visit the Chicano Studies website to learn about upcoming events.

- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
- Take the LSAT if preparing for law school.
- Take the MCAT if preparing for medical school.
- Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities on and off campus.
- Secure faculty letters of reference for employment or graduate school.
- Consider joining the UTEP Alumni Association to maintain a relationship with your alma mater that will support and nurture your professional success.
- Finalize your resume at the University Career Center and establish a placement link open to employers.

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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



Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication. The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

Seek UT

The UT System has developed **SeekUT** to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this **free**, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

www.utsystem.edu/seekUT

Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track. (degreeplans.utep.edu)
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). (sa.utep.edu/selc)

The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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