



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Take core courses, including RWS 1301, Rhetoric and Composition 1, and ENGL 1313, Writing About Literature.
- Examine the options for your core Math requirement, including MATH 1319.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for a language placement exam.
- Schedule an appointment to meet with the English Department advisor once you declare your major.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.
- Explore student organizations and seek out leadership-development activities.
- Engage with your field by attending the Annual Literature Lecture in the Spring, and by participating in monthly Mining Books reading discussions.

LIFELONG SUCCESS

- Discover 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 or CV.

SOPHOMORE

- Find out if ENAL is the right major for you with a 2000-level course such as ENGL 2311, English Literature, or ENGL 2313, Intro to American Fiction.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.
- Review core requirements.
- Select a complementary minor. Consider diverse interdisciplinary options such as Languages and Linguistics, History, Philosophy, Creative Writing, Anthropology, Communication, and Sociology.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the English Department advisor.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- 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.

- Discover community engagement opportunities in your field through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Engage with your field by attending the Annual Literature Lecture in the Spring, and by participating in monthly Mining Books reading discussions.
- Strive for high grades to become eligible for the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society and the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

- Network at employer recruitment activities with JobMine.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.

JUNIOR

- Take ENGL 3300, Intro to Literary Studies, or ENGL 4314, Literary Criticism.
- Take 3000-level courses in your major, and review your major's distribution and concentration requirements.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the English Department advisor.
- Discuss internship opportunities with your advisor.
- 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.

- Apply to the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society and the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.
- Submit your work to the Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Chi annual conferences. Consult faculty mentors about additional conference opportunities.
- Explore the world with a unique English study abroad/away course. Recent courses have been offered in New York City, London, Paris, the English Lake District, and Poland.
- Build on your community-engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.
- Engage with your field by attending the Annual Literature Lecture in the Spring, and by participating in monthly Mining Books reading discussions.

- Identify opportunities for graduate or professional study. Note application deadlines and begin preparing for required exams.
- Visit the University Career Center and continue developing your resume/CV.
- Cultivate professional relationships with faculty mentors in anticipation of securing letters of recommendation for graduate and employment applications.
- Consult faculty mentors about undergraduate research opportunities.

SENIOR

- Complete your major and minor requirements. You must have 24 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level, and you must have 120 total credit hours to graduate.
- Review your major's distribution and concentration requirements.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the English Department advisor.
- Speak with your advisor and the English graduate program directors about reserved credit options.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.

- Expand your future employment opportunities by securing an internship.
- Explore the world with a unique English study abroad/away course. Recent courses have been offered in New York City, London, Paris, the English Lake District, and Poland.
- Mentor incoming Sigma Tau Delta inductees to ensure continuing leadership within UTEP's Alpha Iota Beta Chapter.
- Submit your work to the Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Chi annual conferences. Consult faculty mentors about additional conference opportunities.
- Reach out to GradSEA, the Graduate Student English Association, to learn about engagement opportunities.
- Engage with your field by attending the Annual Literature Lecture in the Spring, and by participating in monthly Mining Books reading discussions.

- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
- Take the LSAT if preparing for law school.
- Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities.
- Refine your resume or CV with a Career Education Workshop.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

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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 (SELCL). (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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