



FRESHMAN

### YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Take core courses, including RWS 1301 and either RWS 1302 or 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.

### LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Strive for high grades. The Educator Preparation Program 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 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

- Take ENGL 2311, British Literature Survey 1, or ENGL 2312, British Literature Survey 2.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.
- Review core requirements.

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

- 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.

- Prepare for the job market by recording campus involvement, field experience, and lesson plans for your teaching portfolio
- 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 3320, Shakespeare's Major Plays, or ENGL 3321, Representative Shakespeare Works.
- Take a mix of upper-division classes in your major, and Block Electives.
- Review your major's distribution requirements.
- Begin taking classes from your Secondary Education minor, such as SCED 3311, Curriculum Planning in the Secondary School, and RED 3342, Reading in the Content Areas.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the English Department advisor.
- Meet with the Director of the College of Liberal Arts Secondary Teacher Education Program to discuss the steps involved in applying to the Teacher Education Program.
- 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.

- Apply to the Teacher Education Program.
- Prepare for certification exams by visiting the Center for Student Success.
- 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 120 total credit hours to graduate.
- Take SCED 4691, Internship in the Secondary School.
- Review your degree plan.
- Prepare for teacher certification qualifying exams.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the English Department advisor.
- Meet with the Director of the College of Liberal Arts Secondary Teacher Education Program at the beginning of the year to discuss Student Teaching application requirements and verify completion of all degree plan courses.
- Speak with your advisor and the English graduate program directors about reserved credit options.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.

- 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.

- Explore career opportunities at the Teacher Job Fair.
- Increase your marketability with school districts by taking additional state certification exams.
- Refine your resume or CV with a Career Education Workshop.
- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
- 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.

## EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM (EPP) REQUIREMENTS

### College of Education

#### 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.