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There’s something about our spectacular mountain vistas and never-ending Southwest skies that inspires us to achieve at the University of Texas at El Paso.

From our founding in 1914 as the state’s first school of mines to the 20,000 student-strong university we’ve become today, we give students the educational tools to make their dreams come true.

We see this in the success of our graduates, the true measure of a university’s caliber.

Among our 80,000 alumni are a NASA astronaut, a legendary television newsman, CEOs and VPs of international businesses, best-selling authors, acclaimed educators, engineers, doctors, researchers, attorneys, judges...all of whom are testament to our success.
At UTEP, we offer innovative support programs for new students and unique initiatives to help those in the middle years of college reach their goal of earning a degree.

Here, undergraduate and graduate students alike have boundless opportunities to conduct hands-on research. When it comes to research spending, we rank among the top academic institutions in the UT System – with nearly $46 million in fiscal year 2006.

Our location on the U.S.-Mexico border allows us to offer unique academic and research programs that are helping fill a critical regional and national demand for experts in education, health, environmental science and homeland security.

We’re the country’s only doctoral research intensive university with a student body that’s predominantly Mexican-American. Our graduates, educated in a multicultural setting, are highly sought after by companies and organizations seeking a diverse workforce.

WE’RE CHANGING THE FACE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
Our student population closely mirrors the demographics of the region. But no matter their background, our students share a desire and the drive to succeed.

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- The University started as the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1914; Colleges of Mines and Metallurgy in 1919; Texas Western College in 1949; and UTEP in 1967.
- In fall 2007, UTEP enrolled a record 20,134 students – the sixth consecutive record fall enrollment.
- UTEP’s student population is 72.5 percent Hispanic. Approximately 82 percent of its students are from the El Paso region and 9.3 percent are from Mexico.
- UTEP is the only doctoral research intensive university in the United States with a student body that’s predominantly Mexican-American.
- UTEP offers 81 bachelor’s degrees, more than 70 master’s-level degrees and programs, and 14 doctorates – with more on the way. UTEP also offers cooperative Ph.D. programs in pharmacy and nursing with U.T. Austin and the U.T. Health Sciences Center at Houston.
- UTEP is among the top four universities in the nation in awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanics; first in the nation in awarding bachelor’s degrees in engineering to Hispanics; and, for a third consecutive year, the College of Engineering is ranked the No. 1 graduate engineering program in the nation for Hispanics.
- UTEP ranks among the top UT System academic institutions in research spending – about $46 million a year; and makes the most of its distinctive strengths in the areas of biomedical, health and Hispanic health disparities; border security; environmental and Earth science; emerging technologies; borderland arts and humanities; and the education of U.S. Hispanics.
- UTEP is one of only 10 universities to receive a grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to create an Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence.
- UTEP is fast becoming the leading center of research on immigration and policy studies, international border studies, and U.S.-Mexico business and economics.
- UTEP is a major economic force in the Paso del Norte region, paying more than $125 million in annual salaries, contributing $343 million to the personal income of local residents and $375 million in local business volume.
- In 1966, Texas Western College – now UTEP – defeated Kentucky to win the NCAA basketball championship – a breakthrough in college sports. TWC started five black players for the first time in NCAA championship history. Our story is told in the Walt Disney Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer Productions film “Glory Road.”
- In spring 2007, UTEP alumnus John “Danny” Olivas became the first Miner in space, traveling to the International Space Station aboard Shuttle Atlantis.
Because the aspirations of our students are as varied as the stars, we offer more than 80 bachelor's degrees, more than 70 master's level degrees and programs, and 14 doctorates – with more on the way!

Our schools and colleges:
- College of Business Administration
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Science
- Graduate School
- School of Nursing
- University College

Our unique programs help prepare students for more than careers: they shape their destinies. Among them:
- Center for Inter-American and Border Studies
- Center for Law and Border Studies
- Law School Preparation Institute
- Medical Professions Institute
- Ruben Salazar Spanish-Language Media Program
- Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies
COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

The College of Business Administration prepares students for careers in the areas of accounting, economics and finance, information and decision sciences, and marketing and management. The college offers unique and innovative degrees, including an online M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in international business. Housed in or associated with the college are the Border Region Modeling Project, the Institute for Policy and Economic Development, and the Centers for Entrepreneurial Development, Advancement, Research and Support.

The College of Education shapes and prepares the community’s teachers, counselors, diagnosticians and school administrators. Undergraduate and graduate students are guided by a team of advisors from the College of Education, as well as the colleges of Liberal Arts and Science.

The College of Engineering has been named the No. 1 graduate engineering school for Hispanics three years in a row and has been recognized nationally for its innovative programs. The college has been named a Model Institution for Excellence by the National Science Foundation. The college offers six bachelor’s degrees, 16 master’s-level programs and four doctorate programs.

The College of Health Sciences prepares the community’s caregivers in an assortment of fields, including pharmacy, social work, physical therapy and speech-language pathology. Graduate and undergraduate students have the opportunity to participate in health research and hands-on learning experiences that are unique to the border region.

The College of Liberal Arts provides students with nearly 20 different undergraduate and more than 1.5 master’s degree programs in everything from music theatre and psychology to criminal justice and anthropology. The college supports centers in the areas of Law and Border Studies, Inter-American and Border Studies, Civic Engagement, and Law and Human Behavior, as well as the Law School Preparation Institute.

The College of Science offers degrees in the fields of biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics and physics, including eight master’s-level and four doctorate-level programs. The college houses the Border Biomedical Research Center, the Medical Professions Institute and the Minority Access to Research Careers programs, among others.

The Graduate School helps students work to expand their professional and educational development at the master’s or doctoral level. The school offers more than 70 master’s-level degrees and programs and 14 doctoral degrees – with more on the way. Graduate students are guided by distinguished faculty members who provide students with valuable skills and knowledge.

The School of Nursing prepares students to enter one of the nation’s most competitive and fastest-growing health care fields. The nursing program has been the region’s lifetime for more than 30 years, producing highly recruited health care professionals who are readily placed in regional facilities and across El Paso and the country. The school is among the top Hispanic-serving Schools of Nursing in the nation.

University College provides students with services and support needed to enter and succeed at UTEP. The college supports students through innovative educational programs, such as University 1301 and Learning Communities, and academic resources, such as the Student Success Program. The college also offers a bachelor’s degree in multidisciplinary studies.
Our hope for a better community, coupled with our distinctive academic strengths, drive our research portfolio in an array of areas:

• Biomedical, health and Hispanic-health disparities
• Border security
• Environmental and Earth science
• Emerging technologies
• Borderland arts and humanities
• Education of U.S. Hispanics

With nearly $46 million in research spending in fiscal year 2006, UTEP ranks among the top academic institutions in the UT System and among the top public universities in Texas in federal research expenditures.

Our diverse research centers and programs are helping propel us toward the ranks of the nation’s top-tier research universities:

• Border Biomedical Research Center
• Center for Civic Engagement
• Center for Defense Systems Research
• Center for Entrepreneurial Development, Advancement Research and Support
• Center for Environmental Resource Management
• Center for Research on Education Reform
• Center for Transportation Infrastructure Systems
• El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence
• Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center
• Institute for Manufacturing and Materials Management
• Institute for Policy and Economic Development
• Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence
• Materials Research and Technology Institute
• Regional Geographic Information Systems Center
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As Miners, our students have a treasure trove of activities that help them strengthen their minds and their bodies or make a difference in their community.

Programs such as the Entering Student Program provide academic and social support to beginning students as they transition to university life. SmartStart and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) help students get a head start with a little extra help.

And the Student Success Program and Honors Program are just a few that give students the opportunity to participate in advanced activities and classroom discussions, with perks such as earning an honors degree.

Beyond that, more than 100 registered student organizations offer students an array of extracurricular choices. The diverse groups range from anime to religion to computer gaming. Many more organizations tailor to specific political, academic, and social or cultural interests, such as the Student Government Association.
ECONOMIC IMPACT
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

UTEP has grown into a key economic force that contributes millions to the region’s economy.

- Operating budget: $265 million
- Contribution to personal income of local individuals: $343 million
- University-related local business: $375 million
- Number of local jobs attributed to UTEP’s presence: 6,123 million

*Source: Institute for Policy and Economic Development, UTEP, 2006

The University of Texas at El Paso is located on the U.S.-Mexico border in the heart of the Chihuahuan desert, which allows us to offer vast and unique academic and research opportunities critical to our nation’s future. We play a key role in contributing to the region’s intellectual, economic and cultural capital.

A burgeoning city in far west Texas with a population of more than 700,000, El Paso is one of the nation’s 20 largest cities.

The Franklin Mountains, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains range, serve as a beautiful backdrop to our city. From the top of our mountains you can see two countries, three states and two cities, all within minutes of each other.

El Paso is located just minutes away from Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, whose population of nearly 2 million makes the Paso del Norte border region the world’s largest international metropolis.

El Paso is home to Fort Bliss, one of the nation’s fastest-growing Army posts. Over the next few years, Fort Bliss and El Paso will take in more than 45,000 new soldiers, family members and civilian support staff under the Army’s transformation. More than 70 Fortune 500 companies do business in El Paso, as do numerous international corporations.

Nicknamed the Sun City, El Paso boasts sunshine more than 300 days a year.

Our region’s history spans more than 400 years and blends Native American, Spanish, Mexican and American cowboy roots into one unique culture where diversity is embraced and celebrated.
UTEP’s architectural history began in the early 1900s, when Kathleen Worrell, wife of then-dean Steven Worrell, read the article “Castles in the Air” about Bhutan in National Geographic. She was awed by the similarities between the mountains in El Paso and those in Bhutan.

Built in 1917 after a fire destroyed the original buildings, Old Main, Graham Hall and Quinn Hall stand as the university’s oldest buildings. Since then, our buildings have been modeled after Bhutanese monasteries, featuring sloping walls, high inset windows and projecting roof eaves.

Today, the majority of the university’s 90 buildings feature the Bhutanese-style architecture. Most notable are the dark bands of brick with mosaic tiles in the shape of mandalas, the symbol of unity and wholeness – inspiring those who visit, teach, learn and dream here.
Visitors to the University of Texas at El Paso campus are often struck by its distinctive architecture, which is derived from Bhutanese monasteries.

But there’s much more for visitors to see at UTEP than its beautiful buildings, and much more to do than receive a quality education. Located at the heart of the U.S.-Mexico border in the Chihuahuan Desert, UTEP offers unique educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.

Our museums and galleries showcase some of the most acclaimed exhibits on the border—and beyond. And the high-powered energy and talent of actors, musicians and dancers at UTEP and the community are showcased in productions throughout the year.

Distance learning and continuing education programs provide countless educational opportunities for our community.

Our competitive Conference USA athletics program provides year-round entertainment for sports fans; and a variety of departments offer recreational and sports activities on and off campus.

No matter your reason to visit, we welcome you and hope to see you again soon.

The Office of Parking and Transportation Services welcomes visitors to campus.

To help accommodate your visit, the recently constructed Sun Bowl Parking Facility at the corner of Sun Bowl Drive and University Avenue offers covered parking. Visitor parking is located on the first floor, south entrance. Visitors are asked to pull a ticket and use one of the pay stations before leaving the garage.

Before coming onto the inner-campus, guests and visitors are asked to stop at the gates on University Avenue (either off Mesa Street or Sun Bowl Drive) for directions to the visitor lots located around campus, or for other assistance as needed. Some visitor spots across campus offer metered parking at the most convenient locations.

Visitor parking is also available at the Hilton Garden Inn. A parking pass can be picked up from the east gate on University Avenue near Mesa Street.

The Academic Services Building also offers visitor parking. Guests are asked to use the numbered spaces and pay at the station in front of the lot.

Questions? Parking and Transportation Services, 915-747-5724 or https://parking.utep.edu
From Border Security conferences to Monster Truck shows to concerts from a variety of top-name genres, there’s more to do at UTEP than get a quality education. Our numerous facilities serve as the top venues in the region for entertainment, conferences and events of all sizes.

**Key Venues**

**The Don Haskins Center.** Home of our basketball teams, it is named after the legendary UTEP basketball coach. The center features 11,767 permanent seats and 7,000-9,000 seats with end-stage seating. Acts that have appeared at the center include: Santana, Metallica, Rod Stewart, Luis Miguel, Shakira, Juan Gabriel, Aerosmith, Ozzy Osbourne and Vicente Fernandez. The Don Haskins Center is also used for UTEP commencements, EPCC graduations and area high school graduation ceremonies.

**The Sun Bowl Stadium.** Home to the Miners’ football team, and is the scene of the nationally televised collegiate gridiron classic of the same name. The Sun Bowl features a capacity of 52,000. Past performances include The Rolling Stones Voodoo Lounge Tour, U2’s Zoo TV Tour, Pink Floyd World Tour, Ricky Martin, Pace Motor Sports Monster Trucks, two Dallas Cowboy Scrimmage contests, and Oscar De La Hoya boxing matches.

**Magoffin Auditorium.** Is UTEP’s largest lecture hall, doubling as a concert hall for smaller events such as comedy and dance performances, musicals, plays, and small concerts. It features superior acoustics and one-level seating with clear sight lines. The auditorium has 1,156 permanent theater seats. Past performances include Melissa Etheridge, George Winston, the Glen Miller Orchestra, Phantom of the Opera, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo and Margaret Cho.

**Contact Us**

**University Relations** plans and manages numerous conferences and university events, including convocation and commencement, and is the place to start for assistance in booking facilities such as the Union, the Library, the Undergraduate Learning Center and more.

www.utep.edu/universityrelations

**Special Facilities Management** oversees and maintains the Don Haskins Center, Sun Bowl Stadium, and Magoffin Auditorium, providing expertise, equipment, staffing and technical support for events.

www.utep.edu/venues
Once a Miner, always a Miner.

UTEP is working to bring our aspirations for a larger, more involved alumni base with national representation to fruition.

It all begins with the UTEP Alumni Association. The association connects the university and all its graduates, former students, and friends to promote and support the quality of the university.

Nearly 80,000 alumni are testament to that quality, including NASA astronaut Danny Olivas, whose childhood dreams came true when he traveled to the International Space Station aboard shuttle Atlantis in June 2007.

OLIVAS TOOK OUR DREAMS — AND OUR REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE — TO NEW HEIGHTS.

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The first time you experience the ground-shaking roar of 50,000 screaming fans in the Sun Bowl Stadium, you’ll understand why Miner sports are the hottest ticket in El Paso.

Our athletics programs are riding high, building pride throughout the city and making big dreams come true for our athletes.

In the past four seasons, the football team has gone to two bowl games and produced NFL standouts such as Thomas Howard and Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr., both now playing for the Oakland Raiders.

And Miner basketball is the stuff of legend. We’re home of the famed Texas Western (now UTEP) team that made history by winning the 1966 NCAA championship with an all-black starting lineup. Told in the 2006 movie “Glory Road,” the story of the Texas Western Miners is further proof that the university experience opens doors to greatness.

And with a new state-of-the-art basketball facility now under construction next to the Don Haskins Center, the future of Miner hoops is even brighter.

Beyond football and basketball, there’s plenty more to root for, from the winning women’s soccer team to our renowned cross country and track and field teams, which regularly produce nationally-ranked athletes.

A member of Conference USA since 2005, UTEP had previously been a member of the Western Athletic Conference for 35 years.

www.utepathletics.com
ARTS AND CULTURE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

UTEP’s museums and galleries showcase some of the most acclaimed exhibits on the border — and beyond. Creativity comes alive within the walls of our spaces, supporting and exhibiting the art of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

- The Centennial Museum exhibits the natural/cultural history of the Chihuahuan desert region and features the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens with 600 plant species.
- The Glass Gallery frequently exhibits contemporary works by art students.
- The Stanless and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts houses three galleries that feature highly acclaimed national and international contemporary artists.
- The Union Exhibition Gallery showcases contemporary work from regional artists.
- The UTEP Library houses unique collections of literature, art and historic documents.

The high-powered energy of young actors, musicians and artists is key to El Paso’s cultural scene.

- The UTEP Music Department features the UTEP Wind Symphony, Jazz Lab Bands, Pandemonium Steel Drum Band and Symphony Orchestra.
- The UTEP Music Theatre Company brings an array of classical operatic love stories, dramas, musical comedies, and original productions to center stage.
- Celebrating its 25th year, the UTEP Dinner Theatre presents Broadway hits, Disney classics and other renowned productions, including the new winter holiday tradition, “UTEP Holiday Spectacular,” featuring live music, singing and dancing. Mark your calendars for April 2008 for the 25th Anniversary Concert featuring Sir Tim Rice.
From season to season, UTEP offers art, entertainment and sporting events for the El Paso region and beyond.

- **Homecoming**, celebrated for an entire week in the fall, includes the traditional football game, parade and pep rally, a golf tournament, reunions and more.
- **Minerpalooza**, our annual back-to-school celebration and pep rally, kicks off the beginning of Miner football season.
- **Season of Lights** transforms campus into a brightly lit winter wonderland with 200,000 white holiday lights.
- **Minerfest** brings together students, faculty and staff with the El Paso community to celebrate the end of the academic year with a day of live music, food, carnival-style games and fun.
- **Commencement**, celebrated every spring and winter, sees thousands of UTEP students culminate their studies during graduation ceremonies at the Don Haskins Center.
- **Miner athletics** include football, basketball, track and field, soccer, volleyball and more, bringing year-round excitement to sports fans in El Paso and across the nation.
- **Spring Music Gala** features numerous ensembles from within the UTEP Music Department, including the UTEP Wind Symphony, the Chorale, the Orchestra, the Pandemonium Steel Band and dozens of others.
- **Binational Independent Film Festival** brings together filmmakers, actors and screenwriters from across the globe to participate in a week of events at UTEP and cultural centers in our neighboring border city, Cd. Juárez, Mexico.

For a complete listing of events, visit [www.utep.edu](http://www.utep.edu) and click on events.
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