

Facilities and Student Services

Academic and Research Facilities

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University Library

Housing more than one million books and government publications and nearly million microforms, the University Library strives to support the curriculum and research needs of the campus. The collection also includes access to more than 24,000 journals and newspapers more than 445 databases providing bibliographic information, as well as selected abstracts, full-text research articles, and reports. The Library is classified as a Federal Depository, meaning it collects more than 65% of all materials published by the Federal Government.

Housed in a six-story Bhutanese-style building with a coffee shop and both formal and casual seating for more than 1,500 users, the Library is open daily to serve students, faculty, and the community. The Collaborative Learning Center, located on the second floor of the Library, has 250 PC and Macintosh desktop computers and 35 laptops available for student use. Various software packages are available, and the computers have full Internet access. Group study rooms and individual graduate-study carrels are located conveniently throughout the library.

Books, journals, and audio-visual materials are easily found in *Nugget*, the Library's computerized catalog. The catalog is easily searched by author, title, subject, and key-word, and is accessible from computers located in the library, from any computer on campus, or from a user's personal computer. Most materials can be taken out on loan by University students, faculty, and staff.

The professional staff of the Reference Department provides classroom instruction on Information Literacy, either in the library's three computer classrooms, or in campus classrooms as requested by faculty. The Reference staff also provides assistance in locating and using the electronic resources of the library, as well as the traditional hard-copy resources. Librarians are available to provide assistance with specialized collections in all subject matters.

Special Collections, located on the sixth floor of the Library, house rare books and other unique artifacts and collections. Chief among these holdings are collections in Art, Printing, Military History, Western Fiction, Chicano Studies, Border Studies, and Oral History. The library's manuscript and archival materials are also located in the Special Collections Department.

The Access Services Department provides automated checkout services, makes reserve materials available, and provides inter-library loan and document-delivery services. M&M (Media and Microforms) houses retrospective newspapers, microforms, DVDs and video tapes, and computers. Support for students and faculty who are involved in distance education is also provided by the Library. This support includes delivery of books and other materials by surface mail, subject consultation with librarians, and access to electronic resources via the Internet.

Self-service photocopying equipment is available on all floors of the library, and a full-service Copy Center is located on the first floor.

Instructional Support Services

Instructional Support Services (ISS) serves as an academic resource and campus support unit for UTEP faculty, students, and staff engaged in asynchronous and distance-delivered instruction. The services of the ISS office are focused on technical production, instructional design and pedagogical guidance, and training-development programs for faculty engaged in the design and adaptation of instructional materials for fully online and hybrid courses at a distance, as well as classes and meetings convened through interactive video conferences. Through its new Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Lab, the ISS office provides UTEP faculty with state-of-the art professional development and training opportunities. The FIT Lab offers a well equipped self-service computer lab in which faculty can develop digital materials for instruction and research; it also provides walk-in services and assistance to faculty in learning instructional technologies, including access to a broad selection of specialized production software.

Distance Learning and Hybrid Courses

ISS provides graduate and undergraduate students, who are unable to take advantage of a traditional class schedule appropriate opportunities to participate in the learning process through the use of alternative media and methods for the delivery of instruction in a distance learning environment. ISS offers distance-learning opportunities in hybrid and completely on-line formats for the UTEP campus. Through ISS the UTEP campus is also an active partner of the UT Online Consortium.

The Web site provides online study programs and courses, a digital library, free online student tutorial services, a 24/7 technical support helpdesk, links to various admissions and registrar offices throughout the UT System, and full program descriptions for the available online courses and degrees the UT Online Consortium facilitates.

Students interested in undertaking distance courses through UTEP and the UT TeleCampus must be fully admitted to UTEP or to one of the other UT System academic university campus components by completing the Inter-Institutional Distance Education Admission and Registration (IDEAR) forms available online at the UT Online Consortium Web site. Once admitted to one of the 15 University of Texas campuses, students can select courses offered through the distance-education delivery options of the UT Online Consortium. Students are required to abide by the host university policies, procedures, and requirements regarding the course-selection process, and student qualifications. Additional new on-line courses and program degree study options are routinely being added at UTEP and as a result, interested students are encouraged to consult the ISS Web site at UTEP for the most recent information: <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/communication/utep-rare/library-and-support-services/instructional-support-services.html>.

The Mediated and Distance Learning Group (MDL) at ISS also works in cooperation with UTEP faculty across the six academic colleges in the design, delivery, course management, and evaluation of distance education and online instructional programs. It also promotes and implements campus policies and practices to appropriately guide the growth and development of all UTEP distance-education programs. In carrying out its mission, the ISS office collaborates with public and private institutions to meet the expanding needs for higher education and workforce retooling in the region. MDL and ISS staff work with UTEP faculty to develop instructional programs that integrate a variety of technology-based and electronic digital media materials, face-to-face instruction, World Wide Web (WWW), Internet, interactive videoconferencing, CD ROM, and other telecommunications technologies for teaching and learning.

Administrative offices for ISS are located in the Undergraduate Learning Center, Suite 308 and can be contacted by phone at 915.747.6675.

Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC)

The Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC), developed and supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, was established in 1992 as a basic biomedical research center in Infectious Diseases, Toxicology, and Neurological and Metabolic Disorders. The mission of the BBRC is to enhance the capability for biomedical research at UTEP relevant to the border region and to promote the progress of minority scientists in biomedical research. The BBRC's Core Facilities in Analytical Cytology, Cell Culture, Biomolecule Characterization and DNA Sequencing and Analysis all have up to date instrumentation. The BBRC also has an active [Statistical Consulting Laboratory](http://www.utep.edu/bbrc), and a modern Bioinformatics Laboratory. For more information visit the BBRC Web site at <http://www.utep.edu/bbrc> (<http://www.utep.edu/bbrc/>).

Border Clinical Research Center

The College of Health Sciences Border Clinical Research Center is housed in the University of Texas at El Paso, College of Health Sciences, Stanton Building and is dedicated to research that explores health disparities related to chronic conditions and non-communicable diseases in the border population, such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. This 1,100 sq ft facility is equipped with the equipment and facilities necessary for clinical research, including outpatient beds, vital signs monitoring devices, medical digital scales, autoclave, stadiometer, Sonosite Titan portable ultrasound equipment, among others. The laboratory is equipped for the handling and processing of blood samples and is equipped to perform clinical chemistry and immunochemistry.

Center For Aging

The Center for Aging was established in May 2000 with a mission to provide training in geriatrics for working health professionals and health-care students enrolled at The University of Texas El Paso. Administratively, the Center for Aging is within the School of Nursing, and reports to the Office of the Dean. Activities are grant funded and include a current comprehensive geriatric education grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Funding from this grant provides workshops and other educational programs to students, working nurses, and other health professionals in the community on aging and the health care needs of older adults on the border.

Dr. Charon Pierson is the current director. She can be contacted at capierson@utep.edu, or by phone at 915.747.8297. Dr. Pierson serves as the liaison to the Southwestern Consortium of the Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence (Hartford Center) at Arizona State University, College of Nursing & Healthcare Innovation (ASU). UTEP is the only school in Texas that participates in this consortium.

Center for Defense Systems Research

The mission of the Center for Defense Systems Research (CDSR) at the University of Texas at El Paso is to apply a broad range of cutting-edge research and technology to applied, multi-use technical solutions for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. In applying this research toward real solutions, the CDSR shall provide experiential programs for undergraduate, graduate and faculty members at UTEP. The Center shall also act as a one-stop shop for Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and University collaborations. Current efforts cross into multiple DoD and DHS agencies. The Center is currently supporting research efforts for U.S Army White Sands Missile Range, U.S Army Space and Missile Defense Command and U.S Customs and Border Protection.

Center for Earth and Environmental Isotope Research

CEEIR's mission is to provide a regional facility devoted to understanding the Earth and our natural and managed environments through the use of stable and radiogenic isotopes and by pioneering novel isotope methodologies and applications. Isotopic data provide us with new insights into the formation and dynamics of our Earth and nearby planets as well as a record of interactions among the biosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere. New

approaches also allow work ranging from “fingerprinting” and tracking contaminant elements in the environment, to constraining magmatic processes. The cornerstone of CEEIR is a Nu Instruments™ Multi-collector Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (MC-ICPMS) funded through the National Science Foundation with support from UTEP. Ancillary facilities include a class 100/1000 (ISO 5/6) clean room with equipment for sample preparation and an ICP-Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) for bulk chemical analysis.

Center for Effective Teaching and Learning (CETaL)

The Center for Effective Teaching and Learning (CETaL) is a resource for University faculty. CETaL provides faculty workshops, confidential consulting on issues of course and curriculum design, assessment and documentation of effective teaching, the opportunity for faculty mentoring, and a library of teaching and learning materials. Through these services, faculty can document their teaching effectiveness.

CETaL seeks to cultivate an environment in which teaching is highly valued and in which teachers strive continuously to improve their effectiveness. It is a scholarly center working to find, document, report, and help advance the best teaching practices at UTEP and elsewhere. In addition, CETaL aids faculty in conducting scholarly research on teaching, curriculum, and other issues related to teaching and learning.

CETaL is a resource for those who understand that teaching is a complex and interactive process among many parties in a variety of environments, and that it can be taught, improved, and evaluated.

Center for Environmental Resource Management (CERM)

The Center for Environmental Resource Management (CERM) coordinates faculty and student research addressing the environmental problems affecting the border region of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, including water availability and quality, desalination technologies, desert and wetland ecology, environmental health, air quality, renewable energy, and sustainability. Students receiving support through CERM obtain hands-on experience with research projects addressing a variety of issues such as management of water resources, measurement and characterization of air pollution, methods of containment and remediation of soil-borne and water-borne contaminants, development of alternative energy technologies such as solar power, and ecology of riparian wetlands. Research infrastructure is available to support a number of environmental programs coordinated by CERM, including the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, Indio Mountains Research Station, and the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy Consortium (SCERP). In 2007, CERM received a Texas Environmental Excellence Award from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Center for History Teaching and Learning

The Center for History Teaching & Learning is a division of UTEP's History Department created to promote scholarly teaching among department faculty, support teacher education among our students, and provide outreach and professional development opportunities for area social studies teachers. Located in room 334 of the Liberal Arts Building, the center houses a history textbook library and provides advising and support services for pre-service history and social studies teachers. The center hosts regular workshops and annual summer teacher institutes for secondary social studies teachers and the center's website and blog operate as a local clearing house for resources, events, and information related to history and social studies teaching.

Center for Information Assurance

The Center for Information Assurance promotes education and research in information assurance, computer security, and related fields at The University of Texas at El Paso. It builds on existing strengths in information assurance, including department faculty who teach courses and conduct research in information assurance and the recent certification of our education program in information assurance. Our Information Assurance courseware was certified as mapping 100% to the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Standards 4011 and 4013E. Through this Center, UTEP is now officially designated by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE)** for Academic Years 2010-2015.

Center for Inland Desalination Systems

The Center for Inland Desalination Systems (CIDS) partners with El Paso Water Utilities to develop and implement technologies to create alternative water sources in Texas and across the globe. CIDS leverages El Paso's Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, which is among the largest of its kind in the world, to research on desalination-related areas that have potential commercial applications. Some examples include mining the brine concentrate produced during the osmosis process, developing smallscale portable desalination equipment to be used in remote locations, and developing processes that can reduce energy and water use during desalination.

Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS)

The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS) coordinates UTEP's degree programs in Latin American and Border Studies. These include the undergraduate major and minor, and an interdisciplinary MA. CIBS also conducts research and assists other units with research on the Border, in Mexico, and in Latin America. Recent projects have focused on issues such as Border demography, Border health, Border governance, and Border economics. CIBS sponsors events and publications addressing Border and Latin American issues, and works to forge linkages among UTEP and other institutions and agencies in the Border region, in Mexico, and in Latin America.

Vision

The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies of the University of Texas at El Paso strives to capitalize on its border location by becoming a Center of Excellence in matters related to the US-Mexico border, other borders throughout the Americas, Mexico and Inter-American dynamics. The Center will achieve this level of excellence through its research activities, academic programs, and public outreach.

Mission

The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies' interdisciplinary academic programs will educate a new generation of professionals and scholars dedicated to the application and creation of knowledge about the region. In addition, the Center will assist other academic units to apply their discipline's perspectives to Border and Inter-American topics.

The Center conducts research, offers academic programs, and undertakes public outreach activities on topics related to borders and the Americas. We are especially dedicated to forging partnerships within and across national boundaries which support our mission while also partaking in activities which join the University of Texas at El Paso campus and partners in the creation and dissemination of knowledge.

The Center's research will contribute to a wider understanding of US-Mexico border phenomena and other Inter-American topics. Its outreach activities will allow the regional and international community to appreciate and learn about Inter-American relations along the US-Mexico border and beyond.

Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research and Evaluation

The mission of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research and Evaluation (CIHRE) is to develop and sustain an interdisciplinary core group of researchers who advance the scope, quality, quantity and translation of health-related research to populations living in the US-Mexico border region. In addition, the Center collaborates with UTEP's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) to train and support undergraduate and graduate students and faculty as health researchers to help improve the health of border region residents.

The primary purpose of the Center is to address the shortage of well-prepared behavioral, social, and clinical researchers in the US-Mexico Border region that possess the knowledge and skills to engage in cutting-edge interdisciplinary health research and evaluation, the ability to translate that research into practical applications and to adapt it to different contexts and populations. These researchers in turn will provide support to other researchers, upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in research design, implementation, translation and dissemination of new knowledge.

Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education and Research (CenMASTER)

The Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education and Research (CenMaSTER) coordinates the science and mathematics education initiatives in the College of Science. Our main focus is on teacher preparation and we encourage and support the efforts of secondary education minors in the college through support of the CASE advising center, the MaST academy, and other efforts to produce the teachers of the future in El Paso. We also work with in-service teachers to increase their content knowledge in Science through the Masters of Arts in Teaching Science program (MATS), SABE MAS, and a variety of professional development programs.

Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation

The center for Nursing Research and Evaluation (CNRE) was established to facilitate excellence in nursing research by providing faculty and students with services, support, and scholarly activities in research development and implementation as well as the translation of research for evidence-based practice. The CNRE is also responsible for formative and summative data to determine consistency in degree track programs in meeting the mission and goals of the SON and University in accordance with standards for accreditation.

Center for Research Entrepreneurship and Innovative Enterprises (CREIE)

The Center for Research Entrepreneurship and Innovative Enterprises (CREIE) is an outcome of a Kauffman Foundation Campus Initiative and grant to infuse entrepreneurship into UTEP's education, research, administration, and outreach activities. The Center was established to create a central identity for entrepreneurship, technology transfer and commercialization at UTEP. The main mission of CREIE is to stimulate innovation and unify campus initiatives in technology transfer, entrepreneurship and commercialization at UTEP. The Center is available to guide inventors on how to bring their scientific advances or inventions to the market place, in partnership with the University.

Center for Research on Educational Reform (CRER)

Established in 2002, the Center for Research on Educational Reform (CRER) conducts broadbased and multidisciplinary research on issues of educational reform in the public schools and in higher education. The University-wide center builds on more than a decade of K-16 educational reform efforts at the University of Texas at El Paso. A significant element of the Center's initial work is research that addresses critically important questions about the impact of these and similar reform efforts. Major initiatives of the Center include the NSF-funded Mathematics and Science Partnership, Teaching Gender Equity in Mathematics and Science, and Math Education Reform. The center also provides opportunities for faculty and graduate students to do significant research.

Center for Space Exploration Technology Research (CSETR)

"The Center for Space Exploration and Technology Research (CSETR) has a strong and simultaneous focus on developing the next generation workforce while advancing technologies and bodies of knowledge in energy and aerospace. Spanning multiple colleges, CSETR is a NASA Group 5 URC that actively advances research in alternative propellant characterization, injector, ignition and engine development, and aerospace structures.

Rounding out the aerospace area is an array of in-situ resource extraction and utilization research. The energy research component stands in compliment to the aerospace effort through advancement and characterization in the fields of oxy-fuel combustion, fluidized bed dynamics, materials and thermal barrier coatings. This is done on an 11,000 sq ft facility housing multiple altitude simulation facilities, combustion rigs for turbines and engines, and state of the art diagnostic equipment. The current capabilities have been built over many years via repeated collaboration with the Department of Energy, NASA and the Missile Defense Agency.”

Center for Transportation Infrastructure Systems (CTIS)

The Center for Transportation Infrastructure Systems (CTIS), addresses the need for basic and applied research related to transportation infrastructure. CTIS is an internationally known center of excellence in nondestructive testing of transportation facilities; it is extensively involved in research dealing with the use of advanced field and laboratory techniques in transportation infrastructure, geo-technical earthquake engineering, and environmental engineering. At any given time, CTIS is engaged in about 20 projects dealing with the planning, design, evaluation, and construction of transportation infrastructure. CTIS has also expanded its research activities to include transportation planning and infrastructure management: current projects deal with risk assessment of transporting hazardous materials along the U.S.-Mexico border and the impact of increased traffic flow on the safety of people and the environment.

Center of Excellence for Sharing Resources to Advance Research and Education Through Cyberinfrastructure (CYBER-SHARE)

The Center of Excellence for Sharing Resources to Advance Research and Education through Cyberinfrastructure (Cyber-ShARE) was created in 2007 to bring together experts in computer science, computational mathematics, education, earth science, and environmental science. The team addresses the challenge of providing information to scientists and other users of cyberinfrastructure (CI) that allows them to make informed decisions about the resources that they retrieve and to have confidence in using results from CI-based applications. The Cyber-ShARE team conducts innovative research to facilitate the development of CI-based applications and increase their use by scientists by enhancing CI results with provenance information, trust recommendations, and uncertainty levels (areas that are recognized as essential for the success of CI); by creating scientist centered tools and artifacts; and by contributing CI resources to appropriate CI portals.

Franchise Center

The Franchise Center has been established to increase the level of entrepreneurship internationally by expanding and developing future business owners.

Future Aerospace and Technology Center (FAST)

The Future Aerospace Science and Technology (FAST) Center provides engineering, research and development capabilities to address the needs of the aerospace, defense, and energy industry and government agencies. The FAST Center provides these capabilities by forming collaborative teams constituted by faculty from the College of Engineering and the College of Science. Projects managed by the FAST Center are conducted complying with ITAR and Export Control regulations.

Graduate Business Center

The UTEP Graduate Business Center (GBC) houses many of the graduate business programs and applied business research centers of the College of Business Administration (COBA). The GBC is a 12,000 square foot facility located in the Chase Building, at the center of the El Paso Downtown Business District. It features three classrooms, student collaboration areas and administrative offices. The GBC offers Accelerated, Executive and International MBA students a state-of-the-art learning environment that accommodates the unique needs of working professionals. It also facilitates the expansion of COBA's professional development programming and research activities.

Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center (HHDR)

The Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center (HHDR) provides leadership to research-based innovations that will reduce Hispanic health disparities. Funded by the National Institutes of Health's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the HHDR is a collaborative venture among UTEP's College of Health Sciences, UTEP's School of Nursing and the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health. The aims of the center are to (a) build capacity for researchers in health disparities; (b) create a program of excellence to investigate and eliminate Hispanic health disparities in the Texas-Mexico border region; (c) establish the University of Texas System as a leader in the study and solution of Hispanic health disparities; and (d) promote knowledge transfer to both practice and policy.

The mission of the HHDR is guided by a conceptual framework that makes explicit and serves as a catalyst for research on the variables of interest that influence Hispanic health disparities. Activities of the Center include research, research training and education, and community engagement and dissemination. A recently awarded NIH P20 grant funds two full studies, including:

1. a population-based assessment of health disparities among Hispanics in El Paso and
2. research focused on cultural and institutional factors affecting adherence to HIV/AIDS treatment in border clinics.

In years three to five of this grant, new pilot studies based on this research will be funded.

Institute for Manufacturing and Materials Management (IM3)

Please see the Research Institute for Manufacturing and Engineering Systems (RIMES).

Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED)

The mission of the Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED) at The University of Texas at El Paso, provides leadership and coordination in objective analysis and interpretation of public and private policy research addresses issues of importance to the people of the Paso del Norte and Camino Real and ensures that economic development proceeds in a rational and sustainable fashion. The Institute's interdisciplinary approach to research design, data collection, and analysis provides the Institute's clientele objective, timely information that forms the framework needed for public policy investigation in areas such as economic development, technology and business development, and trade and transportation.

Law School Preparation Institute

Initiated in 1998, the mission and goals of the Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI) are to help students prepare for law school by developing their critical thinking skills and study habits, and by mentoring them toward the maturity, responsibility and integrity required of law students and lawyers. LSPI strives to educate, inform, and guide UTEP students and members of the community about the advantages of legal training. LSPI provides a variety of law and prelaw-related programs that serve undergraduate students, high school students, and the general community. The minor in Legal Reasoning is made available through LSPI, and LSPI faculty and staff advise students on all aspects of the law school application process and on law school in general. Students admitted to the LSPI participate in an intensive summer program and are afforded opportunities to work with the legal community through internship experiences and the newly implemented Court Appointed Special Advocate Initiative. LSPI also offers its High School Law Camp each summer, and collaborates with educational and community partners in its high school outreach efforts.

Materials Research and Technology Institute (MRTI)

The Materials Research and Technology Institute (MRTI) fosters interdisciplinary research across the Colleges of Science, Engineering, Business, and Liberal Arts; and supports the University's multidisciplinary Ph.D. programs in Materials Science and Engineering (MASE) and Environmental Science and Engineering (ES&E); and the disciplines of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Engineering. MRTI also fosters the development of intellectual property by UTEP faculty, staff, and students and helps develop industrial partnerships and new businesses based on UTEP intellectual property. An example is Mayan Pigments, Inc., which has commercialized complex organic/inorganic materials developed by UTEP researchers. MPI products can be purchased in the University Museum store. Recently, MRTI developed a UTEP/HUNT Energy Enterprises partnership to develop novel petroleum upgrading technology and novel photovoltaic technology.

Minority Access Research Center

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National Center for Border Security and Immigration

The Center for Border Security and Immigration will develop integrated education and research initiatives, which are complementary in scope, to promote interest in science and technology. Through education program, the center will develop and educate future scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians to meet emerging challenges of homeland security in a global context, and design multidisciplinary degree programs with an emphasis in homeland/border security. The program is designed to create a path for careers in DHS components or in a homeland security-related industry. Through research, the center assists the Department of Homeland Security in meeting its border security and immigration-related science and technology needs, collaborates with homeland-security-related industry, and provides full support to those agencies and individuals charged with defense of the homeland and development of national immigration and border security policy.

Regional Geospatial Service Center

The Regional Geospatial Service Center (RGIS) provides accurate geospatial data to local emergency responders including the Texas National Guard and other member of the El Paso region's emergency response community. The center is also involved in the development of geospatial applications to support UTEP research and service activities in a variety of areas including border security, economic development and public health. The center works closely with its partners at Stephen F. Austin State University and the Texas Natural Resource Information System, to maintain a data repository and backups in the event of catastrophic system failure.

Research Institute for Manufacturing and Engineering Systems (RIMES)

The Research Institute for Manufacturing and Engineering Systems (RIMES) is a research, academic, and service center dedicated to generating new knowledge in Systems Engineering through its research programs; disseminating new knowledge and best Systems Engineering practices through its academic programs, publications, workforce development, and industry extension; and promoting and encouraging multi-disciplinary research and collaboration in Engineering Systems. RIMES facilitates interactions among colleges and industry to foster total systems-level thinking and systems effectiveness, addressing applications-oriented research areas on large-scale systems and systems of systems. While accomplishing these goals, RIMES advances multi-disciplinary educational programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels and industry extensions through Training in MPT, seminars, and workforce development.

Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies

"The Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies is a companion structure to the Department of Communication at UTEP. Established in 2002, it provides outreach programs to high school students, media and communication professionals, and high school teachers, and academic enrichment programs for communication majors and other UTEP students. It fosters research collaborations with departments on campus, and with universities around the world."

Structural and Printed Emerging Technologies Center

Researchers within the newly established Structural and Printed Emerging Technologies Center (SPEC) perform basic research in 3D structural electronics and electromagnetics through the use of micro-dispensing and additive manufacturing technologies. In contrast to 2D and 2.5D structures, 3D structures have more degrees of freedom to simultaneously optimize the mechanical, electrical, chemical, thermal, photonic and electromagnetic features of miniaturized and highly integrated systems. Devices can be made with greater strength, stability, performance and ruggedness with the ability to conform, bend or stretch based on application requirements. SPEC is focusing on a new paradigm in which Direct Printing and Additive Manufacturing are used to fabricate systems in a single monolithic 3D package of complex and arbitrary form.

W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation

The W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation (Keck Center), occupying over 6,100 square feet with more than \$5 million in research infrastructure, represents a premier biomedical, engineering and advanced manufacturing facility focused on multi-disciplinary biomedical, materials and manufacturing research. The Keck Center's researchers have access to combined facilities for advanced manufacturing; reverse engineering, metrology & inspection; materials characterization & testing; synthetic and analytical chemistry; experimental fluid mechanics; and tissue engineering (including scaffold fabrication, polymer synthesis and cell culture capabilities). Much of the research within the Keck Center relies on the development and creative use of additive manufacturing (AM) technologies for producing functional end-use devices, and the Center's commercial and experimental additive manufacturing capabilities have grown from 1 machine in 2000 to 27 machines today, including two patented technologies developed by Keck Center researchers. This unique facility hosts more than 1000 visitors each year and showcases AM technologies to people ranging from artists, K-12 students, and various educators to high level government and industrial scientists and engineers. Keck Center researchers are using AM technologies to manufacture functional products including structural and printed electronic devices and patient-specific anatomical shapes for use in pre-surgical planning, surgery, medical device development, cardiovascular flow research, and tissue engineering.

Student Services

The University of Texas at El Paso offers a wide array of services for students to ensure that student needs, concerns, and interests are addressed.

University Heights Early Learning Center

Phone 915.532.1114

<https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/early-learning-academy/index.html> (<https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/early-learning-academy/>)

Child care is available for children of all students, staff, and faculty of the University. The University Heights Early Learning Center is managed and operated by Adelante Childcare, Inc. and is located at 315 West Schuster. Children aged three months to 12 years are accepted, depending on space availability (hourly, daily, weekly care is available; Summer Camp is available for school-aged children). Age appropriate early childhood developmental programs are offered in the curriculum. The University Heights Early Learning Development Center is licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Financial assistance is available for qualifying parents through Child Care Services.

Campus Cultural Programs

www.utep.edu (<http://www.utep.edu>)

Each year departments across campus sponsor hundreds of cultural events including concerts, music theatre productions, plays, art exhibits, ballet and dance performances, films, and lectures.

Theatre and dance productions are performed in the Wise Family Theatre, the Studio Theatre in the Fox Fine Arts Center, and the Magoffin Auditorium. University Dinner Theatre productions are presented in the Student Union West Building. Music activities such as the University's Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Opera, Jazz Bands, Pandemonium Steel Drums, Choral and Chorus, Jazz Singers, and chamber groups are held in the Fox Fine Arts Center's Recital Hall or the Magoffin Auditorium. Faculty, student, and touring art shows are exhibited in the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center

for Contemporary Art, the Glass Gallery in the Fox Fine Arts Center, and the Student Union Gallery in the Union East Building. A film series is also presented annually in the Student Union East Building.

Lectures and a variety of other public programs are part of the yearly schedules of all UTEP Colleges, Academic Departments and Centers as well as the University Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens. The Student Development Center provides a wide-variety of student programming ranging from lectures to artistic performances.

Center for Accommodations and Support Services

Phone 915.747.5148 Voice/TTY

<http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>

The Center for Accommodations and Support Services Office provides a program of support to students with physical, or mental impairments, as well as those who become temporarily disabled because of an injury or recent surgery, and to women with at-risk pregnancies.

The Center for Accommodations and Support Services provides the following services as accommodations: note taking, sign-language interpreters, reader services, priority registration, use of adaptive technology, alternative test formats, testing accommodations and advocacy.

Students requiring accommodations must schedule an intake interview with a staff member of the Center for Accommodations and Support Services and provide medical and/or diagnostic documentation verifying a disability. The documentation must clearly state symptoms and limitations that adversely affect academic performance. All information provided to the Center for Accommodations and Support Services is treated as confidential. Students should be aware that faculty members are not obligated to provide accommodations without proper notification from Center for Accommodations and Support Services.

If a student has, or suspects to have, a disability that is adversely affecting academic performance, he or she should contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services office immediately to discuss available options.

El Paso Centennial Museum/Chihuahuan Desert Gardens

Phone 915.747.5565

www.utep.edu/museum (<http://www.utep.edu/museum/>)

The El Paso Centennial Museum was built in 1936 with funds allocated by the Commission for the Texas Centennial Celebration. As the University's museum, it serves students and the El Paso/Juarez communities. The mission of this natural and cultural history museum is to preserve, document, exhibit, and educate about the Southwest and Mexico. Noteworthy collections pertaining to Geology, Anthropology, Archaeology, Paleontology, Ornithology, and Mammalogy include rocks, crystals, minerals, pottery, stone tools, shell jewelry, and baskets. The Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, dedicated in 1999, are located on the west side of the museum. They contain plants of the region in settings that can be adapted for area businesses and homes. Basic museum and special project classes are offered to UTEP students. Temporary exhibits, lectures, gallery talks, youth classes, adult workshops, and volunteer activities are educational offerings. The Museum is free and open to the public.

Food Services

Phone 915.747.5628

www.admin.utep.edu/sodexho (<http://www.admin.utep.edu/sodexho/>)

UTEP Food Services strives to provide the best quality food at the most convenient locations. Students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to visit the many food venues located throughout campus.

B	Breakfast available
E	Open during evening hours

UTEP Union East Building 2nd Floor (Food Court)

B	Chick-Fil-A
	Firehouse Grill (grill and tortas)
B	El Cazo (comida Mexicana)
	Garden Gourmet (hand tossed salads, soups, and display cooking featuring international cuisine)

UTEP Union East Building 2nd Floor

	Pizza Hut Express (pizza and wings)
E	Mine Shaft (pizza, wings, grad and go)
	Chopsticks (Asian cuisine)

UTEP Union East Building 1st Floor

B*E*	Freshens/Starbucks (Starbucks coffee, smoothies, frozen yogurt, grab and go)
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The El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center

E	Quiznos (deli)
B	Delicious Mexican Express (comida Mexicana)
	Minor Grill (grill)
B	Pete's Arena (pizza and pasta)

Library

E	Jazzman's Cafe (upscale coffee and pastry shop)
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College of Business Administration 3rd Floor

B*E*	Miner Stop (grab and go)
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College of Education 2nd Floor

B*E*	Cafe a la Cart (grab and go)
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College of Health Sciences

B	Healthy Corner (grab and go)
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Swimming and Fitness Center

E	Gold Rush (energy stop, smoothies, grab and go)
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Academic Services Building

B	Jazzman's Cafe (upscale coffee, sandwiches, salads, and pastries)
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Miner Meals are funds placed on the Miner Gold card that are held in reserve exclusively for food purchases. With Miner Meals, students, faculty, and staff can receive an automatic 10% discount on all food purchases. Miner Meals can be purchased in \$50 increments at Student Business Services, located on the first floor of the Academic Services Building.

UTEP Catering Services offers a full range of services for banquets, receptions, meetings, conferences, and private functions. A dynamic menu is designed to meet the diverse needs of any group and function.

UTEP Concessions provides a variety of tasty options at sporting and special events. From traditional fare to local favorites, diners' cravings are sure to be satisfied.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Phone 915.747.5347

www.utepathletics.com (<http://www.utepathletics.com>)

UTEP is an NCAA Division IA school and is a member of Conference USA. Sponsored sports are football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's outdoor track and field, women's tennis, women's rifle, women's soccer, women's softball, and women's volleyball.

Football is played in the 52,247-seat Sun Bowl Stadium, which is located on campus and nestled in the southern tip of the Rocky Mountains; men's and women's basketball plays in the 11,767-seat Don Haskins Center; and women's volleyball plays at Memorial Gymnasium, which seats 3,000 people. Soccer plays at the University Soccer Field with the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop. The track program runs at Kidd Field, which seats 15,000 people. Teams nationally ranked in recent years include men's basketball, football, men's golf, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field and women's rifle.

International Programs

Phone 915.747.5664

<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/oip> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/oip/>)

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is the primary source of information and assistance for the international community at UTEP. Services include:

- Advising for international students and scholars, on immigration, financial cross-cultural and personal issues;
- PASE (Programa de Asistencia Estudiantil) program administration: a Texas initiative for a waiver of out-of-state tuition for Mexican nationals who can prove financial need;
- International and multicultural activities on campus, highlighting the multicultural nature of El Paso and UTEP through cultural events, and presentations, involving the University's diverse nationalities;
- Administration of United States Passports
- Administration of the Good Neighbor Scholarship, and the Frank and Polly Ann Morrow Awards for Outstanding International Students.

The Office is located at 203 Union East, and can be contacted at 915.747.5664 (fax 915.747.5794), at oiip@utep.edu, or at <http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/oiip> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/oiip/>).

KTEP Public Radio

Phone 915.747.5152

www.ktep.org (<http://www.ktep.org>)

KTEP 88.5 FM broadcasts news, information, and cultural programming 24 hours per day for the University as well as El Paso, Southern New Mexico, and Juárez. KTEP is a member of National Public Radio and Public Radio International. The station trains UTEP students in broadcasting, and students can work at the station either as interns or volunteers. KTEP is equipped with the latest in digital broadcast technology. KTEP began broadcasting in 1950 and was the first FM station in El Paso and one of the first in the Southwest. A quarterly programming guide is available by calling 915.747.5152.

Miner Village and Miner Heights

Phone 915.747.5352

www.utep.edu/housing (<http://www.utep.edu/housing/>)

While several offices and departments on campus are devoted to student success, only one welcomes students home! Since 2001, the dedicated Housing and Residence Life staff of Miner Village and Miner Heights has served the students of UTEP in one of the most modern facilities in the state of Texas. All apartments are fully furnished, with basic cable, refrigerated air, and Internet connections. There are laundry facilities, a sand volleyball court, and off-campus restaurants and stores within a short walking distance.

For the student-athlete with a busy season ahead, the international student experiencing the United States for the first time, or the El Paso native looking for a new experience away from home, Miner Village and Miner Heights offers its residents a unique on-campus environment—and the skills needed to be a responsible student, roommate, and citizen.

Office of Student Life

Phone 915.747.5648

www.utep.edu/dos (<http://www.utep.edu/dos/>)

The Office of Student Life strives to create an environment where every student flourishes and is actively engaged in the University community. We are directly responsible for the leadership and administration of several departments including but not limited to Residence Life, the Student Development Center, Recreational Sports and Student Publications. The Office of Student Life is directly responsible for the following services and/or initiatives:

1. Student Conduct (general misconduct and academic integrity)
2. Dean Certifications (background checks, certification for graduate school and Board of Law Examiners)
3. UTEP Mine Tracker (co-curriculum and co-curricular transcript)
4. Student Travel

Professional and Public Programs (P3)

Memorial Gym, Suite 111
101 W. Robinson
El Paso, Texas 79968-0602

Email: ppp@utep.edu
Phone: (915) 747-5142

Website: <https://www.ppp.utep.edu> (<https://www.ppp.utep.edu/>)

The Office of Professional and Public Programs is a unique learning agent within The University of Texas at El Paso. Our mission is to provide high-quality continuing education. This includes lifelong learning opportunities for professional development and personal enrichment. We foster and support the larger University mission to serve as a gateway to an improved quality of life for people of the Paso del Norte Region.

P3 offers non-credit courses in the following areas:

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute:** The AP® Summer Institute is administered by Professional and Public Programs and endorsed by the Southwestern Region of the College Board®. This institute offers subject-specific professional development opportunities for high school teachers to utilize AP® teaching strategies.
- **Adult Leisure and Learning:** Noncredit courses for adults for personal and community engagement. Participants can explore a wide range of subjects: from arts, dance, and contemporary issues to photography, fitness, and learning a new hobby.
- **Corporate and Business Training:** Noncredit courses and certifications that focus on business analysis, project management, communications, leadership, sales and negotiations, management, professional coaching and more. We also provide customized programs to meet particular needs and requirements of our clients.
- **English Language Institute:** Noncredit courses designed to help learners gain functional command of English in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- **Language and Cultural Studies:** Noncredit courses designed to offer opportunities to develop and enhance communication skills and cross – cultural understanding that focuses on learning a new language and culture.
- **Military and MYCAA Career Assistance:** Offers eligible military service members and spouses assistance with funding for a variety of career training and certifications thru the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program (MyCAA) and Army Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program
- **WIOA Career Assistance:** Professional and Public Programs is part of the Texas Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and offers a number of noncredit WIOA-approved programs to eligible participants seeking in-demand education and training opportunities designed to help participants return to employment, expand postsecondary options and opportunities, and support entrepreneurship goals to help stabilize our economy and community.
- **Youth Programs and Camps:** Offers youth fun, engaging programs to promote, excitement and self-discovery for kids of all ages.
- **Online Noncredit Courses:** Self-paced, independent study noncredit online courses that can be taken any time, any place. Courses range from various personal enrichment courses to diverse career training and certifications options.

Recreational Sports

Phone 915.747.5103

www.utep.edu/rsd/ (<http://www.utep.edu/rsd/>)

The Recreational Sports Department provides an opportunity for each member of the University community to voluntarily participate in a wide variety of sports and leisure activities.

- **Intramural Sports Program** offers approximately 40 activities for men and women with a valid UTEP ID.
- **Outdoor Adventure Program** offers equipment rental and outdoor trips to UTEP students, staff and faculty.
- **Challenge Course** is a half-day or full-day team development program.
- **Fitness Programs** are non-credit exercise classes offered to UTEP students, staff and faculty at a minimal fee.
- **Sports Clubs** are available for registered UTEP students who want to participate in extramural competition.
- **Open Recreation** provides the use of sport facilities for leisure play. Equipment is provided with a valid UTEP ID.
- **Swimming and Fitness Center** consists of an exercise room with cardio machines, weight machines, free weights and two swimming pools.

For further information visit the Recreational Sports Web site or call Memorial Gym at 915.747.5103 or the Swimming and Fitness Center at 915.747.8100.

Special Events

Phone 915.747.5481

www.utep.edu/events/ (<http://www.utep.edu/events/>)

There is no business like show business! For more than a decade the Office of Special Events has been dedicated to bringing quality entertainment to the UTEP and El Paso communities.

The office operates as a full production house in the booking of the following UTEP special event facilities: Sun Bowl Stadium, Don Haskins Center, and Magoffin Auditorium. A variety of events are presented each year. Past events include *Juanes*, *Aerosmith*, *Linkin Park*, *Fleetwood Mac*, *Cher*, *Shakira*,

The Eagles, Ricky Martin, NSYNC, The Rolling Stones, HBO's Oscar de la Hoya Fight, WWE, and international soccer Pumas vs. Tigres among many, many others.

The Office of Special Events is also responsible for the programming of the Wednesday Music Café Free Concert Series, the Union Exhibition Gallery and the Art and Foreign Film series, host of the Cinema Novo Film Society of El Paso, the only art-film society in the city.

Student Development Center

Phone 915.747.5670

<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sdc> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sdc/>)

The Student Development Center (SDC) is a one-stop clearinghouse of information and resources for UTEP students who are or wish to become involved in campus life. The SDC provides students opportunities to explore leadership activities, campus activities, health awareness, diversity initiatives, student organizations and Greek Life.

The Student Development Center works with more than 180 student organizations on campus. These organizations are categorized as follows: Academic/Professional, Advocacy, Graduate, Greek, Governing, Honorary, International, Professional, Recreational, Religious/Spiritual, Service, Special Interest, Social, and School/Community Spirit. The SDC provides a variety of programs to enhance student organizations through personal consultations, publications and workshops. Please visit the SDC Web site for more information on how to start an organization and to view helpful links for student organizations.

Student Government Association

Phone 915.747.5584

<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sga> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sga/>)

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official voice of the student body. The SGA maintains an open channel of communication between the student(s) and university administration by voicing the concerns of the student body and informing students about changes in policy that will affect campus life and student activities. SGA's goal is to make every student's college experience a complete one, developing them both academically and personally.

SGA takes pride in the diversity of the student body and is dedicated to providing assistance to and support for all student organizations and campus activities whenever possible. Recognizing the campus' unique diversity, SGA works to assure that every student or group of students is treated with respect and dignity to maintain an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among all members of the campus community.

Student Health Center

Phone 915.747.5624

www.utep.edu/healthupdate/ (<http://www.utep.edu/healthupdate/>)

The Student Health Center (SHC) is located on the first floor of the Union East building and offers confidential health care services to all University students presenting a valid UTEP ID. Services include office visits, nutritional counseling, HIV/AIDS testing (which is done every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon), laboratory tests, pap smears, and vaccinations. Many services are provided at no cost or reduced cost.

Referrals outside the Student Health Center for stitches, X-rays, specialists, etc. are at the student's own expense. All emergencies are referred to local hospitals. Minor illness, injury or health concerns are treated by the SHC's professional staff.

Student insurance is available and recommended for every student without insurance coverage. Information on student health insurance can be obtained by calling: 888.344.6105.

Student Publications

Phone 915.747.5161

www.utep.edu/studentpublications (<http://www.utep.edu/studentpublications/>)

Student Publications offers motivated students the opportunity to gain hands-on, professional experience in a variety of facets of publishing through *The Prospector*, a semi-weekly student newspaper, and *Minero Magazine*, a bilingual, bicultural publication produced once each fall and spring semester.

Students who work within the department receive training to become reporters, photographers, graphic designers, editors or advertising-sales representatives in a professional environment using the latest computer-based publishing technology. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 and be enrolled for at least nine (9) undergraduate hours or six (6) graduate-level hours.

To ensure freedom of expression, a Student Publications Committee, composed of UTEP faculty, staff and students, oversees the student-produced publications. Student Publications' mission is to produce talented, ethical and well-qualified journalists, photographers, designers and advertising professionals through experiential training that will lead them to successfully pursue and thrive in their chosen careers.

Student Support Services Program (SSSP)

Phone 915.747.5349

<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sssp> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sssp/>)

This federally funded TRIO program provides intensive academic and personal support for first-generation, economically disadvantaged students with academic need from their freshman year through graduation. First-year participants are enrolled in learning communities for two semesters to help them adjust to the demands of college. Transfer participants can take advantage of tutoring and workshops geared at enhancing both their academic and post-graduation goals. Students interested in applying for the program can get more information in Room 211, Union East.

Study Abroad

Phone: 915.747.5664

www.utep.edu/studyabroad (<http://www.utep.edu/studyabroad/>)

The Study Abroad program enables students to gain global experience through several types of international study including Faculty Led, Exchange and Third Party Programs. Programs vary in length and cost depending on the type and location. Descriptions of each type of program are listed below.

Types of Programs

1. **Faculty Led Programs:** Faculty or Departments may offer courses which are taught abroad as part of the UTEP curriculum. Faculty-led programs occur during Wintermester, Maymester, Spring Break and in the summer. Students who take these courses are assessed normal tuition and fees, plus additional fees to cover program costs.
2. **Exchange Programs:** UTEP has agreements with a number of universities throughout the world which allow students to attend a foreign university for a semester or academic year while paying UTEP tuition. This can be an affordable option for many students. Educational activities may include classroom study, research, internships and service learning.
3. **Third Party Programs:** Students are able to participate in study abroad programs that are offered by third – party providers. Students are required to pay the program fees to the providers.

General Requirements

To participate in a Study Abroad program, students must be registered as a UTEP student. Undergraduate students must have completed 24 credit hours (12 of which must be from UTEP), graduate students must have completed 9 credit hours at UTEP. The GPA requirement varies depending on the program selected. All prospective students must attend an information session. Sessions are offered throughout the year.

Credit

Credit earned through Study Abroad courses is processed as transfer credit.

Financial Assistance

Students who are eligible for Financial Aid may use these funds to cover the costs of studying abroad. The Study Abroad Office offers a study abroad scholarship for qualified students. Information about external scholarships is also available in the Study Abroad Office.

Union

Phone 915.747.5711

www.utep.edu/union (<http://www.utep.edu/union/>)

The Union Building is the community center for UTEP. Its primary goal is to provide services and facilities for the university community in support of the academic and student development mission of the University.

As the “epicenter” of the campus, the Union Building not only serves as a gathering place and also provides an atmosphere that fosters the exchange of ideas representing the diverse backgrounds of members of the University community.

The Union Services office is located in the Union Building, Room 307.

University Bookstore

Phone 915.747.5594

www.utepbookstore.com (http://www.bkstr.com/texaselpasostore/home/en/?cm_mmc=Redirect_-_VanityURL_-_utep.bkstr.com_-_15728)

The University Bookstore is responsible for stocking required academic textbooks and supplies for students. The Bookstore also provides the University community a large variety of reference books, school and office supplies, computer software and accessories, calculators, UTEP apparel and gift items, commencement apparel and invitations, magazines, book buy-backs, special book and software orders, specialty plaques, and computer hardware orders. The University Bookstore is managed and operated by Follett Higher Education Group.

University Career Center

Phone 915.747.5640

www.utep.edu/careers (<http://www.utep.edu/careers/>)

The University Career Center, as part of the Division of Student Affairs, provides programs and services designed to foster the career development of UTEP students and alumni from all academic disciplines. Toward this end, the Department provides the following services:

- Career advising
- Resource Center (career-development literature, employer information, and on-line resources)
- Career development activities and workshops (résumé writing, interviewing, job search correspondence, etc.)
- Resume and cover letter reviews
- Job listings and referrals (part-time student employment, cooperative education and internship opportunities, and professional employment)
- Experiential learning program (career-related experience for college students)
- On-campus interviews
- Career fairs

Students are encouraged to visit the University Career Center early in their University career to develop a personalized career-development action plan. Career counseling services are offered by the University Counseling Center.

University Counseling Center

Phone 915.747.5302

www.utep.edu/counsel (<http://www.utep.edu/counsel/>)

The University Counseling Center provides free, confidential services in Spanish and English to currently enrolled UTEP students. Services include career counseling to help students clarify their academic or career goals and overcome obstacles to learning and decision making. The Center also provides personal counseling to address issues that can affect a student's ability to perform optimally in his or her academic and professional endeavors. The University Counseling Center also provides educational workshops, outreach programs, and self-help resources on everything from stress and time management to self esteem and relationship issues. Hours of operations are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with extended hours (open until 7:00 p.m.) during the fall and spring semesters on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Women's Resource Center

Phone 915.747.5291

<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/wrc> (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/wrc/>)

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) empowers women to achieve their holistic (personal, academic, professional and spiritual) goals and promotes social justice through education programs, support groups, and a safe environment to foster health and wholeness in all people. The WRC provides students a library of books, magazines, videotapes, and health-related brochures as well as access to a computer lab. There is also a microwave, refrigerator, and telephone designated for student use. The WRC's knowledgeable staff offers community resource information and networking opportunities. These services are available to women and men who identify as allies, including staff, faculty, and families.

The WRC is a welcoming space for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) community members. It is committed to promoting an environment free from hatred and discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. The WRC empowers everyone to be authentic and share experiences. Students find understanding and acceptance here.