



## Concurrent Enrollment Program Information Page

### Eligibility Requirements for New Applicants

- ☐ Be classified as a high school junior or senior on target towards graduating under the Recommended or Distinguished High School Graduation Program.
- ☐ For students from schools with a CE Agreement, will be assessed the CE tuition rate and the criteria is as follows:
  - Must meet at least one of the following criteria:
    - Rank in the top 10% of your graduating class OR
    - Have a 90 GPA or higher (on 100-pt scale) OR
    - Have a minimum composite score on ACT of 22 OR SAT of 1030 (using Critical Reading +Math)
- ☐ For students from schools without a CE Agreement, will be considered "Independent CE Student", will be assessed regular tuition rate, and must meet the following criteria: a minimum composite on ACT of 22 or SAT of 1030 (using only Critical Reading & Math sections) and, in addition, one of the following:
  - Rank in the top 10% of your graduating class OR
  - Have a 90 GPA or higher

### Application Process Requirements

- ☐ The application is available via the internet at www.applytexas.org.
  - Select the four-year institution: UTRGV
  - Select application type: Freshman US
  - Indicate interest in participating by answering YES to the question at the beginning of the application which states: "Are you applying for Dual Credit or Early Admission?"
- ☐ Submit a completed CE Authorization form.
  - The Apply Texas application must be submitted prior to submitting the CE Authorization Form.
  - CE Authorization Forms are available through the high school counselor, *M & Guerrero*.
  - Must be read and signed by Parent, Counselor, and Principal/Assistant Principal
- ☐ Submit High School Transcript.
  - Transcript must include class ranking, and GPA (on a 100-point scale)
  - Must also include graduation date and type of graduation plan (recommended or distinguished)
- ☐ Submit any test scores to determine TSI placement status (TSI Assessment, ACT, SAT, or EOC).
- ☐ Submit proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (must be current 10 days prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day of class)

### TSI and Placement Requirements

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, writing, and math, unless the student qualifies for an exemption.

- ☐ Students can be exempt from TSI based on scores from one of the following exams (must meet all three scores in one exam; no "mixing") *this specifically pertains to MC + Writing*
  - STAAR-EOC: meet a minimum score of Level II (Satisfactory) on English III and Algebra II exams
  - ACT or ACT Residual
    - Composite of 23 with 19 English and 19 Math or higher
  - SAT
    - Composite of 1070 (Critical Reading plus Math) with 500 Critical Reading and 500 Math
- ☐ If not exempt, the student must take the TSI Assessment and meet the following scores: Reading-351 or higher; Math-350 or higher; Writing- Essay of 5 OR Essay of 4 w/a 363 on the multiple choice
- ☐ Submit records of other college level course work completed by submitting score report or college transcript (AP credits, CLEP, Dual Enrollment courses) prior to Advisement & Registration.

## Additional CE Information

### Course Credit

If you plan to use university credit for special purposes (ex. DAP measure, scholarships), it is your responsibility to confirm you are enrolled in the correct courses and the required number of hours. If you take AP exams or other college credit, consider the credits you may earn to avoid duplicating courses. Credit hours taken at UTRGV will transfer to other public institutions of higher learning in Texas; however, you need to confirm they will fulfill your degree plan requirements. For private and out-of-state public colleges and universities, we strongly recommend that you confirm how the credit will transfer prior to enrolling at UTRGV.

### Program & Course Restrictions

As a Concurrent Enrollment student:

- You are restricted from taking developmental courses
- You are restricted from taking kinesiology, health, and honors courses
- You are limited to taking no more than two (2) courses (8 hours max) per semester
- You are restricted from taking any "Upper Level" courses (3000/4000)
- You cannot enroll for a "Mini-term" course (s)
- If you enroll for any of the courses listed above you will be dropped from your course(s)
- CE students can only enroll in Core Curriculum courses (some require pre-requisites)
- Students must earn grades of C or better in each class to continue in the Program. Grades less than a C will be considered a "Grade Violation", and you will have one chance to submit an appeal to try and be reinstated. The appeal consists of a personal statement explaining what led to the bad grade and what you will do to correct it, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

### Dropping Courses

Careful consideration must be given before making the decision to drop a course. Make sure you discuss it with your Counselor and Parent before dropping any courses. If you do make the decision to drop a course here are the deadlines to follow:

- Fall/Spring Semesters
  - Dropping by the 4<sup>th</sup> Class Day must be done using the ASSIST student registration system. No graded recorded.
  - Dropping by the 12<sup>th</sup> Class Day must be done using a Drop/Withdrawal Card through the Office of the Registrar. No grade recorded.
  - Dropping by Final Drop Deadline must be done using a Drop/Withdrawal Card through the Office of the Registrar. No grade recorded.
- Summer Semesters
  - Dropping by 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Day must be done through ASSIST. No grade recorded.
  - Dropping by 4<sup>th</sup> Class Day must be done using a Drop/Withdrawal Card through the Office of the Registrar. No grade recorded.
  - Dropping by Final Drop Deadline must be done using a Drop/Withdrawal Card through the Office of the Registrar. No grade recorded.

**NOTICE:** The last day to drop without having no grade recorded is the Census Day for each semester: (4<sup>th</sup> Class Day for Summer semesters/12<sup>th</sup> Class Day for Fall & Spring semesters).

### Tuition, Fees, and Payment

There are no tuition costs for CE courses; however, all other costs associated with enrollment (ex. books, supplies, etc) are the student's responsibility. Also, CE students do not incur Orientation or Late Payment fees.

# Concurrent Enrollment AUTHORIZATION FORM

## Student Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ApplyTX ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Information

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization and Acknowledgement

### PARENT/GUARDIAN

- I certify all the information provided in this authorization form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I acknowledge I have reviewed this application with my child and understand the Concurrent Enrollment Program requirements and all applicable policies, procedures, restrictions, and deadlines.
- We (student & parent) agree to comply with all applicable CE Program requirements, policies, procedures, restrictions and deadlines.
- I authorize her/his participation in the Concurrent Enrollment Program at UTRGV.
- Photo Release: For valuable consideration, I do hereby authorize The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and those acting pursuant to its authority to:
  1. Record my son/daughters participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph or any other medium.
  2. Use my son daughters name, likeness, voice and biographical material in connection with these recordings.
  3. Exhibit or distribute such recording in whole or in part without restrictions or limitation for any educational or promotional purpose which The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNSELOR AND PRINCIPAL

- I believe the above named applicant to be a mature and academically prepared student capable of performing well in University courses.
- I acknowledge I have reviewed this application with above named applicant and authorize their participation in Concurrent Enrollment at UTRGV.
- I understand that it is my responsibility, as a representative of my school, to review this information and verify the student meets and understands all applicable program requirements, policies, and restrictions.
- I understand I can also impose any additional participation requirements to above named applicant.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

# New CE Vaquero To-Do List I applied...now what?

Now that you have applied there are a few more items to complete. Make sure you check off each box as you complete each item. All items need to be completed before you can register for classes!

- ☐ **Make sure your UTRGV ACCOUNT is active** – <https://my.utrgv.edu>

Three to five days after submitting your ApplyTexas you will receive a letter from UTRGV with your Username and Instructions on how to set your Password. Activating your account gives you access to services such as V-Email & BlackBoard. **V-Email is your primary means of communication with UTRGV! You can also track your application status, and sign-up for Advisement once you are accepted into the CE Program!**

- ☐ **Sign up for NEW CE STUDENT ADVISEMENT** <http://my.utrgv.edu>

Advisement is mandatory for all CE students, so once approved you must sign up for Advisement. During Advisement you will receive CE Program policies, group academic advising, campus tour, Vaquero ID card, and will register for classes. **Remember, the sooner you sign up for Advisement, the sooner you can register!**

- ☐ **Provide Documentation for MENINGITIS VACCINE**

Beginning Fall 2014, all new students age 21 or younger must submit proof of meningitis vaccination or booster shot (administered within the past five years) before you can enroll. **The vaccine must be current ten (10) days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> class day of the semester.**

- ☐ **Check your TSI STATUS** – to find out email us at [ce@utrgv.edu](mailto:ce@utrgv.edu)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, writing, and math, unless the student qualifies for an exemption using one of the exams below:

- ACT scores: Composite = 23; English = 19 or higher; Math = 19 or higher
- SAT scores: Composite = 1070 (Critical Reading & Math only); CR = 500+; Math = 500+
- STAAR-EOC scores: meet a minimum Level II on English III and Algebra II exams

**If you do not meet one of the exemptions then you must take the TSI Assessment** and meet the required scores (check with CE Office for list of required scores). UTRGV Testing Services offers these exams, and you may contact them at 956-665-7570.

- ☐ **Send us any COLLEGE CREDIT you've earned**

Send your official transcripts from colleges/universities where credit was earned either by requesting your transcript(s) be sent directly from the college you attended to the UTRGV Admissions Office, or bring it in a sealed envelope. All OFFICIAL college transcripts must include the official seal of the college/university or a signature of a college/university official. Copies of transcript(s) and faxes are considered unofficial. You can also submit your AP Score Report to get college credit (score must be a 3 or higher).

**If you have any questions please contact Melissa or Jorge  
at 956.665.7575 or email at [ce@utrgv.edu](mailto:ce@utrgv.edu)**

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**General Education Core Curriculum**  
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**Communication (2 courses - 6 hours required; minimum grade of C)**

**Objectives:** Critical Thinking, Communication, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility

**ENGL 1301** Rhetoric and Composition I or ENGL 1387 (H)

**ENGL 1302** Rhetoric and Composition II or ENGL 1388 (H)

**Mathematics (1 course - 3 hours required; minimum grade of C)**

**Objectives:** Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical & Quantitative Reasoning

**MATH 1314** or **1414** College Algebra

**MATH 1324** Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences

**MATH 1325** Calculus for Business and Social Sciences

**MATH 1332** Contemporary Mathematics

**MATH 1333** Mathematics for Art and Music

**MATH 1342** Elementary Statistical Methods

**MATH 1343** Introduction to Biostatistics or **MATH 1388** (H)

**MATH 2412** Pre-Calculus

**MATH 2413** Calculus I or **MATH 2487** (H)

**MATH 2414** Calculus II or **MATH 2488** (H)

**Life and Physical Sciences (2 courses - 6 hours required; lecture only)**

**Objectives:** Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical & Quantitative Reasoning, Teamwork

**ASTR 1401** Introductory Astronomy I

**ASTR 1402** Introductory Astronomy II

**BIOL 1406** General Biology I or **BIOL 1487** (H)

**BIOL 1407** General Biology II or **BIOL 1488** (H)

**BIOL 2401** Anatomy and Physiology I

**BIOL 2402** Anatomy and Physiology II

**CHEM 1311** General Chemistry I or **CHEM 1307**

Chemistry for Engineers

**CHEM 1312** General Chemistry II

**GEOL 1403** Physical Geology

**GEOL 1404** Historical Geology

**PHYS 1401** General Physics I

**PHYS 1402** General Physics II

**PHYS 1405** Elementary Physics and Acoustics I

**PHYS 1410** Elementary Physics through Video Games

**PHYS 2425** Physics for Scientists and Engineers I

**PHYS 2426** Physics for Scientists and Engineers II

**PSCI 1421** Physical Science I

**PSCI 1422** Physical Science II

**Language, Philosophy & Culture (1 course - 3 hours required)**

**Objectives:** Critical Thinking, Communication, Social Responsibility, Personal Responsibility

**ANTH 1354** The Anthropology of Expressive Culture

**COMM 1311** Introduction to Communication

**COMM 1315** Public Speaking

**ENGL 2308** Readings in Special Topics in Literature

**ENGL 2313** Readings in Dramatic Literature

**ENGL 2321** Introduction to British Literature

**ENGL 2326** Introduction to American Literature

**ENGL 2331** Introduction to World Literature

**ENGL 2341** Introduction to Literature

**ENGL 2387** Readings in World Literature I (H)

**ENGL 2388** Readings in World Literature II (H)

**MASC 2301** Introduction to Mexican-American Studies

**MCLL 2301** Special Topics in Modern and Classical Literature

**MUSI 1309** World Music Cultures

**PHIL 1300** Critical Thinking

**PHIL 1301** Introduction to Philosophy or **PHIL 1387** (H)

**PHIL 1305** Introduction to Latin American Philosophy

**PHIL 1306** Introduction to Asian Philosophy

**PHIL 1310** Ethics, Happiness, and the Good Life

**PHIL 1312** Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

**PHIL 1340** Introduction to Logic or **PHIL 1388** (H)

**PHIL 1366** Philosophy and History of Science and Technology

**PHIL 2320** Professional Ethics

**PHIL 2322** Professional Ethics: Biomedical

**PHIL 2324** Professional Ethics: Business

**PHIL 2326** Professional Ethics: Engineering

**PHIL 2328** Environmental Ethics

**PHIL 2330** Ethics and Leadership

**PHIL 2351** Religious Diversity in the Global Community

**Creative Arts (1 course - 3 hours required)**

**Objectives:** Critical Thinking, Communication, Teamwork, Social Responsibility

**ARTS 1301** Art Appreciation

**ARTS 1303** Art History I, Prehistoric to the 14th-Century

**ARTS 1304** Art History II, 14th-Century to the Present

**DANC 2323** Dance Appreciation

**ENGL 2314** Appreciation and Analysis of Literature

**FREN 2323** Introduction to French Cinema in English

**LAMS 2301** Introduction to Inter-American Studies

**MUSI 1306** Music Appreciation

**MUSI 1307** Mexican Folk Music

**MUSI 1308** Music History and Literature I

**MUSI 1310** History of Rock

**MUSI 1313** Teaching Music in the Elementary School

**PHIL 1330** Philosophy, Art, and Film

**THTF 1310** Theatre Appreciation

**THTF 2366** Cinema Appreciation

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**American History (2 courses – 6 hours required)**

Objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, Social Responsibility, Personal Responsibility

**HIST 1301** U.S. History I or HIST 1387 (H)

**HIST 1302** U.S. History II or HIST 1387 (H)

**Government/Political Science (2 courses – 6 hours required)**

Objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical & Quantitative Reasoning, Social Responsibility

**POLS 2301** US & Texas Government & Politics I or POLS 2387 (H)

**POLS 2302** US & Texas Government & Politics II or POLS 2388 (H)

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (1 course – 3 hours required)**

Objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical & Quantitative Reasoning, Social Responsibility

**ANTH 1324** Human Evolution

**ANTH 1353** Introduction to Folklore

**ANTH 2302** Introduction to Archaeology

**ANTH 2351** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

**CRIJ 1301** Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

**CRIJ 1307** Crime in America

**ECON 1301** Introduction to Economics

**ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics

**ENGL 2315** Humans and Language

**PSYC 2301** General Psychology

**SOCI 1301** Introduction to Sociology

**Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (6 hours required)**

Objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, and an additional objective(s) tied to the specific courses' foundational core component area (e.g. an Astronomy course would carry the objectives for Life Sciences)

**1. Integrative and Experiential Learning**

Courses in this category involve interdisciplinary topics or approaches and/or learning through direct experience.

**Science Labs (maximum 3 hours; offered in conjunction with science courses listed in the Life and Physical Sciences component area)**

**ASTR 1401** Introductory Astronomy I one-hour lab

**ASTR 1402** Introductory Astronomy II one-hour lab

**BIOL 1406** General Biology I one-hour lab or **BIOL 1487** (H)

**BIOL 1407** General Biology II one-hour lab or **BIOL 1488** (H)

**BIOL 2401** Anatomy and Physiology I one-hour lab

**BIOL 2402** Anatomy and Physiology II one-hour lab

**CHEM 1111** General Chemistry Lab I or **CHEM 1107**

Chemistry for Engineers Lab

**CHEM 1112** General Chemistry Lab II

**GEOL 1403** Physical Geology one-hour lab

**GEOL 1404** Historical Geology one-hour lab

**PHYS 1401** General Physics I one-hour lab

**PHYS 1402** General Physics II one-hour lab

**PHYS 1405** Elementary Physics and Acoustics I one-hour lab

**PHYS 1410** Elementary Physics through Video Games one-hour lab

**PHYS 2425** Physics for Scientists & Engineers I one-hour lab

**PHYS 2426** Physics for Scientists & Engineers II one-hour lab

**PSCI 1421** Physical Science I one-hour lab

**PSCI 1422** Physical Science II one-hour lab

**Computer Application (maximum 3 hours)**

**INFS 2398** Information Technology for Student Success and

Career Development

**CSCI 1380** Computer Science I

**CSCI/CMPE 1370** Engineering Computer Science I or **CSCI/CMPE 1378** (H)

**Wellness (maximum 3 hours)**

**KINE 1301** Wellness

**NURS 2301** Wellness

**Interdisciplinary (maximum 6 hours)**

**CSCI 1105** Digital Technology in the Modern World

**DIET 2351** Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

**FINA 1335** Life and Money: Introduction to Financial Literacy

**QUMT 2398** Decision Analytics

**2. Humanities**

Students may select a three-hour course in the Language, Philosophy, and Culture area to complete the 6 required hours in the Component Area Option. The selected course must be from a different prefix than the course selected in the Language, Philosophy, and Culture area.

Notes: [H] – Honors course

Subject to change

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# Texas Success Initiative

## TSI Assessment Exemption and Placement Information

The University of Texas – Pan American  
University Academic Advising Center (UAAC)  
1201 W. University Drive, SOUH 101A, Edinburg, Texas 78539-2999  
(956) 665-7120 or (956) 665-2319

*The following table provides full exemption scores\*:*

ACT**	SAT**	TAKS**	STAAR EOC**
Composite score of <u>23</u> <u>AND</u> minimum of 19 for both English and Mathematics sections (on the same test)	Combined verbal and mathematics score of <u>1070</u> <u>AND</u> minimum of 500 for both verbal and mathematics (on the same test)	Math score of <u>2200</u> <u>AND</u> English/Language Arts score of 2200 with a writing sub score of at least 3	Algebra II Level 2 (4000) and English III Level 2 (Reading (2000) and Writing (2000))
*Partial Exemptions exist for ACT, SAT, TAKS and STAAR. For more information on Partial Exemptions, contact a UTPA TSI Advisor 956-665-7120.			
** An exemption is good up to 5 years from the testing date.			
<b>NOTE:</b> All students with Full Exemptions from TSI Testing are considered College-Ready and eligible to take all College-level coursework. Students who are Partially Exempt from TSI Testing are required to take the new TSI Assessment in the area(s) in which they are not exempt.			

*The New TSI Assessment scores indicating College Readiness:*

College Level Subject Area Cleared	TSI Assessment Score (Indicating College Readiness)
Reading	351
Math	350
Writing	Essay of 5 <u>OR</u> Essay of 4 <u>AND</u> minimum objective score of 363





# National Exams



To register go to

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

No Writing: \$39.50

Plus Writing: \$56.50

PH# 319-337-1270

(M-F, 8am-8pm CT)

Test Center Code: 041420

## Test Date

October 24, 2015

December 12, 2015

February 6, 2016

April 9, 2016

June 11, 2016

## Registration Deadline

September 18, 2015

November 6, 2015

January 8, 2016

March 4, 2016

May 6, 2016

### ACT Identification policy

Only the following forms of identification are acceptable. If it is not on this list, it is not acceptable, and you will not be admitted to test.

• Current official photo ID - Must be an original, current (valid) ID issued by a city/state/federal government agency or your school. Note: School ID must be in hard plastic card format. Paper or electronic formats are NOT acceptable. Your first and last names must match the ticket. The photo must be clearly recognizable as you.

or

• ACT Student Identification Letter with Photo - You MUST present this ACT Student Identification Letter with Photo if you do not have a current official photo ID as described above. It must be completed by a school official or notary public; neither may be a relative. All items must be completed.

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# SAT

To register go to

[www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)

\$54.50

PH# 866-756-7346

(M-F, 8AM-9pm ET)

Test Center Code: 44343

## Test Date

October 3, 2015

November 7, 2015

December 5, 2015

January 23, 2016

March 5, 2016

May 7, 2016

June 4, 2016

## Registration Deadline

September 3, 2015

October 9, 2015

November 5, 2015

December 28, 2015

February 5, 2016

April 8, 2016

May 5, 2016

### Examples of Acceptable ID include:

- Government-issued driver's license or non-driver ID card
- Official school-produced student-identification card from the school you currently attend
- Government-issued passport
- Government-issued military or national identification card
- Talent Search Identification Forms (allowed for eighth grade and below)
- SAT Student ID Form (must be prepared by the school you currently attend or a notary, if homeschooled)

### High School to University Programs & Testing Services

Room 1.102

1407 E Freddy Gonzalez Drive

Edinburg, TX 78539

956-665-7570

[www.utrgv.edu/step](http://www.utrgv.edu/step)

## Exams for New/Transfer Students

To register for these exams, go to [www.utpa.edu/step](http://www.utpa.edu/step).  
Credit/debit cards and electronic checks are accepted.

If you require assistance or accommodations in order to test, please call the  
Testing Specialist two weeks Prior to registration @ 956-665-7570.

### Institutional TOEFL

Exam Day: select Thursdays at 8:30 am

Exam Fee: \$50

Scores are sent only to UTRGV; Usually available same day.

Retest Policy: no waiting period

**Testing Dates - Thursdays at 8:30 am**

2015

**September 17 - October 8 - November 19 -  
December 10**

2016

**January 21 - February 18 - March 24 - April 7 -  
April 21 - May 12 - June 9 - June 23 - July 7 -  
August 18**

#### ACT Residual Identification policy

Only the following forms of identification are acceptable. If it is not on this list, it is not acceptable, and you will not be admitted to test.

• Current official photo ID - Must be an original, current (valid) ID issued by a city/state/federal government agency or your school.

Note: School ID must be in hard plastic card format. Paper or electronic formats are NOT acceptable. Your first and last names must match the ticket. The photo must be clearly recognizable as you.

or

• ACT Student Identification Letter with Photo - You MUST present this ACT Student Identification Letter with Photo if you do not have a current official photo ID as described above. It must be completed by a school official or notary public; neither may be a relative. All items must be completed.

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### ACT Residual

Exam Day: Mondays at 8:30am

Exam Fee: \$80

Scores are sent only to UTRGV; Usually  
available same day.

Retest Policy: no waiting period

**Testing Dates - Mondays at 8:30 am**

2015

**September 14 - November 2 -  
November 16 - December 7 -  
December 14**

2016

**January 11 - January 25 -  
February 22 - March 7 - March  
21 - April 4 - April 11 - April 25 -  
May 2 - May 16 - June 6 - June  
13 - June 20 - July 11 - July 18 -  
August 1 - August 8 - August 22**

#### Institutional TOEFL Acceptable ID Documents:

##### Non-U.S. Citizens

If you are not a U.S. citizen and you are testing in the United States, You must present a valid passport with name, photograph and signature. (Diplomatic or embassy IDs cannot be used in place of a passport.)

If your passport is not written in English-language letters, you must also present a supplemental ID that contains your name, photograph and signature and is written in English.

##### U.S. Citizens

If you are a U.S. citizen testing in the United States, the following ID documents are acceptable:

- Passport with name, photograph and signature
- Government-issued driver's license with name, photograph and signature
- State or Province ID card, including those issued by motor vehicle agencies, with name, photograph and signature
- Military ID with name, photograph and signature

### High School to University Programs & Testing Services

Room 1.102

1407 E Freddy Gonzalez Drive

Edinburg, TX 78539

956-665-7570

[www.utpa.edu/step](http://www.utpa.edu/step)

Attention: Pioneer H.S. is a test center.  
Visit Go Center for details.

**TSI** \$12.00

# Assessment

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) has been instituted by the Texas Legislature and is a program of diagnostic testing and developmental instruction designed to improve student success rates in Texas colleges. When entering college, students are required to meet established minimum standards on assessment tests in: math, reading, and writing.

Those students who do not meet these standards are required to enroll in developmental interventions to improve their academic skills and prepare them for college-level courses. The TSI Placement and Diagnostic tests are computer adaptive assessments, and the specific questions that appear on any given test administration varies based on each individual student's performance on each item. Questions increase or decrease in difficulty level depending on how a student responds. The assessments are *untimed*; however, it is important for students to allow enough time to complete each test because the results are a key factor in determining the course or courses in which they can enroll. When students complete the assessment, a score report will be generated immediately.

## Registration Steps:

1. **EXAM FEE:** \$45 for all 3 sections. ( \$15 per section )
2. **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** To secure a seat, registration must be completed in advance. Please visit [www.utpa.edu/step](http://www.utpa.edu/step) and click on **\*REGISTER HERE\*** to view a listing of available exam dates/times. You will need a valid email address to setup an account and register for exams (see reverse side for online registration steps). Acceptable forms of payments are: VISA, MasterCard, Discover or electronic check.
3. **REPORTING TIME:** Report to the exam site at least 10 minutes before your testing time. Late examinees will not be allowed to test after the scheduled testing time passes and exam fees will not be refunded.

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**\*\* Before you take the TSI Assessment, you must complete a Pre-Assessment Activity.** UTPA is required by state law to provide the Pre-Assessment Activity as well as document your participation, so it is very important that you complete this activity before you take the test.

**Please print the confirmation page at the end of the Pre-Assessment Activity.**

**You WILL NOT be allowed to take the TSI Assessment until you have completed this activity.** Please visit [https://](https://webapps.utpa.edu/aa/paa)

[webapps.utpa.edu/aa/paa](https://webapps.utpa.edu/aa/paa) and allow yourself plenty of time to review the information

4. **IDENTIFICATION:** Bring a valid (non expired) PHOTO ID, preferably a driver's license, recent school ID, or passport. Examinees will not be admitted without a proper PHOTO ID—expired ID's are not accepted.
5. **REFUND POLICY:** All exam fees are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.
6. **CALCULATORS:** Students are not allowed to use any type of calculator when taking a TSI assessment. A pop-up calculator is embedded in the test for some questions.
7. **RETEST POLICY:** A student may retake the TSI Assessment at any time. However, before attempting to retest, it is strongly recommended that students review preparation materials.

See reverse side for preparation information.

Contact: Jo Dana Elizondo

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# TSI Assessment

## Follow these simple steps to register for an exam:

To register for an exam go to [www.utrgv.edu/step](http://www.utrgv.edu/step)

1. Click on "register here" on the right hand side of the screen
2. Find the exam you are looking to register for and click on it
3. Click "add to cart"
4. Click "register now"
5. You will then need to create a profile for yourself and all fields marked with an \* are required fields
6. Once completed click on "Create Profile"
7. Then log in to the email that was used when creating your profile
8. There will be an email from [noreply-reg@utpa.edu](mailto:noreply-reg@utpa.edu)
9. Click on the link that was sent in the email and you will be redirected to the login page for testing services
10. Enter your email and password
11. The exam you clicked on should appear, if not click on "my cart"
12. If you will be registering for more than one exam click register for additional courses
13. If not click on "Review Purchase and Checkout"
14. Select "Credit Card/Check"
15. Select payment type VISA, CHECK, MASTERCARD, or DISCOVER
16. Fill out the fields using the information from the debit card or check
17. Then click on "pay now"

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Find helpful links below to start your coursework at the right level!

A link to the Free TSI Assessment Web-Based Study App is included in the Student Resources section on the platform's Welcome Page. Post the link on your test center's web page to make it accessible to students. Or go to <https://store.collegeboard.org/sto/productdetail.do?itemkey=130095469&category=540&categoryName=Accuplacer&secondCategory=&secondCategoryName=&thirdLevelCategory=&thirdLevelCategoryName=>

### Student Informative Brochure:

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-student-brochure.pdf>

### TSI Sample Questions:

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-sample-questions.pdf>

### TSI Test Content:

[http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/TSI\\_Test\\_Content.pdf](http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/TSI_Test_Content.pdf)

### TSI Writeplacer Sample Essays:

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-tsi-writeplacer-sample-essays.pdf>

### TSI Interpreting Your Score:

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-interpreting-score.pdf>

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