



Undergraduate
Learning Center at
UTEP

The University of Texas System

impact on El Paso

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) generates critical tax revenue and employment for the El Paso area. Since joining The University of Texas System in 1919, UTEP has grown into a comprehensive research university that employed 3,034 faculty and staff in fall 2010 and has an annual budget of \$364.8 million. UTEP pays salaries in excess of \$153 million per year and is one of the largest economic forces in the region.

A study by UTEP's Institute for Policy and Economic Development shows the University contributes more than \$452 million to the personal income of local individuals. The volume of University-related business is about \$369 million.

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

With more than 22,000 students, UTEP has emerged as a national and international leader in creating academic opportunities for its largely first-generation student population and for innovative approaches to higher education. UTEP has experienced years of record enrollment and in 2009-2010 the institution celebrated its largest graduating class ever, with 3,977 degrees awarded.

In Fall 2009, 81 percent of the 21,441 students from the Upper Rio Grande educational region who enrolled at Texas four-year education institutions enrolled at UTEP. For the same time period, 81 percent of El Paso County high school graduates in FY09 who enrolled at Texas four-year education institutions, enrolled at UT System schools; 92 percent of which enrolled at UTEP.

Many of UTEP's 89,000-plus alumni live and work in the El Paso area and surrounding counties, or continue to work in Texas and contribute to the fabric of our society.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND GROWTH

UTEP's eight academic colleges and schools, including its graduate school, offer 75 bachelor's, 78 master's degrees and 18 doctoral degrees.

UTEP has one of the highest percentages of minority faculty among universities in the United States – approximately 40 percent.

The UTEP College of Business Administration master's of business administration was named the best business graduate program for Hispanics in 2010 by *Hispanic Business* magazine. The magazine also ranked the College of Engineering among the top five graduate engineering programs for Hispanics for a sixth consecutive year. Three of those years (2005-08), it was ranked first. The University also consistently ranks as one of the top five schools in the continental United States in awarding bachelor's degrees to Hispanics, and has been named a "Model Institution for Excellence" by the National Science Foundation.

Through a partnership with the UT Austin School of Pharmacy, UTEP offers a cooperative doctoral program in pharmacy. A graduate program in public health is offered in conjunction with the UT Health Science Center at Houston's regional campus in El Paso.



With a student population more than 76 percent Hispanic, UTEP is leading the way in educating a future generation of scientists and engineers

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RESEARCH AND GROWTH

With a portfolio of externally funded research that includes more than \$175 million in recent grant awards, UTEP ranks highly among all Texas public universities.

The burgeoning institution kicked off an unprecedented 10-year, \$383 million construction boom that will significantly change the campus landscape. By 2011, the University will have added 2 million square-feet of classroom, research and general-use space – increasing facilities for a growing enrollment and research portfolio.

New facilities underway or recently completed include:

- A 130,000-square-foot Health Sciences and Nursing Building that will house classrooms, research space and a state-of-the-art simulation labs to facilitate the training of new health care professionals. To open in summer 2011.
- A 150,000-square-foot Chemistry and Computer Science Building that will provide opportunities for faculty and student collaborations, including computer-simulated chemistry experiments. To be completed in winter 2011.
- A 140,000-square-foot Bioscience Research Building that will support UTEP's rapidly expanding bioscience and biomedical research portfolio.
- A 90,000-square-foot expansion of the University's Student Recreation Center will provide more space and additional amenities to work out.
- The 43,000-square-foot Foster • Stevens Basketball Center allows the University's student-athletes a 24-7 opportunity to practice, workout, study or just lounge around.
- A 28,000-square-foot University Bookstore that combines books, apparel, computer items and an eatery.
- A 6,512-square-foot Student Health Center will allow for more patient privacy, additional services and opportunities for students to get practical experience in health professions.
- Extensive renovations to science and engineering core facilities that will provide expanded and upgraded classroom and lab facilities.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGION

- The Center for Law and Border Studies helps prepare pre-law students for law school. Since 2000, approximately two-thirds of UTEP students who applied to law school through the Center's Law School Preparation Institute have enrolled in top schools in the country, including Berkeley, Yale, Columbia and UT Austin.
- The Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies provides academic enrichment programs to print and broadcast journalism students, as well as continuing education and training programs to communication professionals; while the Ruben Salazar Spanish Language Media Program under its umbrellas prepares bilingual, bicultural communication specialists.
- The Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center is a joint venture between UTEP's College of Health Sciences and the UT School of Public Health regional campus in El Paso. The center supports several research projects that aim to eliminate health disparities across the nation.
- The W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation uses rapid prototyping technology for biomedical modeling and tissue engineering research. Established in 2002 with a \$1 million grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation, the lab also uses its technology for manufacturing applications. It is undergoing its second expansion in four years. The additional square footage will house future generations of electronic devices that produce rapid manufacturing opportunities.



Close-up of a
tile mandala at
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The University is quickly becoming the leading center of research in border security and defense, immigration and policy studies and international border studies. UTEP houses one of 17 Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence, as well as the Center for Defense Systems Research. The University was designated in 2008 the National Center for Border Security and Immigration by the Department of Homeland Security. UTEP researchers are breaking ground in disciplines including border infrastructure risk and analysis, facial recognition techniques, bio-defense, and nano- and micro-manufacturing.

ACCESS AND EXCELLENCE

UTEP is recognized as a model in demonstrating that an institution fundamentally committed to access can also achieve high levels of excellence in academic programs and research. More than 76 percent of its student population is Hispanic and it is the country's only doctoral research intensive university with a student body that's predominantly Mexican-American. In fact, UTEP ranks among the top three universities in the country in educating Hispanics, according to a May 2008 edition of *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. A reported 68 percent of UTEP students receive loans, grants, scholarships or other forms of aid. The University awarded almost \$168 million in aid for the 2009-2010 academic year.

UT SYSTEM'S COMMITMENT

The core commitment of the University of Texas System is to education as a life-transforming experience. The System is dedicated to strengthening the entire education enterprise, from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate studies. UT System's 15 institutions are composed of thousands of people who are making a difference in Texas and in the global community.

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UTEP's more than 20,000 students have access to a wealth of academic and research opportunities at the growing campus

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facts at a glance

UT El Paso

Year Established: 1914

Year Joined UT System: 1919

Enrollment: 22,051 (Fall 2010)

Degrees Awarded: 3,977 (2009-2010)

Faculty: 1,180 (Fall 2010)

Personnel*: 1,854 (Fall 2010)

Budget: \$364.8 million (FY 2011)

Research Spending: \$66 million (FY 2010)

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