

# *University Express*

**A New Concept  
in  
Collegiate Excellence**

**UEx - Providing the foundation for academic  
readiness**

**UEx - Opening the door to academic success**



# University Express

## Mission Statement

**UEx** has been specially designed to enhance the academic preparation of prospective U.S. university students who are non-native speakers of English.

**UEx** will optimize the chances of success of highly-motivated secondary school and university graduates from all over the world.

**UEx** promises hard work, a unique learning experience, and lasting results, in an environment that fosters intercultural understanding and international teamwork.



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## Vision Statement

Rooted in the uniquely American style of university training, **UEX** provides rigorous and intensive English language preparation, training in academic study skills up to U.S. university standards, and individualized instruction and assessment.

These elements are chosen to narrow the gap between a student's previous academic background and her/his successful university performance.

The ideal candidate for **UEX** is a non-English-speaking recent high school or university graduate who plans to enter a U.S. university 4 to 12 months following his/her arrival in the United States.



# University Express Program Features

## Unique Team Approach

A **Personal Advising Team** will be assigned to each student, consisting of

- Study Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Course Instructors
- Personal Tutor

The **Personal Advising Team** will

- Assess each student's needs, skills, and goals
- Design and monitor each individualized program of study
- Conduct periodic progress reviews
- Compile a University Readiness Profile



# University Express Program Features

## Study Skills Training

- **Goal setting**
- **Time management**
- **Materials management**
- **Stress management**
- **Critical thinking**
- **Reading speed and retention**
- **Effective listening/note taking**
- **Test-taking skills**
- **Performance self-assessment**
- **Monitored Study Center**



# University Express Program Features

## Individual & Group Tutorial

- **Needs assessment and follow-up**
- **Individualized study skills advising and monitoring**
- **Supplementary language instruction**
- **Accent reduction**
- **Vocabulary development**
- **Student Portfolio oversight**
- **University Readiness Profile assessment and management**



# University Express Program Features

## Test Preparation

- **TOEFL**
- **IELTS**
- **SAT**
- **GRE**
- **GMAT**
- **LSAT**



# University Express Program Features

## Admissions Counseling

- **Guide students in selecting appropriate university options**
- **Orient students to process of applying for admission to universities**
- **Assist students in submitting university applications**



# University Express Program Features

## University Course Auditing

**The University of Texas at Austin**

**St. Edward's University**

**Austin Community College**



# University Express Program Features

**Conditional Admission**

**and**

**TOEFL Waiver**

**to**

**Universities and Colleges**



# University Express Program Features

## Intercultural Communication / University Culture

- **Information on American culture, government & geography**
- **Information on university culture**
- **Participant observations of American and university culture**
- **University class visits and auditing**
- **Attendance at university events (e.g., lectures and conferences)**
- **Interviews with university students, professors, and administrators**
- **Interactive role-plays**
- **Self-assessment**
- **Cultural adjustment advising**



# University Express Program Features

## Typical Enrichment Activities

- **Library assignments**
- **Visits to university classes**
- **Volunteer and civic events**
- **Area museums**
- **Concerts or live music venues**
- **Short-term home stays**
- **Sports events**



# University Express

## Sample Morning Schedule

20 Hours Per Week

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>8:30-10:20</b>	Intensive English: Grammar Listening Speaking	Intensive English: Grammar Listening Speaking	Intensive English: Grammar Listening Speaking	Intensive English: Grammar Listening Speaking	Intensive English: Grammar Listening Speaking
<b>10:40-12:30</b>	Intensive English: Reading Writing	Intensive English: Reading Writing	Intensive English: Reading Writing	Intensive English: Reading Writing	Intensive English: Reading Writing



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## Sample Afternoon Schedule: First Semester

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>12:30-1:45</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>1:45-3:45</b>	Reading Skills or Test Preparation	Individualized Tutorial	Reading Skills or Test Preparation	Individualized Tutorial	Meeting with Admissions Counselor
	Break		Break		Enrichment Activities, e.g. Visiting University Classes, Library Assignments, TIEP Activities, Field Trips
<b>4:00-4:50</b>	Intercultural Communication/ University Culture Class		Study Skills Class		



# University Express

## Sample Afternoon Schedule: Second Semester

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>12:30-1:45</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>1:45-3:45</b>	Customized Individual Tutorial	Small Group Test Preparation or Individual Tutorial, as Needed	Customized Individual Tutorial	Small Group Test Preparation or Individual Tutorial, as Needed	Admissions Counseling
<b>4:30-5:45</b>		Audit University Class (2:00-3:15)		Audit University Class (2:00-3:15)	

Saturday: Enrichment Activities



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## Sample Afternoon Components—About 10 Hrs. Per Week

<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 TOTAL</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 TOTAL</b>
Test Preparation	40-50 hours	As needed
Intercultural Communication/ University Culture	10-15 hours	As needed
Study Skills Training	10-15 hours	As needed
Applied Study Skills: University Auditing		45 hours
Individual or Group Tutorial	20-40 hours	45-60 hours
Admissions Counseling	5-10 hours	10-20 hours
Enrichment Activities	10 hours	10 hours



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## Admission Criteria

<b>Undergraduate Admission Criteria</b>	<b>Graduate Admission Criteria</b>
<p data-bbox="191 532 585 570"><b>High school diploma</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 634 642 672"><b>High school transcripts</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 737 919 813"><b>Better than average high school GPA: 2.25 (of 4)</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1031 532 1472 570"><b>Undergraduate degree</b></p> <p data-bbox="1031 634 1455 672"><b>University transcripts</b></p> <p data-bbox="1031 737 1923 813"><b>Better than average undergraduate GPA: 2.75 (of 4)</b></p>
<p data-bbox="191 943 1745 1036"><b>Criteria for Certificate of Successful Completion of University Express (Graduate and Undergraduate)</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1057 1887 1133"><b>Student portfolio (essays, research projects, test scores compiled by student under the supervision of Personal Advising Team)</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1154 1761 1235"><b>University Readiness Profile (assessments and evaluations compiled by Personal Advising Team)</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1256 1824 1338"><b>Minimum required standardized test scores (as determined by student and Personal Advising Team)</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1359 659 1396"><b>3.0 GPA in TIEP courses</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1417 705 1455"><b>90% or higher attendance</b></p>	



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## An Affordable Option

### **One all-inclusive program fee includes:**

Tuition for all courses and individual tutorials, textbooks, placement testing, university placement service, immigration counseling and documentation, assistance with housing arrangements, arrival and settling-in assistance, institutional TOEFL test fees, orientation program, computer lab, Conversation Club, enrichment activities, internet and e-mail access, academic advising, university course auditing, photo ID card, and certificate.

*A one-time \$95 non-refundable application fee, not included above, is also required.*



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## A Cost Comparison

### Total Cost of Attendance

Tuition, fees, room and board, books, personal expenses, and transportation for 2009-2010.

<b>Private Colleges</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Duke	\$50,300
Yale	\$46,700
<b>Texas Private Colleges</b>	
Rice University	\$38,400
Southern Methodist University	\$41,100
Baylor University	\$31,700
<b>State-Supported Colleges</b>	
University of California, Berkeley (non-resident tuition)	\$48,100
University of Michigan (non-resident tuition)	\$43,350
<b>Texas State-Supported Colleges</b>	
University of Texas at Austin (non-resident tuition)	\$26,400
Texas A&M University (non-resident tuition)	\$28,050
Texas Tech University (non-resident tuition)	\$25,500



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