

University Express

Change Your Life!

 **Comprehensive**
university preparation

 **Rigorous**
accelerated program

 **Enhanced**
academic success

 **University**
placement service

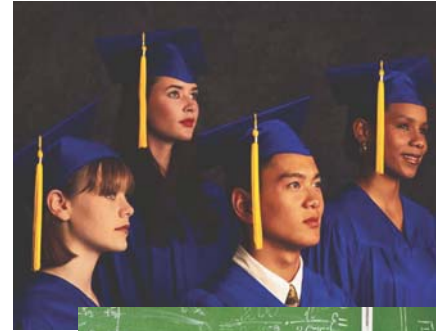




Accelerated Academic Preparation

University Express, a unique concept in educational excellence, is a

comprehensive, customized program for students desiring to enroll in a U.S. university. University Express provides rigorous intensive English language preparation, training in academic study skills to meet the challenge of U.S. university standards, and individualized instruction, assessment, and advising.



Candidates

The ideal candidate for **University Express** is a highly motivated 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.

Program Highlights

University Express employs an innovative team approach to provide participants with the necessary academic and cultural training for successful study at an American university.

Each student has a personal advising team consisting of a study coordinator, course instructors, a personal tutor, and an admissions counselor. Each advising team works closely with individual students to prepare them for successful transition to a U.S. university. University Express courses are offered by the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) in Austin, Texas. Instructors are experienced, highly trained professionals with master's or Ph.D. degrees.



Comprehensive University Preparation

Intensive English for Academic Purposes

During this 20-hour-per-week course, delivered in small, multi-national classes, students improve their English language proficiency. Class activities and assignments focus on academic preparation including:

- Listening to academic lectures
- Taking notes
- Giving academic presentations
- Reading intensively and extensively
- Developing academic vocabulary
- Writing essays
- Conducting Internet and library research

Study Skills

During group and individual study skills instruction, students learn to:

- Develop effective study habits
- Manage their time
- Manage stress
- Organize materials
- Strengthen critical thinking skills

Individual & Group Tutorials

Tutors meet with students every week. Tutorials include:

- Individual needs assessment
- Regular monitoring of progress
- Academic advising
- Individualized English language instruction, as needed
- Preparation for standardized tests, as needed

Test Preparation

Students develop and practice essential test-taking skills for standardized exams such as:

TOEFL SAT GRE GMAT LSAT MCAT

Intercultural Communication/ University Culture Enrichment

Students are oriented to U.S. university culture and trained to communicate effectively with Americans in diverse environments through:

- Social, academic, and cultural information
- Cultural observation exercises
- Structured intercultural exercises

Additional Features

University Placement Service

An Admissions Counselor meets regularly with students to support them throughout the university admission process. Services include:

- Orientation to the admission process
- Guidance in selecting appropriate university options
- Assistance with applications:
 - Meeting deadlines
 - Registering for required exams
 - Completing and submitting required forms
 - Monitoring admission status

University Course Auditing

Advanced University Express students experience the U.S. university classroom firsthand by attending a semester-long course. The advising team will guide students in selecting appropriate courses from several local universities and colleges.

Enrichment Activities

Extracurricular events and activities available to University Express students include cultural activities, volunteer opportunities, and social events.



Admission Requirements

Acceptance into **University Express** is based on meeting these minimum requirements:

For a high school graduate:

- High school diploma
- Copy of high school transcripts
- Better than average high school GPA: 2.25 (of 4)

For a university graduate:

- Undergraduate degree
- Copy of university transcripts
- Better than average undergraduate GPA: 2.75 (of 4)

Program Costs Includes

- Tuition for all courses
- Tuition for all private tutorials
- Textbooks
- Immigration counseling and documentation
- Assistance with housing arrangements, including homestay option
- Classroom materials
- Orientation Program
- Placement testing
- Academic advising
- University Placement Service
- University course auditing
- Arrival & settling-in assistance, including airport pick up
- Institutional TOEFL
- Computer lab
- Internet and email access
- Conversation Club
- Enrichment activities
- Photo ID card
- Certificate

- *Room and meals are not included. Various housing and dining options are available. See the **University Express** website for more information.*
- *Medical insurance is not included. Medical insurance is required of all students. Proof of insurance must be presented or purchased at registration.*
- *A one-time nonrefundable application fee, not included above, is required.*
- *For an additional fee, TIEC can assist students in applying for conditional admission to selected TIEC universities, as part of their efforts to obtain an F-1 (student) visa. Request additional information about conditional admission on the University Express application form.*



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Your Choice for Educational Excellence

University Express is a program of the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC), an association of 32 public universities in Texas. For more information about TIEC and its services, visit www.tiec.org

TIEC – affiliated universities include:

- Angelo State University *
- Lamar University *
- Midwestern State University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Sam Houston State University *
- Southwest Texas State University
- Stephen F. Austin State University *
- Sul Ross State University*
- Tarleton State University *
- Texas A&M International University *
- Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University – Commerce *
- Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi *
- Texas A&M University – Kingsville *
- Texas Southern University
- Texas Tech University
- Texas Woman’s University *
- The University of Texas at Arlington

- The University of Texas at Brownsville
- The University of Texas at Dallas
- The University of Texas at El Paso
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- The University of Texas-Pan American*
- The University of Texas of the Permian Basin *
- The University of Texas at San Antonio
- The University of Texas at Tyler
- University of Houston
- University of Houston – Clear Lake
- University of Houston – Downtown
- University of Houston – Victoria
- University of North Texas
- West Texas A&M University *



* TOEFL waiver is available to University Express students seeking admission to these universities.

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TIEP’s professional memberships include:

- AAIEP – American Association of Intensive English Programs
- UCIEP – University and College Intensive English Programs
- NAFSA – Association of International Educators



Accreditation:

The Texas Intensive English Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). CEA is a national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

