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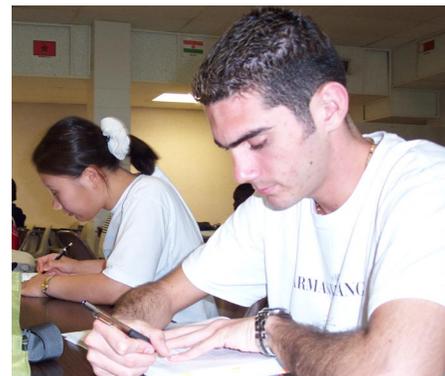
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## Texas Intensive English Program Launches University Express

TIEC and the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) are pleased to introduce University Express, a comprehensive, customized nine-month university preparation program beginning August 2002. University Express is solidly founded on TIEP's extensive expertise in providing high-quality academic English training to students from 118 countries over the past 37 years.

University Express is specially designed to enhance the academic preparation of prospective international students who are non-native speakers of English, optimizing the chances of success for qualified secondary school and university graduates from around the world. University Express promises hard work, a unique learning experience, and lasting results in an environment that fosters intercultural understanding and international teamwork.

Bridging the gap to successful U.S. university performance, University Express offers rigorous, accelerated academic and English language preparation through intensive ESL coursework, test preparation, study skills training, cultural orientation, and individualized instruction and assessment. Personalized university placement services are also provided throughout the admissions process.



## University Express Offers Comprehensive Package

### Program Highlights

✓ **Unique team approach** provides participants with the necessary academic and cultural training for study at an American university. To maximize his/her preparation for successful transition to an American university, each student is assigned a personal advising team consisting of a principal tutor, course instructors, and an admissions counselor.

✓ **Individual tutorials:** Students meet weekly with a private tutor who monitors academic progress and coordinates the efforts of the advising team, supplementing instruction and advising as needed.

✓ **Admissions counselors** support students throughout the admission process: orientation, guidance in selecting appropriate options, assistance with all required paperwork and deadlines, and monitoring of each student's admission status.

✓ **Intensive 20-hour-per-week English for Academic Purposes course:** Delivered in small, multi-national classes, the course focuses on preparation in all language skill areas through academic tasks such as lectures, note-taking, panel discussions, academic presentations, debates, and research papers.

✓ **Essential test-taking skills** for required standardized exams such as TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT, developed in weekly test preparation courses.

✓ **Study skills courses** where participants learn strategies essential to academic success such as goal setting, effective study habits, time management, stress management, and organization of materials.

✓ **Orientation to American culture,** intercultural communication issues, and U.S. university culture through guided cultural observation exercises, attendance at university classes and events, and meetings with university students, professors, and administrators.

✓ **Numerous extracurricular options** are available to participants, including cultural activities, community volunteer opportunities, social events, and university athletic events.

### Additional Features

Other components of the program include immigration counseling and documentation, assistance with housing, arrival and settling-in assistance, academic advising, and university placement services. On-site facilities include a multimedia computer lab, tape library, and faculty-monitored English skills study center.

Second-semester University Express students experience the American university firsthand by attending a semester-long course at one of several local colleges and universities.

**The University Express application form can be accessed at**  
[www.tiec.org/uex/uexapp.pdf](http://www.tiec.org/uex/uexapp.pdf)



### Admission Requirements

The ideal candidate for University Express is a highly-motivated recent high school or university graduate who plans to enter a U.S. university within 9 months following his/her arrival in the United States. Acceptance into University Express is based upon meeting these minimum requirements:

#### For High School Graduates

High School Diploma  
Computer-based TOEFL: 133 or  
Paper-based TOEFL score of 450  
TWE or CBT essay score 2.5 of 6  
Copy of High School Transcripts  
High School GPA of 2.5

#### For University Graduates

Undergraduate Degree  
Computer-based TOEFL: 157 or  
Paper-based TOEFL score of 480  
TWE or CBT essay score of 3 of 6  
Copy of University Transcripts  
University GPA of 3.0