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TIEP Students Benefit from Expanded Placement Options

TIEC is cooperating with its affiliated universities to expand placement opportunities for students enrolled in TIEP's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and University Express programs.

Advanced-level TIEP students who successfully complete either of these programs can now meet the English proficiency requirement for admission at a number of TIEC-affiliated universities without taking the TOEFL, upon recommendation from TIEP.

In addition, students who are applying to TIEP for intensive English study may also qualify for conditional admission to certain TIEC-affiliated universities.

A student will receive a conditional admission letter from the university stating that he/she can attend that university after successfully completing one of the above TIEP programs, and upon fulfillment of certain other admission requirements, if any, as stated in the letter.

TIEC-Affiliated Universities Offering TOEFL Waiver and Conditional Admission to Qualifying TIEP Students		
	TOEFL Waiver	Conditional Admission
Angelo State University	✓	✓
Lamar University	✓	✓
Sam Houston State University	✓	✓
Stephen F. Austin State University	✓	
Tarleton State University	✓	✓
Texas A&M International University	✓	✓
Texas A&M University – Commerce	✓	✓
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	✓	
Texas A&M University – Kingsville	✓	✓
Texas Woman's University	✓	
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	✓	✓
West Texas A&M University	✓	✓

TIEP Teams with UT-Permian Basin and UACH for Intensive Language Program

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) conducted an intensive, four-week English for Academic Purposes program on The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) campus, July 7 to August 1, 2003.

This program, called the UTPB Language Institute, is part of an intensive language-exchange program between UTPB and the Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua (UACH) in Mexico.

Twenty participants from UTPB spent four weeks studying intensive Spanish at UACH.

At the same time, a group of 20 faculty and students from UACH and one local participant attended the UTPB Language Institute organized by TIEP on the UTPB campus.

University Express Fine-Tunes Program to Meet Student Needs

Now in its second year of operation, TIEC's University Express has made some adjustments to its annual schedule and admission requirements to more effectively meet the needs of students who can benefit from this unique accelerated university preparation program.

As before, the program 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.

University Express is now offering a 12-month, year-round program with three entry points: August, January and March.

Admission requirements now include:

- ◆ Minimum TOEFL score of CBT 97 (PBT 400) for both high school graduates and university graduates; and
- ◆ Minimum GPA of 2.25 for students with a high school diploma and 2.75 for students with an undergraduate degree seeking to enter a master's or doctoral program in the U.S.

TIEP was responsible for recruiting and supervising faculty, assessing the participants' English proficiency, setting up the curriculum, and delivering all classroom instruction in conjunction with UTPB's Director of Student Life, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Assistant Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, who coordinated logistics and extracurricular activities.

UTPB Dean, Jim Olson, commented, "The arrangement between UT Permian Basin and TIEC has helped set the foundation for the future in terms of actualizing this and other new avenues of interacting and participating with students and faculty from Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua."

Ms. Harriet Hoffman, TIEP instructor and Academic Supervisor of the UTPB Language Institute, Mr. Ivan Eidt, TIEP and UTPB Language Institute instructor, and three local faculty members taught full-time morning and afternoon classes.

Ms. Hoffman praised the program and the students. "It has been a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic and hardworking students," she said. "I hope that this program will continue in the future and that even more students from Chihuahua will be able to participate next year."



Ms. Harriet Hoffman teaching her class at UTPB. Students, l-r: Bertha Yolanda Medel Perez, Rosa Maria Yanez Munoz, Arturo Leal Flores, Adolfo Hernandez Martinez, Miguel Valverde Castillo