The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas, USA
www.utexas.edu

Fast facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 51,000
- Number of campuses: 2
- Academic year: August - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – May
- World Ranking: 37th (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2017)

Location

The University of Texas is located in the centre of Austin. The city is situated on the banks of the Colorado River in Central Texas. This part of Texas is also known as the Hill Country and is characterised by lakes and streams, making it a beautiful place to live and study. Austin is known for its vibrant cultural scene including art exhibitions and its numerous local festivals.

Things to do

Austin’s central location makes it a perfect base to explore the rest of Texas and the neighbouring states. You can explore The Alamo in San Antonio, visit one of Dallas’ famous steakhouses or walk down the beaches of Galveston Island after visiting the big-beef meat market in Houston.

Top attractions: Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail, Texas State Capitol, Downtown Texas, Barton Springs Pool, Hamilton Pool (a swimming hole with its own waterfall) and Austin Music Festivals

Travel opportunities

Outside of the main cities there are miles of unspoilt coastline along the Gulf Coast; this area is becoming an increasingly popular surfing destination. In addition The Guadalupe Mountains National Park is known for its fantastic hiking and backpacking opportunities and offers beautiful vantage points. Finally, for an Old West experience visit El Paso where you can take a day trip to Mexico, shop for a handcrafted cowboy hat and eat enchiladas.

Climate

The climate of Texas varies across the state. Most of the state is classified as “Subtropical” and consequently sees hot and humid summers and cool winters. In the summer temperatures peak at 35°C.

Finance 2017/18

Bursaries available:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs(available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)
- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Accommodation

Students typically live in an on-campus residence hall or dormitory, a private dormitory, cooperative house or university apartment. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Students are advised to begin researching and arranging their accommodation once they know they will be attending UT as an exchange student.

Further information is available from:
http://world.utexas.edu/isss/students/exchange/housing

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Application success rate:

2015/2016 = 10%
2016/2017 = 50%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)