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1. Dual Credit Program

The UTSA Early Birds Dual Credit Program allows eligible juniors and seniors from high schools across San Antonio to earn college credits while still in high school. All Dual Credit coursework will count as high school as well as college credit. Early Bird students will attend classes on UTSA campuses, earning credits in highly transferable, core curriculum courses. Every participating student will the opportunity to experience everything a top tier four-year university has to offer.

Sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development, this program works in collaboration with K-12 districts and internal UTSA partners to ensure the success of each and every participating student. The Early Birds Dual Credit Program implements an innovative model, centered around three primary focuses: student experience, rigor, and college readiness. Our goal is to not only provide the highest quality dual credit courses and experiences for our students but to also ensure they learn the skills necessary to go on to successfully apply, attend and graduate college with their degrees.

Program Structure and Partner Districts

All UTSA Early Birds Dual Credit course sections are created in collaboration with partner k-12 school districts. UTSA will consider all qualifying dual credit students who attend high schools in these districts. You may view the standard UTSA Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding [here](#).

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for UTSA Early Birds, you must:

- a. Be a verified student at one of our partner district high schools
- b. Be in good academic standing with your current high school



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- c. Be college admissible in the subject matter of dual credit course(s) through TSI completion OR be college admissible in the subject matter of dual credit course(s) through exemption by qualifying SAT, ACT, PSAT and/or EOC test scores
- d. Tuition and Fees
 - i. One time \$70 application fee per student (must apply on ApplyTexas)
 - ii. \$384 tuition fee per student, per 3-hour course

2. Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP)

<https://future.utsa.edu/prep/prep/>

The Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) is an academically rigorous mathematics-based summer enrichment program conducted at several college and university campuses in San Antonio, as well as, across the State of Texas and Nation.

i) 7 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- (1) UTSA - Downtown Campus (Year 1)
- (2) North West Vista College (Year 1)
- (3) Northeast Lake View College (Year 1)
- (4) San Antonio College (Year 1&2)
- (5) TAMU - San Antonio (Year 2)
- (6) St. Mary's University (Year 3)
- (7) UTSA - Main Campus (Year 4)

PREP identifies middle and high school students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and helps prepare those students for advanced studies and careers in those fields by providing a challenging academic program that emphasizes abstract reasoning and problem solving, and exposes participants to careers through speakers and field trips.

Eligibility Requirements

Students from all school districts within the Greater San Antonio Area that meet the requirements outlined below are encouraged to apply.

1) Year 1 Requirements

- a) Students must apply as 6th, 7th, or 8th graders
- b) Parent/guardian permission
- c) Nomination Form from a Mathematics Teacher
- d) Nomination Form from a Science Teacher, English Teacher, or School Counselor
- e) Satisfactory conduct grades.
- f) If a report card does not include conduct, a letter may be provided from school. See Sample Conduct Letter



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- g) 100-200 word essay that answers the prompt “Why I want to Participate in PREP”
- h) 80 or better grade in most recent grading cycle (6 or 9 week term) mathematics, science and English class

2) *Year 2, 3 and 4 Requirements*

- a) Successful completion of Year 1, 2, or 3 for the next PREP Year (students may not skip a PREP year)
- b) Parent/Guardian permission
- c) Passing all classes in school
- d) 80 or above in most recent grading cycle (6 to 9 week term) in math, science, and English
- e) Satisfactory conduct grades
- f) PREP Participant Forms & Resources
- g) Academic Record Request Form

3) *UPREP*

The University Prefreshman Engineering Program offers college credit at UTSA to students who have successfully completed a **minimum of PREP Year 3**, meet the grade requirement of 90 or above in Math, Science, and English during the most recent grading period (not cumulative), and are at least in their sophomore year in high school. Students will take college-level courses and participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities designed to complement their coursework and interest in STEM fields.

Courses tentatively offered:

- a) Algebra – Scientists & Engineers
- b) Biosciences I
- c) Calculus I
- d) Introduction to Computer Programming I
- e) Algebra-based Physics
- f) Pre-calculus
- g) General Chemistry

3. **UTSA Ready Program**

<https://future.utsa.edu/prep/utsa-ready/>

UTSA Ready is an early college awareness and academic preparation bridging program for high school juniors and seniors. UTSA Ready takes a holistic approach to student college preparation and success by addressing both cognitive and non-cognitive skills. Developed by UTSA faculty and staff, the curriculum addresses college success skills and academic preparation for the rigor of college-level coursework, helping students



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refine their reading, writing and mathematics skills. Program participants are introduced to a number of topics meant to encourage, inspire and prepare them for college.

UTSA Ready is free to participants and meets one Saturday per month at the UTSA Downtown Campus.

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Free – All materials provided

Fun and interactive learning environment

Meet new people, strengthen your skills, explore new career paths

4. Upward Bound

<https://provost.utsa.edu/partnerships/pipelines/upward-bound.html>

Upward Bound at UTSA is a TRiO program for select students attending Southside, Jay and Holmes High Schools that provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance.

The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.

Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

5. TRIO Educational Talent Search

<https://provost.utsa.edu/partnerships/pipelines/trio-ets.html>

The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The goal of ETS is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.



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6. High School Group Tours

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Large Group Tours (10+ students) are reserved for high schools, special groups, and outreach programs. Please note that the Welcome Center books groups on a first come, first serve basis. Spots are limited and we do our best to accommodate your requests.

7. Elementary/Middle School Tours

UTSA's Institute for P-20 Initiatives conducts Roadrunner for a Day Tour, a UTSA campus tours for elementary and middle school students.

8. Mobile Go Center

<https://future.utsa.edu/familia/mobile-go-center/>

The 42 foot mobile computer lab serves elementary, middle, and high school students and is dedicated to increasing the number of students enrolled and succeeding in higher education programs especially those traditionally underrepresented in the state of Texas. Thanks to the generous support of the Texas Pioneer Foundation, Ancira, H.E.B. and others, the Mobile Go Center offers college awareness and access information to students, families and counselors in San Antonio and surrounding areas in Bexar County.