



**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE**

**AND**

**TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE**

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# HISTORY & OPERATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College have entered into a bold new partnership to provide expanding educational opportunities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the state. This creative initiative is designed to improve the continuity, quality, and efficiency of the educational programs and support services offered by the University and the College.

It combines the administrative, instructional, and support services of the upper-level university and the community college and eliminates the artificial barriers between them. Continued program development, new program implementation, systemic cooperation with local schools, and partnerships with other institutions of higher learning are major goals of this emerging partnership.

Texas Southmost College was created by the Brownsville Independent School District in 1926. It was the second community college to be founded in the state of Texas. Originally known as the Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, its name was changed in 1931 to Brownsville Junior College. Upon the establishment of the Southmost Union Junior College District in 1949, it was renamed Texas Southmost College.

The bill that created The University of Texas at Brownsville in 1991 also authorized it to enter into a partnership arrangement with Texas Southmost College. The partnership was created under the provisions of Chapter 51, Subchapter L of the Texas Education Code. The establishment of that partnership and its operational implementation in the Fall of 1992 began the history of The University of Texas at Brownsville in partnership with Texas Southmost College.

The Partnership has its foundation in the establishment of two higher education institutions: The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The University of Texas at Brownsville and the Partnership were created by the Texas Legislature in May 1991. The foundation for The University of Texas at Brownsville was laid in 1973 when Pan American University opened a Center on the campus of Texas Southmost College to teach upper-level and graduate courses. In 1977, the Legislature approved the establishment of Pan American University at Brownsville as an upper-level center. In 1989, Pan American University at Brownsville became a part of the University of Texas System as a consequence of The University of Texas-Pan American merger. This was the prelude to the establishment in 1991 of what is today – The University of Texas at Brownsville, a free-standing university.

The governing boards of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College each retain their statutory responsibilities. The University of Texas at Brownsville and the Partnership are governed by the nine-member Board of Regents of the UT System appointed by the Governor. The Southmost Union Junior College District is governed by a seven-member board elected at large from the ad valorem taxing district of the college, which includes most of Cameron County. Chapter 51 of the Texas Education Code also provided for the governing board of each institution to appoint members to a Partnership Advisory Committee which is composed of three members from each board. This committee makes recommendations concerning the development of coordinated programs and services to meet the needs of the communities served by the Partnership.

The operation of the Partnership consolidates the administrative, instructional, and support services of the two institutions. Under the provisions of the Partnership, Texas Southmost College retains all of its property and assets. The University of Texas at Brownsville leases needed facilities from the District. Through this unique partnership arrangement, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College have embarked on a quest to provide the finest educational opportunities that their consolidated resources can create.

# MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

## The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Partnership

### The Mission

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The mission of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College (UTB/TSC) Partnership is to provide accessible, affordable, postsecondary education of high quality, to conduct research which expands knowledge, and to present programs of workforce training and continuing education, public service, and cultural value. The partnership combines the strengths of the community college and those of a university by increasing student access and eliminating inter-institutional barriers while fulfilling the distinctive responsibilities of each type of institution.

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Partnership offers Certificates, and Associate, Baccalaureate, and Graduate degrees in liberal arts, the sciences, and professional programs designed to meet student demand as well as regional, national, and international needs.

UTB/TSC places excellence in learning and teaching at the core of its commitments. It seeks to help students at all levels develop the skills of critical thinking, quantitative analysis, and effective communications which will sustain lifelong learning. It seeks to be a community university which respects the dignity of each learner and addresses the needs of the entire community.

UTB/TSC advances economic and social development, enhances the quality of life, fosters respect for the environment, provides for personal enrichment, and expands knowledge through programs of research, service, continuing education and training. It convenes the cultures of its community, fosters an appreciation of the unique heritage of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and encourages the development and application of bilingual abilities in its students. It provides academic leadership to the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic life of the bi-national urban region it serves.

### The Philosophy

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UTB/TSC is committed to excellence. It is dedicated to stewardship, service, openness, accessibility, efficiency, and citizenship. UTB/TSC is committed to students, participatory governance, liberal education, the expansion of the application of knowledge, human dignity, the convening of cultures and respect for the environment.

### Statement of Equal Opportunity

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To the extent provided by applicable law, no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity sponsored or conducted by Texas Southmost College and The University of Texas System or any of its component institutions on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, veteran status, disability, or sexual orientation. All complaints are filed with the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs, located at Tandy Hall Suite 100. Procedures for filing complaints are found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures.

# The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

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The University of Texas at Brownsville is part of The University of Texas System. The University's offerings are approved by the Coordinating Board and The University of Texas System. Texas Southmost College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

## Accreditations

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award certificates and associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College is also accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the National Association for Education of Young Children.

## Affiliations

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Association of Community and Junior Colleges  
American Council on Education  
Association of American Colleges  
Association of Texas Colleges and Universities  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Texas Association of Community Colleges

## Disclaimer

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This is a general information publication only. It is not intended to nor does it contain all regulations that relate to students. The provisions of this catalog do not constitute a contract, expressed or implied, between any applicant, student or faculty member, Texas Southmost College and The University of Texas at Brownsville or The University of Texas System. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College reserve the right to withdraw courses at any time, to change fees or tuition, calendar, curriculum, degree requirements, graduation procedures and any other requirements affecting students. Changes will become effective whenever the proper authorities so determine and will apply to both prospective students and those already enrolled.

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## 2007-08 Calendars

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### Fall 2007

March 1	UG - Graduation Application Deadlines
July 1	UG - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (\$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)
July 2	GR - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (Additional \$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)
April 4-Aug 3	Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.)
Aug 14-26	Late Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.) (\$30 Late Registration Fee charged after this date)
Aug 15-19	Emergency Loan Processing - Regular Registration
August 22	Registration Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
August 23	Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment
August 27	First Class Day
August 27-29	Add/Drop (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 4:00 p.m.) (\$5 Add/Drop Fee charged for each transaction)
August 30-31	Emergency Loan Processing - Late Registration
August 31	Late Registration and Add/Drop Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
September 1	Late Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment
September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 1	GR - Graduation Application Deadlines
September 1	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam Application Deadlines
September 5	Seventh Class Day
September 12	Official Record Date
September 12	Deadline to Withdraw without Recorded Grade
September 12	Deadline for Pass/Fail Petitions
October 19	Mid-Term
October 29	Deadline to with a "W" (60%, 45/76 F/S, 9/15 M, 14/23 SI and SII)
November 3	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam
November 9	GR - Deadline to Submit Completed Master's Thesis
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 8	Last Class Day
December 10	Dead Day
December 11-17	Final Exams
December 18	Grades due to Dean's offices 24 hours after final exam completed
December 18	Grades due to the Office of the Registrar
December 19	Grades available on Scorpion Online

### Spring 2008

August 1	UG - Graduation Application Deadlines
December 1	UG - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (\$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)
December 3	GR - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (Additional \$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)

November 12 - December 19	Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.)
December 22 - January 13	Late Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.) (\$30 Late Registration Fee charged after this date)
January 2- 6	Emergency Loan Processing - Regular Registration
January 9	Registration Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
January 10	Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment
January 14	First Class Day
January 14-16	Add/Drop (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 4:00 p.m.) (\$5 Add/Drop Fee charged for each transaction)
January 17-18	Emergency Loan Processing - Late Registration
January 18	Late Registration and Add/Drop Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
January 19	Late Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment
January 23	Seventh Class Day
January 30	Official Record Date
January 30	Deadline to Withdraw without Recorded Grade
January 30	Deadline for Pass/Fail Petitions
February 01	GR - Graduation Application Deadlines
February 01	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam Application Deadlines
March 07	Mid-Term
March 24	Deadline to with a "W" (60%, 45/76 F/S, 9/15 M, 14/23 SI and SII)
April 5	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam
April 11	GR - Deadline to Submit Completed Master's Thesis
April 28	Last Class Day
	Dead Day
May 6	Final Exams
May 7	Grades due to Dean's offices 24 hours after final exam completed
May 7	Grades due to the Office of the Registrar
May 8	Grades available on Scorpion Online
May 10	Commencement

### May 2008

Nov. 1, 2007	UG - Graduation Application Deadlines
	UG - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (\$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)
May 1	GR - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (Additional \$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)
April 7- May 1	Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.)
May 1-2	Emergency Loan Processing - Regular Registration
May 9	Registration Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
May 9	Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment
May 12	First Class Day
May 12	Add/Drop (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 4:00 p.m.) (\$5 Add/Drop Fee charged for each transaction)
	Emergency Loan Processing - Late Registration
May 12	Late Registration and Add/Drop Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
May 13	Late Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment

May 1	GR - Graduation Application Deadlines		Dead Day
May 1	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam Application Deadlines	July 3	Final Exams
	Seventh Class Day		
		July 7	Grades due to Dean's offices 24 hours after final exam completed
May 13	Official Record Date		
May 13	Deadline to Withdraw without Recorded Grade	July 7	Grades due to the Office of the Registrar
May 13	Deadline for Pass/Fail Petitions	July 8	Grades available on Scorpion Online
	Mid-Term	August 9	Commencement
May 22	Deadline to with a "W" (60%, 45/76 F/S, 9/15 M, 14/23 SI and SII)		
July 12	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam		
July 12	GR - Deadline to Submit Completed Master's Thesis		
May 30	Last Class Day		
	Dead Day		
May 31	Final Exams		
June 1	Grades due to Dean's offices 24 hours after final exam completed		
June 1	Grades due to the Office of the Registrar		
June 2	Grades available on Scorpion Online		
August 9	Commencement		
<b>Summer I 2008</b>			
Nov. 1, 2007	UG - Graduation Application Deadlines		
May 1	UG - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (\$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)		
May 1	GR - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (Additional \$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)		
April 7 - May 20	Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.)		
May 21 - June 1	Late Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.) (\$30 Late Registration Fee charged after this date)		
May 22-23	Emergency Loan Processing - Regular Registration		
May 28	Registration Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)		
May 29	Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment		
June 2	First Class Day		
June 2-3	Add/Drop (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 4:00 p.m.) (\$5 Add/Drop Fee charged for each transaction)		
June 3	Emergency Loan Processing - Late Registration		
June 3	Late Registration and Add/Drop Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)		
June 4	Late Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment		
May 1	GR - Graduation Application Deadlines		
May 1	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam Application Deadlines		
	Seventh Class Day		
June 5	Official Record Date		
June 5	Deadline to Withdraw without Recorded Grade		
June 5	Deadline for Pass/Fail Petitions		
	Mid-Term		
June 19	Deadline to with a "W" (60%, 45/76 F/S, 9/15 M, 14/23 SI and SII)		
July 12	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam		
July 18	GR - Deadline to Submit Completed Master's Thesis		
July 2	Last Class Day		
	Dead Day		
	Final Exams		
	Grades due to Dean's offices 24 hours after final exam completed		
	Grades due to the Office of the Registrar		
	Grades available on Scorpion Online		
	Commencement		
<b>Summer II 2008</b>			
Nov. 1, 2007	UG - Graduation Application Deadlines		
June 1	UG - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (\$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)		
May 1	GR - Priority Admissions Application Deadline (Additional \$15 Late Application Fee charged after this date)		
April 7 - June 25	Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.)		
June 26- July 8	Late Registration (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 11:59 p.m.) (\$30 Late Registration Fee charged after this date)		
June 29- 30	Emergency Loan Processing - Regular Registration		
July 7	Registration Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)		
July 8	Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment		
July 9	First Class Day		
July 9-10	Add/Drop (First day start 6:00 a.m.; last day end 4:00 p.m.) (\$5 Add/Drop Fee charged for each transaction)		
July 10	Emergency Loan Processing - Late Registration		
July 10	Late Registration and Add/Drop Payment Deadline (4:00 p.m.)		
July 11	Late Registration Voids Due to Non-Payment		
May 1	GR - Graduation Application Deadlines		
May 1	GR - Master's Comprehensive Exam Application Deadlines		
	Seventh Class Day		
July 14	Official Record Date		
July 14	Deadline to Withdraw without Recorded Grade		
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	Dead Day		
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