

## ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

University College provides academic advising for students who are undecided about a major, those who are changing majors, those who are working toward admission into a particular program, and those majoring in General Studies. Advisors will assist students in researching options, evaluating alternatives, and making decisions so that they may make realistic and satisfying choices of majors. They will also provide guidance in completing the general education requirements. The advising goal is to provide accessible, friendly, and accurate advising.

University College advising is located on the first floor of Academic Services Building North and is available between 8:00 and 5:00, Monday through Friday. Services include one-on-one appointments, registration advising sessions before and during early registration, and probation advising sessions. Electronic newsletters are sent to students with the major codes 100.00 (Undeclared) and 100.50 (Undeclared-Professional) each semester to provide reminders of the services available.

## NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

The National Student Exchange (NSE) is a University College program that offers Texas State students a unique opportunity to expand their educational horizons by enrolling at a participating university for one or two semesters. Students can benefit from the NSE program by accessing different courses, internships, career options, and exploring graduate schools at over 200 colleges and universities around the nation while paying in-state tuition.

An exchange consists of a single semester or a full academic year of coursework at any college or university in the NSE consortium. Students can choose member institutions throughout 49 United States, as well as Guam, the U. S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Credits earned at these host institutions can be transferred back to Texas State, allowing students to maintain progress toward their academic objectives. For the privilege of NSE participation, Texas State students enjoy in-state tuition and fees at their host institution on Plan A payment status, or 15 hours of coursework at Texas State in-state rates on Plan B payment.

Applications for the NSE program are due in February for fall and spring exchanges. Interested students must have a full-time course load and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Requirements of the program include a completed application and a \$170 application fee. For more information about the National Student Exchange, contact University College or refer to the Texas State-NSE web site at [www.txstate.edu/ucollege/programs/nse.html](http://www.txstate.edu/ucollege/programs/nse.html).

# University Seminar

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The University Seminar course should be taken during a freshman student's first semester at Texas State. Taught by approximately 100 faculty from every college of the university, the course introduces students to the process of college thinking by encouraging them to examine their present lives. Opening with the questions, "Who am I?", "What do I value?", "What do I want in life?", the course turns next to an investigation of the nature and purposes of a university. Finally, students are asked to relate these topics by exploring the connection between their university education and the lifestyle that they will build during and after college. This course presents the nature and structure of university education with special emphasis on the benefits and values of general education. University Seminar tries to help freshmen think through a most important question: "Why am I here; why is a university education for me?" The one-hour Seminar is coordinated through University College. Distinct sections of the course may serve freshmen with common interests. These are labeled in the Schedule of Classes.

## Course in University Seminar (US)

1100 University Seminar. (1-0) University Seminar is an introduction to the nature and aims of university education, with special emphasis on the value of broad learning.

# University Honors Program

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The University Honors Program offers eclectic and challenging interdisciplinary courses for students from all majors. Students whose curiosity drives them to seek a deeper understanding and explore the roots of ideas find a community in the University Honors Program. Courses designed by professors in fields such as physics, mathematics, the humanities, poetry, or the arts, provide students the opportunity to choose their path of study and, through the Honors Independent Study, the Honors Contract course and the Honors Thesis, design their own curriculum. Students in small seminar-type classes discuss ideas and raise questions stimulated by readings, field trips, and presentations. Honors classes aim to promote interdisciplinary inquiry, creativity, and a lifetime love of learning.

The University Honors Program encourages students to apply for nationally and internationally competitive awards such as the Rhodes graduate scholarships and works with students applying to graduate schools. The program works to offer study abroad experiences and encourages students to participate. Additionally, the University Honors Program students and staff participate in the Texas State "Common Experience" program to encourage a