

## Accreditations & Memberships

### ***Texas State is accredited by the following:***

AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business  
 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology/Computing Accreditation Commission  
 Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration  
 Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and mass Communications  
 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences  
 American Bar Association  
 American Chemical Society  
 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
 Association of University Programs in Health Administration  
 Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetic Education of the American Dietetic Association  
 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs  
 Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
 Council on Social Work Education  
 Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
 Education in Radiologic Technology  
 Foundry Education Foundation  
 Foundation for Interior Design Education Research  
 National Academy of Early Childhood Programs  
 National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences  
 National Association for the Education of Young Children  
 National Association of Boards of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators  
 National Association of School Psychologists  
 National Association of Schools of Music  
 National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 Texas State Board for Educator Certification

### ***Texas State is a member of the following (among many others):***

Agriculture Consortium of Texas  
 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
 American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
 American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources  
 American Association of University Women  
 American Council on Education  
 Association of American Colleges and Universities  
 Association of State Colleges and Universities  
 Association of Texas Colleges and Universities  
 Association of Texas Graduate Schools  
 Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities  
 College Reading and Learning Association  
 Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
 Council for Opportunity in Education  
 Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
 Council of Graduate Schools in the United States  
 Council of Public University Presidents  
 Great Plain Regional Honors Council  
 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
 International Technology Education Association  
 National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture  
 National Association of Industrial Technology  
 National Association of State and University Land Grant Colleges  
 National Collegiate Honors Council  
 Society of Manufacturing Engineers  
 Texas Association for Schools in Engineering Technology  
 Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
 Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities

## Academic Calendar

More calendar information is available at the Registrar's website:

[http://www.txstate.edu/registrar/Academic\\_cal\\_all.htm](http://www.txstate.edu/registrar/Academic_cal_all.htm)

### Fall 2004

Advance Registration.....	April 12-28, 2004.....	M-W
Schedule Changes.....	August 12-19, 23-24, 2004.....	Th-Th, M-Tu
Late Registration.....	August 16-24, 2004.....	M-Tu
Last Day to Pay.....	August 24, 2004.....	Tu
Classes Begin.....	August 25, 2004.....	W
Schedule Changes.....	August 25-30, 2004.....	W-M
Holiday.....	September 6, 2004.....	M
Official 12 <sup>th</sup> Class Day.....	September 10, 2004.....	F
Drop with Refund.....	September 10, 2004.....	F
Drop with Auto "W".....	September 14, 2004.....	Tu
Mid-term.....	October 14, 2004.....	Th
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-Semester Classes Begin.....	October 15, 2004.....	F
Drop/Withdrawal Deadline.....	November 22, 2004.....	M
Classes do not Meet.....	November 24, 2004.....	W
Thanksgiving Holiday.....	November 25 – November 28, 2004.....	Th-Sun
Last Class Day.....	December 6, 2004.....	M
Final Exams (begin December 7 at 6:30 p.m.).....	December 7-14, 2004.....	Tu-Tu
Grades Available by Web and Phone.....	December 17, 2004.....	F
Commencement.....	December 17-18, 2004.....	F-Sat

### Spring 2005\*

Classes Begin.....	January 18, 2005.....	T
Last Class Day.....	May 2, 2005.....	M
Final Exams (begin May 4 at 6:30 p.m.).....	May 4-10, 2005.....	W-Tu
Commencement.....	May 13-14, 2005.....	F-Sat

### Summer I 2005\*

Classes Begin.....	June 6, 2005.....	M
Last Class Day.....	July 7, 2005.....	Th
Final Exams.....	July 8, 2005.....	F

### Summer II 2005\*

Classes Begin.....	July 11, 2005.....	M
Last Class Day.....	August 11, 2005.....	Th
Final Exams.....	August 12, 2005.....	F
Commencement.....	August 12-13, 2005.....	F-Sat

\*Dates are subject to change.

## History of the University

Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1899, Southwest Texas State Normal School opened its doors in 1903. Over the years, the Legislature broadened the institution's scope and changed its name, in succession, to Normal College, Teachers College, College, and in 1969, University. Each name change reflects the university's growth from a small teacher preparation institution to a major multipurpose university. In 2003, the Legislature renamed the school Texas State University-San Marcos.

Texas State's original mission was to prepare Texas public school teachers, especially those of the south central area. It became renowned for carrying out this mission, but today it does far more. Texas State currently offers programs in the College of Applied Arts, McCoy College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Fine Arts and Communication, College of Health Professions, College of Liberal Arts, and College of Science. The University College oversees the undergraduate general education core curriculum and undergraduate advising as well as the freshman year experience. The Graduate College provides opportunities for continued intellectual growth through advanced and specialized education that develops leaders in the professions and in research.

As Texas State's student population has grown—from 303 in 1903 to more than 26,000 in 2003—the campus, too, has expanded and today Texas State is the sixth largest public university in the state. Overlooking the campus and serving as a landmark since 1903 is Old Main, a red-gabled Victorian building restored to its original grandeur.

In 1979, after adding a number of classroom buildings and residence halls, Texas State purchased the former San Marcos Baptist Academy adjacent to the original campus. In 1981, South Texas entrepreneur Harry M. Freeman donated a 3,500-acre ranch to Texas State to be held in perpetual trust as the Harold M. Freeman Educational Foundation. The working ranch is used as a laboratory for students in agriculture, animal science, biology and a variety of other academic disciplines. In 1990, the university opened the Albert B. Alkek Library. The building, conveniently located in the center of campus, is named for the noted Texas rancher, oil man and educational philanthropist who died in 1995.

Texas State acquired one of the most unique ecosystems in the world in 1994 when it purchased the former Aquarena Springs resort and theme park. The purchase allowed Texas State to serve as steward of the headwaters of the San Marcos River, preserving and protecting the area for future generations of Texans. Now called the Aquarena Center, the 90-acre property is home to the Office of Continuing Education and is the site of a wide variety of educational and research pursuits. Aquarena Center is home to several endangered species of plants and animals that exist nowhere else in the world.

In 1998, Texas State joined forces with other area universities to establish the Round Rock Higher Education Center. The RRHEC combines the efforts of Texas State, Austin Community College, and Temple College at Taylor to offer educational opportunities in the North Austin area.

Texas State is located in San Marcos, a Hill Country community about halfway between Austin and San Antonio. Its location on the banks of the San Marcos River provides recreational and leisure activities for students throughout the year.

Texas State became part of the Texas State University System in 1911. That system is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents. Other components in the system include Angelo State University, Lamar University-Beaumont, Lamar University Institute of Technology, Lamar College-Orange, Lamar College-Port Arthur, Sam Houston State University and Sul Ross State University. The first president of Texas State was Mr. T.G. Harris, who served from 1903 to 1911. He was followed by Dr. C.E. Evans, 1911-1942; Dr. J.G. Flowers, 1942-1964; Dr. James H. McCrocklin, 1964-1969; Dr. Leland E. Derrick (interim), 1969; Dr. Billy Mac Jones, 1969-1973; Mr. Jerome C. Cates (interim), 1973-1974; Dr. Lee H. Smith, 1974-1981; Mr. Robert L. Hardesty, 1981-1988; Dr. Michael L. Abbott (interim), 1988-1989; Dr. Jerome Supple, 1989-2002, and Dr. Denise M. Trauth, 2002- present.

## University Mission Statement

“The noblest search is the search for excellence.”

*-Lyndon B. Johnson*

*Thirty-Sixth President of the United States, 1963-1969*

*Texas State University Class of 1930*

### Our Mission

Texas State University-San Marcos is a premier public, student-centered, doctoral-granting institution dedicated to excellence in serving the educational needs of the diverse population of Texas and the world beyond.

### Our Shared Values

In pursuing our mission, we, the faculty, staff, and students of Texas State University-San Marcos, are guided by a shared collection of values. Specifically, we value:

- An exceptional undergraduate experience as the heart of what we do;
- Graduate education as a means of intellectual growth and professional development;
- A diversity of people and ideas, a spirit of inclusiveness, a global perspective, and a sense of community as essential conditions for campus life;
- The cultivation of character and the modeling of honesty, integrity, compassion, fairness, respect, and ethical behavior, both in the classroom and beyond;
- Engaged teaching and learning based in dialogue, student involvement, and the free exchange of ideas;
- Research, scholarship, and creative activity as fundamental sources of new knowledge and as expressions of the human spirit;
- A commitment to public service as a resource for personal, educational, cultural and economic development;
- Thoughtful reflection, collaboration, planning, and evaluation as essential for meeting the changing needs of those we serve.

*The mission statement is awaiting approval by the Texas State University System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.*

### Students' Rights, Privileges, and Expectations

Texas State believes that the primary purpose of higher education is to promote learning and stimulate inquiry for truth in an atmosphere of freedom. Texas State is committed to the value of a racial and ethnic diversity. Accordingly, Texas State encourages students to exercise the rights of citizenship. However, these rights are subject to reasonable limitations necessary for the orderly operation of Texas State. Texas State expects students to accept their responsibilities as citizens and members of a scholarly community. Paramount among these responsibilities is respect for the rights of others, academic and personal integrity, and adherence to federal, state, and local law as well as university regulations.

The faculty and administration are genuinely concerned with the physical and ethical welfare of students. To that end, Texas State has established rules of conduct and has published these in a Code of Student Conduct. These regulations guide students in achieving personal and academic goals and help the university function in an orderly way. Since students voluntarily associate themselves with Texas State, they should know that these rules are honestly and faithfully enforced. The rules include clear prohibitions against sexual or racial harassment.

The administration and faculty encourage students to participate in managing Texas State through its system of advisory councils and committees. Students are invited to serve as voting members of many of these groups, and are expected to contribute actively to their success. Students may submit recommendations for changes in policy, not only through the committee structure, but also through their own student government.

## **Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act**

*Campus Watch*, the annual campus security report for Texas State, includes descriptions of campus crime prevention programs, procedures for reporting crimes on campus and information about the number and frequency of crimes reported to the University Police Department in the last three years. It also provides summaries of Texas State's policies for campus security and law enforcement related to sexual offenses, liquor law violations, and controlled substance offenses. The Campus Watch is available on the Texas State web site at <http://www.police.txstate.edu/>, in the Undergraduate Admissions Office, The Graduate College, Human Resources, the University Police Department, or in Texas State's Schedule of Classes. Call (512) 245-2890 to have a copy mailed free of charge.

## **Multicultural Policy Statement**

Texas State believes that freedom of thought, innovation and creativity are fundamental characteristics of a community of scholars. To promote such a learning environment, the university has a special responsibility to seek diversity, to instill a global perspective in its students, and to nurture sensitivity, tolerance and mutual respect. Discrimination against or harassment of individuals on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability are inconsistent with the purposes of the university.

## **Disability Services**

Phone: (512) 245-3451 (Voice/TTY)    Office: LBJ Student Center 5-5.1  
Fax: (512) 245-3452                      Web: <http://www.ods.txstate.edu/>

Texas State does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the recruitment and admission of students. Students with disabilities must meet the same admission requirements as other students. A student whose educational and/or personal goals for success have been negatively impacted due to disability-based reasons may wish to address this in the supplemental essay portion of the admission application. This information may be considered by the Undergraduate Admissions Office during the application review process.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) at Texas State assists students with disabilities to independently achieve their educational goals and enhance their leadership development by providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations. The ODS facilitates access to university programs, services and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate. In order to qualify for services, a student must provide the ODS with verification of disability. Students with learning disabilities must provide an evaluation, which has been completed within the last five years. To ensure a timely review of documentation and provision of support services, students are requested to provide verification of disability at least thirty days prior to attendance at Texas State. Students needing sign language or oral interpreting services for admissions counseling, academic advising and orientation services should contact ODS one week prior to the event to ensure interpreter availability.

Students with disabilities may be entitled to financial assistance from the Texas Commission for the Blind, Texas Commission for the Deaf or the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

Texas State has established a grievance procedure for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints related to illegal discrimination on the basis of disability. This grievance procedure is described in UPPS No. 04.04.46, Illegal Discrimination. A copy is available in the university library, the Office of Disability Services and most other university offices. Students who have concerns or complaints should contact the Director of Disability Services at (512) 245-3451 (voice/TTY) or the university ADA Coordinator at (512) 245-2278 (voice/TTY).

## **Albert B. Alkek Library**

Phone: (512) 245-2133  
Fax: (512) 245-3002

Office: Alkek Library  
Web: <http://www.library.txstate.edu/>

The Alkek Library contains more than 1.3 million volumes of books, documents, serials and other printed material. In addition, the collection includes over 235,000 volume equivalents in microform and 31,000 AV titles with over 17,000 software programs for the public computer lab. The library receives 6,058 periodical and serial titles in print and over 2,000 electronic journals. An online catalog, which can be accessed via the Internet through the library's website, provides information on the library's holdings. Other automated resources include over 130 databases covering a wide range of subject areas.

The library maintains cooperative borrowing agreements with other libraries in the region. Through TexShare, a statewide resource sharing program, faculty and students may borrow materials at most of the public and private university libraries as well as community college libraries in the state.

The library's Special Collections Department is home to the Southwestern Writers Collection and the Wittliff Gallery of Southwestern and Mexican Photography. Library support facilities include laptop computers connecting to a wireless network that may be checked out for building use and a computer lab with IBM compatible and Macintosh workstations. Lab equipment also includes laser printers, scanners, video editing equipment and adaptive equipment for disabled individuals.

## **Veteran's Affairs**

Phone: (512) 245-2641  
Fax: (512) 245-3271

Office: J C Kellam 111  
Web: <http://www.txstate.edu/registrar/vaserl.htm>

Students attending Texas State while receiving educational assistance under one of the public laws for veterans and/or their dependents must contact the Texas State Office of Veteran's Affairs to complete the required forms. Information and forms are also available on our website at <http://www.txstate.edu/registrar/vaserl.htm>.

Students applying for educational benefits under the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs for the first time must provide the Office of Veteran's Affairs with a photocopy of member four (4) of DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." Reserve and National Guard members applying for Chapter 1606 benefits must provide DD 2384 form: "Notice of Basic Eligibility."

Active duty military and dependents are exempt from the above requirements. Transferring students who have previously used their VA educational benefits need only submit a change of place of training form.

Benefit payments are made at the end of each month. Any student enrolling under any of the provisions for VA educational benefits should bring sufficient funds to defray the initial cost of tuition, fees, and living expenses for approximately three (3) months.

As a graduate student receiving veteran benefits, you must file with the Office of Veteran's Affairs an official master's degree outline, a certification deficiency plan, or other similar documentation showing the requirements needed to accomplish your objective. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of Veteran's Affairs of any adds, drops, course, or program changes.

After exhausting available VA educational benefits, please check with the VA Office for information about the Hazlewood Exemption. Applications and information sheets for the Hazlewood Exemption may be obtained at the Office of Veteran's Affairs or at <http://www.txstate.edu/registrar/vaserl.htm>.