

Learning Resources

Information Resources Division

The Information Resources Division (IRD) provides computer, telephone, networking, and videoconferencing support to the University community. Instructional facilities include the campus network, computer classrooms, multimedia classrooms, interactive video classrooms, computer laboratories and mobile multimedia equipment.

IRD also operates the University data communications network. This high-speed network interconnects buildings, offices, classrooms and laboratories to provide an integrated communication facility for the institution. The University network also connects users to the global Internet. The combination of wide-area and local-area network facilities provides high-speed Internet connections to every office, classroom and laboratory on campus.

Computer classrooms provide for hands-on instruction using modern computer equipment and software. Multimedia classrooms provide modern multimedia presentation capabilities for faculty and students. Interactive video classrooms provide real-time, fully interactive videoconferencing capabilities between the U.T. Permian Basin main campus and a wide variety of distant locations.

Information Resources Access Policy

The following policy will govern student access to state-owned information resources at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

- a. Only individuals showing enrollment in the current semester will be provided access to U.T. Permian Basin information resources. For the sake of this policy, enrollment in any summer term will constitute acceptable enrollment for the entire summer.
- b. If a student is involved in research with a faculty member, the student MUST enroll in a research course, and pay the appropriate tuition and fees in order to have access to U.T. Permian Basin information resources.
- c. Students who have received a grade of "incomplete" in a prior semester and who requires access to U.T. Permian Basin information resources as a legitimate requirement for completing the course will be required to pay the established information resource fees currently in effect prior to being provided information resource access.

The J. Conrad Dunagan Library

The J. Conrad Dunagan Library is a blend of traditional resources and new technology, pursuing a vision of becoming the learning nexus for the university community by promoting information literacy, offering innovative services and fostering lifelong learning behaviors. Ongoing workshops, classes and individual instruction promote command of the information technology skills needed to compete successfully in this century.

There is a core print collection of nearly 700 academic journals, more significantly the library provides access to more than 43,000 electronic journals. Access to these electronic materials is provided through consortial arrangements with the UT-System Digital Libraries Program, LEIAN, AMIGOS and other national and regional library consortia. The library holds 220,000 bound volumes, as well as significant microform collections. Cooperative agreements with the major national bibliographic utility (OCLC) supports interlibrary loan, which provides access to many books and journal articles not otherwise available to our students. By using the TexShare ILL Courier Services, a support program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Dunagan Library provides prompt and thorough ILL support. Also available is the TexShare Card program, which is a reciprocal borrowing program. It is designed to allow the registered users of participating institutions to directly borrow materials from the libraries of other participating institutions. To receive a TexShare card, the student must have a valid UTPB ID and fill out a short form at the Library Services Desk; there is also a programmatic one day waiting period before card issuance.

Other types of resources are available in Special Collections, particularly relating to the history of the Permian Basin and the western regions of Texas. These materials include materials by and about J. Frank Dobie; the papers of regional leaders John Ben Shepperd and J. Conrad Dunagan; manuscripts of important Texas writers; a Texas history collection, and a unique collection of regional photographs. UTPB is a Regional Historic Resource Depository.

The University Math and Science Center

The University Math & Science Center (UMSC) is dedicated to assisting students in improving individual academic performance and retention by offering a supportive environment for developing intellectually. The UMSC provides flexible support, group and individualized instructional services, and technical materials to enhance students' knowledge and skills, test performance, and course retention for most math courses and general science courses.

The Writing Center

Assistance with all types of writing assignments is provided by the University Writing Center. The UWC provides critiques of student writing; advice on citation styles; tutorial assistance with individual writing needs; guidance on resumes, letters of application, and entrance essays for graduate school admissions. We work with writers of all abilities, from the struggling writer to the highly accomplished. The UWC also provides THEA remediation, testing for the English Entrance Exam, and a broad program of workshops. The UWC schedule is quite broad, but we also accept online submissions for those who cannot find the time to come in. We usually respond to online submissions within 48 hours.

The UWC staff is trained for work with complex projects, such as those written for senior research and graduate programs. The nature of these assignments can impact the amount of time necessary for review, so students are encouraged to call or come in to discuss their work well in advance of due dates.

The UWC is located on the second floor of the Mesa Building, room 2100, just across from the elevators and student union. Call us at 552-2302 to set up an appointment or discuss an up-coming assignment.

Publication & Special Projects

To enhance teaching and learning, Publications and Special Projects provides a wide spectrum of teaching assistance including the layout and design of instructional materials such as transparencies, book covers, charts, paper presentations and illustrations. In addition to faculty support, PSP assists in special events projects through graphic design, photography and the coordination of university print requirements.

Regional Electronic Academic Communications Highway (REACH)

The Regional Electronic Academic Communications Highway, or **REACH**, began in 1995 as collaboration among regional universities, community colleges, area school districts and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to provide students with the most advanced learning technologies available from grade school to graduate school. The heart of the project, the REACH Program Center, located on the UT Permian Basin campus, was collectively governed by the partner institutions.

Since its inception, the REACH Program Center has grown to serve as a training, teaching and consulting center for instruction and web-based design; web courseware support; and expert staff devoted to the research and development of emerging technologies aimed at enriching teaching and learning. REACH coordinates University resources in support of distance education. Distance education refers to classes that use educational technology to deliver or convey class content and communication between the instructor and students. Activities in distance education may be synchronous (real time) delivered via video/web conferencing, or asynchronous delivered via the web that do not require instructors and students to participate at the same time. From the idea stage for an online program to the last day of an online class, the REACH Program Center provides assistance to faculty and to students.

REACH has alliances with other groups, departments, and organizations to enhance services to faculty and students, and to collaborate in extending technology in teaching and learning,

University Facilities

The property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the University are not open for assembly, speech, or other activities as are the public streets, sidewalks, and parks. The responsibility of the Board of Regents and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to operate and maintain an effective and efficient system of institutions of higher education requires that the time, place and manner of assembly, speech, and other activities on the grounds and in the buildings and facilities of the University be regulated. No person, organization, group, association, or corporation may use property or buildings owned or controlled by the University for any purpose other than in the course of the regular programs or activities related to the role and mission of the University.

Most campus buildings and facilities are accessible to members of the campus community and their guests and visitors during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, and for limited hours on the weekends (this excludes most holidays). Students have access to the buildings during scheduled class sessions including laboratory, library study, and research periods. After normal business hours, including weekends and holidays, all campus buildings are considered closed and secured. Persons needing entry must sign in at the Mesa Building Information Center or utilize “late door entry” procedures. Late doors are equipped with electronic locks and closed circuit television cameras. This electronic access control system can allow access to those authorized entry and assigned a code for the system. Exterior building doors on campus are equipped with electronic alarm, which annunciate at the alarm monitoring company during prohibited hours. A member of the U.T.P.B. Police Department responds to each alarm.

Parking permits are required to park on campus. The parking spaces in all lots are restricted as marked or posted. All underground parking is reserved. Only Student Housing residents are allowed to park at Student Housing. Parking permits are typically purchased during registration and are valid from September through the following August. The permits are marked with a expiration sticker. Permits can also be obtained at the Police Department Information Center, located in the Mesa Building Lobby, throughout the school year and are prorated as necessary.

In compliance with the Texas Education Code 51.207, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has procedures for enforcing State of Texas vehicle inspection laws for vehicles parking or driving on the University campus.