

# The University

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, a component of The University of Texas System, is a general academic teaching institution. During 2003 the University celebrated its thirty years of operation. The University was authorized by the 61st Legislature in 1969 as an upper-level campus to offer Bachelor's and Master's degree programs. The University received authority to add freshman and sophomore classes in May 1991.

Today, the University has approximately 3,500 students in the programs in Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education. The campus has the latest in teaching technologies in its classrooms, as well as modern research facilities. The campus enjoys a new student housing complex, Visual Arts Studios, Library/Lecture Center, and student union facilities. The University also offers classes throughout the Permian Basin and beyond through the Regional Electronic Academic Communications Highway (REACH), which connects the University with area community colleges and schools.

The University is located in the heart of the Permian Basin, one of the richest mineral producing regions of the world. Its twin city locus places it in the commercial and financial center of the region, which encompasses 370,000 people. The Permian Basin is a diverse community of many cultures and peoples. It has a dynamic growing economy anchored in oil and gas production, retail and wholesale trade and technology. The University offers students an excellent environment for learning and personal growth.

## Mission

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is a general academic university of The University of Texas System. The University of Texas System is committed to pursue high-quality educational opportunities for the enhancement of the human resources of Texas, the nation, and the world through intellectual and personal growth. The mission of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is to provide quality education to all qualified students in a supportive educational environment; to promote excellence in teaching, research, and service; and to serve as a resource for the intellectual, social, economic, and technological advancement of the diverse constituency in Texas and the region.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and masters 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 of the Permian Basin.