

STUDENT LIFE: Activities, Organizations, and Student Union

The Office of Student Life, located in MB 2120, provides a wide range of services and programs to help UTPB students develop leadership skills, designs and implements activities for UTPB students to enjoy between, before, or after classes, and creates a welcoming atmosphere in the center of campus for students to relax, study, watch television, or participate in on-campus programs. For more information on any of these areas, please call us at 432-552-2650.

New Student Orientation

The Office of Student Life coordinates summer and January orientations for new students. Orientation leaders are all older students who can help new students become familiar with programs, services, and other resources available to them on campus. Some HOLA (Orientation Leaders Association) members are paid for a portion of the year, but most are volunteers with an expressed interest in helping new students.

Student Senate

The Student Senate of U. T. Permian Basin is the elected student organization representing the interests and needs of the student body and is recognized by the administration of U. T. Permian Basin and by the Board of Regents of the U. T. System. Officers are elected at the end of each spring semester and Senators are elected at the end of spring and early in the fall semester. Candidate registration forms are available through the Student Senate Office. Students are encouraged to seek elected offices. The Student Senate makes recommendations to the administration on policies that affect the student body and appoints students to sit on important University committees with faculty and staff members.

The U. T. Permian Basin Student Senate co-sponsors the Halloween Carnival, Battle of the Bands, and many other activities that benefit the University community, the Odessa community, and the Permian Basin area. The Student Senate also provides limited funding for individual students and clubs to attend academic and professional conferences.

Student Program Board

The student program board is responsible for identifying, budgeting, and developing cultural, social and recreational programs for the student body. Students are encouraged to contact the program board to get involved as volunteer activity programmers or as paid part-time staff members. The U. T. Permian Basin Student Program Board brings in a variety of well-known and aspiring artists and entertainers, sponsors karaoke night in the Student Union, and takes students to regional and national leadership development conferences.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Students are encouraged to join or develop clubs and organizations that unite members with a common cause or interest. Such organizations allow students to pursue specialized interests and to have an opportunity to interact with classmates and professors in an atmosphere different from that of the classroom. Involvement in student organizations also provides a means of practicing leadership skills. The Office of Student Life is responsible for the registration of student clubs and organizations and publishes a guide for the development of clubs and organizations. The Office of Student Life also provides various resources for student organization development, work stations and materials, and training on U. T. System policies. Membership is not denied on any basis prohibited by applicable law, including but not limited to race, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, sex, or disability

The UTPB Student Union

The Student Union is situated in the north half of the second floor of the Mesa Building and contains a work area with lockable work stations for student clubs and organizations. The Student Union reception desk is open from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. There are quiet study areas, a game room, meeting rooms, televisions and television rooms, and playstations in the Student Union.

Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center serves as a clearing house for volunteerism and service to the UTPB community and to the communities of Odessa and Midland. The Volunteer Center Coordinator works with faculty, staff, and community agencies to provide UTPB students with opportunities for service learning experiences.