

Welcome Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin! We are a University of Texas institution, located in Odessa, Texas, providing [bachelor's](#) and [master's](#) degrees, [leadership training](#) and [research](#) focusing on West Texas and Texas. As reported in Newsweek Magazine and U.S. News & World Report, UT Permian Basin has an excellent reputation as a university focused on students and academic growth. Our [business school](#) is ranked in the top third of U.S. business schools, as an Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - International accredited member. Our [social work](#) and art programs and the School of Education are also nationally accredited. Our teachers do well on the state certification tests with 95 percent passing. UT Permian Basin also offers degrees in some of the fastest growing fields, such as mechanical engineering with a concentration in nuclear engineering, athletic training, [criminal justice](#), [computer science](#), [information systems](#) and petroleum technology.

I am confident that you will find courses and degree plans to suit your career goals. UTPB has a terrific team of academic advisors ready to answer your questions and get you started on the path to success. Career fairs and local business leaders are also frequently on campus to share real world experiences and help you choose the career that's right for you. A degree from UT Permian Basin is a terrific investment in your future. According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, UTPB is number one in Texas for its graduates getting jobs or going on to graduate or professional school. UTPB is an outstanding place to learn. This is a dynamic, growing campus with about 3,600 students, and I encourage you to be involved in campus life as well as academics. The university stages several theatrical productions, musical performances and student art shows every year. [Student Life](#) is active with clubs, organizations and events, and the [Student Program Board](#) presents fun events that are free to students. Past events have included comedians, hypnotists and concerts. Our nice weather also helps make [intramural](#) sports like Falcon Ultimate a big part of student life at UT Permian Basin. We are members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division-II level -- we have 11 sports so there is almost always a time when you can come cheer the Falcons on.

UTPB has some of the nicest student apartments in Texas. The UTPB Gymnasium Complex has a new weight training facility, basketball and volleyball courts, walking and rollerblading trails, a duck pond and Odessa's largest outdoor heated swimming pool. The campus also includes one of the country's best [Visual Arts Studio](#) and the two-story [Library/Lecture Center](#) and plans are under way to build a performing arts center and a science complex with state-of-the-art computer and science labs.

I want you to have the very best college experience possible. UT Permian Basin's focus on student life and academic excellence will help you do just that. Scholarships and financial aid is available. Entering freshmen in the top half of their high school graduating classes receive \$1,000 per semester scholarships, while transfer students receive \$1,500 per semester. Come join us!

W. David Watts
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