

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND STUDENT INFORMATION

Gymnasium/Pool Complex

This three-story building is designed for recreational use by students, faculty and staff and their families. Dependent family members of students may use the Gymnasium/Pool Complex for a nominal fee.

The Gymnasium/Pool Complex consists of four racquetball courts, two volleyball, 4 badminton courts, and three basketball courts. The complex has an exercise room equipped with free weights and a full set of station weight machines and cardio exercise machines, such as treadmills, steppers, stationary bikes, and elliptical trainers. In addition, there is an athletic field, four lighted tennis courts, and 3.5 miles of walking, jogging and skating trails. The Olympic-size swimming pool is the largest outdoor pool in Odessa. It is heated for comfort and has certified lifeguards on duty during operating hours. The pool is open year round except from mid-October to mid-March.

Student Publications

The Office of Student Life supports the dissemination of news and information of student interest and the publication of literary and artistic student work.

The Sandstorm, an annual magazine-yearbook publication, is a collection of poems, short stories, and essays submitted by students and selected by a panel for publication. The magazine also prints photographs of student art that includes painting, sculpture, pottery and photography. The editor and staff of this student publication are selected from the student body. Applications for editor are accepted from returning students and incoming students with publication experience.

The Mesa Journal, the award-winning student newspaper for U. T. Permian Basin, is a bimonthly newspaper that publishes news and information regarding the University, its students, and national or international news that affect the University community. *The Mesa Journal* provides an opportunity for students to gain newspaper journalism experience while attending the University and serves as an academic tool through the Mass Communications discipline. The editor and staff for *The Mesa Journal* are selected from the student body by the Humanities Department.

Definitions of Academic Terminology

BA	Bachelor of Arts
BAAS	Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences
BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSW	Bachelor of Social Work
ExCET	Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
GPA	grade point average
PASS	Programs Assisting Students Study
REACH	Regional Electronic Academic Communications Highway
SCH	semester credit hour(s)
TCCNS	Texas Common Core Numbering System
TEXES	Texas Examinations of Educator Standards
TOPT	Texas Oral Proficiency Test
TSI	Texas Success Initiative
UTTC	University of Texas TeleCampus