



2022-2023 FACT SHEET Exchange Programs

ALVAREZ

College of Business

The University of Texas at San Antonio

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO



⑥ UTSA AT A GLANCE

- Founded by the Texas Legislature in 1969
- A multicultural institution with over 34,000 students with four campuses across San Antonio, Texas
 - Main Campus
 - Downtown Campus
 - Hemisfair Campus
 - Park West Athletic Campus
- Over 80 countries represented
- Over 137,000 alumni
- Over 3,000 staff members
- Hispanic Serving Institution

⑥ ABOUT THE CARLOS ALVAREZ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Over 7,000 undergraduates and more than 1,000 graduates
- Top 5 Texas undergraduate business school
- Approximately 114 full-time faculty
- Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (business and accounting)
- Variety of available programming exclusive to business students and international incoming business students

San Antonio is the fourth fastest-growing city in the U.S. and features a mild climate and a strong economy. You can discover a vast array of attractions, unique cultural experiences, and city-wide celebrations. Highlights include the world-renowned River Walk, the Alamo, five UNESCO World Heritage Missions, and two thrilling theme parks.

Living in San Antonio will immerse you in its vibrant communities and cultures. Below, you will find information on the different aspects of life and culture in San Antonio, the United States, practical information such as banks, phone and internet providers, driver's license information, social security procedures, postal office information, and insurance information.

<https://global.utsa.edu/students/Living-in-San-Antonio.html>

⑥ ELIGIBILITY

- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an institution that has a bilateral student exchange agreement with UTSA.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must be nominated by the home university
- Proof of English Language Proficiency based on specific assessments:

TOEFL iBT	score of 79 or greater
TOEFL PBT	score of 550 or greater
IELTS	score of 6.5 or greater
Cambridge English Advance	grade C or higher
PTE Academic	score of 58 or higher

⑥ ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- You need to be officially nominated by your home institution and have a completed application by March 15.
- Fall Term: late August to early December
- Expected Arrival Date: At least 1 week before classes start in late-August
- For more information on the process please visit:
<https://business.utsa.edu/experiential-learning/global-and-intercultural-fluency/exchange-program-incoming/>

⑥ LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- **Class Format:** Lectures, group projects, group presentations, research papers, essays, etc.
- **Registering for Classes:** Registration at UTSA usually opens on or around April and ends in August. One Stop Enrollment at UTSA is where all students can find out more about anything related to course registration: <https://onestop.utsa.edu/>
- **Attendance and Participation:** Attendance is mandatory, and participation is expected.
- **Exams:** Exams are conducted during mid-term and at the end of the semester, but every course varies. Refer to your syllabus for any important class deadlines.

⑥ HEALTH INSURANCE

You are required to maintain comprehensive health insurance while enrolled at UTSA. When you register for classes, enrollment in the UTSA Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is automatically charged to your tuition account. Please visit the following link for information regarding immunizations, health insurance, and emergency services:

<https://global.utsa.edu/students/health-insurance.html>

⑥ COSTS

You will pay tuition to your home institution. In addition to tuition, you should also budget for the following expenses:

- Airfare (roundtrip)
- Food/meals
- Housing
- Textbooks and academic software
- Non-academic fees (i.e. student services fee, recreation center fee, athletic fee, etc.)
- Visa fees
- Miscellaneous expenses

VISA INFORMATION

You will apply for a J-1 non-immigrant entry visa. Contact your corresponding US Embassy as early as possible to schedule an interview. Bring the required documentation to your visa interview as required by the US Embassy.

Upon arrival to the United States, you will need to show the following documents at your port of entry:

- Passport
- Entry visa
- Original DS-2019 (no copies)

Information on how to apply for a visa can be found on the following webpage

<https://global.utsa.edu/students/process-after-admission.html>

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Apply for housing as soon as you can. Availability is limited and vacancies are filled quickly. If you have any questions, please contact the UTSA Housing office at (210)-458-6200 or e-mail studenthousing@utsa.edu.

- **On-Campus Housing:** UTSA offers five on-campus residences, Alvarez Hall, Chisholm Hall, Chaparral Village, Guadalupe Hall, and University Oaks. Learn more at: <https://housing.utsa.edu/>
- **Off-Campus Housing:** There are several apartment complexes and communities located near UTSA. If you choose to live at one of these locations, transportation is available by shuttle, VIA city bus, or car. Please visit the following link for more information regarding off-campus housing <https://www.utsa.edu/students/off-campus-housing.html>

The UTSA Shuttle and Via City buses are available for all students. There is on-campus parking for cars and bicycles. Please visit the following link for more information on transportation, parking, and route maps.

<https://www.utsa.edu/campuservices/runner/>

To drive a car in the United States you must have a valid U.S. driver's license or a driver's license recognized by U.S. authorities. International driver's licenses are valid for one year. To obtain a Texas driver's license you must pass the driver's examinations. For more information visit the Texas Department of Public Safety website.

