

ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

Your guide on the road from high school to college



This is a one-year planning guide for undergraduate students to use to organize their application procedure. Items on this calendar can be accomplished sooner and, in some cases, later than shown. By giving you this road map, we hope to encourage you to reach these destinations along the road early.

Undergraduate students are those who will be applying for a bachelor's degree program. This guide is not appropriate for graduate students who will be applying for a master's degree program or a Ph.D. Graduate students should consult the graduate information pages and should begin their application process 18 to 20 months in advance of the term they wish to begin.



SEPTEMBER Read the maps and gas up for the road. Next August may seem to be very far in the future, but it will be here before you know it. Start investigating your opportunities now! Select the colleges to which you wish to apply. Talk to friends or relatives who have studied in the United States. Attend any college fairs held in your vicinity. Read guidebooks available in a large reference library or U.S. Educational Advising Center. Surf the Web.

Avoid rush-hour traffic.

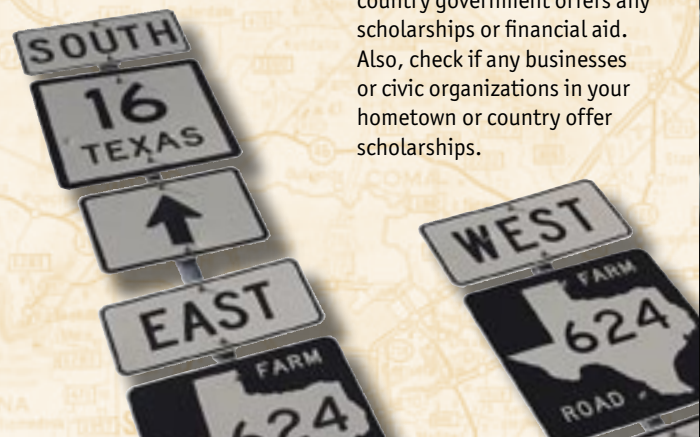
Register to take any necessary examinations. Unless you are a native English speaker, you must take the TOEFL or IELTS. You may need to take the SAT. Check each college's requirements. By taking examinations early in the fall, you will have time to repeat the exam if you are dissatisfied with your scores.

OCTOBER Choose your destination and get on the highway.

Narrow your focus to four or five colleges that you are interested in attending. Begin looking for scholarships. E-mail the colleges to which you are planning to apply. Check to see if your home



country government offers any scholarships or financial aid. Also, check if any businesses or civic organizations in your hometown or country offer scholarships.



NOVEMBER Blow your own horn.

Fill out your application. Use an electronic version if available. (The University of Texas at San Antonio utilizes the Common Application for the State of Texas at www.applytexas.org.) Electronic applications and correspondence save time and time is very valuable.

Be sure to tell us how great you are. This is no time for modesty. For example, if you have won academic competitions, done volunteer work or were the leader of a sports team or student organization, tell us. If the application does not provide sufficient space for this information, send a letter or e-mail to be attached to your application.

Send all transcripts, mark sheets, certificates, diplomas and other documents requested. Documents should be official and/or certified. They should bear the ink signature or seal of the appropriate official. If a document is not written in English, a notarized translation should be attached. Any documents not available in November should be sent as soon as they become available.

This is the time to start thinking about housing on campus. Check the UTSA Web site for information and pricing. UTSA has different housing choices, which fill quickly. You can apply to UTSA for housing prior to your acceptance. Complete the housing application on the Web. Turn in your housing application now so as not to lose your first-choice option.



DECEMBER Collect travel information.

Collect information about travel arrangements.

JANUARY Get the green light.

Have you missed any of the previous steps? Now is the time to catch up. Are you dissatisfied with your TOEFL or other examination scores? Take them again.

FEBRUARY The next step of the journey.

Have you sent your Confirmation of Financial Resources (bank statements, scholarship award letters, or other evidence of ability to pay all expenses while a student in the United States)? If not, you should do so as soon as possible.

MARCH Are we there yet?

UTSA begins mailing confirmations of scholarships in late spring. We have a "rolling admission" policy. That means that we respond to students' applications as soon as all requested documents have been received. Students with English language proficiency scores too low for admission can be accepted conditionally. The condition will be that they attend our Intensive English Program until they have earned a satisfactory score. If you have not heard from us, check your personal account on our Web site or e-mail us at IntlAdmissions@utsa.edu.



You should receive your housing assignment form. Complete and return it by fax to (210) 458-6201. Drop the original in the mail because we require an original signature.

APRIL I can hardly wait.

You have just graduated from secondary school, or soon will. Check your list. Have you met all deadlines, sent all requested documents, paid any necessary deposits?

You should receive your housing contract at this time. Instructions will be attached to the contract. Please return via fax with a note attached with the date you mailed your contract. Or you may send it express mail to ensure your room.

MAY Won't this be great?

Check with the U.S. consul and make an appointment to get your visa. Check the consul's Web site for information about the interview process.

JUNE Fuel up and keep going.

Take your I-20 and passport to the U.S. consul and obtain your student visa. Make travel reservations.

JULY Rest stop.

You should receive your housing room assignment this month. Contact your new roommates to discuss what to bring.

Visit with family and friends. Take a break. Pack your suitcase.

AUGUST You have arrived!

Check into your residence hall or apartment accommodations. Visit the Office of International Programs. Attend orientation activities, which will include academic advising and registration.



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STOP! Wait a minute.

I am behind schedule.

What can I do?

Complete several months' activities in one month's time. If you are not prepared to apply with the U.S. consul for your student visa by June, it may be necessary for you to defer your university admission to the next available term.

If you plan to apply for spring admission, sequence the monthly activities so that they begin in February and you arrive in January.

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