Welcome to EDP!

We are delighted that you will be joining us for the Fall 2020 semester. The information presented here is designed to assist you in your transition to the University. Be sure to bookmark this page and check regularly for updates.

All new EDP Students are encouraged to view and utilize the New Student Checklist. EDP will not track your progress through the checklist - this is simply a helpful list for new students, to use if you wish.

Location

The Educational Psychology Department is located in the Sanchez Building, or "SZB". The physical address of the Sanchez Building is 1912 Speedway, Austin, TX 78712 (northwest corner of Speedway and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., across the street from the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum).

Travel by Air

For new students coming to Austin by air, the least expensive method of transportation to campus from the airport is typically via the Airport Flyer service offered by Capital Metro. The Airport Flyer schedule is available on capmetro.org. Taxi and ride-share transportation options are also available from the airport to campus.

Parking

Parking is extremely limited at UT, and there is no free parking on campus. The closest parking garage to the Sanchez Building is the Brazos Street (BRG) parking garage. There is an hourly fee for parking, not to exceed $18/day. Parking & Transportation officers give tickets very quickly, so be careful not to park illegally (parking tickets are expensive, and unpaid tickets may affect your ability to register).

- About Austin >
- Housing Resources >
**The EDP Proficiency Exam** corresponds to the prerequisite course EDP 380C.2 Fundamental Statistics. All Educational Psychology students (with the exception of Counselor Education master’s students and Quantitative Methods doctoral students) must either pass the exam OR complete the prerequisite course. The Proficiency Exam is a free departmental exam, and its sole purpose to provide an opportunity to skip the prerequisite course - it is not recorded on transcripts, GPAs, etc.

Because our programs have many course requirements, **we highly encourage you to take the Proficiency Exam** to see if you really need the course. If at any time you completed a college-level statistics and/or a research methods course, you likely acquired the knowledge essential for these exams. A weekend review of what you learned, as well as of the material indicated in our reading list, is likely to go a long way as a refresher of your existing knowledge. Passing the exam to skip the prerequisite course can also be helpful in your curriculum sequencing.

The exam is multiple choice. Pencils and scratch paper are provided, and calculators are not allowed for the exam. **See more information on the content of the exams and suggested readings.**

**Exam Dates/Times**

Exams are held the day after the first day of Fall EDP Student Orientation. View the **Calendar** for dates and times.

**Students with Disabilities**

Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact **Services for Students with Disabilities** in the Office of the Dean of Students at 512-471-6259 (voice) or 512-410-6644 (videophone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.

International students: be sure to visit UT’s International Students Office **new student webpage.**

**English Language Evaluation**

All new international students with degrees from non-English-speaking universities are required to undergo a brief evaluation for speaking and writing English (English Second Language evaluation). The International Office will conduct the English language evaluation during **New International Student Orientation.** This evaluation is done at no cost to the student. If the student does not pass the evaluation, they will be required to take an English Language course during their first semester at UT.

**International New Student Orientation**

UT International students are strongly encouraged to attend the **International New Student Orientation.** The International Office will provide a lunch and resource fair following the International Student Orientation, where you can learn about campus resources.

**Immigration Briefing and Check-In (IBC)**

UT International students are required to attend an Immigration Briefing and Check-In (IBC) - **see the IBC site** for more information and dates. At IBC, you will learn about immigration, work eligibility in the U.S., how to obtain U.S. forms of identification (i.e. driver’s license and social security number), and health insurance requirements.

Advising and Registration for Fall takes place the week of New Student Orientation. Before you can register, you must be advised by your program adviser and have your advising bar cleared by the department. See the **Calendar** on this page for advising dates.

**Fall-Start Students:**

Registration for newly admitted graduate students is in late August for the Fall semester. In early August, your Registration Information Sheet (RIS) will be available through the **Office of the Registrar website.** The RIS will show all your registration dates/times as well as links to the Course Schedule, Registration, your Tuition and Fee Bill and Student Accounts Receivable. You will also be able to determine if you have any registration bars attached to your record.

It is highly recommended that you refer to the following online publications prior to advising:

- UT’s General Information and Graduate **Catalogs**
- **Course Schedules**
- EDP Student Handbook section on Advising/Registration

**Summer-Start Students:** see “Summer-Start Students” section below.

Several EDP programs allow students to start early in the Summer (vs. Fall), depending on some circumstances.

If you are wish to start courses in the Summer session, you must:

1. Contact **Pam Larick** by May 1st to inform her that you wish to start in the Summer, as changes must be made to your admission in order to do so.
2. Contact the **Program Area Chair in your area of study** as soon as possible to arrange to fill out an Advising Form so that you register. Be sure to read through the **Advising & Registration page** in the Student Handbook for information about Advising and registration/payment dates and deadlines.
On **Monday, August 17**, the Department of Educational Psychology (EDP) will hold its Fall 2020 New Student Orientation. Be sure to check the Calendar on this page for details. You will not be able to register for classes until after you have completed orientation and have been advised by your faculty adviser.

On the first day of orientation, Dr. Chris McCarthy, Graduate Adviser, will provide important guidance and advice to all new students. You will meet the EDP staff and learn about the Departmental and University of Texas procedures. The Department will provide a get-acquainted luncheon for you that day.

You may have heard rumors about Texas weather. It is true that we often seem to have two seasons...hot and hotter! For orientation, our best advice is that you dress for comfort and wear clothing that will keep you cool. The UT campus has a casual atmosphere, so leave the business clothing for another occasion. The Sanchez building can be rather chilly (compared to the outdoors) so layers or a light sweater might be helpful.

Be sure to check out the “How to Get Here” information above for info on parking, transportation, and directions.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**EDP New Student Calendar**

- **New Student Calendar coming soon!**
- **EDP New Student Orientation will be August 17th, 2020 - details about schedule, format, etc. will be available as soon as possible.**