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Why Choose TIEP?

International education is the choice of a lifetime for individuals and their families. TIEP has the experience to help you feel comfortable studying away from home.

- **History of Excellence** - Since 1965 TIEP has helped more than 30,000 students and professionals from 131 countries to achieve their goals by strengthening their English skills and improving their communication skills.

- **Teaching Expertise** - TIEP instructors hold a master’s or Ph.D. degree in teaching English as a second language or in an academic specialization that includes coursework in linguistics, second language pedagogy, and second language acquisition.

- **Staff** - TIEP’s highly experienced, professional student advisers respond quickly to inquiries and process applications and I-20s quickly and efficiently.

- **Facilities** - TIEP has more than 20 classrooms and utilizes a range of instructional technology including smart carts, laptops, tablets, and digital projectors.

- **Accreditation** - TIEP is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). TIEP has been accredited by CEA since 2000, and its current accreditation is for the 10-year period from December 2015 – December 2025. CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the U.S.
Who Are Our students?

- In 2016 TIEP enrolled students from an average of 24 countries each semester.

- The top 5 countries of TIEP students in 2016 were Brazil, Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Vietnam.

- Since 2005, TIEP has helped its students gain admission to nearly 150 universities and colleges in the United States including:
  - **National, Public**: Colorado School of Mines, Florida Institute of Technology, Indiana University, University of Arizona, University of California, University of California Los Angeles, University of Maryland, University of Oregon, Penn State University, University of Washington, and University of Wisconsin.
  - **Texas and Local**: Austin Community College, Lamar University, St. Edward’s University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at Dallas.
What Makes Austin Special?

In many countries there are unique cities whose residents, history, businesses, culture, and charm set them apart from the rest. In the U.S., Austin is one of these special cities.

- Austin is the capital of Texas and originally a “university town.” It is the fastest growing metro area in the U.S.! It is the 11th largest city by population, with 932,000 residents within city limits, and nearly 2 million in the “metro area.”

- Austin has kept the “small city” feeling and remains affordable, safe, and easy to get around. The median monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Austin is $1200, compared to $3,300 in San Francisco, $3,150 in New York City, $2,690 in Boston, $2,650 in Washington, DC, $1,800 in Los Angeles, and $1,600 in Seattle. Austin has the third lowest rate of crime among major US cities.

- Austin is famous for its for local lakes and hiking, universities, technology companies, and live music.

In *U.S. News and World Report’s* 2017 Best Places to Live List, Austin ranked #1 among the USA’s 100 largest metropolitan areas.

- Austin is easily accessible from international destinations:
  - Austin is a 30-minute flight from Houston, Texas and Dallas, Texas, the fourth and fifth largest cities in the United States.
Texas University Pathway Program

Texas University Pathway, a 30 hour per week intensive pathway program, prepares university-bound international students for admission and academic success at Texas universities. Through our partnership with 31 Texas public colleges and universities, the program provides a pathway that offers conditional admission and TOEFL waivers to students completing the highest language level at TIEP.

Our proven pathway program includes:
• 18 hours per week of intensive English learning
• 8 hours per week of supplemental learning
• 4 hours per week of guided practicum
• Online TOEFL Preparation
• Opportunities to earn university credit while finishing ESL
• Guidance on navigating the university application process
• Internship and volunteer opportunities
• Student Support Services
• Advisor guided student action plan
• Four day instruction schedule
• Medical Insurance
• Textbooks and other instructional materials

The Texas University Pathway costs $5,000 per seven week term with a minimum registration of two seven week terms (approximately 1 semester in fall or spring).
TIEP offers 5 sessions and 5 start dates each year. All sessions include 30 hours of instruction per week. Please [e-mail us](mailto:contact@tiep.com) with any questions.

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**PROGRAM COST:**

$5,000 per 7-week term, 2-term minimum

**Included in Price:**
- Tuition and books
- Health Insurance
- Gym Membership
- Tutoring
- Field Trips
- Student Activities
- Academic Advising

### Total Estimated Expenses

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ADMISSION CRITERIA:

- High School graduate
- F-1 Visa eligible
- Desire to attend a U.S. University
- Intermediate English proficiency (with approved test as proof)

TUP accepts the following test results:

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<td>TOEFL</td>
<td>32+</td>
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<td>IELTS</td>
<td>4+</td>
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<td>DUOLINGO</td>
<td>31+</td>
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<td>TIEP test</td>
<td>130+</td>
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APPLICATION PROCESS:

#1: Apply at TIEP.edu

#2: Pay $100 application fee

#3: Submit high school transcripts and proficiency test scores

#4: Submit copy of passport, proof of financial support

#5: You will be contacted if accepted

#6: Receive I-20, pay SEVIS fee, make embassy appointment, attain visa

#7: Pay tuition to reserve your spot in the program

#8: Head to Austin, TX for orientation!
Important Information on the Application Process

We are here to support you! Application materials can be submitted to tiep@tiec.org

Step 1—Apply on our website

Step 2—Fees—You will be directed to the payment page to pay a $100 application fee. This fee is required and includes processing of the I-20 form, which is required to obtain an F-1 (student) visa. We recommend also paying an optional $60 “express mail” fee for international shipment of the I-20 via FedEx.

Step 3--Transcripts & Testing—To be accepted into our TUP program, you must be a high school graduate and have intermediate level proficiency in English. You will be asked to upload a copy of your high school transcripts and proficiency test scores. Please scan and upload your test results or have them emailed or mailed to us. If you would rather take our own placement exam, we will send you the link. The cost of this test is included in your application fee. Your test will be graded and you will get the results within a week.

Please continue to the next page for more instructions
Students who do not have the required proficiency will be directed to our online beginners course.

Step 4 – Documents-- To obtain an I-20 from TIEP, you must submit a copy of your passport and proof of financial support (a bank statement or a letter of financial guarantee) from the past six months. Financial support documents should verify that you will have sufficient funds to live in the United States for the duration of your English study.

Step 5  Acceptance-- We will contact you once we make an admissions decision. If accepted, we will provide information about getting the student visa, arranging housing and travel, and to answer any questions.

Step 6  Getting a Visa- With your acceptance letter will come information on getting a student visa.

Step 7  Pay tuition- You will be asked to pay all or part of your tuition in advance to reserve your spot in our program.

Step 8  Travel & Housing– Make your flight and housing arrangements! We can help you arrange housing through Simply International. You may arrive in the USA up to 30 days before your orientation date on your I-20.
What Are Classes Like at TIEP?

**Schedule** - TIEP students have 30 hours of class instruction per week between morning leveled classes, afternoon supplemental courses, and Friday practicums.

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<th>30 hours per week</th>
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<td>2: 11:00—1:15</td>
<td>Grammar/Listening/Speaking &amp; Reading/Writing</td>
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| 12 Hours of Supplemental Learning | Afternoon Supplemental Courses 2:15 – 4:15 M/W or T/Th Choose 2 Options A thru E, totaling 8 hours per week | A. Small group tutoring (4 hours week) B. Customized small group classes, topics vary by level (4 hours week)  
• TOEFL Prep  
• University Admission Workshop  
• Student Success Skills Workshop | | | |
| | | C. TIEP online courses (4 hours week) D. Online College Course (4 hours week) E. Language Lab (4 hours week) | | | + 4 Hours Practicum | |
TIEP 6-Level Morning Class System

Levels - TIEP offers 6 levels of study from beginning to advanced. Generally students progress one level each semester in spring or fall. High achieving students can advance one level in 7 weeks or two levels per semester, making it possible for beginning level students to complete the program in one year. New students are placed in levels based on TIEP Placement Test results.

“Foundations”
beginner level

- Level 110
  - Low beginner
- Level 120
  - High beginner

“Intermediate”
level

- Level 130
  - Low intermediate
- Level 140
  - High intermediate

“Advanced”
level

- Level 150
  - Low advanced
- Level 160
  - High advanced

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<td>Reading and Writing (RW)</td>
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<td>11:00 AM – 1:15 PM</td>
<td>Grammar, Listening, and Speaking (GLS)</td>
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Note: This is a sample schedule - classes could be GLS first then RW. Class times are subject to change based on enrollment, and classes could be offered in the afternoon instead of the morning.
Afternoon Courses Are All About Personalized Attention

**Specialized Attention** – The TUP Program is meant for students who know they want to study at a university and want to get there as quickly as possible.

- **Accelerated Instruction** - Students receive 8 hours of additional instruction each week, with a choice of supplementals, including private lessons with a personal tutor, small group courses on topics like College Admission, Study Skills, TOEFL Prep, language lab, or online class options.

- **Classes at Local Universities** – Our unique affiliation with 31 Texas Universities allows our advanced students can take transferrable credit courses online through our partnering universities while finishing their ESL requirements, which saves valuable time and could make it easier to get into university.

- **University Placement Services** - Dedicated help with choosing and applying to universities.

- **All-inclusive** - Books, airport pick-up, assistance with housing, health insurance, and special excursions are included.

- **Practicum** – Friday Practicum gives students opportunities to delve deeper into English in real world settings via guest lecturers, school or group activities, field trips, and university visits.
Can I Go to an American University If I Study at TIEP?

Yes! TIEP offers a clear pathway to U.S. higher education.

TIEP is a part of the Texas International Education Consortium, a group of 31 public Texas universities. This helps us provide unparalleled opportunities to our ESL students! Our students consult with student advisors and get help and advice about applying to American universities. TIEP students with an F-1 visa can transfer to a university in the U.S. without changing their visa status.

TIEP graduates have gone to over 100 universities.
What Happens When I Come to Austin?
Good question! We have what you need to prepare you for your move.

Step 1: Please review the TIEP website and TIEP Student Handbook to learn about life in Austin and other essentials, including health insurance, and how to find housing.

Step 2: Enter America- F-1 visa holders are permitted to enter the country up to 30 days before the report date on the I-20.

Step 3: Come to TIEP on orientation day to check in, meet with an advisor, and create your personalized action plan.

If you have not already pre-paid tuition or taken the test, you will arrive one day earlier to complete your admission process.

Housing Options

A wide variety of affordable housing options are located close to TIEP, including apartments and student dormitories.

TIEP works closely with several local housing companies to facilitate housing arrangements for our students. Simply International (www.simplyinternational.com) is one of the companies that TIEP works with. To arrange housing with Simply International, email Kristen Carson at Kristen@simplyinternational.com
Student Events & Extracurricular Activities

TUP program tuition includes a wide variety of student activities, including social events, holiday parties, speakers series, fairs and volunteer opportunities’
Other Courses: Saturday

We offer a Saturday mixed level Conversation & Pronunciation course for those already in the Austin metro area. This course is not I-20 eligible.

Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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Apply to the Saturday course
How Do I Contact TIEP?

We are here to help you!

A listing of our staff and their photos is available on our website.

For Student Applications, I-20s, Payments, Health Insurance, Housing, Arrival

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TIEP Structure, Mission, Purpose, and Principles

- TIEP is a nonprofit educational organization and is a program of the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC), an association of Texas public universities.

- The mission of each campus of the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) is to provide exemplary English language training and student services to individuals whose native language is not English.

- The Core Purpose of TIEP is to prepare English language learners to succeed in a global environment.

- TIEP endorses and operates in accordance with the NAFSA: (National Association of International Educators) “Statement of Ethical Principles.”