

Institutional Glossary

- ACCUPLACER—Alternative form of THEA on computer
- AIER—Annual Institutional Effectiveness Review; reports that detail goals, objectives, outcomes, and assessments for individual programs.
- BAMA— Joint BA/MA degrees
- Banner—New student information system for the TAMIU campus
- Block I - Student teaching program component that requires 4 hours a week for 10 weeks of classroom observation/teaching field work.
- Block II - Student teaching program component that requires 7 hours a week for 11 weeks of classroom observation/Teaching field work.
- Block III - Student teaching program component that requires full day commitment of supervised teaching for 13 weeks.
- CAMP—College Assistance Migrant Program. CAMP provides services to approximately 40 eligible participants from low-income, migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds. The program goal is to enable students to successfully complete their first academic year of college at TAMIU. For more information, view the article at the following URL:
<http://www.tamtu.edu/newsinfo/9-2-04/article1.shtml>
- CASA—Center for the Advancement of Scholastic Achievement. See PASE
- Colleges and School—COAS (College of Arts and Sciences); COBA (College of Business Administration); COED (College of Education); CSON (Canseco School of Nursing)
- COMPASS—Alternative form of THEA on computer
- CRN—Course Reference Number—Not to be confused with the course number that is used in the *University Catalog* for courses within degree programs and the Core Curriculum
- Departments—BC (Biology and Chemistry), BASCJ (Behavioral, Applied Sciences and Criminal Justice), C&I (Curriculum and Instruction), FPA (Fine and Performing Arts), LL (Language and Literature), MPS (Mathematical and Physical Sciences), PP (Professional Programs), SP (Special Populations), SS (Social Sciences),
- DIBSF—Division of Business and International Banking
- DIP—Division of International Programs
- Divisions—DIFS (International Banking and Finance Studies) and DIBTS (Division of International Business and Technology Studies (Two divisions for College of Business, including all business programs and degrees)
- ECHS—Early College High School
- Faculty Handbook*—Document that lays out academic policies and procedures for part-time and full-time faculty. Available online at the following URL:
<http://www.tamtu.edu/handbook.shtml>.
- FoE—Foundations of Excellence Available online at the following URL:
<http://www.fyfoundations.org>.
- FUTM—Field University Teaching Mentor
- FYEP—First-Year Experience Program (Also, First Year Success Program). A program that retains first-year students and does research on which activities and behaviors lead to student success. Not to be confused with the First-Year Self-Study, which

will be conducted in 2006-07 and within the rubrics of the Foundations of Excellence Policy Center. Information available online at the following URL: <http://www.fyfoundations.org>.

GEAR UP—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. Federal initiative designed to assist public school systems and institutions of higher learning in developing programs for at-risk students who have the ability and background to attend college. Information available online at the following URL: <http://www.tamtu.edu/contedu/Gear%20Up/index.html>

GRE—Graduate Record Examination

ILI—International Language Institute

ILL—Interlibrary Loan. Online requests available at <http://library.tamtu.edu>.

IRB—Institutional Review Board

ISS—International Student Services

OIT—Office of Information and Technology. Tech support for offices, academic classrooms, and labs (Questions? x2310)

OGSR—Office of Graduate Studies and Research

ORP—Optional Retirement Plan. Ask Human Resources for information

PASE—Programs for Academic Support and Enrichment. Academic support areas including the Writing Center, the Testing Center, developmental studies, and CASA

P&T—**Promotion and Tenure**. See Faculty Handbook for all relevant information.

PRMIS—(Office of) Public Relations, Marketing and Information Services

Project INTEGRATE—**I**nstitutional **N**etwork **T**argeting **E**valuation, **G**oals, **R**esources & **A**ccountability **T**o **E**ffect Change; plan integrating program assessment, budgeting, and strategic planning—part of the SACS reaffirmation

QEP—Quality Enhancement Plan; plan for the improvement of writing across disciplines. A SACS requirement for institutional reaffirmation

Río Online Catalog—e-catalog of all TAMTU holdings in the library

SACS—Southern Association for Colleges and Schools; regional accrediting body, to which TAMTU belongs

SALT—Scholars' Alliance for Learning and Teaching; a network of TAMTU instructors dedicated to quality learning and teaching, specifically in the areas of writing, but more generally to those issues pertaining to higher education

TAMUS—The Texas A&M University System. All TAMTU policies and procedures Have been approved in accordance with System policy. Information available online at the following URL: <http://tamus.edu/offices/policy/toemain.htm>.

TCBEED- Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development. The Texas Center provides effective leadership and support to Texas border communities in their economic development efforts. Information available at the following URL: http://texascenter.tamtu.edu/about_texas_center/texas_center_mission.asp

TCOMP—Alternative form of THEA on computer

TEA—Texas Education Agency

THEA—Texas Higher Education Assessment

THECB—Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

TOEFL—Test of English as a Foreign Language

TSI—Texas Success Initiative

UOnline—Student registration and information system. URL:

https://v2self.tamtu.edu:4446/pls/PROD/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage

YES Camp—Youth Entrepreneurship Summer Camp. Sponsored by TCBEED, this summer camp allows area high school students to learn about the role of free enterprise and enterprise development in our society and culture. Information available online at the following URL:

http://texascenter.tamtu.edu/texcen_services/yes_camp.asp