NEW IIE WEBSITE

Texas State University has experienced many changes related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access. As Institutional Inclusive Excellence - Student Initiatives continues to grow and transform, we invite you to visit our newly designed website. To learn more about Institutional Inclusive Excellence, visit our website.

Screenshot of the new IIE webpages

Texas State students posing in the Quad

FEATURED EVENT

Institutional Inclusive Excellence - Student Initiatives invites you to join us at Unity Fest
- Wednesday, September 8
- Sewell Park
- 4-7 PM

For More Information visit
www.inclusion.txstate.edu/students

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON IIESI, FOLLOW US ON: 📷 🌍
The minor in Latino/a Studies is a multidisciplinary university-wide program. Students learn about the social, political, economic, historical and cultural processes that impact Latino/a communities in the United States. The minor emphasizes applied skills and knowledge, including research skills, for better participating in our diverse society. While this minor is officially housed with the Department of Sociology, the CDGS director also directs this minor as well.

Dr. Gloria Martinez also serves as the director of the Diversity Studies Minor. The 18-hour minor provides an interdisciplinary approach to Diversity Studies (DVST). It also provides conceptual frameworks for exploring perspectives that recover the history and creative expressions previously excluded by the traditional approaches to higher education. The minor fosters a development of self, voice, and moral vision to prepare students to live and work effectively in a pluralistic society.

The African American Studies minor (AAS) is an interdisciplinary course of study that focuses on the Black experience in the United States and throughout the African diaspora. Our central mission is to prepare students to critically understand, conduct research, and interpret the complex histories, societies, and cultures of people of African descent. If you like to read novels, study history, understand politics, or watch films, then you’ll like the disciplinary diversity of the African American Studies Minor (AAS).

The Women’s Studies minor offers an interdisciplinary program that concentrates on the images and realities of women. The Women’s Studies minor provides a flexible, coherent program that enables students to consider the significance of gender. On a personal level, courses in this program enhance the human potential of both men and women, because knowledge about how societies construct gender relations can encourage students to examine their own attitudes and behavior.

The Black & Latinx Studies LLC is a space for students to:
- Engage in learning both inside and outside of the classroom
- Develop a shared purpose of academic success
- Begin a journey of life-long learning
- Enact positive change through exploration and celebration of cultural heritage
- Commune with one another

NEW FOR FALL 2021
BE A PART OF THE INAUGURAL BLACK & LATINX STUDIES LLC!
LOCATED IN RETAMA HALL, THIS LLC IS OPEN TO ANY FIRST-YEAR STUDENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND GENDER STUDIES WEBSITE.
Trio is a set of federally funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. Trio programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other support necessary for educational access and retention. Texas State has six Trio programs and those are Student Support Services, Student Support Services STEM, Rural Talent Search, Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound-San Marcos and Upward Bound-Del Valle.

To understand which one of the six programs is the best fit for you, please visit the Trio website.

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2021 UPDATES

Talent Search - San Marcos will receive $355,040.00 annually for five years to serve 640 Middle and High School students in San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District.

Talent Search - Austin will receive $458,225.00 annually for five years to serve 640 Middle and High School students in Austin Independent School District.

Talent Search - Del Valle will receive 277,375.00 annually for five years to serve 500 Middle and High School students in Del Valle Independent School District.

Talent Search - Seguin will receive 277,375.00 annually for five years to serve 500 Middle and High School students in Seguin Independent School District.

IIE-SI has procured eight Trio grant awards totaling $13,475,215.00. $2,695,043.00 serve 320 Texas State Students, and $10,780,172 2,617 serve middle/high school students in 5 school districts across central Texas each year.
We are HSI

TXST Hispanic-Serving Institution Website

Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021

Each year, Texas State University celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month through service and in support of Texas State students with the Somos Tejas State campaign. 100% of funds raised in this annual fundraising campaign do directly to students and for their professional development opportunities.

To learn more or donate: Visit Somos Tejas State website

To request assistance from Somos Tejas State, contact Dr. Toni Moreno, Assistant Director for Hispanic and First-Generation retention, at tm37@txstate.edu.

Fall 2021 marks a milestone for our university’s 10-year anniversary as a Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI). Texas State University was first recognized and designated as an official Hispanic-serving Institution in 2011 by the US Department of Education. In celebration of this accomplishment, we invite you to explore the research, programs, and opportunities available to all faculty, staff and students through our HSI designation.

HSI Week September 13-19, 2021
Each year, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) calls on Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to join in observance of National HSI Week, to celebrate and build awareness of the work and important role HSIs play in improving access to education, advancing equity practices, and the contributions in their communities. National HSI Week is observed by colleges and universities across the nation. This year, we will celebrate HSI Week 2021 September 13 - September 19, 2021.
**Unity Fest**

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
Time: 4 PM-7 PM  
Where: Sewell Park, San Marcos, TX 78666

The Unity Fest is a celebration of diversity, people, cultures and community. The program includes welcome remarks, live performances, food, activities, fellowship and student organizational browse session.

**Womxn’s Empowerment Karaoke**

Date: Friday, September 10, 2021  
Time: 5 PM-6:30 PM  
Where: Unity Lounge (LBJSC 2-20.0)

Please join us for the first Womxn of Color Forum this fall semester as we present Womxn’s Empowerment Karaoke! Don’t want to sing? That’s cool. Come hang out with other WOC and leave with some new friends.

**Military Connected Welcome BBQ**

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Where: Sewell Park, San Marcos, TX 78666

Welcome BBQ is a great opportunity to meet the Veteran Alliance of Texas State (VATS), the Veterans Academic Success Center (VASC), connect with prospective mentors, and learn about resources and opportunities at Texas State. Food and refreshments are provided.

**Equality University: Texas State Student Diversity and Inclusion Conference**

Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021

A diversity and inclusion conference that brings individuals together to participate in a day of dialogue and features national speakers.
The J.E.D.I. Program
The J.E.D.I. Program will include courses related to diversity, inclusion, multiculturalism, ability, social justice, and equity. Participants will be able to participate in courses that are offered throughout the year and online.

This program is a collaboration with University College, Hispanic Serving Institution Programs, Hispanic Policy Network, Student Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Disability Services, Coalition of Black Faculty and Staff, Alliance, and the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

APID/A
ASIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND DESI / AMERICAN

The Asian Pacific Islander Desi/American Student Council works as a unified student organization to promote unity, diversity and representation of all aspects of the APID/A community. Indian Student Association, Filipino Student Association, Korean Culture Club and Vietnamese Student Association make up the council currently, and it is open to all students.

For more information visit the IIE APIDA Council website