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Purpose of Catalog

This catalog is printed to provide information about the academic programs of Tarleton State University to students, prospective students, faculty, and staff of the University. While every effort has been made to make this catalog as complete and accurate as possible, changes may occur at any time in requirements, deadlines, fees, curricula, and courses listed in this catalog.

This catalog is published annually, in advance of its effective date; therefore its contents cannot be considered an agreement or contract between individual students and the University. In addition to this annual print publication, the University maintains an online edition of the catalog at <http://www.tarleton.edu>, which is the most current edition of the catalog available.

UNIVERSITY CALENDARS and FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULES

FALL SEMESTER 2007

- April 2 Monday, Registration for Fall 2007 begins. For more information, see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times.
- April 2 Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Fall Semester 2007 financial aid programs

PHASE 1 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CONFERENCES

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|------------|---------------------------------|
| June 14-15 | Thursday and Friday, Freshman 1 |
| June 21-22 | Thursday and Friday, Freshman 2 |
| July 13 | Friday, Transfer students |
| July 19-20 | Thursday and Friday, Freshman 3 |
| July 26-27 | Thursday and Friday, Freshman 4 |
- August 1 Priority date for submitting credentials for first-time enrollment at Tarleton for Fall Semester 2007.
- August 8-11 Wednesday-Saturday, Duck Camp 1.
- August 13-16 Monday-Thursday, Duck Camp 2.
- August 18-21 Sunday-Tuesday, Duck Camp 3.
- August 21 Tuesday, Residence Halls open at 9 AM.
- August 24 Friday, Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline.
- August 25 Saturday, Freshman Convocation
- August 27 Monday, Classes begin.
- August 27-29 Monday through Wednesday, ADD/DROP/LATE registration. (\$25 late fee will be assessed for late registrants.)
- August 29 Wednesday, Last day to register for university credit.
- September 3 Monday, Labor Day, NO CLASSES.
- September 12 Wednesday, Last day to drop courses with no record.
- September 25 Tuesday, Last day to register for Writing Proficiency Examination.
- September 27 Thursday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 6 PM (Stephenville, Killeen, Fort Worth, and Waco).
- September 29 Saturday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 10 AM (Stephenville, Killeen, Fort Worth, and Waco).
- October 15 Last day to apply for student teaching in Fall 2008.
- October 17 Wednesday, Midterm Grades entered into student information system by 5 PM.
- October 21-27 Homecoming Week.
- November 2 Friday, Deadline for submission of the committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College Office for review.
- November 5 Monday, Last day to drop a course.
- November 12 Monday, Registration for Spring Semester 2008 begins. For more information, see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times.
- November 15 Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Spring Semester 2008 financial aid programs.

November 15	Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Spring 2008 degree conferral.
November 21	Wednesday, Comprehensive Exam results due in Graduate Office.
November 21	Wednesday, Classes are dismissed at noon. Holiday period begins 5 PM; University closes.
November 21	Wednesday, Residence Halls close at 5 PM.
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday. UNIVERSITY CLOSED
November 25	Sunday, Residence Halls open at 1 PM.
December 1	Application deadline for all Spring 2008 scholarships administered by University Scholarship Committee
December 5	Wednesday, Restricted Activities period begins at 8 AM.
December 6	Thursday, Last class day; last day to withdraw from university.
December 7	Friday, Study day. Final examinations begin at 6:30 PM.
December 13	Thursday, Final Grades for Departmental Outstanding Graduates due in Registrar's Office by 4 PM.
December 13	Thursday, Last day of final examinations. Restricted Activities period ends at 9:00 PM.
December 13-17	Thursday-Monday, Commencement (TBA).
December 14	Friday, Residence Halls close at 10 AM.
December 17	Monday, Grades from faculty due by 4 PM.
December 17	Monday, Final thesis/dissertation copies to the Graduate College Office.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE-STEPHENVILLE

Exam Time	8:00-10:30 AM	11:30 AM-2:00 PM	3:00-5:30 PM	6:30-9:00 PM
Friday, Dec 7	STUDY DAY			MWF 3:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 8	All Freshman Chemistry	MWF 12:00 NOON	Other class times not listed on the final examination schedule*	All Freshman English
Monday, Dec. 10	All Math 107, Edu 404 and 430	TR 8:00 AM	MWF 8:00 AM	M 5:00 PM or later; MW 6:00-7:15 PM; M-F 5:00 PM or later
Tuesday, Dec. 11	MWF 2:00 PM	MWF 9:00 AM	TR 10:50 AM	T 5:00 PM or later; TR 6-7:15 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 12	MWF 11:00 AM	TR 9:25 AM	MWF 1:00 pm	W 5:00 PM or later; MW 7:30-8:45 PM
Thursday, Dec. 13	TR 1:00 PM	MWF 10:00 AM	TR 2:25 PM	R 5:00 PM or later; TR 7:30-8:45 PM

Final examinations are to be given only on scheduled final examination days as printed on the Final Examination Schedule.

Any student with three or more final examinations on the same day may request of his/her instructors to take one of the final examinations on another day during the Final Examination Schedule.

***Classes having starting times not listed on the table (or within an hour of that starting time) will have their exam on Saturday, December 8 from 3:00-5:30 PM or at a time designated by the instructor between December 8 and December 13.**

Tarleton – Central Texas
Finals will be given between December 7 and December 13 at the regularly scheduled class time.

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SPRING SEMESTER 2008

- November 12, 2007 Monday, Registration for Spring Semester 2008 begins. For more information, see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times.
- November 15, 2007 Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Spring Semester 2008 financial aid programs.
- November 15, 2007 Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Spring 2008 degree conferral.
- January 2, 2008 Wednesday, Priority date for submitting credentials for first-time enrollment at Tarleton for Spring Semester 2008.
- January 9 Wednesday, Residence Halls open at 9 AM.
- January 11 Friday, Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline.
- January 14 Monday, Classes begin.
- January 14-16 Monday through Wednesday, ADD/DROP/LATE registration. (\$25 late fee will be assessed for late registrants.)
- January 16 Wednesday, Last date to register for university credit.
- January 21 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, UNIVERSITY CLOSED
- January 30 Wednesday, Last day to drop courses with no record.
- February 12 Tuesday, Last day to register for Writing Proficiency Examination.
- February 14 Thursday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 6 PM (Stephenville, Killeen, Fort Worth, and Waco).
- February 15 Application deadline for all Fall 2008 scholarships administered by University Scholarship Committee.
- February 15 Last day to apply for student teaching in Spring 2009.
- February 16 Saturday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 10 AM (Stephenville, Killeen and Waco).

- March 1 Priority date for completing student financial aid folders for first consideration for Summer School 2008
- March 5 Wednesday, Midterm Grades entered in student information system by 5 PM.
- March 10 Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Summer 2008 degree conferral
- March 14 Friday, Residence Halls close at 5 PM.
- March 17-22 Spring Break.
- March 23 Sunday, Residence Halls open at 1 PM.
- March 26 Wednesday, Deadline for submission of the committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College Office for review.
- March 31 Monday, Last day to drop a course.
- March 31 Monday, Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Fall semester 2008.
- April 7 Monday, Academic Advisement and Registration for Summer School and Fall 2008 begins. For more information see Class Schedule. Consult your major department for advising times.
- April 14 Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Fall 2008 degree conferral.
- April 25 Friday, Comprehensive Exam results due in Graduate Office.
- April 29 Tuesday, Restricted Activities period begins at 8 AM.
- April 30 Wednesday, Last class day; last day to withdraw from university.
- May 1 Thursday, Study Day. Final Examinations begin at 6:30 PM.
- May 7 Wednesday, Last day of final examinations. Restricted Activities period ends at 9:00 PM.
- May 7 Wednesday, Final Grades for Departmental Outstanding Graduates due in Registrar's Office by 4 PM.
- May 8 Thursday, Residence Halls close at 10 AM.
- May 8-12 Thursday-Monday, Commencement (TBA).
- May 12 Monday, Grades from faculty due by 4 PM.
- May 12 Monday, Final thesis/dissertation copies to the Graduate College Office.

February 2008							March 2008							April 2008						
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FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE-STEPHENVILLE

Exam Time	8:00-10:30 AM	11:30 AM-2:00 PM	3:00-5:30 PM	6:30-9:00 PM
Thursday, May 1	STUDY DAY			R 5:00 PM or later; TR 7:30-8:45 PM. Other class times not listed on the final examination schedule
Friday, May 2	TR 8:00 AM	MWF 3:00 PM	MWF 10:00 AM	All Freshman English
Saturday, May 3	MWF 12:00 NOON	All Freshman Chemistry	TR 2:25 PM	
Monday, May 5	MWF 2:00 PM	All Math 107, Edu 404 and 430	MWF 9:00 AM	M 5:00 PM or later; M-F 5:00 PM or later; MW 6:00-7:15 PM
Tuesday, May 6	TR 10:50 AM	MWF 1:00 PM	TR 9:25 AM	T 5:00 PM or later; TR 6:00-7:15 PM
Wednesday, May 7	MWF 11:00 AM	TR 1:00 PM	MWF 8:00 AM	W 5:00 PM or later; MW 7:30-8:45 PM

Final examinations are to be given only on scheduled final examination days as printed on the Final Examination Schedule.

Any student with three or more final examinations on the same day may request of his/her instructors to take one of the final examinations on another day during the Final Examination Schedule.

*Classes having starting times not listed on the table (or within an hour of that starting time) will have their exam on Saturday, May 3 from 6:30-9:00 PM or at a time designated by the instructor during the Final Exam period from May 3 through May 7.

Tarleton – Central Texas

Finals will be given between May 1 and May 7 at the regularly scheduled class time.

SUMMER SESSIONS 2008

9 week session* (June 9-August 7) (All classes meeting regularly from Monday-Thursday meet for one hour and fifteen minutes.)

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| March 1, 2008 | Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Summer Semester 2008 financial aid programs. |
| March 10, 2008 | Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Summer 2008 degree conferral. |
| April 7 | Monday, Academic Advisement and Registration for Summer and Fall 2008 begins. For more information see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times. |
| June 7 | Saturday, Residence Halls open at 9 AM. |
| June 9 | Monday, Classes begin. |
| June 9 | Monday, ADD/DROP/LATE registration. (\$25.00 late fee will be assessed for late registrants.) |

June 17	Tuesday, Last day to drop 9 week courses with no record
June 17	Tuesday, Last day to register for Writing Proficiency Exam.
June 19	Thursday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 6 PM (Stephenville and Killeen).
July 4	Friday, Independence Day. UNIVERSITY CLOSED.
July 7	Monday, Deadline for submission of the committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College Office for review.
July 18	Friday, Comprehensive Graduate Exam results due in Graduate office.
July 21	Monday, Last day to drop courses with a W.
August 4	Monday, Final thesis/dissertation copies to the Graduate College Office.
August 6	Wednesday, Last class day. Last day to withdraw from university.
August 7-9	Thursday-Saturday, Final Examinations will be held during normal class time.
August 7-11	Thursday-Monday, Commencement (TBA).
August 8	Friday, Residence Halls close at 10 AM.
August 11	Monday, All grades entered by faculty into student information system by 4 PM.

5 week Session I*(June 9 – July 8)(All classes meeting regularly from Monday-Thursday meet for two hours and fifteen minutes.)

March 1, 2008	Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Summer Semester 2008 financial aid programs.
March 10, 2008	Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Summer 2008 degree conferral.
April 7	Monday, Academic Advisement and Registration for Summer and Fall 2008 begins. For more information see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times.
June 7	Saturday, Residence Halls open at 9 AM.
June 9	Monday, Classes begin.
June 9	Monday, ADD/DROP/LATE registration. (\$25.00 late fee will be assessed for late registrants.)
June 11	Wednesday, Last day to drop courses with no record.
June 17	Tuesday, Last day to register for Writing Proficiency Exam.
June 19	Thursday, Writing Proficiency Examination at 6 PM (Stephenville and Killeen).
June 23	Monday, Last day to drop courses with a W.
July 4	Friday, Independence Day. UNIVERSITY CLOSED.
July 7	Monday, Last class day; last day to withdraw from university. (Session I)
July 7	Monday, Deadline for submission of the committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College Office for review.
July 8	Tuesday, Final Examinations will be held during normal class time.
July 8	Tuesday, Residence Halls close at 5 PM for students enrolled Summer Session I only.
July 11	Friday, All grades entered by faculty in student information system by 4 PM.
July 18	Friday, Comprehensive Graduate Exam results due in Graduate Office.

August 4 Monday, Final thesis/dissertation copies to the Graduate College Office.

August 7- Thursday-Monday, Commencement (TBA).

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*Classes meeting on Friday or Saturday will have final examinations on July 5.

5 week Session II* (July 9-August 7) (All classes meeting regularly from Monday-Thursday meet for two hours and fifteen minutes.)

March 1 Priority date for completing student financial aid folder for first consideration for Summer Semester 2008 financial aid programs.

March 10, 2008 Deadline for graduation candidates to file for Summer 2008 degree conferral.

April 7 Monday, Academic Advisement and Registration for Summer and Fall 2008 begins. For more information see Class Schedule. Contact your major department for advising times.

June 17 Tuesday, Last day to register for Writing Proficiency Exam.

June 19 Thursday, Writing Proficiency Exam at 6 PM (Stephenville and Killeen).

July 4 Friday, Independence Day. UNIVERSITY CLOSED.

July 7 Monday, Residence Halls open at 9 AM for Students enrolled for Summer Session II only.

July 7 Monday, Deadline for submission of the committee-approved copy of the thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College Office for review.

July 9 Wednesday, Classes begin.

July 9 Wednesday, ADD/DROP/LATE registration. (\$25.00 late fee will be assessed for late registrants.)

July 11 Friday, Last day to drop courses with no record.

July 18 Friday, Comprehensive Graduate Exam results due in Graduate Office.

July 28 Monday, Last day to drop courses with a W.

August 4 Monday, Final thesis/dissertation copies to the Graduate College Office.

August 6 Wednesday, Last class day. Last day to withdraw from university.

August 7 Thursday, Final Examinations will be held during normal class time.

August 7-11 Thursday-Monday, Commencement (TBA).

August 8 Friday, Residence Halls close at 10 AM.

August 11 Monday, All grades entered by faculty in student information system by 4 PM.

*Classes meeting on Friday or Saturday will have final examination on August 8 or August 9.

****For additional course offerings, see printed schedule**

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY: AN OVERVIEW

THE TARLETON HERITAGE

Since its creation, Tarleton State University, a public coeducational institution, has provided a broad-based education. Established by a \$100,000 bequest from John Tarleton, an Erath County pioneer, John Tarleton College opened in 1899 as a private preparatory school and college for the youth of the surrounding rural region. During the next decade, students could earn a baccalaureate degree. In 1908, declining enrollment and inadequate funding caused college officials to reorganize the institution to a two-year degree program. This revised curriculum emphasized a liberal arts education, while retaining the two-year preparatory division. Again in 1916, Tarleton experienced financial difficulties; consequently, the Texas Legislature in 1917 approved the college as a branch of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, which would later become The Texas A&M University System. John Tarleton Agricultural College, as renamed by the Legislature, retained the two-year degree as well as the preparatory program and specialized curricula in agriculture, home economics, and military science.

To meet the needs of a changing constituency, Tarleton has adjusted and enriched its curriculum since the 1920s. Accredited as a junior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1926, Tarleton gradually redeveloped a liberal arts education. Then in 1949, the Legislature changed the name of the school to Tarleton State College, and in 1953 the preparatory division was discontinued, reflecting the increased access to public schools throughout the state. By a 1959 act of the Legislature, Tarleton once again became a four-year degree-granting institution, with the first class graduating in 1963. Accredited as a senior college in 1966, Tarleton initiated many new programs, including graduate courses in 1970. Because Tarleton offered a broad liberal arts education within undergraduate and graduate degrees, the Texas Legislature recognized the institution as a university in 1973, and changed the name officially to Tarleton State University. In 2003, a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership was initiated.

Over the past century, Tarleton has grown from a small private college into a thriving state university with over 9,000 students. In 1999, Tarleton established the first university system center in Texas, providing public, upper-level academic programs for the citizens of central Texas. This entity is called the Tarleton University System Center – Central Texas and it is located in Killeen. Degree programs are also offered in Waco at the MCC University Center and at several locations within the Southwest Metroplex. In addition, the University offers programs at the Terrell School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Hickman Properties/Camp Bowie Boulevard site in Fort Worth. Additional sites include the Dora Lee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center in Granbury, and the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Museum and Gallery in Thurber. These locations have enabled Tarleton to meet diverse educational demands from across the state. Throughout its first one hundred years, Tarleton has never lost the commitment to excellence that was the vision of its founder, John Tarleton.

STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

VISION

Creating a Culture of Excellence for our Students

MISSION

Tarleton State University exists to provide an academically challenging educational experience through effective teaching, scholarship, research, and service enabling students to pursue truth and acquire the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for establishing successful careers and becoming responsible citizens and leaders

PURPOSE AND ROLE

As a comprehensive, public university, Tarleton State University is the educational, scientific, and cultural center for the rapidly growing greater north central Texas area and provides educational programs that feature teaching excellence, faculty and student research, and student services. The university's current Carnegie Classification is categorized as Master's Colleges and Universities (Larger Programs).

Tarleton is sensitive and responsive to both society's and students' needs. Its culture of excellence fosters learning and encourages the pursuit of truth while enabling students to acquire the knowledge, achieve the understanding, and engage the skills and cultural experiences necessary in educated, civil individuals. Tarleton offers selected associate degrees, a wide variety of professional and pre-professional programs leading to degrees at the baccalaureate and master's levels, and a doctoral program in education.

Tarleton's faculty excels in teaching, advising, scholarship, research, and student service. The university attracts excellent faculty and provides development programs to enrich faculty skills. The university staff provides a variety of student services and professional expertise focused on enhancement of the college experience for students.

The university serves the public by enhancing the intellectual, cultural, and economic life of the region with an array of programs, sponsored events, professional assistance, and facilities.

The State of Texas and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authorized the Tarleton University System Center-Central Texas to begin offering classes in the fall of 1999 using the pathway model. The center provides improved educational access to students in central Texas.

Tarleton's commitment to applied and basic research continues to develop. The number and dollar amounts of sponsored research grants at Tarleton have increased significantly. The university has a well-known state institute, the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER), pursuing a national leadership role in environmental research, and a nationally known Center for Agribusiness Excellence (CAE) receiving significant federal grants for research and development of data warehousing, data mining systems.

Tarleton provides a campus culture of acceptance and friendliness, welcoming individuals into the university community without regard to race, gender, conditions of disability, or national origin. Having once focused on a predominately regional student body, the university now serves a growing population of state-wide, national, and international students. Dedicated to equality and fairness, the Tarleton community continues to meet the

educational needs of the rapidly growing north central Texas region, the State of Texas, and a changing global society.

GOALS

Access, Diversity, and Inclusion

- ★ Access
 - Utilize innovative delivery methodologies to maximize nationwide access to Tarleton State University programs.
 - Develop the capacities, procedures, and efficiencies to enable continued enrollment growth and expand distance programs while maintaining student experiences of the highest quality.
 - Work aggressively with K-12 partners to promote participation in higher education.
- ★ Diversity
 - Recruit, develop, and retain a diverse student body, faculty, and staff.
 - Integrate cultural competence across the curriculum.
- ★ Inclusion
 - Develop a living-learning environment of meaningful interaction among the Tarleton diverse citizenry.
 - Foster supportive and safe learning environments for all students, faculty, and staff.
 - Build community at regional, national, and international levels.

Institutional Advancement

- ★ Develop and implement a comprehensive promotional plan to increase and shape public awareness of Tarleton.
- ★ Expand services and opportunities to Tarleton alumni and visitors.
- ★ Secure ongoing capital acquisition and external funding of programs and services.

Excellence in Scholarship, Teaching, and Learning

- ★ Provide the administrative vision and support needed to foster an environment that will encourage innovation in teaching, learning, scholarship, research, and program development.
- ★ Develop state and nationally recognized academic programs and selected doctoral programs.
- ★ Provide rigorous academic programs and employ effective pedagogies and research to actively engage students and enhance student learning.
- ★ Create living and learning experiences that support the achievement of student success.

Outreach and Off-Campus Initiatives

- ★ Extend services through development of off-campus, on-line, continuing education, and community education learning opportunities.
- ★ Develop strategic partnerships with schools, community colleges, businesses, and other enterprises that facilitate the extension of learning.
- ★ Maximize the use of faculty, staff, and facilities to increase awareness and goodwill in the larger community.

Leadership Development

- ★ Promote student, alumni, faculty, and staff participation in leadership development and service opportunities.
- ★ Recognize and reward exemplary leadership and service to the university and the extended community.

Personnel and Resources

- ★ Promote greater levels of professional and personal growth to encourage higher levels of thinking and interactions among the university constituencies.
- ★ Increase accountability and responsibility through effective assessment and management of personnel, resources, processes, and risks.
- ★ Provide and maintain the highest levels of safety and security.
- ★ Promote the greatest possible opportunity for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) participation in the procurement of goods and services for the university.

Student Services and Campus Life

- ★ Create opportunities for students to learn and develop socially and academically.
- ★ Foster values that support diversity, leadership development, community service, and civic responsibility of students.
- ★ Enhance the quality of student life and learning experience by increasing participation in campus organizations, activities, and programs.

Educational Technology

- ★ Commit to a robust collaborative technological environment in pursuit of the university's mission of teaching, scholarship, and research.
- ★ Align student knowledge of technology with the requirements of their disciplines and their career goals.

ENROLLMENT AND FACULTY

Over 9,000 students attend Tarleton State University. Students from approximately 225 Texas counties, 36 states, and 19 foreign countries comprise the student body. More than 340 full-time faculty members are devoted to academic excellence and the personal development of each student. The student-faculty ratio is 19:1.

THE CAMPUS

One of the most striking features of Tarleton State University is the spacious 125-acre campus located in the heart of Stephenville, a city of 15,000 people only 65 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Featuring malls, open space, and beautifully-landscaped grounds, the campus is dominated by majestic oak and pecan trees, which create a warm atmosphere for living and learning. The architectural integrity of aged red brick buildings is maintained campus wide. Tarleton is proud of its spacious classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, extensive library collections, and physical education complex. Other facilities include a multimedia foreign language laboratory, a modern Fine Arts Center, and updated agricultural facilities.

An ongoing construction and modernization program ensures that Tarleton keeps abreast of new developments. The Barry B. Thompson Student Center, a 90,000-square-foot facility, is the hub for campus activity and is an integral part of the University's educational environment. The Center offers a food court, bookstore, post office, game room, weight room, conference and meeting facilities, study areas, and commuter lounge. During Spring 2001, Tarleton completed construction of a new \$30 million science building. Featuring a planetarium, this facility also provides state-of-the-art laboratory and classroom space for students to engage in study and research. In fall 2001, a student apartment complex was completed providing housing for 400 students. In fall 2004, a residence hall and an addition to the student apartment complex were completed, providing housing for 300 students. The newest buildings on campus are the university dining hall and the sports recreational facility featuring an indoor walking track, climbing wall, and state of the art exercise equipment.

The Tarleton University System Center – Central Texas was established in Killeen in September, 1999 to serve the Killeen-Temple metropolitan area, which has a combined population of more than 300,000. This area is the fifth fastest growing region in Texas. The System Center uses existing facilities on the Central Texas College campus to provide upper-level and graduate courses and degree programs to approximately 1,600 students. Through sharing facilities with Central Texas College, Temple College, Fort Hood, area school districts, and the Blacklands Research Center in Temple, the Center provides residents of the area with access to affordable, upper-level public higher education.

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- Texas A&M International University
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- Texas A&M University - Commerce
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- Texas A&M University - Texarkana
- West Texas A&M University

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