Course models

Most ECE courses will follow either fully-online or hybrid models. Hybrid models will provide a virtual off-campus component and an in-person on-campus component. To follow social distancing guidelines on campus, faculty will arrange staggered attendance schedules. Laboratory classes will be offered online and/or in-person, in small groups and in spaces adequate to health and safety guidelines. For additional details, read the syllabus and consult your professor.

The ECE Department recognizes that students with health conditions or international students facing travel restrictions may encounter difficult situations. Virtual classes may be recorded to offer needed study flexibility and to allow students to review course material if it’s helpful.

Required COVID-19 Training

Before the semester starts, the ECE Department requires all its students to complete a training module, which includes a video developed in large part by students and hosted by the President of the Student Government Association. Follow the link to this module:

   https://covidfstraining.questionpro.com/

Before you come to campus

Before coming to campus all ECE students should conduct a daily self-screening to ensure that they are symptom-free before coming to campus. The screening includes taking your temperature and assessing for the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
If you have any of these symptoms, you must **stay at home**, seek medical attention, and report to your professor. If you show any of the following signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

In addition, everyone MUST complete a COVID-19 screening before coming to campus. The link for reporting is

[https://screening.utep.edu](https://screening.utep.edu)

This screening includes three required questions:

- In the last 5 days have you (or someone you live with) experienced any one of the COVID-19 symptoms above?
- If you have been tested for COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks, was the result positive?
- In the last 2 weeks, have you spent 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of anybody that you know has tested positive for COVID-19?
Before coming to campus, wash your hands, and pack a hand sanitizer bottle and a clean face mask.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/

**While on campus**

UTEP is now requiring that everyone on the campus wear a CDC-approved face covering over the mouth and nose in all public spaces. This requirement includes classrooms, building entrances and exits, lobbies and lounges, as well as in hallways, stairwells, restrooms and elevators. UTEP will maintain and adjust its face-covering requirement as the pandemic evolves.

While on campus, ECE faculty will wear a face mask when giving in-person instruction. Likewise, students on campus will wear face masks in classrooms and laboratories and maintain social distancing (6 feet). Anyone refusing to face covering or to social distance themselves will be asked to leave the premises. Any escalation situations will be considered a public disruption and may require actions such as calling the UTEP campus police department and reporting the case to the Chair of the ECE Department and the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR).

One of the most effective ways of avoiding catching the coronavirus, flu, or common cold is to wash your hands thoroughly after touching surfaces in common areas of places with high traffic. If this is not possible, use hand sanitizer as often as needed.

**COVID-19 Testing on Campus**

UTEP will test for COVID-19 in the fall. This will help us to rapidly identify individuals who have COVID-19 and do not have symptoms so they can isolate and avoid spreading it to others. The testing will focus on faculty, staff, and students who are on campus. Help us stop the spread of
the corona virus and agree to participate in this voluntary testing program. Get tested when invited for testing at one of several on-campus locations.

**Resources**

UTEP Return to Campus Presentation [https://www.utep.edu/resuming-campus-operations/_Files/docs/COVID_Return_to_Campus_Safety_Training_8-7-20.pdf](https://www.utep.edu/resuming-campus-operations/_Files/docs/COVID_Return_to_Campus_Safety_Training_8-7-20.pdf)

UTEP Counseling and Psychological Services: 747-5302 or [CAPS@utep.edu](mailto:CAPS@utep.edu)

UTEP Student Health and Wellness Center: [https://www.utep.edu/chs/shc/](https://www.utep.edu/chs/shc/)

UTEP COVID-19 website: [https://www.utep.edu/ehs/COVID-19/](https://www.utep.edu/ehs/COVID-19/)


US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [https://www.cdc.gov/](https://www.cdc.gov/)