



New residence halls provide a backdrop for a rich array of extracurricular activities—from intramural and NCAA Division I sports action to numerous organizational, Greek and performing arts opportunities.

General Information

Location

The Lamar University campus is located in Beaumont, Texas. With a population of more than 115,000, Beaumont is a diversified city, home not only to the University but also to businesses and industries stemming from a strong petrochemical and agricultural base. World-renowned companies are located in Beaumont to take advantage of the area's resources and its educated work-force.

A host of cultural attractions offer a variety of leisure options from world-class museums and symphony presentations to shopping districts and many spring and fall festivals. A civic center, convention center, entertainment complex and coliseum draw professional entertainers and a wide variety of business, social and professional groups to the city. Beaumont is convenient to lake, river and ocean recreation, located only a few miles from the balmy Gulf Coast and little more than an hour from the Big Thicket National Preserve, large lakes and piney woods.

The campus is home to the stately Mary and John Gray Library, the Montagne Center coliseum, the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center, Gladys City Boomtown, several residence halls and state-of-the-art computing and engineering facilities. Lamar University welcomes visitors. Information regarding tours may be obtained from the Office of Admission Services, P.O. Box 10009, Beaumont, Texas 77710, phone (409) 880-8316.

History

Lamar University originated on March 8, 1923, when the South Park School District in Beaumont authorized its superintendent to proceed with plans to open "a Junior College of the first class." On Sept. 17, 1923, South Park Junior College opened with 125 students and a faculty of fourteen. Located on the third floor of the South Park High School building, the College shared the library and athletic facilities with the high school. In 1932, separate facilities were provided and the name of the institution was changed to Lamar College, to honor Mirabeau B. Lamar, second president of the Republic of Texas and the "Father of Education" in Texas.

On June 8, 1942, as a result of a public campaign, a new campus was purchased and classes were held for the first time on the present-day campus in Beaumont. After World War II, the College grew to 1,079, and the Honorable Jack Brooks introduced a bill in the Texas House of Representatives to make Lamar University a state-supported senior college. The Legislature approved House Bill-52 June 4, 1949, creating Lamar State College of Technology effective September 1, 1951. Lamar was the first junior college in Texas to become a four-year, state-supported college. Lamar continued to grow, building strong programs in engineering, sciences, business, education and the arts.

In 1962, a graduate school was established offering master's degrees in several fields. In 1969, an extension center was opened in Orange. The Doctor of Engineering degree was established in 1971. In the same year, House Bill-590 became law, changing the institution's status from college to university. Lamar State College of Technology, with an enrollment of 10,874, officially became Lamar University on August 23, 1971.

In 1975, the long-standing, private two-year Port Arthur College became Lamar University at Port Arthur. The Lamar University System, of which Lamar University-Beaumont was the primary component, was established in the 68th Session of the Texas Legislature with the passage of SB-620, which took effect in August 1983.

In 1990, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recommended that all two-year programs at Lamar University be combined into the Lamar University Institute of Technology. The programs in the former College of Technical Arts, along with Allied Health, Office Technology and Restaurant/Institutional Food Management were placed in the new Institute. The Doctor of Education in Deaf Studies/Deaf Education was established at Lamar University in 1993, the Doctor of Audiology in 2003, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership in 2004, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering in 2005.

Lamar's commitment to quality higher education has been steady and progressive, anticipating the evolving needs of its students. To facilitate this commitment, the Texas Legislature approved House Bill-2313 to merge the Lamar University System with The Texas State University System (TSUS). Effective September 1, 1995, Lamar University, along with the two-year components, joined sister institutions Angelo State University, Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University-San Marcos) and Sul Ross State University. On June 19, 1999, the Texas Legislature approved House Bill-1297 to rename Lamar University at Port Arthur, Lamar University at Orange and the Lamar University Institute of Technology. Today, these TSUS institutions are known as Lamar State College at Port Arthur, Lamar State College at Orange and the Lamar Institute of Technology.

As a comprehensive university granting bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, Lamar University continues to enhance its instructional, service and research missions. Lamar's growth has produced an economic impact that exceeds \$200 million annually, but even more influential is the impact realized by Lamar graduates, who are more than 71,000 strong.

Government

A board of nine regents, appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Senate for terms of six years, governs The Texas State University System. The Board of Regents delegates the direction of university affairs to the presidents, campus administrative officers and faculty.

Mission Statement

Lamar University is a comprehensive public institution educating a diverse student body, preparing students for leadership and lifelong learning in a multicultural world, and enhancing the future of Southeast Texas, the state, the nation and the world through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.

Core Values

To provide a learning environment of the highest quality and integrity, Lamar University values . . .

- Our **STUDENTS**, including their curricular and extracurricular activities;
- Our **FACULTY** and **STAFF**, high-quality employees who are committed to educating and serving our students;
- Our commitment to **DIVERSITY** in ideas, people and access;
- Our collegial **ENVIRONMENT** with contemporary, functional and pleasing facilities, a safe campus, and responsible fiscal management;
- Our bonds with **SOUTHEAST TEXAS**, the **STATE**, the **NATION**, and the **WORLD**, including our alumni and friends, through economic and educational development, research and creative activity, service, and outreach.

The Philosophy of Knowledge Core Curriculum

Rationale

A program of General Education Requirements for undergraduates is based on the premise that certain common, essential qualities, independent of one's academic discipline, are necessary for intellectual growth and professional advancement. These fundamental, "liberating" qualities, which have guided human progress through history, enable one to communicate effectively, think critically and examine values and principles. They provide a working acquaintance with the scientific method, an appreciation of cultural achievements and an understanding of the relationships among people, their cultures and their natural environment. By providing a stronger historical consciousness, they sharpen a citizen's sense of responsibility to family and society.

A general education provides the base on which a student can build a strong specialization while having the flexibility that a changing society demands. Specialized skills are needed in a complex environment, but the rapidity of technological change often requires the acquisition of new specialties. A sound general education provides the skills and knowledge which individuals will always need to develop their potential and meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Objectives

Lamar University's "Ways of Knowing" core curriculum satisfies the criteria for compliance with the mandates of Senate Bill 148 (75th Legislature) and for consistency with the statement, recommendations and rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding core curricula (See page 371). Lamar's core curriculum includes the basic competencies, which have long been seen by society as the minimal requirement of an educated person. Further by synthesizing the core curriculum into a "Ways of Knowing" or methods of inquiry focus and by emphasizing the application of methods of inquiry in the humanities and the sciences, this core addresses the goals of coherence and distinctiveness.

The core is designed to further develop in students the abilities to think critically, to communicate effectively and to understand the major social and personal issues of the times. Core courses include emphases on research, writing and speaking. Core courses encourage participation in university and community organizations and activities.

Components of the Philosophy of Knowledge Core¹

- I. **Philosophy of Knowledge²—three semester hours from PHIL 1370 or 1360 (Honors)**
- II. **Methods of Inquiry in the Humanities**
 - English Composition—six semester hours from ENGL 1301, ENGL 1360 (Honors), 1302, 1361 (Honors) or 1374**
 - Literature—three semester hours from ENGL 2310, 2320, 2326, 2331, 2360 (Honors), 2371 or 2376**
 - Communication—three semester hours from COMM 1315, 1360 (Honors), 2335, 2373, 3310, 3340, FREN 1311, GERM 1311, SPAN 1311 or CMDS 2375**
 - American History—six semester hours from HIST 1301, 1302, 1361 (Honors), 1362 (Honors), 2301 or 2377**
 - Fine Arts—three semester hours from ARTS 1301, DANC 2304, HUMA 1315, MUSI 1306, THEA 1310 or COMM 1375**

III. Methods of Inquiry in the Sciences

Political Science—six semester hours: POLS 2301 and 2302

Mathematical Science—Three to four semester hours at or above MATH 1314 and three to four semester hours in mathematics (at or above the content level of trigonometry, MATH 1316) or quantitative analysis (BUAL 3310, MATH 1342, MATH 3370 or PSYC 2471)

Laboratory Sciences—eight semester hours from BIOL 1406, 1407, 1470, 1471, 2401, 2402, CHEM 1406, 1407, 1411, 1412, 1460 (Honors), GEOL 1403, 1404, PHYS 1401, 1402, 1405, 1407, 1411, 2425, 2426

Social Science³—three semester hours from ANTH 2346, 2351, ECON 1301, 2301, 2302, PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301

IV. Physical Education Activity—**one semester hour of physical activity, dance or marching band (See pg. 61 for waivers.)**

Notes:

1. Students should consult their major advisor for recommended or required core courses and prerequisite courses, including Texas Success Initiative requirements. For information about the transferability of core courses and curricula, see page 72.
2. **Transfer Students** may satisfy the PHIL 1370 requirement with PHIL 1301 (Introduction to Philosophy) or an equivalent course.
3. Business majors must complete ECON 2301 and 2302 to satisfy degree requirements.

Accreditation

Lamar University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number (404) 679-4501; website www.sacscoc.org, to award degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's and Doctoral levels. In addition, Lamar is approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Several departments and programs are accredited by professional agencies. In the College of Engineering, the programs in Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Computer Science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The undergraduate and graduate programs of the College of Business are accredited by the International Association for Management Education.

Lamar's teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Other accreditations include Nursing by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the Department of Chemistry by the American Chemical Society; the Department of Geology by the American Institute of Professional Geologists; Department of Music by the National Association of Schools of Music; Dietetics program by the American Dietetic Association; the program in Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education and programs in Speech-Language Pathology by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and in Deaf Education by the Council for Education of the Deaf. The University also is a member of many academic councils, societies and associations.

Policy Regarding Review of Institutional Accreditation Documentation

Persons wishing to review documentation regarding the institution's accreditation, approval or licensing may do so by contacting the Office of the Provost, Room 101 in the Plummer Building (409-880-8398).

Teacher Certification

All teacher education programs of the University are approved by the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Educator Certification and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Students seeking teacher certification should consult the Director of Professional Services, College of Education and Human Development (409-880-8902), regarding requirements.

Organization

Lamar University is organized into six colleges. These are Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Fine Arts and Communication and Graduate Studies. Within each college are academic departments and programs. Each college is headed by a dean, and each department is headed by a department chair.

Degree Offerings

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Dance, English, French, History, Mathematics, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, and Theater

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Economics, Finance, General Business, Management, Marketing, Human Resources Management and Management Information Systems

Bachelor of General Studies

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Graphic Design

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Communication Disorders, Computer Information Science, Computer Science, Construction Management, Criminal Justice, Dance, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Exercise Science and Fitness Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, Forensic Chemistry, Geology, Graphic Design, Health, Interdisciplinary Studies, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Medical Technology, Nursing, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre, and the following Engineering fields: Chemical, Civil, Construction Management, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical and Industrial Technology

Bachelor of Social Work

Master of Arts in Art History, English, History and Visual Art

Master of Business Administration in Accounting, Experiential Business and Entrepreneurship, Financial Management, Healthcare Administration, Management Information Systems, Nursing Administration (dual degree), and Service Management and Marketing

Master of Education in Administration, Educational Technology Leadership, Elementary Education, Counseling and Development, Reading (certificate), Secondary Education, Special Education, Special Education/Educational Diagnostician, and Supervision

Master of Engineering or Master of Engineering Science in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering

Master of Engineering Management**Master of Music****Master of Music Education****Master of Public Administration**

Master of Science in Applied Criminology, Audiology, Biology, Chemistry, Community Psychology, Computer Science, Deaf Studies/Habilitation, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies, Family and Consumer Sciences, Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Speech-Language Pathology and Theater

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education

Doctor of Audiology

Doctor of Education in Deaf Studies/Deaf Education and Educational Leadership

Doctor of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering

Entering Dates and Enrollment Opportunities

Courses and schedules have been arranged so students may enter Lamar four times each year. The current University Calendar contains information regarding registration periods and exact entering dates.

Evening Classes

Classes offered after 5 p.m. are considered Evening Classes, sometimes called Extended Day Classes. Evening classes, with few exceptions, are taught by the regular faculty. Persons employed during the day may attend classes in the evening and study to obtain a degree or to expand their knowledge in a special field of interest as an adult non-degree student. Admissions and Registration Services are available in the Wimberly Student Services Building.

Mini-Sessions

Lamar University offers mini-sessions between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester (December Mini-Session), and between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the first summer session (May Mini-Session). Students are limited to one course per mini-session. For additional mini-session policies, students should consult their academic advisor.

Continuing and Distance Education

Continuing and Distance Education offers programs and services designed to meet the changing needs of Southeast Texas. Within this division are the Center for Adult Studies, Continuing Education Programs, Center for Distance Education, Spindletop/Gladys City Boomtown Museum, and a variety of other special programs that provide unique educational opportunities.

Center for Adult Studies

The Center for Adult Studies coordinates programs to assist older students who plan to attend college for the first time as well as adults with previous college credit who want to return to college to finish their degree. During weekdays, the Center's Adult Learning staff provides answers to questions concerning college entrance, degree offerings, courses scheduled, and campus services and resources. To learn more, call the Center for Adult Studies at (409) 880-7989 or visit the website www.lamar.edu/ce.

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Program serves as a link between Lamar University and the community to meet educational, cultural and training needs. Non-credit certification programs and courses help students build professional skills or gain entrance into new career fields. Programs cater to a wide segment of the population and range from summer youth programs to college experiences for people age 65 or older. Customized contract training for business and industry, along with seminar and conference organizational services, are also provided. For course information, call Continuing Education at (409) 880-2233 or visit the website <http://dept.lamar.edu/continuingeducation>.

Other programs administered by the Division of Continuing & Distance Education include Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum and the Community Outreach Program, which assists individuals and families achieve personal, social and economic self-sufficiency and enhance the neighborhoods and community in which they live. Continuing and Distance Education administrative offices are located in the Montagne Center. To learn more about these programs, call (409) 880-8209.

Center for Distance Education

The Center for Distance Education at Lamar University offers academic courses through several delivery methods, providing excellent opportunities for adults seeking a flexible schedule and high school students wanting an early start through dual credit.

Online courses are accessed via the Internet using WebCT, which provides benefit of anytime, anywhere learning. Interactive video offers university courses at participating Region V ESC high schools. This method has a university professor on the main campus teaching students at multiple sites by interactive video. Telecourse video lectures (both DVD and VHS) may be checked out from Media Services on the 7th floor of the Mary and John Gray Library. Telecourses require an orientation as well as on-campus exams. Off-campus courses are delivered at various high school campuses in the evenings. All professors participating in distance education are available by phone, appointment or e-mail.

The Center for Distance Education is located in the John Gray Center Building A, Suite 101, at 855 East Florida Ave., Beaumont, Texas, 77705. More information is available by calling (409) 880-1847 or visiting the website www.lamar.edu/cde.

Alumni Affairs

The Lamar University Office of Alumni Affairs, which supports graduates and ex-students, is active on a year-round basis. The alumni office is located in the John Gray Center, Building B, Suite 102, at 855 Florida Ave., (409-880-8921 or Alumni@Lamar.edu). The office coordinates all events and activities for alumni ranging from fund-raising to social events. Some of these include chapter activities, homecoming, Red White & You and Distinguished Alumni Awards. The Office of Alumni Affairs also coordinates numerous programs for Lamar University students. These programs include the Dinner and Twelve Strangers programs, mentoring programs and new student move in. They are designed to provide a connection between LU students and alumni.

Bookstore

The Lamar University Bookstore, known as the Setzer Center Bookstore, is located in the Setzer Student Center. The lease-operated bookstore features new and used textbooks for the school year, trade books, course materials, school supplies and officially licensed Lamar University Cardinal and Lamar Institute of Technology merchandise. Information is available at www.lamar.bkstore.com.

Early Childhood Development Center

The Lamar University Early Childhood Development Center is located at 950 East Florida. The Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and provides high-quality extended child care services and preschool/pre-kindergarten programs designed for children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years. The Center is home to a special program called "Super Kids." This science-based, interactive program for first- through third-graders is taught in one-week sessions during the summer months.

Information Technologies (Central Computing)

The Information Technologies Division is responsible for managing information resources required by the academic, administrative and research communities of Lamar University. Information Technology Services is located in the Cherry Engineering Building. The division established and maintains onsite and offsite disaster recovery contingency facilities in the event of a disaster. The facilities house the equipment for the administrative systems. All computer systems are connected to the University's fiber optic backbone.

A student entering Lamar University is given a computer account. Accounts remain active as long as a student is enrolled or a faculty member is employed, unless the Computer Use Policy is violated. More information is available at <http://cc.lamar.edu>.

Lamar Language Institute

The Lamar Language Institute (LLI) is a non-academic English training program, offering *full-time* study of English as a Second Language during fall, spring and summer sessions. LLI intensive courses provide English training for international, college-bound students as well as non-native speakers of English living and working in the community.

Permanent residents may study *part-time* in a program that includes intensive work in all language skill areas: writing, grammar, reading, vocabulary, listening comprehension, conversation and pronunciation.

The *full-time* course provides over 18 hours of ESL instruction per week within the fall and spring semesters. Summer sessions are also available.

As an integral part of training and study, the LLI and Lamar University offer students a variety of social activities, both on and off campus. Many of these activities are free, and they enhance the learning of English while providing opportunities for meaningful interaction with Americans.

Additionally, LLI provides developmental writing and reading courses for non-native speakers of English who have yet to satisfy THEA requirements. The LLI also offers customized corporate training plans, which include on-site instruction of English as a Second Language and English for Special Purposes. Additional information is available by calling (409) 880-8012, e-mailing language@lamar.edu or writing Lamar Language Institute, P.O. Box 10130, Beaumont, Texas 77710.

Library

The Mary and John Gray Library is centrally located on campus. Its collection exceeds 1 million volume equivalents, including microforms and state and federal documents. The library subscribes to almost 1,800 current periodicals and provides access to many full-text databases covering nearly 20,000 periodicals.

Students, faculty and staff of Lamar University can use PCs to locate electronic books in the online catalog, access indexes and journals electronically, and locate selected information through the Internet. A service-oriented library staff provides assistance in the use of reference materials, documents, special collections, reserve materials and instructional media. The Cardinal One card serves as an individual's library card.

The library provides rooms for group study, and the fifth floor is a designated quiet study floor. Coin-operated copy machines for both print and microforms are available. An open-access PC lab is located on the library's seventh floor in the Media Services department. Assistance in using the PCs, software and the Internet is available from trained staff.

Additionally, students have access to the collections of 51 other publicly funded colleges and universities through the TexShare program. Library hours are posted on the library's web site at <http://library.lamar.edu> and are available in a recorded message at (409) 880-8117.

Montagne Center

The 10,000-seat Montagne Center, home of the Lamar University basketball and volleyball teams, is a multipurpose facility that provides opportunities for educational and extracurricular programs. The center houses the athletic offices, ticket office and continuing and distance education programs.

Mail Centre

The Lamar University Mail Centre is located at 211 Redbird Lane in the Services Building. Hours of operation for window services are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The University Mail Centre is a contracted facility operated by the University and is officially designated as Lamar University, 77710. Full postal services are offered, including stamp sales for domestic/international mail, United Parcel Service, mail forwarding, express courier deliveries and bulk mail processing (including folding, tabbing and inserting services).

Students, staff and faculty may rent postal boxes semesterly or annually. Box sharing is prohibited. Mail is received from U.S. Postal Services at 6:45 and 9 a.m. daily Monday through Friday. Outbound stamped and metered mail are dispatched daily at 5 p.m.

Research Office

The Research Office is administered by the Associate Provost for Research, who chairs the Research Council. This office promotes and funds internal research; oversees sponsored programs and technology transfer as well as patent, copyright and intellectual property policies; establishes liaison between the university and state and national funding sources; and assures that proposed projects comply with institutional and governmental regulations. This office also provides assistance to faculty in the development and submission of grant/project proposals by locating funding sources and reviewing proposals for compliance with funding guidelines.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SFSWD) offers a variety of services designed to assure students with disabilities equal access to the university's activities, programs and services. Some of the services provided include academic accommodations, assistive equipment, interpreters, note-takers, physical access and priority registration. Documentation of a disability from a professional in the field is required to receive services.

Students with disabilities should notify the director of SFSWD prior to registration in any university program. The director will arrange a meeting with the student to determine an individualized educational plan.

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in 105 Communication Building. Students may write to P.O. Box 10087, Beaumont, Texas 77710, call (409) 880-8347 or fax (409) 880-2225. Additional information is available at the SFSWD web site, <http://dept.lamar.edu/sfswd>.

Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum

The Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum is located on Lamar's campus at University Drive and Highway 69. The museum is a 15-building replica of Gladys City, the oil boomtown that sprang up overnight when the Lucas Gusher blew in on Spindletop Hill January 10, 1901. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the legendary Spindletop Oil Boom that followed the Lucas Gusher, marking the beginning of the Petroleum Age.

The museum complex includes a saloon, general store, post office, drug store, livery stable and other buildings all furnished with items of daily life in Gladys City Boomtown. The replica Lucas Gusher blows water 160 feet in the air during special events. The Visitors Center includes the Museum Store and a large meeting room available to the public. Special events and Living History days with live re-enactors are held throughout the year. Visit www.spindletop.org for a virtual tour and more information.

Smoking Policy

Lamar University is a non-smoking campus, and smoking is not allowed in any university facility. More specifically, smoking is prohibited in all academic classrooms, laboratories, meeting rooms, restrooms, locker rooms, coffee areas, supply storage areas, lobbies, corridors, reception areas, offices, and university vehicles. The cafeteria, dining halls and other eating areas are nonsmoking areas. This nonsmoking policy applies to university facilities used by off-campus groups as well as university groups.

University Advancement

The Division for University Advancement encompasses development, public relations, alumni affairs, advancement services and operation of the University Reception Center. It also serves as a liaison to the Lamar University Foundation.

Development works closely with the president in raising external funds for student scholarships, endowed faculty positions and other university programs. It also coordinates fund-raising for campus constituencies, including campaign and special event planning as well as prospect research. Through its advancement services arm, it manages a database of alumni, friends and donors, tracking gifts to a multitude of university programs.

Alumni affairs coordinates all activities and events for Lamar University alumni. These include chapter activities, reunions, homecoming and Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Public relations coordinates all media relations, publications and institutional marketing activities for the university. It supports student recruitment, fund-raising and special events through the production of print, broadcast and World Wide Web products and materials. It also publishes the university magazine, *Cardinal Cadence*, mailed to more than 60,000 alumni and friends of the university.

The University Reception Center manages logistics for special events ranging from meetings and lunches to formal receptions, banquets and weddings, primarily in the main venue on the eighth floor of the Mary and John Gray Library but also at other locations across campus, including the Dishman Art Museum, Montagne Center and John Gray Center.

Offices are located in Building B of the John Gray Center at 855 Florida Ave.

Veterans' Affairs Office

A Veterans' Affairs Office is maintained in the Wimberly Student Services Building to aid veterans in obtaining their educational benefits. It also provides academic assistance and counseling. Veterans are encouraged to complete admissions and testing requirements 90 to 120 days prior to the period for which they wish to enroll. Additional information about veterans' programs may be found in the Fees and Expenses section of this catalog.

University Writing Center

The University Writing Center (UWC) offers free, face-to-face sessions to all Lamar students at any stage of the writing process. Students may visit the UWC early in their writing process, when they are deciding what to write (brainstorming); or they may bring a complete draft for content questions (revision) or grammar and punctuation concerns (editing). Each individualized session aspires to more than just the short-term goal of improving a particular paper; the objective is to nurture better writers. With this in mind, writers work together with tutors to answer any questions or concerns the writers have in sessions that may last from a few minutes up to an hour. The UWC staff, which is composed of Lamar undergraduate and graduate students, welcomes both appointments and walk-ins. Writers may schedule an appointment by calling (409) 880-8571 or visiting the UWC in Maes 208.

The UWC has a small computer area open to Lamar students. These six computers are connected to the Internet and offer a variety of software programs, including Microsoft Word, Access, Excel and Powerpoint. They are available during regular hours of operation. A computer classroom with 24 computers is also available by reservation, (409) 880-8587, to Lamar faculty for their writing classes.