



2017 FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: El Paso, Texas
Founded: 1914
Enrollment: 23,400
Nickname: Miners
Colors: Dark Blue, Orange, Silver Accent
Conference: Conference USA
Stadium: Sun Bowl (51,500)
Surface: Artificial (FieldTurf Classic HD CoolPlay)
President: Dr. Diana Natalicio
Director of Athletics: Bob Stull

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach:
 Sean Kugler (UTEP '89)
 Career Record: 28-31 (5th Season)
 UTEP Record: 28-31 (5th Season)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach:
 Brent Pease (Montana '90)
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach:
 Tom Mason (Eastern Washington '82)
Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line Coach:
 Spencer Leftwich (Stephen F. Austin '88)
Tight Ends Coach/Special Team Coordinator:
 Brian Natkin (UTEP '03)
Running Backs Coach:
 Cornell Jackson (Sterling (Kan.) College '86)
Defensive Line Coach:
 Andrew Browning (Boise State '07)
Speed, Strength & Conditioning Coach:
 Kirk Davis (Akron '98)
Assistant Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator/Safeties Coach:
 Don Yanowsky (Toledo '82)
Wide Receivers Coach:
 Chuck Veliz (UTEP '87)
Cornerbacks Coach:
 Derrius Bell (SMU '11)
Assistant Athletic Director for Football Ops:
 Nate Poss (Rice '78)

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Offensive Formation: Pro-Style
Defensive Formation: 3-4
2016 Record: 4-8 (2-6 C-USA/6th West Division)
Lettermen Returning: 44
 (21 offense/21 defense/2 special teams)
Lettermen Lost: 26
 (12 offense/11 defense/3 special teams)
Starters Lost: 13
 (6 offense/4 defense/3 special teams)

STARTERS RETURNING

5 Offense

76	Will Hernandez	OL
58	Tanner Stallings	OL
65	Derron Gatewood	OL
21	Eddie Sinegal	WR
12	Ryan Metz	QB

7 Defense

55	Mike Sota	DE
16	Alvin Jones	LB
3	Dante Lovilette	LB
9	Jayson VanHook	LB
5	Nik Needham	DB
27	Devin Cockrell	DB
1	Kalon Beverly	DB

2 Special Teams

46	Alan Luna	P
2	Terry Juniel	PR

STARTERS LOST

6 Offense

70	Jerome Daniels	OL
74	John De La Rosa	OL
85	Hayden Plinke	TE
11	Cole Freytag	WR
29	Aaron Jones	RB
15	Darrin Laufasa	FB

4 Defense

63	Gino Bresolin	DL
36	Nick Usher	LB
21	Dashone Smith	DB
97	Brian Madunezim	DL

3 Special Teams

40	Cooper Foster	LS
47	Jay Mattox	K
9	Jaquan White	KR

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2017 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TV
Sept. 2	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	TBA
Sept. 9	vs. Rice*	Sun Bowl	TBA
Sept. 16	vs. Arizona	Sun Bowl	TBA
Sept. 23	at NM State	Las Cruces, N.M.	TBA
Sept. 30	at Army	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Oct. 7	vs. WKU*	Sun Bowl	TBA
Oct. 14	at Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBA
Oct. 28	vs. UTSA*	Sun Bowl	TBA
Nov. 4	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBA
Nov. 11	at North Texas*	Denton, Texas	TBA
Nov. 18	vs. LA Tech*	Sun Bowl	TBA
Nov. 25	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	TBA

* Indicates Conference USA Game.

2016 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	TV
Sept. 3	NM State	W, 38-22	30,119	BEIN
Sept. 10	at Texas	L, -41	92,863	Longhorn Network
Sept. 17	Army	L, 14-66	37,893	ASN
Sept. 24	Southern Miss*	L, 7-34	21,419	Campus Insiders
Oct. 1	at LA Tech*	L, 7-28	22,101	ASN
Oct. 8	FIU*	L, 21-35	17,751	N/A
Oct. 22	at UTSA*	W, 52-49	23,633	N/A
Oct. 29	Old Dominion*	L, 21-31	19,254	N/A
Nov. 5	Houston Baptist	W, 42-10	15,977	N/A
Nov. 12	at Florida Atlantic*	L, 31-35	9,122	N/A
Nov. 19	at Rice*	L, 24-44	19,148	N/A
Nov. 26	North Texas*	W, 52-24	18,591	N/A

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