

Is utexas.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

utexas.edu

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

utexas.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official University of Texas at Austin informational page covering admissions, academics, research, campus life, news, and resources. Clear institutional navigation and links to social profiles and campus services.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1996 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1996.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents itself as the institutional information portal for The University of Texas at Austin, providing visitors with university information, admissions and academic resources, research and campus-life content, news, and links to student and community services. Its apparent purpose is public education and institutional communication rather than direct commerce.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage uses consistent University of Texas at Austin institutional branding and navigation, while the available behavioral evidence shows no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet interaction, cloaking, or suspicious script activity. External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, and the site's broad public footprint is consistent with an established institutional presence. The real-world operator identity is nevertheless assessed as likely rather than independently proven.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled "The University of Texas at Austin" and provides structured navigation for students, faculty and staff, families, visitors, alumni, admissions, academics, campus life, and university services.
- Domain registration: 1985-08-13; age 41.03 years.
- Web archive: 5,000 snapshots, first seen 1996-12-31 and last seen 2015-09-26, spanning 20 years tracked.
- Traffic rank: 1779.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents a coherent public-university identity and an informational funding model based on tuition, public appropriations, grants, research funding, and donations. No licensing claim or registration number is identified in the supplied homepage content; for an academic institution, this is a transparency and due-diligence point rather than evidence of a scam. The available evidence supports an apparently legitimate institutional website, but it does not independently prove the legal operator or establish a third-party regulatory status.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents admissions, academic schools, research, campus services, directory access, and institutional utility links rather than a financial-services or broker offering.
- Hosted on AS54113 (FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US).
- TLS certificate issued by YR2, validation level DV, valid to 2026-10-31T18:03:25+00:00.
- The supplied third-party broker-reputation context contains no matching result.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm the institution's identity through an official higher-education or government source and ensure that any admissions, tuition, donation, or account workflow is reached through the institution's primary navigation. Applicable tuition, refund, and payment-protection terms should be reviewed, and contact details should be confirmed through an independently sourced institutional channel.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides separate pathways for undergraduate, graduate, law, and medical-school admissions.
- The homepage includes links for financial aid, tuition and costs, directory access, and university services.
- The site links to institutional social profiles across Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate institutional website with a high-trust, low-risk posture. The convergence of longstanding provenance, coherent university content, clean external reputation, and stable technical operation supports normal informational use, while the operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

Fastly CDN/WAF infrastructure provides a protective intermediary layer, and the observed addresses were Fastly edge addresses rather than a directly identified origin server. This reduces direct exposure of the hosting origin and is a mitigating infrastructure signal, not proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is appropriate; credential submission or payments should follow ordinary independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of utexas.edu.

- The request stayed on utexas.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. [NOTED](#)
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1996-12-31. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2620:12a:8001::4
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-10-31
Domain age	41.03 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	1996-12-31
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about utexas.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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