THE GUIDE
UT Dallas International Center
Welcome!

As assistant vice president of UT Dallas’ International Center, I would like to personally welcome you to The University of Texas at Dallas.

UT Dallas is proud that more than 6,000 international students representing more than 100 countries call our campus home. Dallas is an exciting international community enhanced by the students who choose to pursue their studies here.

The International Center is committed to providing programs and services of the highest quality in order to help you succeed academically, personally and professionally. The International Center provides immigration advising, cultural and educational events, and orientation programs for new students. I look forward to meeting you during your stay at UT Dallas.

Sincerely,

Cristen Casey

Immigration Matters for New Students

In order to remain in the United States legally and have access to the benefits connected with your non-immigrant status, you are responsible for meeting a number of United States Government requirements. The UT Dallas International Student Services Office (ISSO) provides international student advising and resources to assist you in maintaining those requirements.

Requirements to Maintain F-1 Status

- Do not work unless specifically authorized.
- Report every change of legal address in the Ocrion system within 10 days of each move.
- Maintain USCIS full-time enrollment requirements every fall and spring semester. Summers are optional, unless it is your first semester in a new academic program, or your last semester before completing your studies.
- Apply for a new I-20 when you graduate from one program and continue in, or begin, another program.
- Complete your academic program before your I-20 expires, or file for an extension prior to the expiration date. Always make normal progress towards completing your course of study.
- Remain in the United States no longer than 60 days after completing a full course of study or Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- Possess a valid, unexpired passport, I-20 and I-94. A valid F-1 visa is not required to maintain F-1 status.

If you have questions about how these requirements apply to you, ask an ISSO immigration advisor, or visit utdallas.edu/issso/f1-maintain.

Enrollment Requirements for F-1 Status

Each fall and spring semester, 12 credit hours (undergraduate students) or 9 credit hours (graduate students) must apply to the degree program listed on the I-20. Any courses that do not apply to the degree program on the I-20 must be taken in addition to the 12/9 credit hour requirement. For more information regarding full-time enrollment requirements, visit utdallas.edu/issso/enroll-req.

- Only three hours of online courses can be applied to the fulltime requirement.
- You cannot take all of the fulltime requirement hours as prerequisite courses.
- You cannot take all of the fulltime requirement hours in an eight week term.
- If it is your last semester and you lack only one class to complete your degree, it must be a “presence” course (not online).

J-1 Student Orientation

J-1 students must meet with an immigration advisor to discuss the specific requirements of their J-1 status. If you do not cover these requirements with an immigration advisor during a breakout session at orientation, contact the immigration advisors at ISSOJ1@utdallas.edu to schedule your J-1 student orientation. For additional information on how to maintain J-1 status, visit the ISSO website at utdallas.edu/issso/maintain-j-1.

Please complete the section below:

1. I am a graduate student / undergraduate student (circle one).

2. I am required to take ________ credit hours every fall and spring semester unless I receive prior permission from ISSO to take less than the required amount of credits.

☐ I understand the enrollment calculator is a great online tool that I can use to determine how many credits I need each semester:

utdallas.edu/issso/enrollment-calculator.

Notes:

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________

____________________________________________
Meet with your Academic Advisor. Some graduate students may have a mandatory orientation for their major. Academic advising will be completed at this orientation.

Pay your tuition and fees with the Bursars Office. See more information on Page 4 and at utdallas.edu/bursar.

Apply for your Comet Card. Take a printout of your class schedule and a photo ID to the Comet Center (Student Union second floor) to apply for your Comet Card (student ID) 48 hours after registering for classes.

Make a decision about mandatory health insurance coverage. See more information on Page 9 and at utdallas.edu/insurance/international.

Apply for a DART Transit Pass. Once registered for classes, you can apply for a free Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) pass: utdallas.edu/services/transit/dart.

Become familiar with the requirements for maintaining your F-1 status. utdallas.edu/isso/f1-maintain.

Attend cultural events and get involved at UT Dallas. utdallas.edu/ic/events.

Attend International Student Orientation.

Take your Tuberculosis (TB) Screening. Required for all new students born outside of the United States and must be administered and interpreted in the United States. The TB screening takes 3-4 days to process and it must be completed prior to enrollment. The UT Dallas Student Health Center offers screenings for students. utdallas.edu/healthcenter/immunizations

Submit copies of your immigration documents. Required documents are: signed Form I-20, F-1 visa, and I-94 (in English) to ISSO_Documents@utdallas.edu.

Update your U.S. local address and U.S. phone number. Access your Orion Student Service Center via Galaxy: utdallas.edu/galaxy. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires you to update your U.S. local address and phone number within 10 days of any change.

Review the academic calendar for registration and payment deadlines. utdallas.edu/academiccalendar

Registration deadline ___________________________
Payment deadline _____________________________
Census day ____________________________________

Manage your holds. You cannot register for classes until holds are removed. Access Galaxy (Orion Student Service Center) to determine what department can clear your holds. Common holds include:
1. Int’l Hold: ISSO – Will be removed after attending International Student Orientation.
2. Enrollment Hold, Office of the Registrar – Meningitis Vaccination Form
3. Enrollment Hold, Student Health Center – Tuberculosis (TB) Screening
4. Enrollment Hold, Office of Admissions – Submit missing academic documents (ex. transcripts, degree certificates, test scores, etc.)
5. Cannot Register Online – You must meet with your academic advisor before registering.

Important Immigration Notes

Travel
If you plan to travel internationally during your studies, you will need the following documents to re-enter the United States:
• A valid passport
• A valid, unexpired visa
• A valid, unexpired Form I-20, endorsed by an immigration advisor (F-1 students only)
• A valid OPT EAD and proof of employment (students on OPT only)
• A valid, unexpired Form DS-2019 endorsed by the issuing institution (J-1 students only)
• For more information about travel, visit utdallas.edu/isso/travel-outside-us

Passport
Maintaining a valid passport is your responsibility and is a requirement of your non-immigrant status. Your home country’s consulate or embassy in the United States will process your renewal request, which should be made at least six months before your passport’s expiration date. It is risky to attempt to re-enter the United States if your passport will expire within the next six months.

Changes in I-20s
F-1 regulations require students to possess a valid, up-to-date Form I-20. There are a variety of situations that may arise that require a student to update the information on his or her I-20. For a complete list of circumstances, funding requirements, and procedures to request a new I-20, visit utdallas.edu/isso/i20-maintain.

Social Security Number
To be eligible for a Social Security number, you must have work authorization and complete an application at a local Social Security office. Detailed information is available at utdallas.edu/isso/ssn.
Tax Compliance
All international students who receive U.S. Source Income from UT Dallas, including taxable scholarships, awards, free housing, or wages (TA/RA, on-campus job), need to complete the “Request for FNIS Access” form at utdallas.edu/bursar/taxes/fnis and submit it via the instructions on the form. FNIS is a tax analysis database to help determine income tax liability. Failure to complete this form could lead to errors in your income.

Foreign National Tax Return (FNTR) is a web-based software application that assists in preparation of IRS tax forms. To gain access to FNTR, contact the UT Dallas Tax Compliance Office by email at taxcompliance@utdallas.edu during tax season (January through April).

For more information about tax forms and when and where to file, visit utdallas.edu/icp/taxes.

Office of the Bursar
The UT Dallas Bursar Office oversees financial transactions between University students, staff and faculty. Their functions include assessment, billing and collection of tuition and fees, including creating refunds for students. For more information about the Bursar Office, visit utdallas.edu/bursar. For questions about paying UT Dallas tuition and fees, visit utdallas.edu/bursar/payments/payment-options.

Tuition Calculation
Your tuition and fees will be determined after you register for classes. These costs vary based on your guaranteed tuition plan, program of study, number of hours and types of classes. As an international student, you will be assessed a fee for student health insurance and an international special services fee. Insurance rates and the international special service fee amount can be found on the Bursar’s “Other Fees” webpage. For details about waiving the insurance fee, visit utdallas.edu/insurance/international. Tuition bills may be viewed online through EZPay at utdallas.edu/ezpay. For more information about tuition calculation or tuition refunds, visit the Bursar Office website at utdallas.edu/bursar.

Tuition Payment
After you have registered for classes with your academic advisor, your tuition and fees will be established for the semester. Your next step is to pay your tuition and fees to the UT Dallas Bursar Office. You may make payment through one of the following methods:

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Payment Method</th>
<th>Where to Pay</th>
<th>Fee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Check (eCheck)</td>
<td>EZPay Only</td>
<td>No fee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash (not recommended for security purposes)</td>
<td>Bursar Office Only</td>
<td>No fee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Check, Cashier's Check, Draft, Money Order, Traveler's Check</td>
<td>Bursar Office (EZPay processes checks)</td>
<td>No fee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Credit Card - American Express, Discover and MasterCard Only</td>
<td>EZPay Only</td>
<td>1.9% fee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International Wire Transfer</td>
<td>Flywire Only</td>
<td>UT Dallas does not charge a fee for accepting wire transfers</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PAYMENT PLANS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Plan</th>
<th>Where to Enroll</th>
<th>Fee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Installment Plan</td>
<td>EZPay Only</td>
<td>$25 set-up fee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short-Term Loan</td>
<td>Orion Only</td>
<td>1.25% origination fee, no down payment</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tuition Refunds
UT Dallas is a public institution and we follow the state mandated refund schedule defined in Section 54.006 of the Texas Higher Education Code. The UT Dallas refund schedule is found on the academic calendar. This includes information about the last days to receive refunds. If you are eligible for a refund, your refund will either be sent as a check or a direct deposit. Refund checks are mailed to your local address. You should receive your check within 10 business days. If you have not provided a local address, your refund will not be processed. Students who have set up direct deposit through EZPay will receive their refund within three business days.

Notes: ________________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
______________________________
Texas Driver License or State Identification
To receive a driver license from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), you must present two acceptable documents showing you have resided in Texas for at least 30 days. These documents must include your name and a Texas address. You will also be required to pass a written exam and a driving skills test. You must provide the vehicle for the driving skills test. DPS also issues a Texas identification card that is useful for state identification, but this card does not give you driving privileges. For more information, visit txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense.

Name
Your name is recorded in University systems using the name types of ‘primary’ and ‘preferred’. The University allows you to change your preferred name by request from your UTD email. You also have the option to change your primary name, but it requires more documentation. You will find information about how to make name change requests on the Registrar’s webpage: utdallas.edu/registrar/faq/
Occasionally, automated updates from submitted transcripts, test scores, or new applications will change your name in University systems. If you notice a change that you did not request, notify the Office of the Registrar as soon as possible.

UTD-ID
The UTD-ID is your student ID number, and you will use it when filling out UT Dallas forms. It is 10 digits and can be found on official UT Dallas correspondence.

Net ID
The NetID is a user name that uniquely identifies you to UT Dallas computer systems. You will use your NetID and password to access your UT Dallas email, UT Dallas Galaxy web portal, and on-campus computer services. Once your NetID is established, you can use it to create a personalized email address, and to optionally forward your mail to another email address. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/oit/howto/netid.

All official UT Dallas email correspondence will be sent to your UT Dallas issued email address. When communicating with UT Dallas staff, use this email address:
My NET ID is: ___________________________________________

Computing Help Desk
The Computing Help Desk is available when you have questions about your NetID, computer labs, wireless access, or any on-campus computing system. The computer labs in the McDermott Library and Founders Building have staff that can assist you. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/oit or call 972-883-2911.

Your Privacy
Texas is an open records state. This means that the University may release directory information about you, which is defined as public information that would not generally be considered harmful, or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. If you wish to restrict your directory information, you may fill out a confidentiality form with the Office of the Registrar. If you do so, note that your name may be excluded from official UT Dallas publications.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's educational records. Educational records are all records that contain information that is directly related to a student and are maintained by the University or parties acting on behalf of the University. Examples include Social Security number, UTD-ID, grades and other academic information, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, etc. Your educational record is confidential, and this information may be released only within the limitations clearly defined by University regulations, state and federal statutes, or with your written permission. For more information about FERPA, visit utdallas.edu/registrar.
Job Preparation and Employment Opportunities

Career Center
The UT Dallas Career Center provides career advising, resume and professional document critiques, a career resource library, mock interviews, numerous seminars, workshops, and networking opportunities. Industry representatives recruit students at on-campus career expos and through on-campus information sessions and interviews. Employment and internship listings, both on and off-campus, are posted through CometCareers. UT Dallas’ online recruiting system. CometCareers accounts are automatically created after you register for classes. For more information, visit the Career Center in the Student Services Building, Room 3.300, or online at utdallas.edu/career.

Interinternships
If you are interested in working in the community on a Curricular Practical Training (CPT) internship, there are several things that the Career Center recommends you do in preparation. Many academic majors at UT Dallas require completion of certain prerequisite classes to be eligible for an internship/CPT. It is recommended that you inquire about these requirements with your academic advisor early in your first semester. Here is a timeline to help you be successful.

At the beginning of your first semester:
• Log in to CometCareers and update your profile as needed.
• Attend Career Center seminars (resume writing, interviewing, job search, etc.).
• Prepare your resume and have it critiqued.
• Review and apply for on-campus jobs in CometCareers.

End of your first semester/beginning of your second semester:
• Attend a CPT information session; make sure to register in advance with the appropriate office.*
• During your second long semester:
• Search for internship opportunities.
• Attend seminars and conduct a mock interview.
• Attend career expos and interview on campus, if qualified.
• Meet with staff in the appropriate office to complete the necessary approval process for your internship/CPT offer.*

*For CPT, all majors outside of ECS work directly with the Career Center. ECS majors (for CPT only) work with the Industrial Practice Program (IPP) in ECSs 2.502. For more information, visit ecs.utdallas.edu/studentservices/ipp. ECS majors still work with the Career Center for any on-campus student worker and off-campus full-time employment needs.

Off-Campus Employment
Immigration regulations prohibit all types of off-campus employment without specific authorization. Authorization may be requested after an F-1 student has been full time enrolled for one academic year. Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) are the most common types of off-campus employment. Economic hardship is also an option for some students. For more, visit utdallas.edu/issso/off-campus.

On-Campus Employment
Visit the Career Center website to learn more about how to update and activate your CometCareers account. On-campus jobs may be posted daily; however, they are limited. Do not visit departments to inquire about jobs. This delays the process and dissuades departments from hiring you for open positions.

As an F-1 student, you are eligible to work on campus without any special work authorization. The work hours for F-1 students are limited to the following:
• 20 hours or less per week during fall and spring semesters.
• Full time during official school breaks.

You must continue to maintain F-1 status to remain eligible for on-campus employment. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/issso/on-campus.

Health and Wellness Resources
Student Health Center website: utdallas.edu/healthcenter
Student Health Insurance website: utdallas.edu/insuranceinternational
Student Health Insurance email: stbinsurance@utdallas.edu

UT Dallas Student Health Center
If you are currently enrolled, have a valid UT Dallas Comet Card, and your illness or injury is not an emergency, you may schedule an appointment at the UT Dallas Student Health Center (SHC) for medical care. Office visits are free for eligible students and do not require proof of insurance. The cost of all services received in the UT Dallas SHC are covered at 100 percent for students who have the UT Student Health Insurance Plan (see information below). For students with alternate insurance plans, there will be nominal fees for lab work, medications and certain procedures. Examples of SHC services include:
• Diagnostics and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries.
• Women’s wellness exams, birth control, and pregnancy counseling.
• Allergy injections.
• Free dental screenings.
• Limited onsite radiology services.
• Pharmacy services.

Urgent Care Clinics
Urgent care clinics are open some weekend and evening hours, and they can handle most minor illnesses and injuries. You can visit with them on a walk-in basis during clinic hours and they can write prescriptions. Remember to bring your insurance card when you visit the clinic.

Student Health Insurance
The UT System requires all F-1, J-1, and J-2 students to maintain approved health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while enrolled at UT Dallas. International students are automatically enrolled in The University of Texas Student Health Insurance Plan each semester and the fee will appear on your tuition and fee bill.

Student Health Insurance Waivers
International students are eligible for a waiver of the UT Dallas Student Health Insurance fee if they provide documentation of comparable coverage during the waiver period. Alternate insurance plans must comply with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to be eligible for a waiver.

Summer Insurance Coverage
For your physical and financial safety, the SHC recommends that you maintain health insurance continuously when you are in the United States. SHIP is connected to enrollment, so if you do not enroll in classes during the summer, you will not have insurance unless you make special arrangements. Contact the Student Health Center before the spring semester ends to arrange for summer coverage.

Health Insurance for Dependents
Due to the high cost of medical care in the United States, it is highly recommended that dependent family members have health insurance. All students who are enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan may also insure their eligible dependents.

This semester: ____________________________
Health insurance cost: ____________________
Waiver deadline: _________________________
Coverage dates: _________________________

Coverage dates: _________________________

UT System Student Health Insurance

Due to the high cost of medical care in the United States, it is highly recommended that dependent family members have health insurance. All students who are enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan may also insure their eligible dependents.
Academic Integrity

United States culture places value on honesty, originality in written and oral expression, respect for the exchange of ideas, and acknowledgment of the abilities and contributions of others. Every student at UT Dallas is expected to exercise independent thought and expression as he or she strives for academic achievement. To support your success as a student in the United States, the following information is provided as a guide for a variety of academic integrity issues.

- When you use someone's words, quote them accurately, mark as a quotation and include a citation. When you paraphrase, use your own distinctive voice, not the author's. Internet citations should include the access date and exact address of the material cited, not the general address.
- Never represent anyone else's work as your own. Never buy, sell or borrow papers. Do your own work.
- Never hand in the same paper for two classes unless you have permission from both instructors.
- Utilize the free RefWorks citation management service from the McDermott Library.
- Computer Science students should speak with their faculty member to find out how to cite computer code found on the Internet.

Four types of academic dishonesty:

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________

Common Excuses for Acts of Academic Dishonesty

- “I’ve never written a paper before.”
- “No one told me I had to do it this way.”
- “I didn’t know what MLA was, so I ignored that part of the assignment.”
- “Where I come from, it is a sign of respect to use someone else’s words without giving them credit.”
- “I didn’t have time to do it correctly.”
- “I used an article I found on the Internet. It was free, so I can use it without giving credit to the author or publisher.”
- “But I just got help from a senior.”

Helpful Suggestions to Avoid Academic Dishonesty

- Presume the assignment requires individual, independent work unless otherwise instructed by your professor.
- If your name is alone on a paper, it means you did the work entirely yourself. If you are listed as a coauthor, you contributed to the group’s work.
- It is fine to do lab work together with your partners as directed by your lab instructor, but you should keep your own lab notes and write up the results individually.
- For more information, visit utdallas.edu/deanofstudents.

Code of Conduct

UT Dallas has rules and regulations that keep the University running smoothly and efficiently. Each student is required to know and follow these rules, as well as federal, state and local laws. Student Code of Conduct has the most applicable portion of these rules and regulations for UT Dallas students. The code can be viewed at policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003.

Bystander Intervention

Comet Voice is the UT Dallas Bystander Initiative aimed at creating a safe and caring Comet community. Bystander Intervention is recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and choosing to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome. A harmful situation is anything that causes a negative physical, mental, social, or emotional response. Examples of harmful situations are: sexual assault, dating relationship violence, fights, hate speech, and suicidal threats. To learn more about bystander intervention and how to intervene, visit utdallas.edu/cometvoice.

Sexual Assault & Misconduct

In the United States, there are strict rules regarding what behavior is acceptable when interacting with others. All students at UT Dallas should be aware of specific policies regarding sexual assault and misconduct and sexual harassment. Sexual assault and misconduct are non-consensual sexual contact, intercourse, or sexual exploitation. Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/cometvoice.

All students will receive an email instructing them to complete an online module about sexual assault prevention. This module must be completed prior to the eighth week of class. Failure to complete this module may result in a hold being placed on your student account.

To file a complaint or report a sexual misconduct you can contact any one of the following offices:
- Title IX Coordinator: 972-883-2292
- UT Dallas Police: 972-883-2222 or call 911
- Dean of Students: 972-883-6931
- Counseling Center: 972-883-3575
- Student Health Center: 972-883-2747

Counseling in the United States

The UT Dallas Student Counseling Center assists students in achieving emotional well-being and managing personal demands that may interfere with their academic progress. Counselors are trained professionals who work with you to identify and find solutions to your problems. All counseling sessions are free and confidential. Individual, couples, and group sessions are offered. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/counseling, or contact the Student Counseling Center at 972-883-2575.

Academic Success

McDermott Library

The UT Dallas McDermott Library supports the curriculum of all schools and academic programs at the University and is open 24 hours a day. Services include:
- Library tours and workshops.
- Interlibrary loans.
- Reference librarians.
- Multimedia services.

For more information, visit utdallas.edu/library.

Student Success Center

Located in the McDermott Library, the Student Success Center offers services aimed at improving grades. Services include:
- Math Lab.
- Writing Center.
- Testing Center.
- Peer-led Team Learning.
- Academic Success Coaching.
- Comet Cents Financial Success Program.

Helpful Suggestions to Avoid Academic Dishonesty

- “But I just got help from a senior.”
- “I used an article I found on the Internet. It was free, so I can use it without giving credit to the author or publisher.”
- “I didn’t have time to do it correctly.”
- “I didn’t know what MLA was, so I ignored that part of the assignment.”
- “Where I come from, it is a sign of respect to use someone else’s words without giving them credit.”
- “I didn’t have time to do it correctly.”
- “I used an article I found on the Internet. It was free, so I can use it without giving credit to the author or publisher.”
- “But I just got help from a senior.”

Common Excuses for Acts of Academic Dishonesty

- “I’ve never written a paper before.”
- “No one told me I had to do it this way.”
- “I didn’t know what MLA was, so I ignored that part of the assignment.”
- “Where I come from, it is a sign of respect to use someone else’s words without giving them credit.”
- “I didn’t have time to do it correctly.”
- “I used an article I found on the Internet. It was free, so I can use it without giving credit to the author or publisher.”
- “But I just got help from a senior.”

Helpful Suggestions to Avoid Academic Dishonesty

- Presume the assignment requires individual, independent work unless otherwise instructed by your professor.
- If your name is alone on a paper, it means you did the work entirely yourself. If you are listed as a coauthor, you contributed to the group’s work.
- It is fine to do lab work together with your partners as directed by your lab instructor, but you should keep your own lab notes and write up the results individually.
- For more information, visit utdallas.edu/deanofstudents.

Code of Conduct

UT Dallas has rules and regulations that keep the University running smoothly and efficiently. Each student is required to know and follow these rules, as well as federal, state and local laws. Student Code of Conduct has the most applicable portion of these rules and regulations for UT Dallas students. The code can be viewed at policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003.

Four types of academic dishonesty:

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________
Student Organizations

Student organizations are created and maintained by students. Getting involved with student organizations can enhance your college experience, assist you in making new friends, and provide leadership opportunities, all while preparing you for your future career.

List some student organizations you want to join!

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________
5. ____________________________

On-Campus Attorneys

A general attorney and an immigration attorney are available to provide legal advice and consultation to all currently enrolled students.

The attorneys are free of charge, funded by student service fees and sponsored by Student Government. Appointments should be made in advance. The attorney is located in the Student Government office. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser.

Where can I buy textbooks?

The UT Dallas Bookstore has textbooks available for purchase and is located in the Visitor Center. Additionally, The McDermott Library has on-reserve book rental that allows you to use a book in the facility for up to two hours. Some students choose to order books online or to visit off-campus retailers as well. Ask other students for recommendations.

How can I get around without a car?

UTD Comet Cruisers (DART Route 883) run between UT Dallas, area neighborhoods, and shopping complexes. The UTD Comet Cruiser has many local grocery stores along its route, including Walmart on certain days. Take the UTD Comet Cruiser to the George Bush Turnpike station, where you can take connecting buses or trains into downtown Dallas using your free DART pass. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser.

Where do I improve my English skills?

There are various opportunities available for students who are interested in improving their conversational English. The International Center hosts English Conversation Hour (ECH) every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. in SSB 3.107. ECH is an informal session led by student staff that includes conversation, games, and written activities. To improve your written English, the UTD Writing Center hosts writing workshops each week specifically designed for international students. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/icp/english-support.

On-Campus Attorneys

A general attorney and an immigration attorney are available to provide legal advice and consultation to all currently enrolled students.

The attorneys are free of charge, funded by student service fees and sponsored by Student Government. Appointments should be made in advance. The attorney is located in the Student Government office. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser.

How do I get a cell phone?

Various service providers, including AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, Verizon and Metro PCS, provide cell phone services. Some service providers and prepaid plans do not ask for a Social Security number. Look online for service provider locations and contact information.

Where can I buy furniture?

The International Christian Fellowship student organization has furniture giveaways at the beginning of each semester. New furniture can be purchased from a variety of local stores, including IKEA, Walmart and Target. You can also check craigslist.com for used furniture in the Richardson area.

How do I improve my English skills?

There are various opportunities available for students who are interested in improving their conversational English. The International Center hosts English Conversation Hour (ECH) every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. in SSB 3.107. ECH is an informal session led by student staff that includes conversation, games, and written activities. To improve your written English, the UTD Writing Center hosts writing workshops each week specifically designed for international students. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/icp/english-support.

On-Campus Attorneys

A general attorney and an immigration attorney are available to provide legal advice and consultation to all currently enrolled students.

The attorneys are free of charge, funded by student service fees and sponsored by Student Government. Appointments should be made in advance. The attorney is located in the Student Government office. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser.

How do I get a cell phone?

Various service providers, including AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, Verizon and Metro PCS, provide cell phone services. Some service providers and prepaid plans do not ask for a Social Security number. Look online for service provider locations and contact information.

Where can I buy furniture?

The International Christian Fellowship student organization has furniture giveaways at the beginning of each semester. New furniture can be purchased from a variety of local stores, including IKEA, Walmart and Target. You can also check craigslist.com for used furniture in the Richardson area.

How do I improve my English skills?

There are various opportunities available for students who are interested in improving their conversational English. The International Center hosts English Conversation Hour (ECH) every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. in SSB 3.107. ECH is an informal session led by student staff that includes conversation, games, and written activities. To improve your written English, the UTD Writing Center hosts writing workshops each week specifically designed for international students. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/icp/english-support.