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Congratulations and welcome to UT Dallas.

You are about to join a close-knit family of students, faculty and staff who are committed to your personal success. As a UTD student, you will be an active part of a place where the only limits on your ambition and accomplishments will be your imagination and dedication to your goals.

For the faculty and staff at UTD, the goal is simple. We want to make sure your new academic journey will include exciting new personal and academic experiences and encourage you to have a never-ending sense of curiosity, adventure and achievement.

Since you have been admitted to UT Dallas, you’re probably already pretty familiar with our degree programs and reputation. But now that you have been admitted, there are a few more important things you should know to help you successfully transition into college life.
FAST FACTS

Colors:
- ECO GREEN: PMS 348
- FLAME ORANGE: PMS 159

Enrollment:
- 69% undergraduate
- 31% graduate
- 28,755

Student/faculty ratio: 23 to 1

Founded: 1969

Times Higher Education consistently ranks UT Dallas among the top universities in the United States less than 50 years old.
UTD graduates have received some of the most prestigious scholarships and fellowships, including the Fulbright, Marshall, Truman, and Goldwater scholarships.

Team nickname: Comets

Mascot: TEMOC

Average undergraduate class size:

- 41% <30 students
- 78% <50 students

Percent of Undergrads Who Have No Student Debt*

- 67% UTD
- 45% Texas
- 35% Nation

*Among graduating seniors who started their college careers at UT Dallas.
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Your UT Dallas journey begins this summer with Freshman Orientation, a two-day introduction to campus culminating in a meeting with your academic advisor and class registration.

You and your family will learn more about UT Dallas traditions, like how to do the Whoosh and useful tips like how to pay tuition and what to expect the first week of class. You’ll pick up some fun stuff too, like getting involved with student clubs and organizations and discovering friends with your interests. Freshman Orientation sessions open in January and fill quickly.

Visit utdallas.edu/fye/orientation to check for available dates and secure your spot.
COMET CAMP
Students who attend Comet Camp agree that it is one of the best decisions they made before officially starting at UT Dallas. The three-day, two-night adventure offers you the opportunity to bond with new friends, get a head start on what to expect from college and get an inside track on UT Dallas from upperclassmen.

The fee for Comet Camp is $150 and includes lodging, meals and all Comet Camp activities. Find more information and Comet Camp dates at utdallas.edu/cometcamp.

SUCCESS CAMP
At Success Camp you’ll have an opportunity to meet with faculty, staff and students to learn the best ways to thrive as a college student at UT Dallas. Professors share their expectations and tips on taking great notes, study habits and where to go when you need help. Learn the secrets of success from upperclassmen and enjoy some fun and games just before the semester begins. It’s a great way to start the year off on the right foot.

Visit utdallas.edu/successcamp for dates and to learn more.

TRANSFER ORIENTATION  utdallas.edu/transferservices/orientation

As a transfer student, you’ll receive information about campus services that will help you transition to life at UT Dallas. Check utdallas.edu/transferservices/orientation for Transfer Orientation dates and to learn more.
Pre-health
Pre-law
Teacher Certification Program
UTeach
HELP IS JUST A CALL AWAY.

It’s important that you find the tools to succeed at anything thrown your way. At UT Dallas, you’ll have the resources you need to face challenges head on. Familiarize yourself with just a few of the important tools that Student Services and the Student Success Center offer so you’ll know just who to call to get the help you need, when you need it.
The Student Health Center can help you bounce back from that first fall cold with both primary and preventative services. As an enrolled student who has paid the medical services fee, you’ll have access to no- or low-cost care for acute and stabilized chronic illnesses, minor injuries, women’s care, allergy injections, limited pharmacy and radiology services and preventive health care.

Medical care is provided by a staff of licensed, registered and certified professionals. Nominal fees may be assessed for medications, lab work, medical supplies and other procedures as needed. Domestic and international students may also purchase a UT Student Health Insurance Plan (UT SHIP). Visit utdallas.edu/insurance for details.

For students under 18, you will need a Consent of Treatment form on file in order to receive medical services. For a checklist of essential college medicine chest items and downloadable forms visit utdallas.edu/healthcenter.

The Student Counseling Center provides programs and services designed to help you achieve greater emotional well-being. Whether it’s anxiety, classroom or roommate stress, relationship concerns, or uncertainty about the future, counselors help students manage academic and personal demands more effectively. A licensed psychiatrist, psychologists and counselors are available by appointment or in times of emergency, and all counseling is confidential.
STUDENT ACCESSABILITY

utdallas.edu/studentaccess

UT Dallas is committed to equal access to educational, recreational and social endeavors for all students. Student AccessAbility assists with campus housing accommodations, adaptive software for in and out of the classroom, and on- and off-campus transportation. Student AccessAbility offers:

- Academic accommodations for eligible students with a documented physical, mental or sensory disability.
- Facilitation of non-academic and environmental accommodations and services.
- Resources, referral information and advocacy support as necessary and appropriate.
GALERSTEIN GENDER CENTER  utdallas.edu/gendercenter

Known around campus for their drop-in Tea Tuesdays, the Galerstein Gender Center is a campus resource that fosters a safe and inclusive environment for everyone by advocating for gender equity and diversity through leadership development, education, programs and services. The center also has a lending library of diverse primary sources for gender studies and historical documents.
No one said it would be easy, but it’s certainly not impossible. In your time at UT Dallas, you may have some formidable classes ahead. Peer Tutoring and the Math Lab offer you the ability to drop in and get help with subjects like math, physics, biochemistry and general and organic chemistry five days a week. If you need more consistent support, Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) offers scheduled learning for small groups where a trained PLTL leader helps guide you through potentially difficult gateway courses.

For tutoring in other subject areas, Supplemental Instruction (SI) provides free, peer-facilitated study sessions in a wide variety of subjects. SI sessions encourage active, collaborative learning based on critical thinking and transferable study skills. Announcements about SI are made in SI-supported courses during the first week of classes.

The results are clear, students who consistently participate in organized, peer-led tutoring attain higher grades and better learning outcomes. Group learning and collaboration are a part of what make UT Dallas graduates sought after candidates in the job market.

Visit the Student Success Center on the first floor of the McDermott Library or online at utdallas.edu/studentsuccess to learn about the opportunities available to help you succeed at UT Dallas.
When you need to prepare a 20-page paper, the Writing Center and the online writer’s resources are there to help you with any step in the creative process. You’ll get constructive feedback and support through one-on-one tutoring sessions, group tutoring sessions and workshops. Common concerns students bring to the Center include:

- Finding a topic for a paper (any paper, not just an English course).
- Organizing ideas and clarifying thoughts.
- Drafting and revising papers.
- Documenting sources.
- Preparing for essay exams.

Public speaking isn’t an ability that everyone is born with and group presentations can sometimes be a challenge. The CommLab can help you by providing practical feedback and resources for improving your oral and group presentations. Recreate the presentation experience for yourself or your entire group and ace your presentations with help from experienced students and staff.
The Career Center provides help with every stage of your career development. There are career consultants who will meet with you to discuss everything from deciding on a major, to internship possibilities and job search strategies.

**Where is the Career Center located?**

The center is located in the Student Services Building, in Room SSB 3.300.

**When is the best time to visit the center?**

Students are encouraged to connect with the center during their first semester at UT Dallas. The best way to start is by making an appointment with a career consultant at the center.

**Can the Career Center help me find a job while I’m in school?**

The center is available to help you develop strategies to find jobs while you’re in school and after graduation.

**I’m exploring career options. What tools can help me narrow down my career path?**

First, meet with a career consultant at the center to discuss thoughts about your career track. Then, take a career assessment.

Finally, meet with a consultant again to get your results, learn how to interpret the results, and discuss how our consultants can help you with your career decision-making process.

**I’m interested in an internship, possibly more than one. How do I get started?**

Discuss your interest in internships with your career consultant during your first meeting. Be sure to complete an internship seminar through your eLearning account to be eligible for internship opportunities.
How can I make myself job ready?

Attend career-related events. You can check out a list of upcoming events at utdallas.edu/career. We offer seminars and workshops to create and critique résumés for possible errors, prepare for interviews and practice mock interviews. You can also participate in annual events such as Explore the WOW, Career Advice and a Slice, and Internship Inside Edition.

Is there anything students should do in their job search?

Students often forget two things when applying for a job. First, be sure to research the company and walk into your interview with knowledge about the industry, or it may look like you didn’t take the job seriously. Second, tailor your résumé for each position based on the job description. It takes time, but it will help you make it to the interview stage. Don’t forget to utilize the Career Center — we’re here to help, even after graduation.

Anything else?

Our website, utdallas.edu/career, and Handshake are both loaded with resources for students. Even if you can’t find time to visit the center in person, browse our online tools. We think you’ll find them to be helpful.
Located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, UTD has the advantage of being one of the nation’s largest urban areas, with shopping, entertainment venues — including five major sports teams — museums, concerts, festivals and art galleries.

Why should this matter to you? The Metroplex is experiencing remarkable growth in leading job sectors from engineering and computer science to health care and finance. At UT Dallas, we encourage experiential learning. Many of our students receive real-world training through internships and externships at leading companies that make them better prepared for the job market.

utdallas.edu/career/internships

Business Insider consistently ranks Texas as one of the best places for entrepreneurs to start a business, and UTD’s Blackstone LaunchPad gives campus community members a resource and a facility to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. The program’s 5,000-square-foot-space is located near the center of campus and operates under the umbrella of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Blackstone LaunchPad helps the campus community members with startups and provides resources to: flesh out ideas and initial concepts; network with peers; connect with an online support community; and obtain one-on-one mentorship.

innovation.utdallas.edu/startup-programs
EDUCATION ABROAD

At any given time, several hundred Comets are out in the world gaining experience in new cultures and challenging themselves through the University’s Education Abroad programs. If travel and exploration appeal to you, consider taking a semester to experience the language, culture and academic styles of a different country.

Students who study abroad often develop career skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, adaptability and an expanded worldview. UT Dallas Education Abroad offers several different opportunities for you to see the world, including exchange programs, classes, internships, academic research or customized programs that include an international learning component. Explore the possibilities at utdallas.edu/ea.
DARING TO BE DIFFERENT SINCE 1969.

We may not have a football team, but Comets enjoy a wide variety of clubs and sports from cricket and soccer to hackathons and chess. Whether you’re looking for new friends or a way to get involved, there’s something for you at UT Dallas.
STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS  

utdallas.edu/soc

With more than 300 student organizations that include academics, cultural and social groups, Greek sororities and fraternities, and club sports, there’s no shortage of activities awaiting you outside the classroom. Explore all the ways to get involved and stay connected at utdallas.edu/soc.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS  

utdcomets.com

There’s a lot to stand up and cheer about at UTD. UT Dallas fields 14 intercollegiate teams and competes in the NCAA Division III American Southwest Conference and Comets come out to support them at every game. Our teams include:

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Esports

Brush up on your Whoosh and check out utdcomets.com.

UNIVERSITY RECREATION (UREC)  

utdallas.edu/urec

Staying healthy is a top priority for our students. Good sleeping habits, eating right and getting the proper amount of exercise are important. There are two recreation centers on campus with exercise machines, racquetball courts and free weights, but if your thrills run more to sports, we also have archery, Ultimate Frisbee and fencing. With nearly 30 club sports, you can take a break from brain flexing and have some competitive fun stretching out some of your 640 muscles.
LIVING ON CAMPUS

If you’re looking to experience independence away from home and make new friends in the process, our residence halls could be the answer for you. They feature three private bedroom, one-bath furnished suites. Each suite includes a shared living area and alcove for a refrigerator, microwave and coffee station, a private shower and bathroom and a three-sink vanity. Each bedroom comes with a loftable bed, desk, chair, dresser and a roomy closet area. After completing your freshman year, you’ll have the opportunity to move to on-campus student apartments. On-campus apartments are available to continuing, transfer and graduate students at University Village and Canyon Creek Heights.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

College is easier once you know someone with your shared interests. Living Learning Communities (LLCs) help make that process easier by bringing students together before classes even start. LLC students live together in the residence halls or apartments, enroll in community-specific courses and participate in activities designed to enhance learning.

Freshmen can choose from:

- Arts and Technology
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Exploration (undeclared)
- First Generation
- Management
- Pre-Health
- Social Sciences

Sophomores and upperclassmen can join:

- Women in STEAM

The Office of University Housing welcomes students of all gender identities and expressions and is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive community for all residents. Please contact Residential Life to learn about all available housing options. It is our goal to provide an affirming and non-discriminatory housing experience.
EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY.

No matter where you are on campus, delicious eats are just a few steps away. Whether you’re joining friends or a study group for a snack or refueling after a long day of classes, there are a lot of different options from which to choose. Dining Hall West, located close to the residence halls, features traditional meal plans with all-you-care-to-eat options from home-style favorites to international fare and vegetarian choices. The Student Union is home to a variety of popular walk up options including Subway, Chick-fil-A and Panda Express as well as rotating picks based on current dining tastes. Throughout campus are popular eateries like IHOP Express, Jason’s Deli, Papa John’s Pizza, Einstein Bros. Bagels and four locations serving Starbucks including a full-service Starbucks in the Student Union. Or roll the dice and check our Food Truck Park — where you can try new takes on classics from street tacos to banh mi!

dineoncampus.com/utdallasdining
Food Facts

Moe's Southwest Grill uses 25,800 fresh tomatoes each school year.

Chick-Fil-A uses 87,230 lemons on average annually for their fresh squeezed lemonade.

Einstein Brother's Bagels served over 80,000 bagels last year.

Dining Hall West served approximately 550,000 meals last year.

Panda Express served over 15,000 pounds of rice last year.

IHOP serves up an average of 4,600 pancakes per week.

Forty-four water bottle refill stations across campus have filled over 2.6 million bottles.

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PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

Everything is bigger in Texas, but getting around DFW and UT Dallas is easy once you know the ropes.
COMET CABS

Worried about getting across campus in less than 10 minutes flat? Catch one of the multi-seat golf carts that run across campus from 7:45 a.m. until 10 p.m. Flag one down if there’s an empty seat and relax while you get to class on time. Check out Comet Cabs’ seven routes and download a map at utdallas.edu/services/transit/cab.

COMET CRUISER: ROUTE 883

The Comet Cruisers are a neighborhood bus service through our partnership with DART, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, that you can ride to the grocery and super stores, area apartments and to the closest DART rail lines. The shuttle is free and doesn’t require any ID or pass. Check out the shuttle stops at utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser.

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (DART)

Your key to the city is just one swipe away with a DART Student Transit Pass. Once you get your Comet Card, you can apply for a free DART pass to use on all DART buses, light rail and trains. utdallas.edu/services/transit/dart

ZIPCAR AND VBIKES

With Zipcar and VBikes, students have 24/7 access to on-demand transportation. Zipcar members can pick up a car at designated spots around campus to run errands, pick up that bulky item or go out for a daytime excursion or overnight trip. Students must be 18 years old and will need a valid driver’s license and one year of driving under their belt to get started. utdallas.edu/services/transit/zip

Get out and explore the nearly 400 parks in the DFW area or just make a run to the store with VBikes. VBikes can be picked up across campus and may be rented by the hour or monthly unlimited use with your Bluetooth-enabled smart phone. Bikes feature a large basket and an easy-to-use lock for securing the bike. utdallas.edu/services/transit/bike
SAFETY FIRST, SAFETY ALWAYS

The UT Dallas Police Department is a full service organization that is commissioned through the state of Texas. The Police Department has the full authority and responsibility to handle any emergencies that arise on campus.

utdallas.edu/police
STUDENT PATROLS

A select group of students serve in the Student Patrol program. These students, often criminology majors, serve as additional eyes and ears, conducting foot patrols that expand the reach of the UT Dallas Police Department. As part of their role, the Student Patrol includes 24/7 walking escorts for students working late hours, building entry assistance and other support services that do not require a commissioned officer. To request a walking escort, just call 972-883-2222.

EMERGENCY CALL BOXES

The UT Dallas campus currently has more than 60 emergency call boxes around campus. These boxes, with a large blue light that illuminates them, are a direct link to the UT Dallas Police Dispatch.

BE IN THE KNOW WITH UTDALERTS

UTDAlert is the emergency notification system that alerts students and family members of any emergency or disruption to normal University operations such as severe weather closures or electrical outages. Students are automatically signed up when they enroll and parents and guardians can enroll by texting UTDAlert to 888777.
COMET VOICE
utdallas.edu/cometvoice

UT Dallas collaborates with partners across campus to take collective responsibility to make our campus peers feel welcome, safe and comfortable. Comet Voice empowers students with the confidence and skills to stand up and step in when they see potential harm against another student. Hand in hand with Comet Voice, the Police Department offers a free, 12-hour self-defense course open to all students.

THE OFFICE OF TITLE IX INITIATIVES
utdallas.edu/titleix

The Office of Title IX Initiatives supports the University’s commitment to maintaining a learning and working environment free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex. The Office of Title IX Initiatives oversees training, education and outreach initiatives and investigates complaints of sex-based discrimination and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and dating violence.

UT Dallas does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its programs and activities, including in admission and enrollment. For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, contact the Director of Institutional Equity at InstitutionalEquity@utdallas.edu or the Title IX Coordinator at TitleIXCoordinator@utdallas.edu, or call 972-883-5331.

ORBIT: KEEPING NEW COMETS ON COURSE
utdallas.edu/orbit

Orbit helps new Comets engage, explore and discover pathways to success during their first year at UT Dallas. Students in Orbit attend seminar courses and participate in activities that specifically address opportunities available to them. From peer mentoring programs to first-year seminars to a common reading program, Orbit engages a variety of high-impact practices to improve student success through their first year at UT Dallas.

For transfer students, Orbit includes a transfer seminar and mentor program. The transfer seminar assists first-time-at-UT-Dallas transfer students with navigating resources, introducing them to support services and encouraging them to connect through engagement opportunities.
NEXT STEPS:
As an incoming student there are several things you’ll need to do before your semester begins:

1. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION ONLINE THROUGH GALAXY.
   Visit our student information system at utdallas.edu/galaxy. While you’re there, check for any outstanding requirements you’ll need to fulfill before the start of classes.

2. REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION.
   Visit utdallas.edu/orientation.

3. APPLY FOR HOUSING.
   Priority application deadline for housing is May 1, so apply now at utdallas.edu/housing.

4. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.
   Visit utdallas.edu/finaid. Priority application deadline is March 15 for fall semester.
   Submit your FAFSA at fafsa.gov or TASFA, if applicable, at www.collegeforalltexans.com beginning October 1.

5. SEND YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT.
   Make sure to send a final transcript showing completion of all courses.

6. SUBMIT BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION DOCUMENTATION.*
   Visit utdallas.edu/vaccine for more information.

*Applies to students under the age of 22.
WELCOME TO THE COMET FAMILY!