Welcome!

Intercultural Programs office would like to welcome you to The University of Texas at Dallas.

Over 5,000 international students representing more than 100 countries call our campus home. The DFW metroplex is an exciting international community enhanced by the students who choose to pursue their studies here.

Intercultural Programs is committed to providing programs, services and events of the highest quality to help you to integrate into campus life and succeed at UT Dallas. We look forward to connecting with you hoping your experience at UT Dallas will be a meaningful one.

Sincerely,
Leticia Zamarripa
Director of Global Engagement
Intercultural Programs
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 U.S. government requirements. The International Student Services Office (ISSO) provides international student advising and resources to assist you in maintaining those requirements. For F-1 international students who cannot arrive in-person for classes in fall 2020, UT Dallas will be able to accommodate students by offering a Virtual Start.

Requirements to Maintain F-1 Status

Arrival Reporting
- Update your U.S. address in Galaxy by the end of orientation day.
- Submit immigration document copies including your F-1 visa, signed Form I-20 and Form I-94 printout from cbp.gov and complete the new student check-in via iComet before CensusDay.

Full-time Enrollment
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.

- While SEVP COVID-19 exceptions are in place, students may maintain status by taking all classes online. Once the SEVP exceptions expire, only three hours of online courses can be applied towards the full-time requirement
- You may not take all of the full-time requirement hours as prerequisite courses.
- You may not take all of the full-time 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 face-to-face course (not online).
- Summers are optional, unless it is your first semester in F-1 status or a new academic program, or your last semester before completing your studies.

Enroll in classes for the entire length of the semester. Online, remote/virtual, hybrid, flexible courses may count towards full-time enrollment requirement. For more information regarding full-time enrollment requirements, visit utdallas.edu/isso/enroll-req.

An enrollment calculator is available online at utdallas.edu/isso/enrollment-calculator.

J-1 Student Orientation
J-1 students must contact an immigration advisor to discuss the specific requirements of their J-1 status. The ISSO will schedule a virtual immigration orientation with you upon your arrival. For additional information about how to maintain J-1 status, visit the ISSO website at utdallas.edu/isso/maintain-j-1.
Requirements to Maintain J-1 Status

Arrival Reporting
- Update your U.S. address in Galaxy by the end of orientation day.
- Update your U.S. phone number in Galaxy before census day.
- Submit immigration document copies via iComet, including your J-1 visa, signed Form DS-2019 and Form I-94 (printout from cbp.gov) before census day.

Full-time Enrollment
Pursue full-time enrollment in your degree program every long semester unless approved for reduced enrollment by your international student advisor. Undergraduates must take 12 credit hours per semester. Graduate students must take 9 credit hours per semester. Summer is optional unless it is your first semester or you are beginning a new academic program.

Enroll in classes for the entire length of the semester. Online/hybrid courses may count towards full-time enrollment requirement.

For more information regarding enrollment requirements, visit utdallas.edu/isso/enroll-req.

Additional Immigration Requirements for F-1 and J-1 students.
- The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System requires all international students holding F1, F2, J1 or J2 non-immigrant visas to have approved health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while enrolled at any UT System institution.
- Do not work unless specifically authorized.
- Report every change of local address in the Orion system within 10 days of each move.
- Apply for a new immigration document (F1 I-20/J1 DS-2019) when you graduate from one program and continue in or begin another program.
- Complete your academic program before your I-20/DS-2019 expires, or file for an extension prior to the expiration date. Always make normal progress towards completing your course of study.
- F-1 students may remain in the United States no longer than 60 days after completing a full course of study or Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- J-1 students may remain in the United States no longer than 30 days after completing a full course of study or academic training.
- Possess a valid, unexpired passport, I-20/DS-2019 and I-94. A valid F-1/J-1 visa is not required to maintain immigration status.

If you have questions about how these requirements apply to you, ask an ISSO immigration advisor or visit utdallas.edu/ic/isso.
Complete International Student Orientation (if you have not done so as yet).

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. Contact the The UT Dallas Student Health Center for more information.

Submit scanned copies of your immigration documents to ISSO and complete the New Student Check-in through iComet.

Submit your Tuberculosis (TB) screening form to the Student Health Center. Required for all new students born outside of the United States.

Update your U.S. local address and U.S. phone number in Galaxy (Orion Student Service Center). 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.

Manage your Holds - You cannot register for classes until holds are removed. Use Galaxy (Orion Student Service Center) to determine how to clear your holds.

Common holds include:

- **Int'l Hold**: ISSO. Will be removed after attending International Student Orientation.*not required for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 students
- **Enrollment Hold**: Office of the Registrar. Submit Meningitis Vaccination Form.
- **Enrollment Hold**: Student Health Center. Take Tuberculosis (TB) Screening.
- **Enrollment Hold**: Office of Admissions. Submit missing academic documents (e.g. transcripts, degree certificates, test scores).
- **Cannot Register Online**: You must meet with your academic advisor to register for classes.

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.

Apply for your Comet Card (student ID). Take the printout of your class schedule (with your UTD ID showing) to the Comet Card Office (Student Services Addition, 2nd floor) to apply for your Comet Card after registering for classes. *Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 students should contact the Comet Card Office for more information

Make a decision about mandatory health insurance coverage.

Apply for a free Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Pass after registering for classes and arriving in Dallas.

Become familiar with the requirements for maintaining F-1 status or J-1 status.

Attend cultural events and get involved at UT Dallas. In person or virtually!

Teaching Assistants & Research Assistants:

- Attend mandatory TA/RA Orientation
- Apply for a Social Security Number
Tax Compliance
All international students who receive payments from UT Dallas, including wages (TA/RA/GA, on-campus job), taxable scholarships/fellowships, housing stipends, travel grants, prizes, awards, etc., are required to complete the tax compliance process with the UT Dallas Tax Compliance Office. The tax compliance process helps UT Dallas determine international students’ tax residency status, tax withholding rate, eligibility for tax treaty benefits/FICA exemption, and generates necessary tax forms. Failure to complete this process could lead to errors in your income from UT Dallas.

For student employees (TA, RA, GA, student worker, etc.), please log into Galaxy account and click on “Foreign National Tax Process” under “New Employee Day One” menu to start the tax compliance process. Taxable scholarship/fellowship recipients will be contacted by the Tax Compliance Office after the Census Day to complete the required tax compliance process. For all other payment recipients, please contact the Tax Compliance Office by email at taxcompliance@utdallas.edu prior to receiving payments from UT Dallas.

Tax Filing
International students who reside in the U.S. during any portion of the calendar year are required to file a tax return to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for that calendar year. For information about filing a tax return, such as tax forms and when and where to file, visit utdallas.edu/viso/taxes or contact the UT Dallas Tax Compliance Office by email at taxcompliance@utdallas.edu during the tax season (February through April).

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 tuition plan, program of study, number of hours and types of classes. As an international student, you will be assessed an international special services fee and you may be assessed a fee for student health insurance. The Student Health Insurance fee is automatically assigned if you are taking classes while in the US. 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 Plans and Estimates
All new incoming students will have the option to choose a tuition rate plan. Students will be automatically placed into the variable tuition rate plan, but will have the option to lock in their tuition rates for four consecutive years with the guaranteed tuition plan. This is a one-time choice. Details regarding each tuition rate plan, deadline to opt into the guaranteed plan, and instruction on how to make a selection can be found online at utdallas.edu/finance/bursar/tuition.

Current and admitted students may obtain a Tuition Plan Estimate through the Galaxy portal. This tool is available under Orion Self-Service (Student) > Orion Student Center > Bursar Account > Tuition Estimate. The tuition estimate is for tuition, most course related fees, meal plan charges, housing charges, parking permit charges and charges specific to international students. The estimate does not take into consideration any credits a student is expecting, such as scholarships or financial aid. The estimate is designed to provide the student with the approximate charges that will be reflected on their actual tuition statement.
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 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 U.S. address, checks cannot be mailed overseas. 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. Students who pay their tuition and fees through FlyWire will be able to receive a refund through FlyWire.

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ID, Cards, Passes and Comet Cards

Student ID Card
The Comet Card is the official UT Dallas student identification card. Once on Campus and when regular services resume, you will use your Comet Card to access many of the important on-campus services such as electronic door access, meal plans, the McDermott Library, and Career, Health and Activity Centers. In addition, you can use your Comet Card to:

- Request discounts from local merchants.
- Pay for on- and off-campus services by putting Comet Cash on your Comet Card. Use the secure GET portal to add Comet Cash and view your card transaction history. For more information visit: utdallas.edu/get.

Obtain your Comet Card Two days after registering for classes, obtain your Comet Card at the Comet Card Office, located on the second floor of the Student Services Building Addition (SSA 12.324). Your UTD ID and a picture ID (passport, U.S. driver license) are required. There is no charge for the first card. Please check the website, utdallas.edu/cometcard, for information regarding when and how Comet Cards will be distributed.

DART Bus and Train Pass
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) provides transportation around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. A DART pass is provided to all students as a benefit of enrollment for no additional fee. The UT Dallas Comet Cruiser, also known as DART Route 883, provides transportation to local shopping areas and DART light rail station. Maps and schedules are online at utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser. To apply for your DART pass, visit utdallas.edu/services/transit/dart/#students. Students can either get a decal pass on their Comet Card, or a digital pass on their phone via GoPass.

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
Your UTD-ID is your 10-digit student ID number found on your Comet Card. You will use it when filling out UT Dallas forms or when verifying your identity at UT Dallas offices. To protect your privacy, don't disclose your UTD ID to off-campus individuals.

Net ID
Your 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. 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: ____________________________

OIT Help Desk
Net ID: Your username and password for Galaxy, email, computer labs, etc. Example: xyz123456

Wifi: There’s a difference between CometNet and UTDGuest. Students should use CometNet for the fastest speeds.

Duo: Secure your UTD account with DUO two factor authentication. You can authenticate using a pin, push, or text message. Enroll your NetIDplus account at utdallas.edu/oit/netid/self-service.

Office 365: Check your UTD email, use Microsoft Office apps, and get a free TB of online storage. utdallas.edu/oit/office365

Teams: This cloud-based chat app allows the university to collaborate from anywhere, anytime. Students, faculty and staff can communicate, keep notes and host meetings or classes using Teams.

Helpdesk: For help, call 972-883-2911, email assist@utdallas.edu or visit utdallas.edu/oit.
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.
Career Development and Employment Opportunities

University Career Center
The University Career Center provides career advising, resume and professional document critiques, mock interviews, numerous seminars and workshops, and networking opportunities.

Industry representatives recruit students through career expos and on-campus information sessions and interviews.

Employment and internship listings, both on and off campus, are posted through Handshake, UT Dallas’ online recruiting system. Handshake accounts are automatically created after you register for classes and available for use on the first day of class.

For more information and additional virtual services, visit utdallas.edu/career.

Internships and Experiential Programs
If you are interested in gaining experience through an internship, you can do so with Curricular Practical Training (CPT). In order to take advantage of CPT, the University Career Center recommends several things to 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 Handshake and update your profile as needed.
• Attend University Career Center seminars (resume writing, interviewing, job search, etc.).
• Prepare your resume and have it critiqued.
• Review and apply for on-campus jobs through Handshake.
• End of your first semester/beginning of your second semester:
  • Complete a CPT information session*. Make sure to register in advance with the appropriate office if necessary.

During your second semester:
• Search for internship opportunities.
• Apply to participate in the Explore the World of Work (WOW) Externship Program.
• Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your desired field.
• 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 University 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 enrolled full time 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/isso/off-campus.

On-Campus Employment
Visit the University Career Center website to learn more about how to update and activate your Handshake 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/isso/on-campus.
Health and Wellness Resources
Student Health Center website:
udallas.edu/healthcenter
Student Health Insurance website:
udallas.edu/insurance/international
Student Health Insurance email:
stuhealthinsurance@utdallas.edu

UT Dallas Student Health Center
If you are currently enrolled, have a valid 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 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:

- Diagnosis 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.

The SHC does not issue class excuses for illness. To make an appointment call 972-883-2747. Students studying online while not in the US can contact the Student Health Center to learn how to set up a virtual appointment.

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 a clinic.

Student Health Insurance
The UT System requires all F-1, F-2, 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 Student Health Insurance fee if they provide documentation of comparable coverage or documentation that they will not be residing in the US 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. Students can apply for a waiver of the Student Health Insurance by emailing stuhealthinsurance@utdallas.edu.

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. Student Health Insurance 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: _______________________________
Student Wellness Center
The Student Wellness Center provides health education services to UT Dallas students. Our services are dedicated to the health and well-being of students by assisting and encouraging students to adopt responsible behaviors related to various health topics. Health education services in the form of individual consultations, classroom presentations, large campus events and social media platforms cover alcohol and other drug education, tobacco education, nutrition and healthy body image, stress management, suicide prevention, sexual health, sexual assault prevention, bystander intervention and various public health topics.

Sexual Misconduct
In the United States, there are strict rules regarding what behavior is acceptable when interacting with others.

All students should be aware that UT Dallas policy prohibits sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and dating violence. Students who experience sexual misconduct may contact the Title IX Coordinator to request assistance or file a complaint. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/titleix.

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

You can file a complaint, request assistance or report sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator at 972-883-5202 or using the online form at utdallas.edu/titleix. You can report crimes to UT Dallas police at 972-883-2222. Call 9-1-1 in cases of an emergency.

You may also speak confidentially with a counselor or health care professional on campus:
Student Counseling Center: 972-883-2575
Student Health Center: 972-883-2747

Counseling in the United States
The 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. Services include individual, couples and group sessions, workshops, psychiatric services, and off-campus referrals. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/counseling, or contact the Student Counseling Center at 972-883-2575. Virtual appointments and services are available for students studying online.
Academic Success

McDermott Library
The 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 about services and resources visit utdallas.edu/library.

Student Success Center
Located in the McDermott Library, the Student Success Center offers services aimed at improving grades for undergraduate students. Services include:
- Peer Tutoring.
- Writing Center.
- Communication Lab.
- Peer-Led Team Learning and Supplemental Instruction.
- Academic success coaching.

Academic Integrity
United States culture places value on honesty, originality in written and oral expression, respect for the exchange of ideas, and acknowledgement 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.
- Most assignments in the U.S. are expected to be individual work. Do not work with any other person to complete an assignment unless given permission by your professor.

Four types of academic dishonesty:
1. _____________________________
2. _____________________________
3. _____________________________
4. _____________________________

Helpful Suggestions to Avoid Academic Dishonesty
Do not depend on online study aids such as Chegg.com and Coursehero.com for assignments. Instead, seek out on-campus resources in the Student Success Center or email your faculty member if you are struggling on an assignment.

- 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/conduct.

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. The 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.

Code of Conduct and Conduct Review Process
If a faculty member suspects that a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty, the information is forwarded to the Office of Community Standards and Conduct for review. If a student is found responsible for the violation, sanctions will be issued. Sanctions include, but are not limited to:
- Grade modification (failing the assignment or course).
- Written warning.
- Educational sanction (tutorials, reflective papers).
- Suspension*.
- Expulsion*.

*This may impact visa status.

Each student is required to know and follow the standards of our community as well as local, state and federal laws. To learn more about the Student Code of Conduct and the Conduct Review Process, visit policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003.

Common Excuses for Acts of Academic Dishonesty
Failure to follow academic integrity guidelines can result in serious academic sanctions to you as a UT Dallas student, including course failure and expulsion from the university. These recurring explanations—given by students in response to allegations of academic dishonesty—are not acceptable:

- “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.”
Campus Involvement

Students studying online while not in the U.S. can still be involved on campus. Contact the department or organization for details about virtual participation.

Student Organization Center

Want to get involved but don’t know where to begin? Use the Student Organization Match Card form to share your interests. After you submit your information, a member of the Student Organization Center will contact you with recommendations about involvement opportunities.

Student Organizations

At UT Dallas, there are more than 350 organizations to choose from. For more information and to learn how to get involved, email soc@utdallas.edu or call 972-883-6551. The Student Organization Center is located in the Student Union, Room 2.416. 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.

Intercultural Programs

The Intercultural Program office promotes global engagement by supporting the integration of international students into campus life and offering intercultural programs for the UT Dallas community including orientation, International Week, cultural trips and iFriend. Visit us online at utdallas.edu/ICP.

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. For information, visit utdallas.edu/sg/attorney.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get around without a car?

Comet Cruisers, also known as DART Route 883, run between UT Dallas, area neighborhoods, and shopping complexes. There are many local grocery stores along its route, including Walmart on certain days. Take the Comet Cruiser to the CityLine/Bush 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.

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 textbooks?

The UT Dallas Bookstore has textbooks available for purchase. Please visit https://www.bkstr.com/texasdallasstore/home. Some students choose to order books online or visit off-campus retailers. Ask other students for recommendations. If you are searching for electronic books here is How do I find eBooks.

Where can I buy furniture?

Community and student organizations, such as UTD Big Howdy (utdbighowdy.com), may organize furniture giveaway programs at the beginning of the semester. New furniture can be purchased from a variety of local stores, including IKEA, Walmart and Target. You can also check craigslist.org for used furniture in the Richardson area.

How do I improve my English?

There are various opportunities available for students who are interested in improving their conversational English. International Christian Fellowship (ICF) hosts English classes each long semester. To improve your written English, the UTD Writing Center and JSOM Business Communications Center host writing workshops. For more information, visit utdallas.edu/icp/English-support.

I am studying online, what services are available to me?

Online students have access to the same resources and services. You can contact a department through email or phone to discuss options for virtual appointments, services, and resources.
All offices are working remotely. Please contact them with questions via email.

**Intercultural Programs Office**
Available for information about Intercultural Programs as well as general guidance about UT Dallas services and resources.
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m.
972-883-4528
Student Services Building, Room 3.600
ICPrograms@utdallas.edu
Facebook: UTDICP
Instagram: @UTDICP
utdallas.edu/icp

**International Student Services Office**
**Advising Staff (ISSO)**
Available to discuss immigration matters during scheduled advising hours. Advising is available on a walk-in basis or by appointment. To see available advising hours or to schedule an appointment, visit the ISSO website, utdallas.edu/ic/issoadvising.
972-883-4189
ISSOCurrent@utdallas.edu

**The Office of Student AccessAbility**
The University of Texas at Dallas is committed to equal access to educational, recreational and social endeavors for students with disabilities. Accommodations for each student are determined by OSA on an individual basis, with input from qualified professionals. Accommodations are intended to level the playing field for students with disabilities, while maintaining the academic integrity and standards set by the University.
972-883-2098
studentaccess@utdallas.edu

**UT Dallas Police Department**
972-883-2222
Facebook: UTDallasPD

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