Welcome, New Comets
ORIENTATION 2018
Life as a Comet
Intro to Academics
Overview of UT Dallas
Student Success Center
Peer-led Team Learning (PLTL)

- Meets in McDermott Library 1.302.
- Collaborative group sessions meet once a week for 80 minutes.
- Students typically earn half to one whole grade higher than non-participants.
- Student-to-Peer Leader ratio: 8:1.
- Peer Leaders have earned an A- or better in the course and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Registration required.

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- 40+ historically difficult courses supported.
- 50-90 minute sessions offered weekly.
- Peer Leaders prepare sessions based on class session content.
- Students who attended frequent sessions typically earn half to one whole grade higher than non-participants.
- Courses with greatest success: CHEM 2325, BMEN 2320, EPPS 2303.
- No registration required.
## What is the difference?

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<th>Peer tutoring math and science</th>
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<td><strong>Registration</strong></td>
<td>✗ (drop-in sessions)</td>
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<td><strong>Weekly time commitment</strong></td>
<td>50-90 minutes</td>
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<td><strong>Increased grades and knowledge</strong></td>
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Main Lab: McDermott Library 3.606
Satellite Lab: Res Hall Northwest 4.003

- Drop-in tutoring for Math 1314, 1316, 1325, 1326, 2312, 2333, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2451.

- Weekly reviews for several calculus, linear algebra and statistics courses.

- Exam reviews for several calculus and linear algebra courses.

- One-on-one appointments for most 1000-2000-level math courses, some engineering courses, and some statistics courses.

- No registration required for drop-in tutoring, weekly reviews, or exam reviews!

- Check website for semester hours.

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McDermott Library 3.612.

Feedback and resources for improving oral and group presentations.

Gain valuable insight about presenting and develop skills to becoming a successful speaker.

Individual and group appointments.

Supports COMM 1311 and any other courses with a public speaking component.

Make appointments through acceSSC.
McDermott Library 1.312.

Individual and group appointments and workshops to help students build skills in the following areas:

- Paper topics.
- Organizing ideas and thoughts.
- Drafting and revising papers.
- Writing styles and conventions.
- Documenting sources.
- Preparing for essay exams.

Staff includes a full-time manager and 10 student tutors.

Make appointments through acceSSC.

The Writing Center does not proofread or edit papers.

Writing Center
utdallas.edu/studentsuccess
Meetings may be scheduled for one time or regularly throughout the semester.

Make appointments through acceSSC.

McDermott Library 1.310

Meet individually with a Peer Academic Leader (PAL) for assistance in:

- Time management.
- Prioritizing tasks.
- Effective study strategies.
- Note taking.
- Goal setting and motivation.
- Managing test anxiety.

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Comet Cents Fiscal Success Program
utdallas.edu/studentsuccess

- McDermott Library 1.413.
- Free education and information about personal finance, including:
  - Ways to save and invest.
  - Budgeting.
  - Credit management.
  - Student loans.
  - Avoiding identity theft.
  - Financial responsibility after college.
- Individual appointments available.
Testing Center
utdallas.edu/studentsuccess

▸ Synergy Park North 2, SPN2 11.175
▸ 300+ computers.

Testing Center guidelines
▸ Comet Card required for test check-in. No other form of ID will be accepted
▸ The last exam is issued 30 minutes before closing. All exams are collected 15 minutes prior to close.
▸ Certain clothing items are not permitted.
▸ No food or drink.
▸ Students must reserve their seat for the Testing Center at least 48 hours prior to exam date. Walk-ins are not allowed.
▸ Digital lockers are available free of charge to secure your personal items.
Dean of Students
Student Counseling Center
Student Health Center
Student Wellness Center
Center for Students in Recovery
Office of Student AccessAbility
University Recreation
Community Standards and Conduct
Student Volunteerism
Student Development
Spirit Programs
Student Engagement Initiatives
Fraternity and Sorority Life
Student Transition Initiatives
Military and Veteran Center
Career Center
Student Union
As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity and service in all that I do.
Community Expectations

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Academic Honesty

- Plagiarism
- Cheating
- Fabrication
- Collaboration/collusion
Why does academic honesty matter?
Read the code of conduct, talk with professors and don’t procrastinate. If you don’t know, ask!
Common Code of Conduct Violations

Alcohol use and drugs

▶ U.S. drinking age is 21.
▶ If you are 21 or over, do not give alcohol to anyone underage.
▶ Alcohol is only allowed in specific areas on campus (The Pub or apartments where all residents are over 21).
▶ Any use of illicit substances is a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Misuse of campus property

▶ Do not let anyone borrow your Comet Card or login to campus computers using your NetID.
▶ Stealing, damaging or destroying university property is strictly prohibited.
Breaking the law = breaking the Code of Conduct

Break the law and you could face sanctions from both the police and the university.

policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003
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What could possibly go wrong?
Community Expectations

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- Grade modifications.
- Educational sanctions.
- Warning.
- Suspension.
- Expulsion.
- Student conduct record.
Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault

- Non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse or sexual exploration.

Sexual Harassment

- Unwelcome sexual advances.
- Request for sexual favors.
- Verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature.

Stalking

- Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person to feel fear for his or her safety or the safety of others (i.e. following, monitoring).

Dating/Domestic Violence

- Crime of violence committed by a current or former intimate partner.
Your Rights

- Investigation.
- Reporting to responsible employees.
- File a police report (or not).
- Interim measures.
- Counseling and other support services.
- Participate in proceedings with an adviser.
How can you help?
Your Responsibility

What can you do?

‣ Recognize Potential Harm.
‣ Choose to Respond.
‣ Take Action.

Campus Security Authorities
Confidential, free for students.

Services

Individual, couple and group counseling.

Learn to better manage anxiety, depression and relationship problems.

Help is available for those with eating disorders and substance abuse.

Workshops about time and stress management and other topics.

Staff

Licensed psychologists, psychiatrist and other mental health providers.

972-883-2575 (office)
972-883-8255 (afterhours helpline)
SSB 4.600
Center for Students in Recovery
utdallas.edu/recovery

Services
- One-on-one support from a licensed professional.
- Process groups.
- Sober social activities.
- Service opportunities.
- Students for Recovery (student organization).

Contact
972-883-7320
recovery@utdallas.edu
Resources

Report to the police
911 or UT Dallas Police, 972-883-2222

Title IX Initiatives
Brandy Davis, 972-883-5202

File a complaint/express concerns
Dean of Students, 972-883-6391
SSB 4.400, dos@utdallas.edu

Counseling Center
972-883-2575

Student Health Center
972-883-2747

Residential Life Coordinators

Multicultural Center
972-883-6390

Galerstein Gender Center
972-883-6555
Police
utdallas.edu/police

Emergency
911

UT Dallas Police
972-883-2222

State Certified Police Department
Patrol of campus grounds and facilities.

Enforcement of traffic laws on campus.

Department of jurisdiction for reported crimes.

Programs
- Self defense training for women and men.
- Crime prevention and safety programs.

Services
- Safe Walk campus escorts.
- Vehicle assistance.
- Facebook crime safety tips.
National Council on Home Safety and Security ranked UT Dallas 23rd in the Country, #1 in the State of Texas, out of 2,167 campuses with enrollment over 27,000.

- Annual security report.
- Crimes against persons.
- Stranger-on-stranger crime.
- General theft
- Bicycle theft
- Open carry vs. campus carry
- Knives on campus
- Pepper spray
- Tasers / stun guns
Emergency Management

Emergency Notification System

Email
Text message >> utdallas.edu/textme
Self enrollment >> UTDALERT to 888777
Voicemail
Campus TV screens
Outdoor warning system
UT Dallas homepage

Community Emergency Response Team

Student involvement encouraged.
Emergency Management

**EVACUATE** when building alarms sound
- Leave the building immediately.
- Don’t use elevators, assist the disabled.

**LOCKDOWN** when given the order
- Stay in your room or building.
- Lock or barricade doors, close blinds, turn off light.

**SEEK SHELTER** when outdoor warning sounds
- Find a safe room away from doors/windows.
- Listen for instruction from the indoor warning system.

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**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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<td>972-883-4111</td>
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For More Information

Larry Zacharias
UT Dallas Police Chief
Police, PD 1.802
972-883-2222
larry.zacharias@utdallas.edu
Finances
Office of Financial Aid

1st Floor, Student Services Building
972-883-2941
Financial-aid@utdallas.edu

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 1-5 p.m.
Financial Aid Counselors

First letter of your last name
Financial aid counselor
- A-E: Crystal Matthews-Johnson
- F-L: Mary Roffino
- M-R: Loryn Abrams
- S-Z: Sara Metz

Federal Veterans Benefits
Kimberly Bomnskie

Hazlewood Exemptions
Brad Powell
Financial Aid Payments

**Extended Payment Deadline**
- Must have completed a FAFSA.
- Must be registered at least half-time.
- Deadline extended to the day before Census Day.
  utdallas.edu/student/registrar/calendar

**Disbursements**
- 1st day of class each term.
- Registration must match financial aid award.
- Financial aid checklist items must be complete.
- Must be meeting satisfactory academic progress.
  utdallas.edu/student/finaid/SAP.htm
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Bursar Office
utdallas.edu/bursar

2nd Floor, Student Services Building
972-883-2612
bursar@UTDallas.edu

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Bursar Office
utdallas.edu/bursar

Bursar office functions

- Assess, bill and collect tuition and fees.
- Collect Housing charges.
- Process refunds.
- Answer questions about billing statement.
- Maintain online services through EZPay.
Bursar Office
utdallas.edu/bursar

EZpay
- utdallas.edu/bursar/payments/ezpay.
- Make payment online.
- View billing statement.
- Set up direct deposit.
- Set up authorized user.

Payment Methods
- Credit card.
- Cash or check (in person).
- Electronic check (no fee).

Extended Payment Methods
- Installment plan – establish in Ezpay.
- Short-term loan – established in Orion.
Payment and refund calendar

- Payment deadlines.
- Installment and short-term loan due dates.
- Late payment information.
- Refund schedule for dropping or withdrawing from classes.
- Credit card – American Express, Discover and Mastercard only, 1.90% convenience fee.
- Installment plan - Tuition is divided into three payments, see Payment and Refund calendar.
Students who served or are currently serving in the U.S. military are invited to attend a break-out session hosted by the Military and Veteran Center.
UT Dallas at a Glance

Student Services and Centers
The UT Dallas campus is tobacco-free.

Prohibited products include:

- Cigarettes and cigars.
- Water pipes and hookahs.
- Electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.
- Snuff and chewing tobacco.
Comet Card uses

UT Dollars
- 10 percent discount at on-campus food locations.
- GET portal.
- Off-campus merchants.

How to get a Comet Card

Preferred Name

Contact
972-883-4123
cometcard@utdallas.edu
SSA 12.324
Where to dine at UT Dallas!

Naveen Jindal School of Management
Visitor Center
Eugene McDermott Library
Residence Hall West
Parking Structure 3
Food Truck Park
Student Union
The campus library is open 24/5.

**Services:**
- Expert librarian available for each school.
- Private librarian assistance for research assignments.
- Workshops.

**Resources:**
- Books, eBooks, journals, DVDs, streaming media and more.
- Study rooms.

**Contact Us**
972-883-2955
utdallas.edu/library/askalib
University Bookstore

utdallas.edu/bookstore

UT Dallas gear and textbooks
- Order online, pick up at store.
- Save 25 percent on used textbooks.

Post Office

Technology Store
- Discounted software.
- Computer accessories.
- Located in the Visitor Center and University Bookstore.
Student AccessAbility

Services

▸ Academic accommodations for students with documented physical, mental or sensory disability.
▸ Resource and referral information.
▸ Advocacy and support.

Office

SSB 3.200
972-883-2098
studentaccess@utdallas.edu
State law requires that all entering Texas college students who are under the age of 22 must receive a vaccination or booster (if the vaccination is five years old) against bacterial meningitis before enrollment.
Staff
- 1 Full-time staff physician.
- 1 Adult nurse practitioner.
- 1 Women's health nurse practitioner.
- 1 Family nurse practitioner.
- 1 LVN nursing supervisor.
- 3 Certified medical assistants.
- 2 Patient care specialists.

Services
Diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses, minor injuries and stabilized chronic illnesses.

Insurance
Available at utdallas.edu/insurance

Contact
972-883-2747
healthcen@utdallas.edu
SSB 4.700
Promotes health, fitness and responsible personal choices through group programs and individual consultations.

**Programs and Topics**
- Nutrition and registered dietitian.
- Comet Voice: Bystander Intervention.
- Alcohol and other drugs.
- Sexual responsibility.
- Men’s and women’s health.
- Suicide prevention.
- Stress management.
- Healthy relationships.
- Homesickness.
- Roommate issues.

**Contact**
- 972-883-4275
- studentwellness@utdallas.edu
- SSB 4.500
Career Center
utdallas.edu/career

Services
Career advising.
Career interest assessments.
Resume assistance.
Mock interview training.
On-campus job interviews.
Job listings (on-and off-campus).

Programs
Career seminars.
Career expos/fairs.
Explore the WOW!
Job shadowing.
Internships.
Employer networking events.

Contact
972-883-2943
careercenter@utdallas.edu
SSB 3.300
The Galerstein Gender Center fosters a safe and inclusive environment by advocating for gender equity and diversity through leadership development, education, programs and services.

Services
- LGBTQIA education, advocacy
- Introduce a girl to engineering
- Scholarships
- Counseling
- Child care & life resources
- Lactation facilities
- Gender neutral restrooms

Programs
- Safe zone training
- Start smart
- Mini workshops
- Pride at UTD
- Rainbow Guard
- Wesley at UTD
Promotes cultural awareness on campus and provides an area for students to meet and dialogue.

**Cultural celebrations**
- Asian American Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- European Heritage Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Celebration

**Programs**
- Multicultural Peer Advocates
- Diversity Merit Scholars
- Diversity Dinner Dialogues

**Contact**
- 972-883-6390
- multicultural@utdallas.edu
- SSB 2.400
Military and Veteran Center
utdallas.edu/veterans

Supports students who served in the military, are currently serving in the military or are military family members, in areas such as:

- Academic success.
- Professional development.
- Networking.
- Campus navigation.

Provides students access to information about federal and state benefits, financial aid, scholarship and veterans’ support services.

Center includes lounge, study area and computing stations.

Office
972-883-4913
SSA 14.4250
Parents who attend classes are eligible for child care services during their class hours.

Care for children ages 4 to 11.

- Monday-Thursday
  3:30-10:30 p.m.
  Student Union (SU) 2.510.
- $6 per child per evening.
- Pre-registration required.
Parking and Transportation
utdallas.edu/parking

DART
- Shuttle bus service on - and off - campus. *(limited area).*
- Shuttle stops at Wal-Mart (Friday/Saturday) and Collin Creek Mall (Monday-Sunday).
- Passes available to all registered students *(includes bus and rail).*
- Order online, pick up at the Parking Office *(Parking Structure 3 Room 1.214).*

Zipcar
- Car sharing available for student age 18+.
- $8-10 hourly rate.
- Includes gas, insurance and up to 180 miles.

VBikes
- $1 per hour.
- $14.95 per month for unlimited rides.

Parking
- Parking permits.
- Comet Cabs.
School of Arts and Humanities

Arts and Performance
Historical Studies
Literary Studies
Philosophy
Visual & Performing Arts
School of Economic, Political and Policy Science

Criminology
Economics
Geospatial Information Sciences
International Political Economy
Political Science
Public Affairs
Public Policy
Sociology
School of Interdisciplinary Studies

American Studies
Healthcare Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies
Naveen Jindal School of Management

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Healthcare Management
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology Systems
- Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
Undeclared Majors

School of Arts, Technology and Emerging Communications