Top 5 Questions of New International Students
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Top 5 Questions

1. What if I cannot arrive by the program start date on my I-20?
2. Can you tell me more about International Student Orientation?
3. How do I find housing?
4. When will I be able to register for classes?
5. What do I do next?
What if I can’t arrive by my program start date?

• All applicants are required to meet with a visa officer in person
  – May cause longer wait time or delay visa approval due to security checks

• If you are unable to arrive by the program start date on your I-20
  – Recommended to defer admission to a later semester

• CBP (Customs and Border Protection) can deny you entrance if entering later
  – Can get a letter from academic department confirming your need to begin this semester
  – Does not guarantee entry to US
How do I find housing?

• On-campus
  – University Commons
    • Undergraduate freshman
    • Residence hall (dormitory)
    • Furnished
  – University Village
    • Upperclassmen and graduate students
    • Apartments
    • Unfurnished
  – Canyon Creek Heights
    • Upperclassmen and graduate students
    • Furnished

• Apply on-line
  – utdallas.edu/housing/apply
How do I find housing?

• Off-campus
  – Things to consider
    • Proximity to campus and other places (stores, restaurants etc.)
    • Amenities
    • Cost
      – Furniture, utilities, household goods should factor into your budget
  – Do your research
    • utdallas.edu/housing/offcampus/
      – Not affiliated with UT Dallas
    • utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser
      – Many apartments along this route
    • utdallas.edu/icp/housing
      – Resources
      – Cultural Student Organizations
      – Often assist with temporary housing as well
  – Now what?
    • Submit an application and deposit if needed
    • Read your lease thoroughly
      – Consider length of lease, start and end date, terms and rules etc.
International Student Orientation

- Mandatory for all F-1 and J-1 international students
- Register online early to secure the date you want
  - Attend International Student Orientation before your departmental orientation (if you have one)
- You will not receive a confirmation when you register online
  - Confirmation email will be sent two weeks prior to your scheduled orientation date
- To change the date of your orientation, resubmit the form
  - Only the most recent submission will be taken into account
- TB test results are not required to attend orientation
  - To register for the TB test, contact the UTD Student Health Center at stuhealth@utdallas.edu
- Your International Student Orientation hold will be removed after the Pre-Arrival modules have been completed and you’ve attended International Student Orientation
International Student Orientation

- Pre-Arrival Modules are required for all F-1 and J-1 new overseas students
  - Online videos that help prepare you for life in the US and at UT Dallas
- Access
  - Accept your admission to UT Dallas
    - [utdallas.edu/accept/](http://utdallas.edu/accept/)
    - Module access will take approximately one week after acceptance
- [elearning.utdallas.edu](http://elearning.utdallas.edu)
  - Log in with your NetID and password
  - Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox work best
- Click on Pre-Arrival Modules for International Students 2017/18 under “My Organizations”
  - Click on Pre-Arrival Modules to begin your modules.
  - Click on Additional Resources to see other helpful information for new students.
Class Registration

• You can register for classes once your holds are removed
  – View holds in Galaxy
  – In your “Orion Student Center” you can click on “Holds” and view all existing holds on your account

• New students need to meet with their Academic Advisor prior to registering
  – utdallas.edu/advisors/
  – Discuss deadlines, requirements, and help you select and register for classes
  – Some students may have an Academic (Department) Orientation
Class Registration

• Academic program websites
  – utdallas.edu/academics
  – Degree plans, scholarships, career options, faculty information

• Coursebook
  – coursebook.utdallas.edu
  – Class information, syllabi, textbooks, instructor information
  – Search for classes by name, term, section number to see information
Additional Questions?

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