What to Expect Your First Month At UTD
Securing Housing

• Living on campus
  – 3 available options
    • University Commons, University Village, and Canyon Creek Heights
    – Fills up fast!
    – utdallas.edu/housing

• Living off campus
  – Research the area
    • Find websites, online reviews, ask current UTD students
  – utdallas.edu/icp/housing
  – utdallas.edu/ic/webinars
    • Past webinar “How to Search for and Make Housing Arrangements”
Additional Housing Expenses

• Setting up utilities
  – Wi-Fi, electricity, gas, water, TV service etc.
  – May need to pay a set-up fee

• Household items
  – Furniture
    • Find local stores nearby
    • utdbighowdy.com
  – Linens
    • Sheets, towels, bedding etc.
  – Electronics and appliances
  – Kitchen and bathroom items
    • Dishes, utensils, rugs, curtains etc.
Transportation

• Navigating Dallas
  – Transportation from the airport
    • Dart
    • utdbighowdy.com
  – Students receive a free DART pass
    • Eligible after you register for classes

• How will you get to and from campus?
  – Car
    • Cost of car
    • Other expenses
      – Gas, insurance, maintenance
    • Driver’s license
      – utdallas.edu/isko/driving
      – dps.texas.gov

  – Bus
    • Comet Cruiser
    • DART
      – Dart.org
Class Registration

• Clear your holds
  – View holds in Galaxy
  – In your “Orion Student Center” you can click on “Holds” and view all existing holds on your account

• Meet with your Academic Advisor
  – utdallas.edu/advisors
  – Some students have an Academic Orientation

• Select your classes
  – You have a choice of classes to select from
    • utdallas.edu/academics
    • coursebook.utdallas.edu
Academic Expectations

• Keep track of deadlines
  – utdallas.edu/academiccalendar
  – Write important dates in your calendar
    • Holidays, class registration deadlines, payment deadlines etc.
      – Late fees are expensive!

• Review and keep syllabi for classes
  – Typically provided on 1st day of class
  – Can often be found online
    • coursebook.utdallas.edu
  – Take note of due dates, exams, off-days for classes etc.

• Textbooks
  – Required textbooks are often posted online
    • coursebook.utdallas.edu
  – Can be purchased at the UTD Bookstore, Off-Campus Bookstore, or online
  – Can be expensive, check the McDermott library

• elearning.utdallas.edu
  – Become familiar with eLearning
  – Many professors host discussions, post assignments, post exams
Living in the U.S.

• Food
  – Eating on campus
    • Cafeteria, Fast food, Restaurant, Coffee Shops
    • new.dineoncampus.com/utdallasdining
  – Grocery shopping
    • Stores along Comet Cruiser route
    • Food from your home country
  – Cooking
    • utdallas.edu/studentwellness/fitness

• Health
  – TB test
    • Required for all students born outside the U.S.
  – Student Health Center
    • utdallas.edu/healthcenter
    • Student Health Insurance
      – utdallas.edu/insurance/international
Living in the U.S.

• Making friends
  – Student Organizations
    • utdallas.edu/soc
      – Over 300 student organizations
    • Cultural Organizations
      – Connect with other students from your home country or region
  – Social media
    • Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook are popular
  – Introduce yourself
    • Americans are friendly!
    • Talk to your classmates

• Entertainment
  – Campus events
    • utdallas.edu/calendar
  – Local events
    • visitdallas.com
    • artsinrichardson.com
Tips from Current Students

• Have a good laptop
  – utdtechstore.com/utdtechstore

• Attend events in the beginning of the semester
  – There are a lot of events that welcome students to campus, attend so you can make new friends and get to know the campus!

• Explore the area via the bus and DART

• Stay healthy
  – Visit the Student Health Center on campus
  – Bring any prescriptions needed

• Learn to cook
  – Meals from your home country for when you are homesick
  – Experiment with American cooking
Question Time!

Chat function will now be enabled
Ask your questions using the chat feature
Additional Questions?

Intercultural Programs
ISSOPrograms@utdallas.edu

International Student Services Office
ISSOProspective@utdallas.edu