



# Pre-Arrival Handbook Fall 2016

Welcome to ONCAMPUS Texas

# ONCAMPUS TEXAS

Welcome Class of 2020!

Dear Student,

We are thrilled to welcome you to **ONCAMPUS** Texas in August 2016!

We hope that your preparations for starting your studies with us are going well and that you are looking forward to the next exciting step in your education and learning. We hope that you can use this handbook to prepare you for your **ONCAMPUS** program.

Through the **ONCAMPUS** Texas program you will benefit from full access to our host campus, University of North Texas. Our partnership allows you to enjoy a true American college experience including on-campus housing, full access to all facilities and a multitude of social and sporting activities.

You will have the best of both worlds -- a supportive and welcoming international student community as part of an American college right in the heart of the USA!

We believe that successful students need a strong learning community. During your time with us we hope you will be inspired to learn, to develop new skills, to understand different cultures, and to make friendships that will last a lifetime.

We are so excited to welcome you to campus! We wish you the best of luck in your preparations and invite you to contact us at any time.

Kind regards,

Tim Hathaway

Center Director, **ONCAMPUS** Texas

# Important Information

## Contact Information

ONCAMPUS Texas

Email: [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global)

Telephone: 617-763-7041

Tim Hathaway, Center Director

## Office Location:

Sage Hall 175

## Mailing Address:

ONCAMPUS Texas

1155 Union Circle # 309464

Denton, TX, 76203-5017

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## Important Dates

- August 13-14: Arrival and Move In
- August 15-19: Orientation
- August 22-26: First Flight Week for new students
- August 29: First day of classes

## During Orientation and First Flight students will:

- Meet the **ONCAMPUS** team and instructors
- Review immigration documents and how to maintain status
- Receive information about UNT and local community resources
- Get your university ID Card
- Open a bank account
- Shop for essentials
- Meet other new students and start to make friends
- Have orientation to academic courses
- Learn about Health Insurance and the Student Wellness and Health Center
- Take a campus tour
- Take your English and Math placement tests

## Student Pre-Arrival Responsibilities

- Obtain Visa
- Email [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global) with:
  - Scanned copy of visa
  - Detailed flight information
  - Proof of Meningitis Vaccination

## Important documents to bring to campus:

- Passport and Visa
- I-20
- Proof of SEVIS payment
- Official transcripts and diploma certificates from high school or university

# Get Involved

## Student Social Activities

UNT has over 400 student organizations on campus! Covering 17 different categories there is something for everyone:

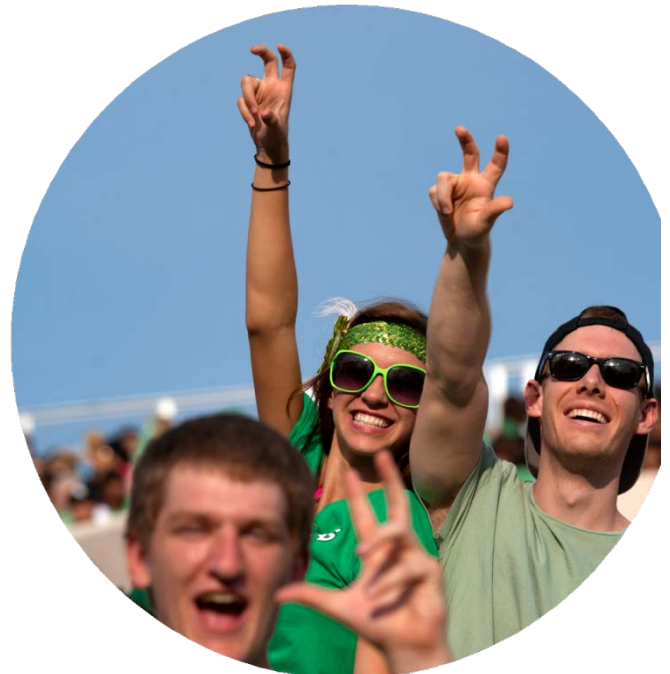
- Academic & Professional (14)
- Club Sport (32)
- Creative & Performing Arts (35)
- Cultural & International (37)
- Departmental (21)
- Event Programming (1)
- Greek Social-Fraternities (21)
- Greek Social-Sororities (18)
- Honorary (28)
- Religious/Spiritual (44)
- Residence Halls (4)
- Service (26)
- Social/Political Awareness (18)
- Special Interest (47)
- Sports Recreation (8)
- Student Governance (3)

## International Organizations

- Pakistani Student Organization
- Nigerian Student Organization
- Chinese Student Scholars Association
- World Echoes
- Korean Cultural Exchange
- Thai Student Association
- Nepalese Student Association
- Japanese Culture Organization

## Events

UNT hosts hundreds of events each semester, from free movies, to concerts, to lectures by prominent intellectuals and cultural figures. There is something different going on every Day on the events [calendar!](#)



## Transport

UNT Services include:

- The UNT Shuttle which serves the campus and off campus student oriented housing
- Ridesharing through a web based rider connection program
- Free access to local bus service by presenting a valid UNT ID
- Access to the Denton County Transportation Authority A-Train service with service to Dallas and Lewisville
- E-ride late night on demand service for students serving the main, Eagle point and Discovery Park campuses
- Free parking for bicycles

The University of North Texas and the Denton County Transportation Authority have partnered to provide the university with local route and commuter bus service.

- DCTA Shuttles – Free for all students – May not run when classes are not in session
- A-Train – From Downtown Denton to Dallas (around \$10)

Check [www.dcta.net](http://www.dcta.net) for rates and schedules.

## Telephone

Cell phones are ubiquitous and there are four main carriers in the USA: AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Sprint. Each carrier offers different services and products. Students can purchase a phone or SIM card at a store when they arrive.

International calling cards may be purchased from most gas stations around campus, including 7-11, Q-T, Exxon, and Shell among others. Wal-Mart and Target have begun carrying international calling cards as well. Also, international calls may be made via online calling card options. Some of these options include:

- [www.raza.com](http://www.raza.com)
- [www.callingcards.com](http://www.callingcards.com)
- [www.sprint.edypin.com](http://www.sprint.edypin.com)
- [www.zaptel.com](http://www.zaptel.com)
- [www.nobel.com](http://www.nobel.com)
- [www.rebtel.com](http://www.rebtel.com)

Name of Store	Location of Store	Contact Number	Website
<b>MetroPCS</b>	907 Avenue C, Denton	(940) 566-1014	<a href="http://www.metropcs.com">www.metropcs.com</a>
<b>Best Buy</b>	1800 S Loop 288 #102, Denton	(940) 384-9581	<a href="http://www.bestbuy.com">www.bestbuy.com</a>
<b>Sprint</b>	309 W Oak St, Denton	(940) 484-4600	<a href="http://www.sprint.com">www.sprint.com</a>
<b>AT&amp;T</b>	2304 S Loop 288, Denton	(940) 565-0119	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>
<b>T-Mobile</b>	2710 W University Dr, Denton	(940) 382-1485	<a href="http://www.t-mobile.com">www.t-mobile.com</a>



Students will be housed in single occupancy rooms in Traditions Hall. Living in Traditions Hall means living in a secure environment. Traditions Hall has staff members on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is secure swipe cards access to help make sure that the people who have access to the residence hall are the ones who are supposed to be there. The UNT Police Department patrols the campus and all of the Residence Halls are fully fire safety equipped and safety drills are run every semester.



#### Resident Room Amenities and Services

- Private Rooms
- Lobby area with TV Lounge
- Entertainment equipment available (board games, billiards/ping pong equipment, etc.)
- Community kitchen for public use
- Community study rooms
- Wireless Internet throughout the building (including courtyard)
- Courtyard with BBQ grills
- Laundry room for the entire hall at no extra charge

Our Student Support Advisor will contact you before you arrive. You will need to sign the Housing Agreement to be given a room and return it to [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global)



#### Appliances

Electrical appliances must be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications in safe working condition and should require no more than 1000 watts. Resident Assistants may ask you to remove approved appliances that are overly noisy or disturbing. With the few exceptions listed below, appliances with exposed heating elements (e.g. electric woks, Hibachi grills, camping stoves, Fry Daddys, toasters, toaster ovens, griddles) are not permitted in the residence halls.

Approved appliances include the following:

- George Foreman-type grills, quesadilla makers, sandwich makers, panini grills, rice cookers, coffee pots, cup warmers, and crock-pots
- Small oscillating fans
- Small refrigerators (mini fridges)
- Microwave ovens
- Electric space heaters with automatic turn-off and tip-over safety cut-offs (should be UL listed and not more than 1500 Watts)
- Hair dryers, curling irons, straighteners, and irons (must always be unplugged when not in use or when the resident leaves the room)

Check out the short [YouTube video](#) on safe appliance use.

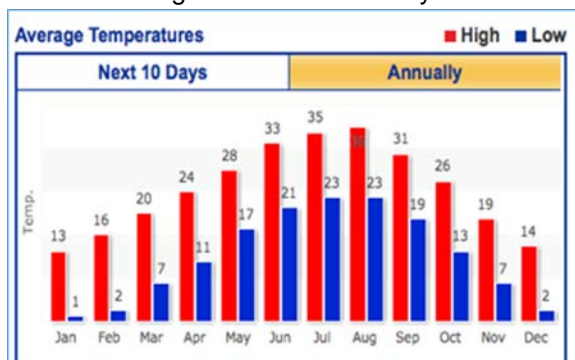
# Things you should bring with you

## Money

It is a good idea to exchange a small amount of money into US dollars for spending during the first few days. We recommend about \$200. Internationally accepted credit cards will also be helpful.

## Clothing

Texas has a hot climate and can range from 33°F (1°C) in December through February to 96°F (36°C) from June to August. Lightweight clothing is a good choice throughout the year with additional layers in the winter. Denton is prone to high humidity and thunderstorms so it is a good idea to bring an umbrella or rain coat. Don't forget to bring a light jacket or sweater, even during the hot months. All buildings have air conditioning and sometimes may be cold!



## Personal Medications

If you are taking any type of medication, make sure it is approved and legal in the United States. All medication should be labelled. Bring enough medication to last until you can register at the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center.

## Personal Toiletries

If there is a particular soap, toothpaste, or other personal product you prefer, you should bring enough to last you until you can find an equivalent product in Denton. There are several places to buy toiletries close to campus which are open 24 hours a day: Walgreens at 101 University Dr., Denton, TX 76201 and CVS at 116 University Dr., Denton, TX 76201

## Books

You might want to bring textbooks and dictionaries that you use frequently to help you with your studies. However, many books can be found at UNT library facilities and the UNT bookstore. Your courses will require you to purchase certain books and these will be available at the Barnes and Noble bookstore on the university campus.

## Pictures / Mementoes

Think about bringing pictures of your family, friends, pets, neighborhood, holidays, etc. to personalize your room. Sometimes being away from home for months can be quite hard. Having something that reminds you of your home and the people you love can help you feel better.

## Technology

You may bring your laptop / tablets with you or choose to buy one when you arrive in the US. Your studies will require the use of a computer and many students will prefer to have one of their own. You can check out laptops at the library for up to 4 hours.

Students have 24 hour access to computers and printers in the Willis Library. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In addition to the desktop workstations, the 24 hour Center also has laptops, a pico-projector, and common access card readers available for 4-hour checkouts. iPads and Kindles are available for a semester checkout.

## Bedding / pillows / mattress pad

If you have space in your luggage and want to bring your own sheets, you can. The beds in the residence halls are longer than typical beds (usually 6-8 inches).

Students can also purchase bedding, towels and other necessities when you arrive. They can also pre-order these items through an online service. Email [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global) to learn more.

# Things you should NOT bring with you

- Candles - Residents may not ignite any substance inside the residence halls at any time.
- Residents may not possess firecrackers, fireworks, explosives, flammable fluids/ chemicals/materials, or pyrotechnics of any nature on university premises, including in residence halls or the surrounding grounds
- Halogen lamps (due to the heat they generate)
- Non-halogen desk lamps with an extra outlet in the base
- Lights or lamps that hang from the wall or ceiling
- Rope or string lights
- Neon signs
- Residents may not ignite any substance, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes or hookahs, in the residence halls or on the balconies and stairways at College Inn. University policy prohibits smoking in any and all university owned facilities and also prohibits smoking within 25 feet of any building entrance. Residents found smoking in a residence hall or within 25 feet of a residence hall entrance will be assessed a \$50 fine for the first violation. A \$100 fine will be assessed for each additional violation in addition to more serious disciplinary measures. Residents are responsible for discarding cigarette butts and ashes in the appropriate receptacles.
- Residents under the age of 21 may never possess, consume, or be in the presence of alcohol while in the residence halls, regardless of the time, place, or occasion. Empty alcoholic beverage containers, even for decorative purposes, are prohibited in the rooms of residents under the age of 21.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs, the misuse of any legal drug or other legal substance, or the possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited on the university campus and in all of its buildings.
- University policy prohibits the use or possession of any weapon on campus and in the residence halls, including but not limited to rifles, shotguns, hand guns, Airsoft guns, CO2 guns, BB guns, air rifles and pistols, Tasers, bows and arrows, non-culinary knives with a blade longer than 5 ½ inches, daggers, swords, spears, brass knuckles, nun chucks, or ammunition.
- Animals
- Darts and dartboards are prohibited in the residence halls. Velcro or magnetic dartboards are an acceptable alternative.





# Dining

Students have access to all five cafeterias from Sunday to Friday. The cafeterias serve continuously and students may eat as much as they want as often as they want – there are no limits so you can take advantage of the popular all-you-care-to-eat open dining policy.

Students have the choice of five cafeterias on the UNT campus. Most are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday – Friday) with Sunday service at Kerr Hall. Kerr is open until 12:00 a.m. (Monday – Thursday). Mean Greens Café is a full vegan dining hall which offers a healthy and tasty alternative.



# Arriving in USA

## Flight Details

It is important to let us know your flight details by completing the Arrival Form and returning it to [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global) When we receive your details, we will be able to help you select a transfer option from the airport and have your student residence prepared.

## Airports

The most commonly used airport is Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). It is approximately 45 minutes by car from campus.

*Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport*  
(972) 973-8888  
3200 East Airfield Dr, DFW Airport  
<https://www.dfwairport.com>

Dallas Love Field is a smaller airport which is also about 45 minutes from campus:

*Dallas Love Field Airport*  
(214) 670-6080  
8008 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas  
[www.dallas-lovefield.com](http://www.dallas-lovefield.com)

## Driving directions from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to Highland Street Parking Garage

Take airport tollway to north to 121. Exit east on 121 and continue to Lewisville to I-35E. Continue on I-35E (northbound) to Denton. Exit at 466A McCormick Street; turn right on McCormick. This turns into Avenue A. Go straight on Avenue A to campus. The parking garage will be on the right.

Sage Hall is a five minute walk from the Highland Street Parking Garage.

Here is a [searchable map](#) of UNT.

## Airport Transfer Options

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to campus and there are a variety of options. Costs range from \$40 to over \$100.

### *Super Shuttle*

Website: [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)

Students can reserve a shuttle online using a credit card.

### *Taxis*

There are many taxis available at the airport that do not require a reservation. They accept cash and credit cards. (Make sure your credit card can handle US dollar transactions.)

### *Uber*

Uber is a popular option which requires internet access on your mobile device. Check your Uber account to make sure you can pay for rides in the US using your bank or credit card information.

### *Collegiate Concierge International (CCI)*

This service provides personal concierge services to international students attending the University of North Texas.

[www.collegiateconciergeinternational.com](http://www.collegiateconciergeinternational.com)

Email: [info@collegiateconciergeinternational.us](mailto:info@collegiateconciergeinternational.us)

## Students who arrive during business hours should go to:

**ONCAMPUS Texas**  
Sage Hall Room 175  
1167 Union Circle  
Denton, TX 76203

## If you plan to arrive when our office is closed, you will need to go directly to Traditions Hall:

Traditions Hall  
502 N Texas Blvd  
Denton, TX 76201

# Arriving at UNT

## US Bank Account

Students can open a US bank account with their passport, visa and UNT ID card. Wells Farge is a large US bank with a branch located in the Student Union.

Other bank options off campus include:

Chase Bank  
1200 W University Drive  
Denton, TX 76201  
(940) 381-7402

CitiFirst United Bank and Trust Company  
321 W Hickory St  
Denton, TX 76201  
(940) 484-0825

Northstar Bank of Texas  
400 N Carroll Blvd  
Denton, TX 76201  
(940) 591-1200

## ID Card

You will receive your student ID Card during orientation.

## Area Houses of Worship

When you arrive, The Office of Spiritual Life on campus will be able to connect you with local places of worship and faith-based groups.

## Sales Tax

The Texas state sales tax rate is currently 6.25%. Depending on local municipalities, the total tax rate can be as high as 8.25%.

## Tipping

- In the US, you should leave a 15-20% tip for service in a restaurant (15% for acceptable service and 20% for good service). Servers generally earn less than minimum wage and depend on tips for their income.
- If you buy your food at a counter (e.g. at a fast-food restaurant or a café), you do not have to leave a tip. You might see a tip jar where you can leave some coins for excellent service, but it is not required.
- For other service, such as taxi service or hair styling, a 15-20% tip is typical.
- When you are travelling, a standard tip for the person helping you with your luggage is \$1 per bag, and the standard for housekeeping is \$2 per day and more for longer stays.

## Smoking

UNT is a smoke free campus. Smoking is prohibited on UNT property (outdoors and indoors).

## Alcohol & Drugs

21 is the legal age for drinking alcohol in Texas. Possessing illegal drugs, including marijuana, is a criminal offense at any age.

# Health

## Health Insurance

All students are required by law to have appropriate insurance for the duration of your studies. Your Health Insurance to cover your studies with ONCAMPUS Texas has been included in your fees.

Your Health Insurance provider is United Healthcare Student Resources. You will be able to download an insurance identification card and view an online benefit brochure following registration.

You are eligible to use medical services at the Denton Campus Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC). The insurance covers 100% of medical expenses incurred at the SHWC. Services covered at the SHWC include:

- Annual Pap
- Annual physical, including lab work
- Acne treatment
- All Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommended immunizations, including HPV and Bacterial Meningitis (a \$25 co-pay may be applicable)
- Screening for TB by administering T-spot test. If test is positive, a 1-view chest x-ray is covered.

The SHWC will also help complete the claim forms if they refer you to outside services. There is no overall maximum dollar limit per insured person per policy year.

## Medication

There is a \$10 co-pay Generic/\$35 co-pay Brand prescription drug benefit. Birth control is \$0 co-pay for Generic/\$35 for Bran. The SHWC has a pharmacy but other preferred pharmacies may be used. Inpatient/outpatient care is covered at the preferred provider allowance or the customary charges are cover for an out-of-network provider.

## 24-Hour Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy on University Drive: (940) 387-9549

Walgreen's Pharmacy on University Drive: (940) 384-0240

# Medical Requirements

*Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Requirement:* Required for ALL incoming international students to the University of North Texas. International students must be screened and/or tested for TB in the first 3 weeks after the 12<sup>th</sup> day of class.

Our team will remind you to complete the form to be screened. Failure to do so will result in a block preventing you from your classes and you pay will be asked to leave the program.

*Meningitis Vaccination:* **Please pay close attention to this very important notice.** Effective October 1, 2013, all new students, including transfer students to UNT who are under the age of 22, must show written proof of having received a bacterial Meningitis vaccination or booster within the last five years and at least ten days before the first day of classes.

*Who needs this vaccination?* ALL new students to UNT

*Who does not need this vaccination?* Students who will be 22 years or older by the end of late registration of their first semester.

*When should I get this vaccination?* If you have already had this vaccination or booster within the past 5 years, you must submit proof of by August 1. If you do not, you will not be allowed to start classes and will be asked to leave the program. If you have not had this vaccination or booster within the past 5 years, please act IMMEDIATELY to be vaccinated.

*Who can give me this vaccination?*

- Your personal doctor
- A medical facility in your country
- The UNT Health and Wellness Center
- A US state health department

*What if my proof of the Meningitis vaccination is not in English?* Please have your documented translated into English and submit the original language document as well as the English version.

*Do I have to submit my official, original proof of vaccination?* We will accept photocopies, scanned copies through email, faxed copies, or originals.

*Will an exemption from my doctor, who is not licensed in the US, be accepted?* Only exemption requests from US licensed doctors will be considered.

*Where can I find more detailed information?* For more information please [go here](#).

*Where should I send the proof of the Meningitis vaccination?* Submit these documents by email – [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global)



# Fee Payment Instructions

Your fees for your **ONCAMPUS** program must be paid before you arrive at **ONCAMPUS** Texas. As soon as you have your visa, please pay the fees.



We can only accept payment by Peer Transfer.

This is a streamlined international payment process with the following benefits:

- Eliminate hidden bank fees – ensure you pay the correct amount
- Save on exchange rates – in most cases you can make a payment in your home currency. peerTransfer will process the currency exchange – offering you wholesale exchange rates, unmatched by traditional banks.
- Peace of mind – 24 hours multilingual customer support when you need it most. Know where your payment is in the bank transfer process.

Select the link [www.peertransfer.com/school/oncampusus](http://www.peertransfer.com/school/oncampusus) and follow the instructions. You will need your CEG Reference number.

# Visa and Immigration

## Visa Requirements

It is important that you begin your visa application as soon as possible. Most students require an F-1 student visa. There are several steps and you should follow the directions on the U.S. Embassy website in your country.

All students will need:

- Form I-20 from UNT
- Passport
- 1 2"x2" photo
- Academic documents (transcripts from previous schools, TOEFL/IELTS scores, etc.)
- Proof of financial support
- To pay I-901 SEVIS fee
- DS-160 (online application) completed
- To schedule a visa interview

If you have questions or need help, email us at [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global)

If you already have an F-1 student visa or are in the US, let us know via email: [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global)

*Tip: You can find your country's U.S. Embassy website [here](#).*

*Tip: How long will your visa take? Get an estimate [here](#).*

## Immigration and Customs

When you arrive in the US, you will need to pass through Immigration before you can collect checked luggage. You will need to show the Immigration Officer the following documents:

- Passport and visa
- I-20
- Evidence of payment for your SEVIS application

The Immigration Officer may take your fingerprints and ask your questions about your reasons for studying in the U.S. It is important that you can answer these questions in detail. Failure to have the right documents will result in delays or possible denial of entry into the U.S.

After clearing immigration, you can collect your checked luggage and go through Customs. Make sure you do not put your academic and visa documents in checked luggage. You will not have access to this until you have cleared immigration.

# Important Dates

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## AUGUST 2016

Saturday – Sunday	August 13 – 14	Arrival Dates
Monday – Friday	August 15 – 19	<b>ONCAMPUS</b> Student Orientation
Monday – Friday	August 22 – 26	First Flight Week (all new students attend)
Monday	August 29	First day of classes

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## SEPTEMBER 2016

Monday	September 5	Labor Day Holiday – no classes
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## NOVEMBER 2016

Thursday - Sunday	November 24 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break – no classes
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## DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday	December 6	Last day of classes
Wednesday – Thursday	December 7 – 8	Pre-finals days
Friday	December 9	Reading Day – no classes
Saturday – Thursday	December 10 – 15	Final Exams
Saturday	December 24	Winter Break (no classes, university closed)

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## JANUARY 2017

Saturday - Sunday	January 7 – 8	Move in for new students
Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday – no classes
Tuesday	January 17	First day of classes

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## MARCH 2017

Monday – Sunday	March 13 – 19	Spring Break – no classes
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## MAY 2017

Thursday	May 2	Last day of classes
Wednesday – Thursday	May 3 – 4	Pre-finals days
Friday	May 5	Reading Day – no classes
Saturday – Thursday	May 6 – 11	Final exams

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# Important Dates

## Documentation Due Dates

1. Health Form: no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>

Email your proof of Meningitis Vaccination (with English translation) to [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global) at least 2 weeks prior to arrival to campus.

2. Travel information: As soon as confirmed

Email your itinerary to [texas@oncampus.global](mailto:texas@oncampus.global) as soon as you have it.

## Checklist of important documents to bring to campus

1. Required for Customs at airport – Bring in carry-on bag

- Passport
- Original I-20
- Proof of SEVIS payment
- Visa

2. Academic

- Original transcripts and diploma certificates from high school. Official notarized translations must be provided when originals are not in English.
- **ONCAMPUS** Texas Acceptance letter

3. Health & Safety

- Proof of Meningitis Vaccination (with English translation)
- Approved medications and repeat prescriptions