



Pre-Arrival Handbook Fall 2017

Welcome to ONCAMPUS Texas

ONCAMPUS TEXAS

Welcome Class of 2021!

Dear student,

We are thrilled to welcome you to **ONCAMPUS** Texas in August 2017!

You are about to begin a new chapter in your life and we want to help make this transition as smooth as possible. This is your Pre-Arrival Handbook which will tell you how to prepare and what to expect. Read this handbook carefully and feel free to contact us if you have questions. We will also be in touch with you to provide reminders and other helpful information along the way.

When you arrive you will have full access to university resources as well as a team of professionals at **ONCAMPUS** Texas who are here to support you both inside and outside the classroom. We are here for you!

I hope you are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We are certainly excited for your arrival and to help you succeed in all your endeavors in your first year here at University of North Texas!

Kind regards,

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Contact Information and Key Dates

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Key Dates

- August 12-13, 2017: Arrival and Move In (Go directly to Traditions Hall)
- August 14-25, 2017: Orientation, Pre-Session Classes, First Flight Week

During Orientation, Pre-Session Classes and First Flight students will:

- Meet the **ONCAMPUS** team and instructors
- Receive information about UNT and local community resources
- Get your university ID Card
- Open a bank account and shop for essentials
- Meet other new students and start to make friends
- Have orientation for new international students
- Have orientation for all new students
- Learn about insurance and what to do if you're ill
- Learn about safety
- Take a campus tour
- Buy your books
- Take your English and Math placement tests
- Get a head start on course work

Required Documents and Checklist

Required Documents and Information before Arrival

1. *Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record Form*

See Medical Requirements below. Email your forms to **ONCAMPUS** Texas immediately. Students will not be allowed to enroll without this.

ONCAMPUS Texas Email
texas@oncampus.global

2. *Student Consent for Release of Information Form*

Email this form to **ONCAMPUS** Texas immediately. Students cannot participate in the program without it.

3. *Visa Update*

Email **ONCAMPUS** Texas with your visa interview date. Inform us again when you have the interview result. We must have this information to reserve your housing.

4. *Travel Itinerary*

Email your flight details to **ONCAMPUS** Texas as soon as you have them.

Required Documents and Information upon Arrival

1. Required to Board Airplane and for Customs upon Arrival

- Passport and visa
- Original I-20
- Proof of SEVIS payment

2. Academic – Required when you arrive on campus

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

3. Health

- Any relevant medical documents you may need
- Approved medications and repeat prescriptions

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)

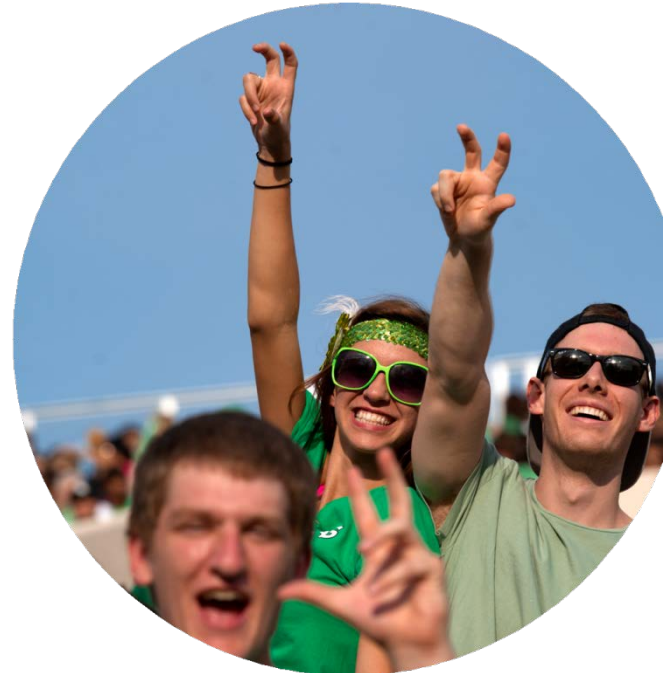
Search all of UNT's student organizations [here!](#)

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 everyday on the events [calendar!](#)



Local transportation and Telephones

Transportation on Campus and in Denton

Most students walk from their residence hall to classes. Some students have purchased new or used bicycles to get around.

UNT provides the following services free of charge for students with ID cards:

- The UNT Shuttle which serves the campus and off campus student oriented housing
- Ridesharing through a web based rider connection program
- Local bus service
- E-ride late night on demand service for students serving the main, Eagle point and Discovery Park campuses
- Parking for bicycles

Students can buy a day pass for \$10 to use the A-Train to visit Dallas.

Cars and Driver's Licenses

It is not necessary to buy a car. Students can easily access all they need on or near campus on foot or by bike. However, students are allowed to buy a car and can apply for a Texas Driver's License. Students on an F-1 visa must wait at least two weeks after arrival to begin this process. More information license applications can be found [here](#).

WiFi and Telephones

Students have WiFi access in all university buildings.

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, Walmart and Target. Also, international calls may be made via online calling card options. Some of these options include:

- www.raza.com
- www.callingcards.com
- www.speedypin.com
- www.zaptel.com
- www.nobel.com
- www.rebtel.com

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

Housing

Students will be housed in single occupancy rooms in Traditions Hall. Each room shares a bathroom with a suitemate of the same gender. Check out a video of Traditions Hall by a UNT student [here](#).

Students have access to Wi-Fi and free laundry. All residents are required to have a meal plan. See Dining below.

Residence halls have staff members on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the UNT Police Department patrols the campus and all of the residence halls. Students need an ID to enter the building.

Resident Room Amenities and Services

- Private rooms with shared bathroom
- Lobby area with TV Lounge
- Entertainment equipment (board games, billiards/ping pong, etc.)
- Community kitchen
- Community study rooms
- Courtyard with BBQ grills

Students are permitted to rent or buy small refrigerators as well as other small appliances. It is best to buy these after arrival. See the [Housing Handbook](#) for information on approved appliances.

Winter Break

Residence halls and dining services will be closed for Christmas break from December 16, 2017 to January 10, 2018. Students can rent a room in a different residence hall with a communal kitchen for an additional fee. Students must inform **ONCAMPUS** Texas staff by December 1, 2017 to reserve a room. Payment must be made through Flywire.



Dining

Students have the Eagle Flex Value Plan. This provides the greatest access to UNT's dining halls and many nearby restaurants. Students may eat as much as they want as often as they want in the dining halls – there are no limits so you can take advantage of the popular all-you-care-to-eat open dining policy.

UNT has five cafeterias on campus and 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.

UNT dining halls have many options for those with dietary restrictions. However, they do not provide halal meat. There are some nearby restaurants which serve halal dishes.

Dining halls are open during the academic year. There is limited or no access during orientation, winter break, and spring break.



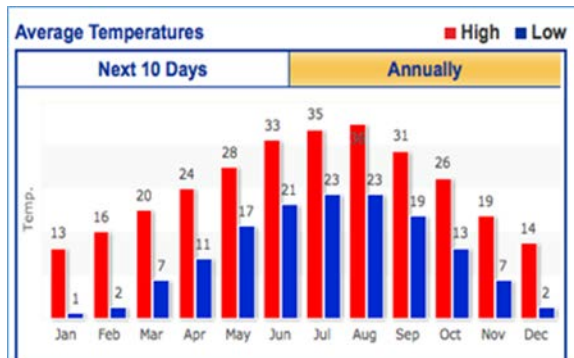
Things to Bring

Money

It is a good idea to exchange a small amount of money into US dollars for the first few days. We recommend about \$300. Internationally accepted credit cards are also helpful.

Clothing

Temperatures range from 33°F (1°C) 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 in spring and summer. Despite the hot climate, a light jacket or sweater is recommended even during the hotter 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. The can walk to CVS (1510 W Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201).

Books

You are required to buy or rent books for each course, which usually costs a few hundred dollars per semester. As an additional resource, you might want to bring a dictionary or other native language resource to help with your studies.

Pictures / Mementoes

Think about bringing pictures or mementoes of your family, friends, pets, neighborhood, holidays, etc. Sometimes being away from home for months can be quite hard and it helps to have these reminders.

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 prefer to have one of their own.

For additional resources, the Willis Library is open 24 hours a day. Students have access to a variety of technology options, including computer labs and printers.

Laptops, pico-projectors, and common access card readers are available for 4-hour checkouts. iPad and Kindles are available for the entire semester.

Bedding / pillows / mattress pad

The beds in the residence halls are twin XL (39x80 inches/134.5x203.5cm). Students can buy linens and towels at nearby stores.

Students can also pre-order these items through an online service. Email texas@oncampus.global to learn more.

Restricted Items

The following items are not allowed in the residence halls:

- 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
- Smoking is prohibited in all university buildings and on university property.
- 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.
- Animals are prohibited except approved service animals.
- Darts and dartboards are prohibited in the residence halls. Velcro or magnetic dartboards are an acceptable alternative.



Please refer to the UNT [Housing Handbook](#) for the most up to date list of items.

Arriving in the USA

Visa and Flight Details

When you have your visa, email texas@oncampus.global to let us know so we can reserve your housing. When you purchase your airline tickets, email your itinerary and we will make sure someone is at the residence hall to meet you.

ONCAMPUS Texas
Emergency Phone
1-940-613-1734

Airports

The most commonly used airport is Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Dallas Love Field (DAL) is a smaller nearby airport. Both are about 45 minutes by car from campus.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport www.dfwairport.com

Dallas Love Field Airport www.dallas-lovefield.com

Airport Transfer Options

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to campus. Costs range from \$40 to over \$100. There are no buses to campus. There is a train which takes about 2 hours and is not convenient.

Super Shuttle

Website: 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.) It is customary to give a tip.

Uber/Lyft

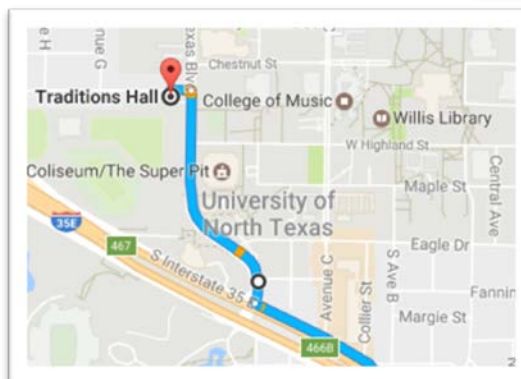
Uber and Lyft are popular options which requires internet access on your mobile device. Check your account to make sure you can pay for service in the US using your bank or credit card information.

Driving directions from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to Traditions Hall

Take airport tollway north to 121. Exit east on 121 and continue to Lewisville to I-35E. Continue on I-35E (northbound) to Denton. Exit at 466B. Turn right on North Texas Blvd. Traditions Hall is on the left after a large parking lot.

Go directly to:
Traditions Hall
502 N Texas Blvd
Denton, TX 76201

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



Health

Health Insurance

All students are required by law to have appropriate insurance for the duration of their studies. Your Health Insurance during your time at **ONCAMPUS** Texas has been included in your fees; you will be automatically enrolled.

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 class registration.

You are eligible to use medical services at the Denton Campus Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) which is free or at a reduced cost. Services 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 Brand. 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 covered for an out-of-network provider.

Pharmacy within Walking Distance

CVS Pharmacy ([website](#))
1510 W Hickory St
Denton, TX 76201

Medical Requirements

IMPORTANT: There are two medical requirements. Students must comply to enroll in classes.

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 12th day of class. **ONCAMPUS** Texas staff will remind students after classes have started and answer any questions.

Meningitis Vaccination: 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 by August 1 to **ONCAMPUS** Texas. 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

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 through Flywire by peerTransfer.

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. Flywire by 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 <https://www.flywire.com/pay/oncampusus> and follow the instructions. You will need your CEG Reference number.

Money

All students participate in mandatory International Student Orientation on Monday, August 14, 2017. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to open a bank account, get a P.O Box to receive mail, and get your UNT ID card. You'll have opportunities throughout the week to go shopping at local stores to buy necessities, too.

US Bank Account

Students need a passport, visa and UNT ID card to open a savings account. Wells Fargo is a large US bank with a branch located on campus 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

Part-time Job Policy

Students are permitted to have a part-time job on campus in the second semester only. Eligible students must have a 2.75 GPA in semester one and two faculty recommendations.

Sales Tax

The Texas state sales tax rate is currently 6.25%. Depending on local municipalities, the total sales 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.

Visa and Immigration

Visa Requirements

If you receive an I-20 you will need an F-1 visa. It is important that you begin your visa application as soon as possible. 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

If you already have an F-1 student visa or are in the US, let us know via email: 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 you questions about your reasons for studying in the U.S. It is important that you can answer these questions accurately. 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 immigration documents in checked luggage. You will not have access to this until you have cleared Immigration.

Important Dates

Fall Term 2017

AUGUST

Saturday – Sunday	August 12 – 13	Arrival for New Students
Monday – Friday	August 14 – 18	ONCAMPUS Student Orientation
Monday – Friday	August 21 – 25	First Flight Week (all new students attend)
Monday	August 28	First day of classes

SEPTEMBER

Monday	September 4	Labor Day Holiday – no classes
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NOVEMBER

Thursday - Sunday	November 23 – 26	Thanksgiving Holiday Break – no classes
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DECEMBER

Tuesday	December 7	Last day of classes
Saturday – Friday	December 9 – 15	Final Exams
Saturday	Dec 23 – Jan 1	Winter Break (university closed)

NOTE: Residence halls and dining services will be closed from December 16 – January 10. Students may apply for winter housing for an additional fee before December 1.

Spring Term 2018

JANUARY

Saturday - Sunday	January 6 – 7	Arrival for new students
Monday – Friday	January 8 – 12	ONCAMPUS Student Orientation
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday – no classes
Tuesday	January 16	First day of classes

MARCH

Monday – Friday	March 12 – 16	Spring Break – no classes
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MAY

Thursday	May 3	Last day of classes
Friday	May 4	Reading Day – no classes
Saturday – Thursday	May 5 – 11	Final exams

Summer Term 2018

JUNE

Monday	June 4	First day of class-1 st Five Week Session
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JULY

Monday	July 4	Independence Day – no classes
Friday	July 6	Final exams - 1 st Five Week Session
Monday	July 9	First day of class - 2 nd Five Week Session

AUGUST

Friday	August 10	Final exams-2 nd Five Week Session
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*Dates are subject to change. Consult UNT's website for the most up to date information.