

# Top 5 Questions of New International Students



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# Top 5 Questions

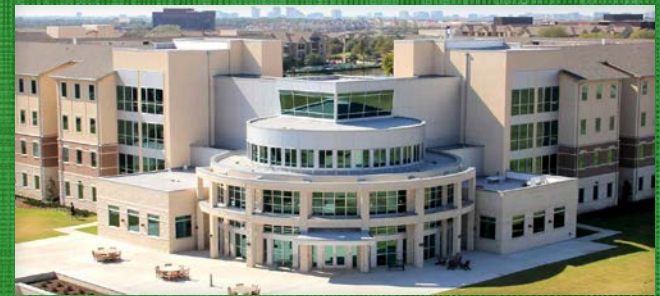
1. What if I cannot arrive by the program start date on my I-20?
2. Can you tell me more about International Student Orientation?
3. How do I find housing?
4. When will I be able to register for classes?
5. What do I do next?

# 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](http://utdallas.edu/housing/apply)



# How do I find housing?

- Off-campus

- Things to consider

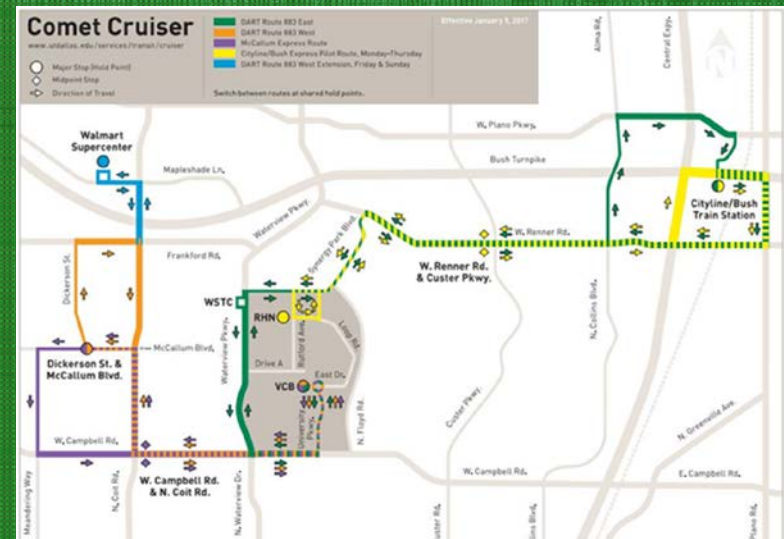
- Proximity to campus and other places (stores, restaurants etc.)
- Amenities
- Cost
  - Furniture, utilities, household goods should factor into your budget

- Do your research

- [utdallas.edu/housing/offcampus/](http://utdallas.edu/housing/offcampus/)
  - Not affiliated with UT Dallas
- [utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser](http://utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser)
  - Many apartments along this route
- [utdallas.edu/icp/housing](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://utdallas.edu/academics)
  - Degree plans, scholarships, career options, faculty information
- Coursebook
  - [coursebook.utdallas.edu](http://coursebook.utdallas.edu)
  - Class information, syllabi, textbooks, instructor information
  - Search for classes by name, term, section number to see information

Search Results (2 items)

Term Status	Class Section Class Number	Class Title	Instructor(s)	Schedule & Location	Fill	Action(s)
14S Open	ENGR 6331.001 25313	Linear Systems (3 Credits)	Stephen Yurkovich	Mon & Wed : 8:30am-9:45am ECSN 2.120		<a href="#">View Class Detail</a> <a href="#">Save Class</a> <a href="#">Instructor CV</a>
14S Open	ENGR 6331.501 25432	Linear Systems (3 Credits)	Nicholas Gans	Mon & Wed : 5:30pm-8:45pm ECSS 2.305		<a href="#">View Class Detail</a> <a href="#">Save Class</a> <a href="#">Instructor CV</a>

The direct link to this search is: [http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/search/searchresults/term\\_14s/cp\\_engr6331](http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/search/searchresults/term_14s/cp_engr6331)  
You can also: [Download this list in Excel format](#)

# Additional Questions?

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