BE IN THE KNOW

MAVENTURE CAMP
After completing orientation, your student should attend Maventure Camp to learn the spirit and traditions of UTA. Held on campus, the camp is two days of small-group activities, campwide competitions, and chances to engage with the rich cultural diversity of our campus. uta.edu/maventure

MAVERICK ADVANTAGE
UTA encourages all students to participate in three of the five Distinguishing Activities (leadership development, career development, undergraduate research, global engagement, and community engagement) which develop marketable skills and prepare students for their careers after graduation. Students will set themselves apart and graduate with the Maverick Advantage. uta.edu/maverick-advantage

• We celebrate diversity and each other.
• We make smart decisions inside and outside the classroom.
• We live blue and orange.
• We respect our fellow Mavericks.
• We help define the campus community.
• We live well and stay healthy.
• We carve our own paths.
uta.edu/maverickway

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you to The University of Texas at Arlington community. This guide contains a wealth of information about campus programs and services that will help your Maverick make a smooth transition to our campus. We recommend you use this guide to learn about UTA, including our Parent & Family Center.

You are our partner in supporting student success. The faculty, staff, and I look forward to getting to know you, so please plan to join us in the fall for Parent & Family Weekend. We are here to help your Maverick grow, create everlasting memories, and develop lifelong success with an unparalleled college experience. I invite you to explore uta.edu/studentaffairs to learn more about what our division has to offer.

Best regards,
Lisa L. Nagy
Vice President for Student Affairs

WELCOME, MAVERICKS!

Whether your student is living on campus or commuting to UTA, he or she will look to you for support and guidance. The more information you have about UTA, the better you will be able to help your student make informed decisions.

The Parent & Family Center is here to help. You can call or email the Parent & Family Center with questions, concerns, or comments. The center’s website has up-to-date information, frequently asked questions, and numerous resources.

We invite you to become a member of the Maverick Parent & Family Association, a network of parents and families committed to their students’ success. You also can volunteer your time and talents with the Parent & Family Center and make a tangible impact on UTA and the student experience.

We hope you find the following pages helpful and that you continue to utilize the Parent & Family Center throughout your student’s college career.

Sincerely,

UTA Parent & Family Center Staff

DON’T MISS THESE PFC EVENTS

MOVE-IN DAY FAMILY COOKOUT
A FREE event for all Maverick parents and family members of current UTA students during the annual Move-In Day festivities of Maverick Stampede.

PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND
A University-wide event that offers family-friendly activities, engaging student demonstrations, educational workshops, and spirited competitions.

UTA SPRING FAMILY DAY
A FREE event for all Maverick parents and family members of current UTA students. This event offers Maverick families service opportunities, MPFA mixers, and an athletic event.
Blue Level—One-Year Membership, $30
• 10% discount at the UTA Bookstore for gifts and apparel (excluding textbooks and technology)*
• UTA Maverick Discount Program membership at more than 100 area merchants including hotels and restaurants* uta.edu/maverickdiscounts
• $5 discount on PFC-sponsored Maverick Family merchandise
• MPFA membership card
• Maverick Family communication with customized emails, newsletters, and reminder postcards
• A parent blog, The Maverick Family Guardian
• Priority registration for PFC signature events
• Announcements from UTA Athletics & the Maverick Speaker Series

Blaze Level—Four-Year Membership, $100
All benefits mentioned in the Blue Level as well as:
• Two complimentary visits to the Maverick Activities Center (MAC) and the ability to purchase a MAC membership at the alumni rate*
• Discounts for designated University-wide events and programs at the alumni rate*
• A Maverick Family commemorative item

Direct Student Benefits
• FREE testing materials (scantrons, blue books, pencils, snacks) available at the Parent & Family Center
• One application per semester for one of three $800 MPFA scholarships
• Student leadership opportunities during PFC events.

Benefits & prices are subject to change.
*MPFA membership card required.

MAVERICK FAMILY COMMUNICATION PORTAL
All MPFA members receive access to the Maverick Family Communication Portal, which brings you up-to-date news, important calendar dates, and comprehensive information to help you assist and support your student. You can customize the type and frequency of information you receive.

MAKE AN IMPACT
Parent & Family Volunteer Opportunities—The Parent & Family Center offers volunteer opportunities for parents and family members to advocate for the needs of UTA parents, families, and students.
Support the Student Experience—Donations help fund Parent & Family Center operations and the MPFA Scholarship Endowment, which provides three scholarships each fall and spring semester.
To Donate—Visit uta.edu/giving or contact Mark LaVelle, assistant vice president for annual giving, at 817-272-2584 or mlavelle@uta.edu.

FAMILY
(FAM-UH-LEE, FAM-LEE)
Maverick Family, as deemed by the UTA student, may include any combination of individuals—mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, grandparents, guardians, mentors, significant others, partners, friends, and/or educational supporters.
Parents and families who understand the ups and downs of the first college year are better able to help their students negotiate the challenges of the transition to college.

**BIG CHANGES, BIGGER REWARDS**

Here’s an overview of what you can expect from the academic setting at a four-year institution of higher education.

**TEACHER/STUDENT CONTACT**
Faculty are available during a few office hours each week and by appointment to address students’ concerns.

**COMPETITION/GRADES**
Academic competition is much stronger. Minimum effort may produce poor grades.

**COUNSELING/DEPENDENCE**
Students rely on themselves; they see the results of making their own decisions. It is their responsibility to seek advice as needed. Students set their own restrictions.

**MOTIVATION**
Students apply their own motivation to their work and activities as they wish.

**DISTRACTIONS**
The opportunity for more distractions exists. Time management will become more important.

**VALUE JUDGMENTS**
Students have the opportunity to see the world through their own eyes and develop their own opinions and values.

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**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**
- Excitement
- Testing new-found freedom
- Frequent calls and visits home
- Homesickness and loneliness
- Anxiety about roommates, professors, classes

**OCTOBER**
- Roommate problems begin to arise
- Students wonder, “Do I fit in here?”
- First test grades returned
- Midterm exams
- Love relationships from home remain strong or weaken
- Consequences of decision-making experienced

**NOVEMBER**
- Midterm grades returned
- Roommate challenges become more clear
- Many exams and papers due before Thanksgiving
- Excitement and/or anxiety regarding going home for Thanksgiving
- First series of campus-wide illnesses (cold, flu, strep, etc.)

**DECEMBER**
- Anxiety over preparations for finals
- Excitement and/or anxiety regarding going home for the holidays
- Sadness about leaving new friendship and/or love relationships
- Roommate challenges continue

**JANUARY**
- “Fresh Start” mentally sets in with new term
- Satisfaction and/or disappointment with fall term grades
- Homesickness
- Loneliness for love relationship back home
- Relief being away from home and back at school

**FEBRUARY**
- Feelings of claustrophobia and depression set in with winter
- Potential increase in alcohol and other substance abuse
- Challenges with love relationship back home
- Valentine’s Day brings out loneliness, isolation

**MARCH**
- Anxiety regarding finding roommate(s) for next year
- Excitement and/or disappointment regarding Spring Break plans
- Midterm exam stress
- Concern over summer employment
- Concern over winter weight gain

**APRIL**
- Excitement with arrival of spring
- Concern over declaring major
- End of semester pressure

**MAY**
- Final exam anxiety
- Apprehension about returning home for summer
- Sadness over leaving new friendships and/or love relationships at school
- Realization of how college influences life decisions

In addition to these more predictable stressors, students may experience the following concerns throughout the academic year:

- Missing family birthday and holiday celebrations
- Missing participation in family traditions
- Wanting involvement with family maintained, but expecting their desire for complete freedom to be respected

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Excerpted in part from Helping Your First-Year College Student Succeed: A Guide for Parents

As freshman parents, we wanted to support our student while at the same time maintaining a respectable distance. The New Maverick Orientation and the Maverick Parent & Family Association helped us to find the appropriate balance.

CORTIZ & DEBRA MORRALL, KILLEEN, TEXAS
RHEMA MORRALL, SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE STUDENT
SAMPLER MORRALL, ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SOPHOMORE

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The University of Texas at Arlington  |  \[Image\]
Paying for College

**Tuition, Fees, and Related Expenses**
Tuition is charged based on the course and the level of the student. Use the online tuition estimator at [uta.edu/tuition](uta.edu/tuition).

**Financial Aid**
Complete the application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for grants, work study, and student loans. Counselors are available to answer questions and help students complete the process.
- Information about UTA scholarships is on the Financial Aid Office website.
- Students can review their financial aid and scholarship awards through their account on MyMav, UTA’s student portal.

**Student Accounts**
Student Accounts collects tuition, fees, campus housing, and other University-related charges.
- Know when payments are due and make sure you understand payment and refund policies.
- Each student’s MyMav account is in his or her name, and he or she is responsible for making sure it gets paid, even if parents or others actually pay it.
- Students can designate a person, such as a parent, to view or pay their account balances. File a FERPA form found at [uta.edu/records/services/student-release-of-information-form.php](uta.edu/records/services/student-release-of-information-form.php).
- Student Accounts sends official communication to students via their UTA email address (@mavs.uta.edu).
- Direct deposit is available.

Being a part of the Maverick Parent & Family Association and Parent & Family Center has given us the opportunity to be involved in our daughter’s college years while still giving her the freedom every college student needs.

LISA & WILLIAM RICHARDS, ARLINGTON
TARA RICHARDS, HISTORY SENIOR

“At first, my family was a little worried about me living four hours away. The Parent & Family Center has been a great help in keeping my family involved and engaged. They’ve also helped to ensure I felt properly supported.”

TREIVION SHEPPARD, HOUSTON, BIOLOGY SENIOR

**Parent and Family Center**
[uta.edu/parents](uta.edu/parents)
817-272-2128
parents@uta.edu
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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Fall 2020**

- AUG. 25: Registration ends, fall term
- AUG. 26: First day of class
- AUG. 26-31: Late registration, fall term
- SEPT. 7: Labor Day holiday
- SEPT. 11: Census date
- NOV. 6: Last day to drop classes
- NOV. 8: Registration begins, spring term
- NOV. 26-27: Thanksgiving holidays
- DEC. 8: Last day of classes
- DEC. 10-16: Final exams
- DEC. 17-19: Commencement

**Spring 2021**

- JAN. 18: Registration ends, spring term
- JAN. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday
- JAN. 19: First day of classes
- JAN. 19-21: Late registration, spring term
- FEB. 3: Census date
- MARCH 15-20: Spring Break
- MARCH 26: Last day to drop classes
- APRIL 5: Registration begins, summer and fall terms
- MAY 4: Last day of class
- MAY 6-12: Final exams
- MAY 13-15: Commencement

Go to uta.edu/acadcal to see schedules for summer and shorter terms.

### PROGRESS REPORTS & OFFICIAL GRADES * **

**Fall 2020**

- SEPT. 19-20: Early progress report posted; 4th week, freshmen only
- OCT. 10-11: Midterm progress report posted; 8th week
- DEC. 22: Grades designated official by the Office of the Registrar by 5 p.m.
- DEC. 23: Academic standing notifications emailed to students not in good standing

Go to uta.edu/records/calendars/Final-Grade-Report-Schedule.php for more semesters and terms.

* Available in Faculty Center of MyMav student portal.

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### FINANCIAL AID

- MAY 18, 2020-MAY 15, 2021: Enrollment period with required FAFSA

### STUDENT ACCOUNTS

- JULY 31, 2020: Deadline for Guaranteed Tuition Plan for new students

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mav ScholarShop
- uta.academicworks.com
- Maverick Parent & Family Association Scholarship
- OCT. 1, 2020: Fall 2020 deadline
- FEB. 11, 2021: Spring 2021 deadline

### HOUSING

- JUNE 1, 2020: Fall 2020 deadline

### MENINGITIS VACCINATION

Texas college students who are new to the institution and students returning after an absence of at least one fall or spring semester who are under age 22 on the first day of the term are required to submit documentation of immunization against bacterial meningitis. Students who fail to meet this requirement may be dropped from courses or prevented from subsequent enrollment. Deadlines are:

- MAY 27, 2020: Summer 2020 terms
- AUG. 14, 2020: Fall 2020 semester
- JAN. 7, 2021: Spring 2021 semester

Read more at uta.edu/records/services/meningitis-requirement.php.
EARNING THE GRADE

Academic Standing — Students who have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) are considered in good standing and can continue to take courses without penalty. Individual departments may have higher GPA thresholds to remain in a particular major, to take advanced courses, or even graduate with a degree in that major.

Other categories include:
- Academic warning
- Academic probation
- Academic dismissal for one long term (Dismissal 1)
- Academic dismissal for one full academic year (Dismissal 2)

Classification — Students are classified by the number of semester hours earned or passed at UTA, transferred from other institutions, or credit by examination.
- Freshman: 30 or fewer hours
- Sophomore: 30-59 hours
- Junior: 60-89 hours
- Senior: 90 or more hours

Majors — UTA offers more than 180 degree programs in 10 different schools and colleges. See uta.edu/majors.

Our family’s experience with the Maverick Parent and Family Association has been impressive. I stay connected through the UTA Maverick Family Communication portal. This is a great resource.

ALONDA FORDE HARRIS, ALUMNA ’94, HOUSTON
ISAIAH FORDE, ANTHROPOLOGY FRESHMAN
RHODESHA JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
CAMPUS RESOURCES

Campus Dining—Student may choose from a variety of dining options across campus and nearby. All-you-care-to-eat venues are the Connection Café in the University Center and the Maverick Café in The Commons. Meal Plans options include the two cafes plus Dining Dollars that can be used at all campus dining locations.

Campus Post Office—The post office rents mailboxes and provides traditional postal services.

Disability Services—The Office for Students with Disabilities serves students with assistive technology, academic assistance, sign language interpreters, volunteer note-takers, and more.

Emergency Assistance Fund—This donor-supported program provides financial help for students facing temporary hardships.

International Students—The Office of International Education serves students from more than 100 countries to ensure opportunity for their academic success and adjustment to college life in the United States.

Military and Veteran Services—The center provides specialized programs and services to veterans, active military service members, selected reserves, family members, and ROTC cadets.

University Housing—Advantages of living on campus include close proximity to classes and quick access to UTA resources. Apartment and Residence Life staff help organize events, community building activities, and study sessions.

University Libraries—The libraries supply the latest research and information to students. The Central Library is open 24/7 and houses the FabLab with 3D printing, the Academic Plaza, and an OIT Help Desk. Group study rooms can be reserved. Two branch libraries are on campus.

UTA Bookstore—The bookstore features a variety of textbooks for rent or sale, school supplies, a computer store, a service center, and a Starbucks.

UTA Food Pantry—Students can supplement their monthly food costs 1-2:30 p.m. every other Thursday at the Tri-C Campus Ministries. UTA ID is required. To donate, contact the Follet Student Leadership Center.

MONEY

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GETTING AROUND

Parking Permits—Only vehicles with e-permits may park on campus or in a designated space in parking garages.

Visitor Parking—Options for visitors to park on campus include street meters, visitor parking garages, parking spaces designated for visitors, and parking permits.

Campus Shuttles—The free campus shuttle system takes covers campus and nearby apartments. Track your bus live with the free DoubleMap app.

Mavs Courtesy Escort—A free service offers an escort on campus 7 p.m.-3 a.m. daily during the semester. Use TapRide app or your computer.

Bike and Car Share—Use Zagster for a bike or Zipcar for a vehicle when you need for only as long as you need.

Car Pooling—Find carpool or vanpool matches near you at tryparkingit.com.

On-Demand Ride—Via Rideshare is an on-demand service. Use the free Via app.

Shopping Shuttle—The Green Route takes students to local shopping areas in Arlington.

KEEPING SAFE

A Community That Cares—UTA’s program to provide a safe, secure, and supportive campus. Read more at uta.edu/communitythatcares.

Campus Security and Crime Statistics—In compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, UTA publishes specified campus crime statistics and campus security policies through the Office of the Chief of the University Police. Go to uta.edu/records/about/security.php. Crime statistics are available at uta.edu/police.

Community Standards—The office upholds and supports standards of honesty, integrity, and personal responsibility for all students. This includes alleged scholastic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, and collusion) and non-academic misconduct.

MavAlert Emergency Notification System—MavAlert keeps the University community informed through early warning email and text messages. Parent and family members can sign up by visiting uta.edu/mavalert-guest.

Police Department—The UTA Police Department provides a safe learning environment. Emergency call boxes connected directly to the police dispatcher are located in buildings and parking lots across campus. The department also offers vehicle jump starts, lost and found, accident reports, bike registration, crime prevention events, and the Maverick Courtesy Escort service.

JOBS

Student Employment—Students can find on- and off-campus jobs, including Work Study financial aid, through Handshake. Most jobs have flexible work scheduled and average 19 hours per week.

Lockheed Martin Career Development Center—The center assists students and alumni by providing interview preparation, job fairs, a database on employment opportunities, and internships.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Medical Emergencies—For an on-campus medical emergency, call 817-272-3003.

Center for Students in Recovery—The center provides a safe, sober, healthy, and welcoming environment to encourage, support, and celebrate students in their recovery.

Counseling and Psychological Services—Individual, couples, and group counseling and workshops are available. Psychological assessments for ADHD and learning disorders are offered. Psychiatric Services provides assessments and medication management.

Health Insurance—The UT System contracts with an insurance carrier to offer a low-cost insurance plan to enrolled UTA students. This plan is the only insurance accepted by Health Services.

Health Services—Students who pay the medical services fee have access to quality, affordable services, including a general medical clinic, women’s health clinic, immunization clinic, pharmacy, laboratory, and radiology department. Health insurance is not required to receive services.

Tobacco cessation—UTA is a tobacco-free campus. Tobacco cessation programs are available.

FITNESS AND RECREATION

Adaptive Recreation—Wellness, training, and sports for students with disabilities.

Aquatics—A six lane, 25-yard indoor pool and an eight lane, 50-meter outdoor pool are located at the Physical Education building.

Campus Recreation—A department of Student Affairs that oversees fitness and recreation programs, plus special events.

Fitness and Wellness—Group exercise classes, fitness testing, personal training, massage therapy, and nutrition counseling and assessment.

Intramural Sports—Structured recreational and competitive activities.

Maverick Activities Center (MAC)—The hub for a variety of fitness equipment and programs, indoor and outdoor game courts, two indoor tracks, classrooms, a game room, a climbing wall.

Sports Clubs—Individual interests in sports and recreational activities.

GETTING INVOLVED

Art, Culture, Science—Experience art exhibitions, music concerts and recitals, theatre productions, and planetarium presentations right on campus. Go to events.uta.edu for a list of campus events.

Athletics—Cheer on UTA’s robust athletics program of NCAA Division I sports in the Sun Belt Conference.

Movin’ Mavs Adaptive Sports—Watch or participate in the intercollegiate program for student athletes with physical disabilities, which includes numerous national wheelchair basketball champions.

Student Affairs—The division provides a range of programs to enhance your student’s campus experience. Campus activities, student organizations, student government, volunteer opportunities, and leadership, multicultural, LGBTQQA programs, and more.
GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

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