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# Undergraduate Studies

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## Dale Tampke, Dean

Undergraduate Studies is the academic unit that leads campuswide efforts to support undergraduate success through effective advising, engaging teaching, timely academic intervention, and creating educationally purposeful learning environments in and out of the classroom.

The Office for Exploring Majors provides academic advising to students who are undecided about their majors, supporting students in their efforts to make a thoughtful transition into a major either as new students first entering the university, as students transferring to UNT from another higher education institution, or as students making the transition from one major to another at UNT.

Undergraduate Studies supports engaging teaching through the Core Academy and the First-Year Seminar, which are initiatives aimed at providing classroom experiences intended to creatively challenge and support students early in their academic work.

The Student Academic Readiness Team and the Learning Center serve students needing general academic assistance and specialized academic intervention, providing both workshops and longer-term activities extending through an academic year.

The Office of Disability Accommodation and Housing and Residential Education advance the creation of educationally purposeful learning environments where all students can maximize their potential for academic success.

## Student Academic Readiness Team (START Office)

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### Kimberly Osada, Director

The Student Academic Readiness Team (START Office) offers advising, placement, support and assessment for students completing their university and state readiness (Texas Success Initiative) requirements. We provide general support for campus undergraduate retention efforts through the following initiatives:

**Early Alert System:** The UNT Early Alert system seeks to ensure that every student has knowledge of and access to all of the available campus resources. Our office maintains and monitors the Early Alert System, and through this system we identify struggling students and connect them with appropriate on- and off-campus resources.

**Intervention Program:** Our trained interventionists work with faculty in high-risk classes to help identify and support students who are having difficulty in the class.

**ACCUPLACER Testing and Advising:** START offers regular ACCUPLACER testing and advising to UNT students. In addition, we offer individual and group test-preparation sessions.

## Core Academy

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### Nicole Dash, Director

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The Core Academy focuses on innovative engaged teaching in University Core Curriculum classes. The Core Academy works to achieve this goal by promoting a community of practice composed of instructors and graduate students who develop course models that engage students in the learning environment. The mission of the Core Academy is to do this in such a way that it increases student success and engagement. Over time, the Core Academy plans to offer students innovative options for meeting the requirements in all university core areas.

Core Academy classes use best practices of blended instruction to engage students in the learning environment. These courses use a combination of lectures, online course content, and interactive and small group experiential learning activities to help students connect the dots between course content and its application. Students benefit from the interdisciplinary nature of the Academy itself as faculty from across disciplines work closely to share ideas, work through design issues, and where appropriate develop interdisciplinary courses and team teaching.

### First-Year Seminar

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#### Claudia Beeny, Director

First-Year Seminar, UCRS 1000, is a unique transition course designed to facilitate students' integration into the learning community of the university. The course enhances students' skills for academic success, develops students' understanding of university culture, increases students' understanding of self, and fosters students' educational engagement. The course also encourages students to participate actively in the university and to reflect upon their experiences. Although not required, this course is strongly recommended for incoming first-time, first-year students.

### Housing and Residential Education

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#### Elisabeth Warren, Ph.D., Director

Once Housing accomplishes its primary mission of providing students a safe and comfortable place to live in one of 14 residence halls, its next mission, under the umbrella of Undergraduate Studies, is to provide the "residential education" component. Professional staff members in the department are trained as academic advisors and as "early alert" responders to students who have been identified as experiencing course difficulties. Additionally, the Resident Assistants in the halls provide an array of programming that includes topics on academic assistance/success.

Students are encouraged to live in a "REAL" community (Residents Engaged in Academic Living)—a learning community residence hall wing for students who have common pursuits. A faculty or staff mentor is assigned to the group and arranges programs, field trips, and events relative to their interests. Furthermore, there are five faculty-in-residence who live in Honors, West and Kerr Halls who help bridge the gap between the classroom and the residence halls. Finally, living in a UNT residence hall provides the sense of camaraderie and community so necessary to students attending a large university such as UNT and who seek to succeed in a smaller, more intimate environment.

### Learning Center

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#### Josh Adams, Director

The Learning Center was created to supplement and support academic excellence and life-long learning. A wide range of individual, group and self-help programs and materials are provided to maximize the academic potential of all University of North Texas students. Online tutoring, RASSL (Reading and Study Skills Laboratories), Supplemental Instruction, Supplemental Tutoring, Connecting for Success, the Volunteer Tutor Program, the Academic Success Program, Learning Success Workshops, and the Academic Resource Library are all housed in the center.

For additional information regarding Learning Center programs, see the Campus Resources section of this catalog.

### Office for Exploring Majors

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#### Julie Kirkland, Director

The Office for Exploring Majors is the home for all students who are undecided about their major. The selection of undecided is recommended for students who are exploring possible majors. Trained academic counselors are available to assist undecided students with clarifying academic interests, determining career goals, and selecting majors.

## **Office of Disability Accommodation**

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### **Ron Venable, Director**

The Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) exists to prevent discrimination on the basis of disability as mandated by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended. This is accomplished by determining eligibility for qualified students by reviewing disability-related medical and psychological documentation along with the student's individual experiences, to determine appropriate, reasonable accommodations which are recommended to the campus. As part of this process, our office strives to facilitate the development of students through independence and autonomy. UNT is a student-centered research institution; our office compliments this mission by providing leadership in the areas of equal access and advocacy for students with disabilities. In turn, our campus diversity will be richer and UNT will be more accessible to everyone.

ODA provides a wide variety of services and resources spanning the full range of disabilities including but not limited to, dyslexia, hearing loss, visual impairment, mobility impairment, brain injury, learning disabilities, ADHD/ADD, mood disorders, chronic diseases and injuries, and other conditions that meet ADA definitional criteria. In addition, the ODA provides testing facilities for administration of classroom exams when faculty are not able to provide this accommodation. Students with an impairment(s) lasting less than six months, such as a broken bone or brief illness, may receive assistance through the Dean of Students Office.