



A PARENT'S GUIDE

to the UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS



in english en español

WELCOME

TO THE MEAN GREEN

FAMILY

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This is such an exciting time — not only for your family, but the UNT family of faculty and staff who are committed to your child's success. This guide is a great source of information about UNT and is where you can learn more about everything from academics and support services to scholarships and security.

We're so happy your student has chosen to learn, grow and achieve at UNT.

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PARENT SUCCESS

UNT has an office solely devoted to parent programs, offering many ways for parents to get involved in their student's college experience. One of the first things you can do to ensure your student makes a successful transition to college is to attend Parent Orientation, which is held concurrently with each Freshman Orientation session.



Parent Orientation allows you to meet faculty and administrators, become familiar with the campus and share ideas about your child's entry into college, even if this is not your first child to attend. Learn more at transition.unt.edu/orientation/parent.html.

To remain active in your student's accomplishments and build friendships with other parents, consider joining the UNT Parent Association. Benefits include a Family Weekend discount, a monthly e-newsletter, a 10-percent discount on select UNT Bookstore items and scholarships for member students. Learn more at transition.unt.edu/parents/association.html.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

UNT students learn in an environment that combines academic excellence, hands-on training and thought-provoking research. We give students an educational experience that challenges and enriches them and gives them the power to compete with anyone, anywhere.

Choosing a major

UNT offers 103 bachelor's, 86 master's and 38 doctoral degrees so your student can find the right degree for them. In most degree programs, students get considerable hands-on experience in their field before graduation. Explore our list of majors at unt.edu/majors.

Honors College

Students of all majors can apply to the Honors College, which enhances the academic experience of talented, motivated and well-prepared students. Honors College benefits include smaller class sizes, opportunities to conduct groundbreaking research with leading faculty members and access to Rawlins Hall, our residence designed for scholars. Learn more at honorsadvantage.unt.edu.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Ranked a Tier One research university by the Carnegie Classification, UNT is among the nation's top 115 research universities. UNT helps students find pathways to success in STEM fields through new teaching approaches and research opportunities. Learn more at research.unt.edu.

Faculty excellence

UNT faculty and staff are friendly and dedicated to helping your student succeed. Many faculty members serve as mentors, sponsor student organizations and invite students to participate in their research projects. Our faculty members include Fulbright Scholars; Grammy, Pulitzer and Emmy nominees; National Academy members; National Science Foundation and American Council on Education fellows.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

LEARNING CENTER

tutoring | reading labs
academic coaching | speed reading
learningcenter.unt.edu

6 LIBRARIES 7 MILLION ITEMS

print and digital libraries
innovative programs and services
library.unt.edu

GENERAL ACCESS COMPUTER LABS

14 labs | 6 with macs
one 24-hour lab
2 labs with laptop checkout

MATH LAB

for students who need help with one of the common speed bumps on the road to academic success
math.unt.edu/mathlab

UNT offers 144
academic organizations and honor societies.

CAREER CENTER

internships | on-campus jobs
job shadowing program
career counseling
careercenter.unt.edu

CENTER for LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

leadership workshops & classes
career skill-building services
studentaffairs.unt.edu/center-leadership-and-service



AFFORDING COLLEGE

Your child's college education is one of the best investments you'll ever make. College graduates, on average, earn 56 percent more than high school graduates, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Simply put, a college degree pays off.



Applying for financial aid

You might be surprised to find out how much financial aid you can receive, regardless of your family's income level. You won't know what you're eligible for unless you apply! The first step is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. You can file your FAFSA as early as Oct. 1. You must apply early to receive first consideration for awards.

Scholarships

UNT annually awards more than \$46 million in scholarships. The first step is to ensure your student is fully admitted to UNT. Next, they will need to complete and submit UNT's General Scholarship Application. Finally, make sure your student submits a FAFSA, since many scholarships require the application. Learn more at financialaid.unt.edu/scholarships.

How do we afford it?

There are a number of options available to you and your student to manage college costs. About 75 percent of UNT students receive financial aid and scholarships, totaling \$360 million annually. Other options include:

- Student employment: UNT employs 4,900 students through the Career Center's Eagle Network.
- Grants: Many federal, state and institutional grants are available at UNT. Grants are need-based and no repayment is required. Learn more at financialaid.unt.edu/grants.
- Loans: Loans are available at low interest rates to students and parents of dependent students. Learn more at financialaid.unt.edu/loans.
- Tuition and Fees: UNT offers the option to pay in installments. You also may be eligible for an exemption or waiver for veterans and their dependents. Learn more at studentaccounting.unt.edu/payments.

Your student may apply for scholarships funded by the university, specific academic departments, alumni and staff members. Merit-based, need-based and athletic-based scholarships are usually available. Examples include:

- UNT Meritorious Scholarships for National Merit Scholars
- Terry Foundation Scholarships
- UNT Excellence Scholarships
- Academic scholarships
- Department-sponsored scholarships

Staying on track

To help your student stay on track to graduate in four years without taking extra courses, UNT offers an online degree audit that lists all of your student's degree requirements in a graphic-friendly format. Learn more at registrar.unt.edu.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

UNT's Student Money Management Center provides education and services to help your student manage money and gain financial independence.

▶ STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO:

MANAGE CREDIT **ANALYZE JOB OFFERS AND BENEFITS PACKAGES**
LIVE WITHOUT MOM AND DAD'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT



SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS

According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, more students are happy with their educational experiences at UNT as compared to peer institutions, and would attend the university again.



Transition programs

UNT wants to help your student make new friends and adjust to college life from the moment they step foot on campus. Some of the programs we offer are:

- New Student Orientation, where students learn about campus resources and register for classes.
- Mean Green Move-In, an annual event marking the opening of the residence halls.
- First Flight, UNT's official welcome week program.
- Eagle Camp, an optional three-day experience for incoming students to make new friends and learn more about life at UNT. Learn more about these fun freshman programs at eaglecamp.unt.edu.

Activities and entertainment

With thousands of performances, exhibitions and lectures presented on campus each year, students have plenty of options for their down time.

Other fun opportunities include:

- Joining one of 400 student organizations on campus, including 39 Greek organizations
- Cheering on our 16 Division I teams at Apogee Stadium, the Coliseum or one of our other athletic venues. Students receive free admission to games with their student ID card.

Friendly and diverse campus

We work hard to create a welcoming environment for our entire campus, which includes students from 50 states and 145 countries. Many student organizations celebrate ethnic and racial heritage, and our Multicultural Center offers programs throughout the year. Learn more at edo.unt.edu.

Campus security

UNT police patrol the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in vehicles, on bicycles and on foot. At night, the campus is well lit, and students may ride the night shuttle, request pick up from e-ride or call the UNT police for an escort, if needed. Seventy emergency phones located throughout campus provide direct access to the campus police dispatcher at all times.

Students should sign up for the Eagle Alert system for information about campus closings and emergency situations affecting the safety and well-being of people on and around the campus. Voice and text messages are sent to all students who have provided current contact information. Learn more at unt.edu/eaglealert.



Health care

UNT's Health and Wellness Center offers a full-service primary care clinic, with licensed physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses to manage your student's care. Learn more at healthcenter.unt.edu.

- Basic diagnostic x-rays and lab testing
- Pharmacy
- Women's care exams and education
- Immunizations and allergy injections
- College Optical Express, the first optical office located on any college campus in the state of Texas
- The UNT Dental Office provides dental services to the UNT community.

Emotional support

The emotional well-being of your student is just as important as academic success. UNT's Counseling Center offers professional counseling, mental-health screenings, educational programs and self-help resources. Learn more at studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-testing-services.

Housing

UNT offers 15 residence halls, each with its own study groups, advisors, social life and personality. Freshmen who live on campus make friends easier and have higher GPAs than freshmen who live off campus. Learn more about residence life at housing.unt.edu.

Students can choose to reside in Living Learning Communities, which are housing groups based on major or interest.



Dining

Students can eat balanced meals at any of UNT's five residence hall cafeterias. Meal plans are available, and cafeterias are open at least 12 hours a day. A staff dietitian is available to work with students with food allergies or other needs.

Our cafeterias provide many options including Mean Greens, a completely vegan dining hall; Champs, which offers a wide selection of freshly made pizzas; and West Dining Hall, which specializes in southern home-style cooking. Learn more at dining.unt.edu.



Transportation

Because of the many transportation options available, it is not necessary for your student to have a car while attending UNT. Students can use UNT Shuttle, e-ride, Hertz on Demand or DCTA services to get around. Learn more at unt.edu/transit.

- Denton County Transportation Authority's A-train runs from downtown Denton to Carrollton, where passengers can connect to DART's Green Line. Learn more at dcta.net.
- If your student plans to bring a vehicle to campus, there are several parking permit options available. The parking fee is not included in tuition and fee costs. Learn more at transportation.unt.edu.

Students with disabilities

More than 900 students are served through the Office of Disability Access, which helps students with hearing, mobility or vision loss; learning disabilities and brain injuries; cancer; and other conditions. Learn more at disability.unt.edu.



GETTING READY TOGETHER

Here are a few of the most important things you can do with your student to get ready for their first year at UNT.



Next steps for your student:

- ❑ Help your student complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as early as possible. The application opens Oct. 1. financialaid.unt.edu
- ❑ Students must submit their high school transcript after they graduate. Learn more at admissions.unt.edu/freshman
- ❑ Each new student must complete the Texas Success Initiative requirement before they register for classes. Your student must log in to their my.unt.edu account to follow the required steps. learningcenter.unt.edu/tsi

Orientation for the family:

- ❑ Orientation is an important event for you and your student! Sign up for Parent Orientation at the same time your student completes their required Freshman Orientation. orientation.unt.edu

The right home away from home:

- ❑ Help your student research their housing options. The application opens in January. housing.unt.edu
- ❑ Explore meal plan options with your student. dining.unt.edu
- ❑ Get ready for move-in day. Your student will get an email from housing with a designated date and time to arrive at their residence hall. housing.unt.edu/housing_how-to

Making friends starts now:

- ❑ Encourage your student to join Schools App, our private Facebook group, to begin making friends before they step foot on campus. They will receive an email invitation to join.
- ❑ There are also many ways to make friends in person:
 - Eagle Camp: A three-day optional camping event at nearby Camp Copass. eaglecamp.unt.edu
 - First Flight Week: A week of activities between move in and the start of classes welcomes your student to UNT and helps them start off their college experience on the right foot. firstflight.unt.edu



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? **LET US HELP.**

unt.edu/parentsguide

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