



Fall 2020 Exchange Student Guidebook



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The University of Texas at Austin
School of Law

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Glossary

IBC – International Briefing and Check-in

ISSS – International Student and Scholar Services

myIO – A portal for international students to process their immigration documents and manage their immigration-related data.

Texas Law – The University of Texas School of Law

UHS – University Health Services

UT – The University of Texas at Austin

Contacts

For visa questions (including the Form DS-2019, IBC, or myIO), contact ISSS at exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu.

For medical clearance requirements for international students (including immunizations), contact UHS at imm@mail.utexas.edu.

For all other questions, contact Texas Law at IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu.



The University of Texas at Austin School of Law

PART I: APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR FALL 2020 EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The University of Texas School of Law (Texas Law) welcomes nominated applicants from our exchange partner institutions. Students must complete the study abroad application process at their home university and be nominated to study at Texas Law by their home university prior to being admitted as exchange students at Texas Law and submitting their exchange application through myIO.

Deadlines for nominations from partner schools:

Fall Exchange (August-December)	March 1
Spring Exchange (January-May)	October 1

Deadline for completion of online application through myIO and submission of your Statement of Purpose to Texas Law at IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu:

Fall Exchange	March 31
Spring Exchange	October 31

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at The University of Texas at Austin (UT) website: global.utexas.edu/issc/students/exchange/apply.

Applying to UT Austin Exchange Programs

Restricted Program Applications

Some programs at UT have specific application requirements, including earlier deadlines and mandatory supplemental materials. Descriptions of these requirements are listed below.

Law School

Law School is a graduate program at UT. Undergraduate law courses are not offered. Courses in the School of Law are open only to students selected to participate in the School of Law exchange programs, established with specific law schools abroad.

General Application Process

Fall Semester (August - December): March 1
Spring Semester (January - May): October 1

1. **Create your UTEID:** Create your UT electronic identification, UTEID. Be sure to indicate that you plan to apply as a student to The University of Texas at Austin. Failure to indicate your student status will prevent you from accessing the application form.
2. **Apply online:**
 - o You will need a pass-code to begin the application process. You will receive an email with the pass-code after your home university has nominated you to participate in the exchange program. The passcode is Bevo13.

- Make sure the name you provide on the online application matches the name listed in your passport exactly. This information will be used to issue your immigration document for your student visa.
 - Use only standard English characters when entering your information (no accent marks or special characters).
 - Note that once your application form has been submitted, you will be automatically admitted to the university; however, you will not be able to participate in any restricted programs without the department's approval. Select your major from the drop-down menu. Your major is School of Law – Law. This is toward the bottom of the list. You must select the correct major to ensure you are admitted as an exchange student at the Law School.
3. Wait to receive your official admission to UT Austin. You will be notified of this by email and in the MyStatus page.
 4. Upload your application documents to the [myIO portal](#): **Access to myIO will become available on 2/1/2020 and after you have been admitted to UT (may take up to 1 week for your official admission to be processed)**
 - **Academic Information Form:** Complete this online form so we can tell UT academic advisors about your interests. (Not required for Law School and Business School exchange participants.)
 - **Current Academic Transcript:** Must be an official transcript on transcript paper or stamped and signed by a university official.
 - **English Proficiency Form:** Complete this form in myIO. Upload test scores if applicable, or ask your home institution to certify the online form as a secondary approver in myIO. Required for students who plan to attend UT with a J-1 student visa.
 - **Passport:** Identification page of your passport. This information will be used to issue your immigration document from UT.
 - **Financial Documents:** Required for students who plan to attend UT with a student visa. You must demonstrate to UT and to the United States consulate that you meet the financial requirements as explained on this [webpage](#).
 - **Supplemental Documents:** Supplemental documents are required for certain restricted majors, such as a portfolio for architecture or art majors. Please upload documents through the link provided in myIO and contact the Exchange Advisor (exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu) for more details if you have questions.
 5. **Statement of Purpose:** Send your 1-page Statement of Purpose outlining your academic objectives as an exchange student at Texas Law to IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu by **March 31, 2020**.

Feel free to contact me with questions. However, for visa questions, contact ISSS at exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu. We look forward to welcoming you to UT!

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Part II: Pre-Arrival and Arrival Information for Fall 2020 Exchange Students

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN AUSTIN

Student Visa

Immigration Documents

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at The University of Texas at Austin (UT) will issue your Form DS-2019 **after** you complete the online exchange student application through [myIO](#) and your [Certificate of Financial Responsibility](#) (CFR) is approved. You will need the Form DS-2019 to apply for a [J-1 student visa](#). Processing your documents takes at least a month due to the volume of applications ISSS receives. ISSS must review each application carefully. ISSS will also register you on the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) as part of the process.

ISSS will send your immigration documents (DS-2019) via airmail (regular post mail); however, there is no tracking data or guarantee regular post mail will be delivered in a timely manner. As such, ISSS offers the use of an [express mail service](#) to ship your documents by DHL for an additional fee. Exchange students should consider paying for express mail. It costs approximately \$30-100 USD. To request express shipping, complete the [e-form](#) through myIO. For Form DS-2019 questions, contact ISSS at exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu.

Visa Process

After you receive your DS-2019 from ISSS, pay the Department of Homeland Security [SEVIS I-901 fee](#) and schedule your interview appointment. Visit the [ISSS Visa Information page](#) to learn how to pay the SEVIS fee, complete the online visa application, schedule an appointment for an interview, pay the application processing fee, and review embassy specific instructions. For more information, visit the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate website](#).

Take your passport (**with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay in the U.S.**), your Form DS-2019, photo, visa fee receipt, and any other documents listed on the embassy website to your interview. [Visa wait times](#) vary from country, so we recommend you apply for your student visa as soon as possible.

For questions, visit the U.S. State Department's [Frequently Asked Questions](#), contact your local [U.S. embassy or consulate](#), or write to jvisas@state.gov.

Housing

Review the [ISSS Housing website](#) for housing opportunities. [UTEXAS.RENT](#) lists some available rentals but certainly not all. There are many options for housing. Most students live off campus as on-campus housing is reserved primarily for undergraduate first-year students.

Austin is a relatively safe city. Nevertheless, we do not recommend students to live south of the river (Lady Bird Lake) as it is 30-40 minutes from campus by bus. Instead, we encourage students to live close

to the Law School if possible. Use [Google Maps](#) to map the distance from an apartment complex you are considering to the Law School. The Law School address is 727 East Dean Keeton St, Austin, TX 78705.

YOUR ARRIVAL IN AUSTIN

Plan to arrive in Austin sometime during the first or second week of August. The New Exchange Student Orientation at the Law School is **mandatory** and will start on **Monday, August 17th**. The first day of classes is **Wednesday, August 26th**. The Fall 2020 Academic Calendar can be accessed [here](#).

Your arrival in early August will give you time to move into your new home **and** complete the mandatory [International Briefing and Check-In](#) (IBC) through ISSS and the [Medical Clearance Requirements for International Students](#) through University Health Services (UHS) prior to the first day of orientation. You **will not** be able to register for classes on August 21st until you have cleared these two and any other registration bars. Check your [Registration Information Sheet](#) to see what bars you have on your student record.

If you have cannot access your housing upon your arrival, set up a [short-term housing arrangement](#).

Contact the student-run [Planet Longhorn](#) for help with your arrival. They will usually help with transportation from the airport.

You can also arrange your own transportation from the airport.

- [SuperShuttle](#): The cost is \$17-\$92 depending on your choice of vehicle and if you rideshare. The Super Shuttle will take you directly to your destination.
- Private Taxi Cab: Taxis are available at the airport. The taxi will take you directly to your destination. The cost is \$35-\$45.
- Ridesharing Services
 - [Ride Austin](#)
 - [Lyft](#)
 - [Uber](#)

AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN AUSTIN

Mandatory Items to Complete

International Briefing and Check-In

The university classifies all incoming students at The University of Texas at Austin, who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, as international students, even if you are a Texas Resident for tuition purposes. Additionally, all new reciprocal exchange students admitted to The University of Texas at Austin, including exchange students that are U.S. citizens, must view the IBC presentation. New international students have an international bar on their [Registration Information Sheet](#). After viewing the IBC presentation, your international bar will be waived or removed from your record. You **will not be able to register** for classes until you have viewed the IBC presentation. Please make sure to view the IBC presentation as soon as possible to ensure you can register for classes on time.

You can view the [IBC presentation in myIO](#).

- After you have arrived in the U.S. you should indicate your arrival in myIO.
- Once your arrival notification has been received you can upload copies of your immigration documents and complete required statements of understanding.
- You will then be able to view the IBC presentation.

The IBC presentation will be available before your registration time. This should be around late May to early June. You will only have access to IBC after you have entered the U.S. For IBC questions, contact ISSS at exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu.

After you arrive in Austin, you will be able to obtain your ID card for students at the [ID Center](#), which is located inside [Flawn Academic Center](#). **You will not be able to register for classes unless you obtain your ID card and upgrade your UT EID, so please do so before August 17th.**

If you do not pay your fees (i.e., \$10 student ID card fee, \$125 ISSS fee, and UT Student Health Insurance fee, etc.) by **5 pm on August 28th**, your registration will be canceled and you will be dropped from your courses. Additionally, you may be required to pay a late registration fee.

University Health Services Check-In for International Students

- Review the medical information **required** for international students on the [University Health Services \(UHS\) website](#). **You cannot register for classes until you complete the medical clearance requirements for international students.**
- Complete and submit the [TB and Vaccination History for International Students Form](#). Your physician needs to sign the form. **Bring this form with you to your UHS appointment.**

Note that the PPD (Mantoux) tuberculin skin tests or chest x-rays must be performed in the U.S. within 12 months prior to your arrival at UT. Most of you will take the test at UHS when you arrive. The cost is approximately \$20.

UHS must see a negative result after 48 hours before it clears a student for registration. If you have not had the required immunizations, they are available at UHS for a nominal charge.

- UT also has a new requirement for the [Meningococcal \(Bacterial Meningitis\) Vaccine](#):

“All students entering a public, private, or independent institution of higher education in Texas must provide documentation that they have had a meningococcal (bacterial meningitis) vaccine or "booster" dose during the five year period prior to but no later than ten days before the first day of the first semester they will enter that institution.”

Students entering in January 2014 or thereafter and who will be age 22 or older on the first day of classes of the semester in which they are entering are exempt from the Meningococcal Vaccine requirement.

- **Important:** As soon as you arrive in Austin, go to UHS or call +1 (512) 475-8301 to schedule an appointment. Expect to be at UHS for 1.5 hours. Those who have not scheduled an arrival time and who just walk in to the clinic may have longer wait times. **Please schedule your UHS appointment during the week prior to the New Exchange Student Orientation on August 17th.** You must have the TB test prior to registering for classes, and there is a two-day wait for results.

For questions about medical clearance requirements for international students, contact UHS at imm@mail.uhs.utexas.edu.

Law School Orientation

The Law School holds a **mandatory** New Exchange Student Orientation. Orientation starts on **Monday, August 17th**. It will be held in the School of Law. I will send you the start time and room number as soon as it is available.

At Orientation, we will review the U.S. legal system, the University and Law School honor code, U.S. law school classroom etiquette, your curricular options, and the course selection process. You will also tour the Law School, the Law Library, and get your Law School database username and password.

Health Insurance for International Students

International students will be billed automatically for the [UT Student Health Insurance Plan](#). As of spring 2015, ISSS **will not accept** exchange student insurance waiver applications. All exchange students are required to purchase the [UT Student Health Insurance Plan](#). For insurance questions, contact ISSS at insuranceadvisor@austin.utexas.edu.

Course Registration

We will review the course catalog and registration procedures at the mandatory New Exchange Student Orientation at the Law School starting on **Monday, August 17th**. You will have a couple days to research the classes you want to take and meet with an academic advisor before we register you for classes on **August 21st**.

New international students cannot formally register for classes before completing IBC and the medical clearance requirements for international students discussed on pages 4-6 of this guidebook. Additionally, you cannot register for classes before orientation/academic advising. **Failure to complete these requirements will result in bars being placed on your student record, and we will be unable to register you for classes on August 17th**. However, you can begin to plan for the spring semester by reviewing [Fall 2020 Course Schedule](#) at Texas Law starting on **March 30, 2020**. We advise you to identify 10-12 courses you would like to take in the spring semester to provide the flexibility needed to achieve the minimum number of **law** credits (10) needed to comply with U.S. immigration law and policy.

After we register you for classes, you will be able to add/drop courses from your course schedule subject to availability through **September 11th**. After that day, schedule changes must be made through the Law School's Office of the Registrar.

Miscellaneous Information

ISSS Orientation

Though optional, you are encouraged to attend the IO Orientation for New International Students. Please see the [ISSS Orientation website](#) for dates and a schedule of activities.

Study Abroad Support

[Simply International](#) is a free service designed to help international students and their parents prepare for living in Austin. Started by a UT student who studied abroad, Simply International offers international students information about how to transition into life in Austin. **Simply International is not affiliated with The University of Texas.**

Immunizations for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

UT requires the [Menigococcal \(Bacterial Meningitis\) Vaccine](#) for all incoming students. University Health Services has a list of [suggested immunizations](#) for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Health Insurance for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

U.S. citizens and permanent residents may purchase the [UT Student Health Insurance Plan](#) as an option.

Fees

All exchange students must pay the following semesterly fees:

- \$125 International Student and Scholar Services fee
- \$10 ID card for students fee
- [Cost and fees for UT Student Health Insurance Plan](#) (i.e., health plan, evacuation coverage, supplemental insurance, and admin fee)
- Fees for the TB test and any required vaccinations

Canvas

Canvas is the trusted, open-source learning management system that professors at The University of Texas School at Austin use to post announcements, assignments, etc. with students in their courses. The Exchange Program at Texas Law uses Canvas to share important information with incoming exchange students. After you have submitted all required application materials and are formally admitted to the Law School as an exchange student, you will be sent a notification to join the [2020-2021 Exchange Program Canvas site](#). Please accept this notification **immediately** and log in as soon as possible so that you can start familiarizing yourself with important pre-arrival and arrival information. Otherwise, log in to Canvas using the above link.

Headshot and Name Pronunciation Tool

Prior to the first day of orientation on **August 17th**, please upload your headshot and record the pronunciation of your first and last name on the [Texas Law Dashboard](#). Your headshot will be used for Law School purposes only, including class rosters, so that your professors are able to recognize you by name in class. The name pronunciation tool will help faculty and staff pronounce your name correctly in class.



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Part III: 2020-2021 Fact Sheet

Setting

Exchange students are fully integrated into university life and have full access to all the services that The University of Texas at Austin offers. Exchange students take courses at the Law School, integrated with both J.D. and LL.M. students.

History

The University of Texas School of Law (Texas Law) began as The University of Texas at Austin's Department of Law when the University was founded in 1883. The Law School started with two professors and 52 students in the basement of the University's old Main Building. The Law School has since grown to more than 1,200 students and offers a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.).

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Texas Law: www.law.utexas.edu

Incoming Exchange Students: links.utexas.edu/xmfuxc

ISSS: global.utexas.edu/issss/students/exchange/apply

Important Dates

Fall 2020	Spring 2021
<i>August 14 and 17¹</i> New Exchange Student Orientations	<i>January 8 and 12</i> New Exchange Student Orientations
<i>August 26</i> Classes begin	<i>January 21</i> Classes begin
<i>November 25-28</i> Thanksgiving holidays	<i>March 15-20</i> Spring break
<i>December 7</i> Last class day	<i>May 3</i> Last class day
<i>December 9-12, 14-18²</i> Fall semester final examinations	<i>May 5-8, 10-14</i> Spring semester final exams

Other important dates: [Law School Academic Calendar](#)

Nomination Deadlines

Fall Semester and full academic year (fall and spring semesters): **March 1, 2020**

Spring semester: **October 1, 2020**

Nomination Procedure

Partner university exchange coordinators must submit nominations for Fall 2019 OR for Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 at utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GQi3Nv2V4C6xmd.

Application Deadline

Fall Semester: Opens on **March 1, 2020** and closes on **March 31, 2020**

Full Academic Year: Opens on **March 1, 2020** and closes on **March 31, 2020**

Spring Semester: Opens on **October 1, 2020** and closes on **October 31, 2020**

Duration of Study

We accept students who wish to study one semester (fall **or** spring) or two consecutive semesters (fall **and** spring). However, the duration of study will depend on the exchange agreement between Texas Law and the partner university.

Level of Study

Exchange students at Texas Law are considered graduate-level students. They may take courses outside of the Law School; however, these courses must be related to the course of study offered in the School of Law and must be either graduate-level courses or undergraduate language courses (a three-credit language

¹ For Fall 2020, the mandatory week-long New Exchange Student Orientation begins on August 17th. Although optional, we recommend you also attend the [New International Student Orientation](#) at ISSS on August 14th. Furthermore, we advise you to arrive in Austin in early to mid-August to get settled in and clear your registration bars, including IBC through ISSS and medical clearance requirements for international Students through UHS. **You will not be able to register for classes until you clear these and any other bars on your students.**

² Exchange students are advised not to purchase their return tickets home until they know their final exam schedule after registration. **You must be here for final examinations.**

course counts as a one-credit law course). Even though the grade will transfer only as credit/no credit, students must earn a C or better, and the graduate-level course cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. The Law School requires exchange students to take a minimum of 10 **law** credits for visa requirements.

Application & Registration Procedures

We only accept nominations sent by the exchange coordinator at our partner universities. Nominations must be submitted via our online form. The incoming exchange coordinator at Texas law will then send the current New Exchange Student Guidebook to the exchange coordinator and to the nominated student(s) at the partner institution. After the student creates their UT EID (electronic identifier), the Law School will admit and email them PDF of their admit letter (**the student does not need the original printed version of the admit letter to obtain their visa**). Access to myIO will become available on February 1st for fall exchange and on October 1st for spring exchange. ISSS will send the Form DS-2019 to the exchange student by airmail. If you want to get your documents faster, you can use [ISSS's express shipping via FedEx or DHL](#), but there is an extra expense for students.

For fall exchange, the Office of Graduate and International Programs will register exchange students for classes toward the end of orientation. For spring exchange, exchange students will register themselves for during orientation.

Language of Instruction

English is the medium of instruction at Texas Law.

Language Requirement

The Law School curriculum is rigorous and demands a strong command of English. Although we do not require it, we suggest exchange students have a TOEFL score or equivalent of 100.

Accommodation for Non-Native English Speakers

Non-native English speaking exchange students receive extended time on exams. Student Affairs will send an email to eligible exchange students toward the end of the semester with instructions on extended time on exams.

Academic English Program

Although separate from the Law School, ISSS offers a summer academic English program to help fall and yearlong exchange students focus on graduate-level English speaking and writing. Additional information is available at world.utexas.edu/esl/programs/academic-english.

Immigration

Exchange students are issued a Form DS-2019 from ISSS that allows them to apply for a J-1 student visa at a U.S. consulate. The Form DS-2019 is issued for the duration of their academic study period, usually one or two semesters. Exchange students enroll in a non-degree academic program, according to the terms of exchange agreements between The University of Texas at Austin and their home universities. Additional information is available at world.utexas.edu/iss/students/exchange/immigrations.

Off-Campus Housing

Austin has housing opportunities to suit everyone's tastes. Whether you prefer dorm-style living, a co-op, or just an apartment, Austin has it all. Exchange students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Additional information is available at world.utexas.edu/iss/life/housing.

Other Requirements

Exchange students **will not be able to register for classes** until they have completed the [International Briefing & Check-In](#) (IBC) and the [Medical Clearance for International Students](#).

For visa questions (including the Form DS-2019, IBC, or myIO), contact ISSS at exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu.

For questions about Medical Clearance Requirements for International Students, contact UHS at imm@mail.uhs.utexas.edu.

Grading System

Law students receive alphabetical grades. They are based on a 4.3-point scale for most classes. A few classes are credit/no credit. Some pass/fail courses exist, but letter grade courses cannot be changed to Pass/Fail. Courses taken outside of Law School must be related to a course of study offered at the law School and must be either graduate-level courses or undergraduate language courses. Even though the grade will transfer only as credit/no credit, student must earn a C or better, and the graduate-level courses cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. The Law School requires exchange students to take a minimum of 10 **law** credits to be a full-time student and meet visa requirements.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Grade Points
A+	4.30
A	4.0
A-	3.70
B+	3.30
B	3.0
B-	2.70
C+	2.30
C	2.0
D	1.70
F	1.30

Credits³

Required to be full-time student:

- 10 credit hours minimum
- 16 credit hours maximum

Transcripts

You can expect to receive your transcript for the fall semester in late January and your transcript for the spring semester in late June, after professors have turned in grades. Unofficial transcripts are sent to the student and their exchange coordinator at their home university once they are finalized. They are sent securely through UTBox in compliance with FERPA and GDPR. Students may download an unofficial transcript at no cost [here](#). They may purchase an official transcript for \$20 [here](#).

³ All exchange students are required to take Introduction to U.S. Law for 2 credits in the fall semester or U.S. Constitutional Law for 2 credits in the spring semester to build a strong foundation for their studies at Texas Law.

Classes

Each class ranges from 1-6 credit hours. The interactive course schedule is available at law.utexas.edu/courses/catalog/.

Clinics

The following clinics accept exchange students:

- Capital Punishment Clinic (Prerequisite: Students are required to take concurrently the Capital Punishment course.)
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic
- Environmental Clinic
- Human Rights Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Transnational Worker Rights Clinic

Clinic students must pay a \$100 fee. All clinics require [an application](#). Fall and spring exchange students may apply to clinics after they are admitted to the Law School. You will receive an email from IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu letting you know the exact date to apply. Additional information is available at law.utexas.edu/clinics/. For more information, email clinicalEd@law.utexas.edu.

In regard to clinics, please note that the application process is very competitive and space is limited.

Health Insurance

Exchange students must have health insurance that meets both U.S. Department of State and University of Texas requirements while studying at the University.⁴ All reciprocal exchange students in J-1 status are automatically enrolled in the UT Student Health Insurance Plan at registration. **It is not possible to waive this requirement.** The cost of the insurance plan is included in your fees bill. Additional information about the UT Student Health Insurance Plan is available at world.utexas.edu/iss/insurance/students/exchange.

Students will have access to the [UT University Health Services](#) and will be able to use their health insurance there. There are free mental health appointments available as well.

Fee Bill

Exchange students must pay fee bill by **5 pm on August 25, 2020** (i.e., \$10 student ID card fee, \$125 International Student and Scholar Services fee, UT Student Health Insurance fee, etc.).⁵ **Otherwise, they will be dropped from their classes.** Additionally, at the end of the semester, all additional fees/fines must be paid so that the Student Affairs Office will release exchange student transcripts. These can include library late charges, the \$30 Extegrity Exam4 Software fee (you will be given an opportunity to opt out via email), visiting UT University Health Services, etc.

Scholarships

The University of Texas School of Law does not offer scholarships to exchange students.

⁴ Students are covered under the UT Health Insurance Plan for the month of August, and this fee will show on their fees bill as "Supplemental Insurance." For immediate medical attention, students can visit University Health Services without charge until they receive their health insurance card. Students are sent their health insurance card once it has been issued by Blue Cross Blue Shield after the first week of classes.

⁵ Fee bills are generated 24 hours after a student registers for classes.

Estimated Budget Per Semester

Books & Supplies	\$998
Room & Board	\$6,750
Transportation	\$745
Personal & Miscellaneous	\$1,975
Health Insurance	\$1,162.50
Total Estimated Costs	\$11,630.50

Transportation

- [UT Shuttle Bus](#): Schedule available on-line
- [Capital Metro](#): City buses and light rail free with UT ID. If you need a route, go to Capitol Metro for its Trip Planner
- [SURE Ride](#): Provides Lyft rides away from main campus to your home. 7 days a week from 11 pm to 4 am
- [SURE Walk](#): Provides safe walks and rides home. 7 days a week from 8:30 pm-2 am.
- [E-Bus](#): The E-bus provides a safe alternative to driving to and from Austin's entertainment district during weekend evenings (Thursday-Saturday, 8:30 pm-3:00 am)
- [Mega Bus](#): Bus from Austin to Dallas and from Dallas to Austin
- [Zipcar](#): Car sharing & hourly car rental in Austin
- [Car2Go](#): Carsharing Austin
- Ride-share companies: [Lyft](#), [RideAustin](#), [Uber](#)
- [BikeUT](#): Register your bike with UT Police Department. Be sure to get appropriate locks- there are bicycle thieves

The City of Austin

Austin is the best place to live in the United States, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, and is all about great choices when it comes to quality of life. We are known as the Live Music Capital of the World for good reason. Austin's entertainment districts are home to more than 407 live music venues. Whether it is Tex-Mex or BBQ, sushi or fusion cuisine, Austin does not disappoint. *Travel + Leisure* named Austin as one of "America's Best Cities for Foodies," and our food truck scene always takes a different spin than the expected. With more than 300 sunny days each year, Austinites appreciate the outdoors. Kayak or paddleboard on Lady Bird Lake. Cycle on the [Barton Creek Greenbelt](#). Or head out to [Hamilton Pool](#) or [Barton Springs](#) for a quick dip in spectacular surroundings. From lively performances at the [ZACH Theatre](#) or the [Long Center](#) to galleries and studios showcasing local artists, Austin's creative side is thriving. Austin's largest annual events include [SXSW Music, Film and Interactive Conferences & Festivals](#) (March), [Austin City Limits Music Festival](#) (October), [Austin Film Festival](#) (October), and [F1 Grand Prix](#) (October).