

SUMMER CHECKLIST FOR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

- _____ Locate the following documents to bring with you for employment verification:
- Passport, US driver's license and/or identification card
 - Social security card if you have one
 - International students should also have an I-20 and I-94
- _____ Submit your official transcripts:
Visit <https://gradschool.utexas.edu/admissions/after-your-decision> for instructions. In order to avoid delays in registering for classes, you should provide these documents as soon as possible.
- _____ Review the Immunizations and Medical Clearance Requirements for Entering Students: <https://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/requiredvaccine/index.html> (Please contact UHS for questions regarding immunization requirements)
- _____ International Students: visit <https://global.utexas.edu/isss/life-at-ut> for important pre-arrival information.
- _____ Background Course Requirement: **By July 15** - Please complete the [Background Coursework Form](#) and upload it along with your supporting documentation **in a single pdf** [HERE](#)
- _____ TA application: If you are interested in applying for a TA position *or* if you received a financial offer and know you will TA in the fall, submit a TA application between **June 1 - July 15**.
Start by visiting UTCS Direct <https://login.cs.utexas.edu/utcs-direct> and under 'Accounts' select 'Request a New CS Account' (you will be able to request an account beginning June 1). Once you have your CS Account (allow 24 hours), return to UTCS Direct and under 'Graduate Students' you can access the TA Application.
- _____ If you plan to work as a TA or GRA over the fall, download the Teaching Assistant/Graduate Research Assistant Checklist once it is posted: <https://www.cs.utexas.edu/graduate-program/incoming-students>

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_____ Review degree requirements and courses.

- Ph.D. Program
<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/graduate-program/phd-program>
- Master's Program
<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/graduate-program/masters-program>
- Course Information
<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/graduate-program/courses>

_____ View the Fall 2021 course schedule

<https://registrar.utexas.edu/schedules/219>

Note: Adjustments to the course schedule are currently being made as some classes move to an online format and other classes are being moved to larger rooms to accommodate social distancing. Please check the course schedule again in July/August for the most up-to-date information.

_____ Advising: Incoming PhD students must send their proposed Fall course schedule to the [CS Graduate Office](#) via email by **August 1** for approval by the Graduate Adviser. Your advising bar will not be removed until the Graduate Adviser notifies the CS Graduate Office of his approval. **All PhD students must register for CS 398T their first fall semester.**

There is no formal advising required for master's students. Please attend one of the MS Degree Requirements info sessions in June. Your advising bar will be cleared prior to registration. Please direct any questions to gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu.

HELPFUL LINKS

UT Mailing lists:

For new students to connect with current students:

- utcs-advice@utlists.utexas.edu
- Topics: areas of Austin to live in, how to manage money, what's a good/bad course load, etc.

For new students to connect with each other:

- cs-grad-2021@utlists.utexas.edu
- Topics: finding roommates, sharing rides/moving, meeting up, etc.

GRACS (Graduate Representative Association of Computer Sciences):

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/gracs/>

Housing: <https://gradschool.utexas.edu/services-and-resources/housing> and <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/life/housing>

Graduate Student Housing Forum: <https://utexas.instructure.com/enroll/74BW7R>

Austin City Guide - <https://www.utexas.edu/campus-life/life-in-austin>

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UTCS Direct - <https://login.cs.utexas.edu/utcs-direct>

Academic Calendar, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
<https://registrar.utexas.edu/calendars/21-22>

UT lingo: <https://orientation.utexas.edu/resources/ut-lingo>

Campus services: <https://orientation.utexas.edu/resources/general-campus-resources>

Graduate School - <https://gradschool.utexas.edu/>

[2019-2021 Graduate Catalog](#), University rules which govern the graduate program

**CS Graduate Office: gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu
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