

## 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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://world.utexas.edu/issc/students/new> for important pre-arrival information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submitting final transcripts:  
If your institution can send transcripts through SPEEDE, Parchment, or CHESICC & CDGDC, please do so over the summer.

If you do not have the ability to use one of those services, you will need to provide the official paper documents produced directly by the Registrar's Office at your institution (not a printed PDF, emailed transcript or other print out). You have until registration for spring 2021 to do so. Please **do not mail** paper documents to GIAC at this time, as staff are working remotely.

\_\_\_\_\_ Background Course Requirement: **By July 15** - Please complete the [Background Coursework Form](#) and email it along with your supporting documentation **in a single pdf** [HERE](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ TA application: If you are interested in applying for a TA position \*or\* you received a financial offer and know you will TA in the fall, submit a TA application by **July 15**.  
Start by visiting UTCS Direct <https://login.cs.utexas.edu/utcs-direct> and under 'Accounts' select 'Request a New CS Account.' 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 2020 course schedule

<https://registrar.utexas.edu/schedules/209>

*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. Your advising bar will be cleared prior to registration. Please direct any questions to [gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu](mailto:gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu).

## HELPFUL LINKS

UT Mailing lists:

For new students to connect with current students:

- [utcs-advice@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto: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-2020@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto:cs-grad-2020@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/R7EPL6>

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/20-21>

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](https://gradschool.utexas.edu/2019-2021-Graduate-Catalog), University rules which govern the graduate program

**CS Graduate Office: [gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu](mailto:gradoffice@cs.utexas.edu)  
(Katie Traugher Dahm, Program Coordinator)**