UT Dallas Summer/Fall 2023 Transfer Orientation FAQs

When will I be able to register?
We will open transfer orientation registration for Summer/Fall 2023 admits by February 15th with our first session date in late March.

Is Transfer Orientation mandatory?
Yes. The only way to register for classes is to attend orientation. Transfer Orientation provides vital information about UT Dallas and ensures you meet with academic advising to register for classes.

How do I complete Transfer Orientation?
To satisfy your orientation requirement, you must complete two things: 1) Register for and attend an orientation session on the date of your choosing, and 2) Complete the Transfer Orientation Module in eLearning with a score of 100%.

How do I register for an orientation session?
To register for a Transfer Orientation session (when Summer/Fall 2023 dates open by Feb. 15th):

- Note: Students should first accept their offer of admission before proceeding to orientation registration.
- Go to the Galaxy Portal and log in with your NetID and password
- Under Orion Self-Service, click on Applicant Center
- Click on Transfer Orientation Center. The next screen will show the Transfer Orientation FAQ page, please review these. On the left, click the Transfer Orientation Center tab.
- Click on the Register for Transfer Orientation link
- Follow the on-screen instructions to select from available dates and submit payment.

Please note that your Transfer Orientation registration request will be cancelled if correct payment is not immediately received.

How much does orientation cost?
The fee for Transfer Orientation is $50. This covers facilities, refreshments, t-shirts, staffing, printed materials, and programming throughout a student's first year.

What if the Transfer Orientation Center doesn't display my correct major?
The Transfer Orientation registration page will always display your admitted major only. If you have changed your major since being admitted to UT Dallas, your orientation registration will display your updated major for advising purposes. Students should proceed forward with orientation registration even if their updated major is not displayed.

Can I bring guests/family with me to orientation?
Yes, students are able to add one guest to accompany them at orientation. When registering for an orientation session, students will have the option to submit a family or guest name and email. There is no orientation guest fee.
I previously attended a transfer or freshman orientation at UT Dallas. Do I need to attend again?
You should attend an orientation designated for your first semester at UT Dallas. If you defer your admission and have previously attended an orientation within the past 12 months, you will not need to complete another orientation. If your deferral or reapplication period is longer than 12 months, you will need to complete the Transfer Orientation process again. If you have attended orientation within the past year then deferred, but still have an orientation hold, please contact our office to resolve your hold.

Example: A student attends Transfer Orientation for Fall 2020. They can defer their enrollment to Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021 without attending another orientation. If the student defers to Spring 2022 or later, they will have a "Transfer Orientation" hold placed on their account and must attend a transfer orientation.

Are second baccalaureate students required to complete an orientation?
No. Students admitted to UT Dallas with second baccalaureate, transient, or certificate-seeking status are not required to complete a Transfer Orientation. These students should not have an orientation hold and should contact their academic advisor regarding class registration.

Transfer Orientation Program Details

Is Transfer Orientation in person or virtual?
At this time, all available orientation dates are scheduled to be in person on campus.

What is the agenda for Transfer Orientation?
Transfer Orientation will last from approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. After registering for Transfer Orientation, students will receive more information regarding the orientation schedule, details, and access information to their UTD email.

Will I register for classes at orientation?
As part of the orientation process, you will have an academic information meeting with your school of study’s advising office. Depending on holds and your school of study’s advising process, you may register for classes during or after your orientation date. Please check your UT Dallas student email account regularly to be up to date on your orientation details.

Additional Questions

How can I apply for financial aid?
Visit the Applying for Financial Aid page or contact the Financial Aid Office at financial-aid@utdallas.edu for details regarding financial aid options, short-term loans and deadlines. You must be admitted to UT Dallas before the Financial Aid Office will process your financial aid application. However, you can submit the financial aid application before you are admitted.
How can I apply for a UT Dallas scholarship?
Visit the Transfer Scholarships page to learn more about available scholarships and their eligibility requirements. The Financial Aid Office also has a list of available scholarships at UT Dallas.

Who do I ask about my credits transferring?
The Office of Admission and Enrollment’s Admission counselors are here to help guide you through the entire admission process — from choosing your school and submitting your application to preparing for enrollment.

Contact their office or use our counselor locator tool to email your assigned UT Dallas admission counselor directly.

Can I change my admitted major?
Post admission major changes are subject to the approval of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the school of the new intended major. Students are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible. Students can read more about the major change process in the academic catalog. Students can also discuss major changes with an academic advisor in the students desired school.

Students who wish to change majors into the Naveen Jindal School of Management should review major change information here. Students will find change of major minimum requirements at the bottom of the page.

How do I defer my admission?
Directions to request the deferral of admission can be found here. Contact the Office of Admission and Enrollment Services for questions about deferring admission. Restrictions and deadlines apply.