# Family Orientation

**The University of Texas at Austin**

**Pre-Orientation Checklist**

for Parents & Families of UT Austin Class of 2023 Students

## TO COMPLETE BEFORE FRESHMAN FAMILY ORIENTATION

- Register to attend [Freshman Family Orientation](#) after your student receives confirmation of his or her Freshman Student Orientation session.

- Book a hotel at reduced rates during orientation if you need overnight accommodations. Your student will stay in the residence hall during Freshman Student Orientation, but housing is not provided to parents and families. If you plan to stay multiple days, be sure to check out the [Explore Campus & Austin](#) page on the Family Orientation website.

- Review the Freshman Family Orientation schedule and [FAQs](#).

- Review the Freshman Student Orientation [packing list](#) with your student.

- Remind your student to pack [identification documents](#) in order to pick up a student ID card and upgrade his or her UT EID at Freshman Student Orientation.

- Purchase parking passes online for Freshman Family Orientation if needed.

- Review the [Orientation Conduct Expectations](#) with your student. A violation will result in your student being unable to register for classes at orientation.

- Talk to your student about safety. While the university has many [safety resources](#) in place, your student must recognize that personal and property safety is his or her responsibility as well.

- Sign up for a complimentary U-Touch membership or a supporting One-Year or Four-Year membership in the [Texas Parents Association](#).

- Explore the important resources and information for parents and families of freshman students on [parents.utexas.edu](#).

- Remind your student to continue to check their MyStatus page. In the weeks leading up to enrollment, students will be asked to share emergency contact information, submit final, official transcripts and provide proof of required immunization.

- If your student would like your assistance with the financial aid process, he or she should complete a [FERPA Release Authorization](#) on their CASH page for each parent/family member to allow discussions about financial aid specifics.

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## ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO

- Register for [Freshman Student Orientation](#).
- Review the Freshman Student Orientation [schedule](#) and [Pre-Orientation Checklist](#).
- Purchase parking passes online for Freshman Student Orientation if needed.
- Submit [immunization records](#) to University Health Services (UHS) at least two weeks prior to his or her Freshman Student Orientation session. Failure to do so will result in being unable to register for classes at orientation.
- Submit [required forms and supporting documentation](#) to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) to request disability accommodations if needed at least two weeks prior to his or her Freshman Student Orientation session.
- Put the University of Texas Police Department’s (UTPD) phone number **512-471-4441** into his or her cell phone.
- Prepare well in advance for [assessments and placement tests](#). Some pre-orientation materials take up to 20 hours to complete.
- Watch the required [Pre-Orientation Videos](#) emailed to him or her in May. Failure to do so will result in being unable to register for classes at orientation.

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