



ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE WELCOME TO ARLINGTON

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New Student Information

Greetings! Congratulations on your acceptance to the English Language Institute at the University of Texas at Arlington! We are so excited to have you study with us! Please see our website at eli.uta.edu for details about our program.

Important information: The earliest you can enter the United States is 30 days before the printed "program start date" on your I-20 form. Check the "program start date" on your I-20 form.

Program Dates

Session/Semester	Start Date	End Date
Spring 2025	January 13, 2025	May 7, 2025

What should you do after receiving your acceptance letter and I-20 form?

- 1. Apply for an F-1 Visa**
 - Go to <https://fmjfee.com> to pay the I-901 SEVIS fee.
 - Schedule and attend your non-immigrant visa interview at your U.S. Embassy and Consulate.
 - Be sure to bring your passport and Form I-20 when you enter the United States. You will present them to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers when you arrive.
- 2. Buy your plane ticket**
 - Please check your **start date** before buying your plane ticket. You must enter the U.S. before the start date, but no more than 30 days before.
 - **Please email us your arrival date at eliadmissions@uta.edu so we know when to expect you.**
- 3. Request Airport Pick-up**

NOTE: Volunteer airport pick-up service is not guaranteed and is limited by the volunteer's schedule. If you would like a volunteer to pick you up from the DFW airport, please follow the instructions below:

 - Go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxQLGMmxMEpoN - RqJ7EeitXwpTaAqo2nuXaxo749Vm6Vyyg/viewform>
 - Wait for a volunteer to email you to confirm your airport pickup service.
 - If you do not receive confirmation from a volunteer, you will need to use a taxi. Taxi service is available on the lower levels of all terminals at DFW International Airport. Super Shuttle, Uber or Lyft are also possible. Write down your new address for the driver.
- 4. Housing**
 - All housing arrangements and contracts are the responsibility of the student.
 - Other than providing information about campus and off-campus options, **the ELI does not provide or arrange housing for students.**
 - **Students must arrange their own housing before coming to ELI/UTA.**

4a. Finding a place to live on campus

1. Log into the UTA housing website at www.uta.edu/housing.
2. Log in with your NetID and temporary password.
3. Complete the housing application form online.
4. If there is a place available for you, the UTA Housing Office will send you a contract.
5. Sign the contract
6. Check your move-in date.

4b. Finding a place to live off-campus:

Visit www.theshorthorn.com/housing/

4c. Finding a temporary place to live: If you do not receive a housing contract from the UTA Housing office or from an off-campus apartment office, you must look for other housing.

Hilton Arlington—offers special rates for UTA guests

2401 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76006

Phone: 817-640-3322

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/arlhhf-hilton-arlington/>

Marriott Courtyard (South)—offers special rates and free transportation to/from UTA campus

711 Highlander Blvd., Arlington, TX 76015

Phone: 817-465-5599

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dalac-courtyard-dallas-arlington-south/overview/>

Marriott Residence Inn—offers special rates and free transportation to/from UTA campus

801 Highlander Blvd., Arlington, TX 76015

Phone: 817-465-2244

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dalag-residence-inn-dallas-arlington-south/overview/>

5. **Activate your NetID:** UT Arlington provides a computer account called “NETID.” You will receive your NetID and the instructions on how to activate it **by email from UTA**. These instructions will be sent to the personal email listed on your application. Contact your agent if necessary.

5a. What is NetID used for?

- Campus wireless network (Wi-Fi)
- UTA computer labs
- MyMav (online payment)
- UTA email
- Apply for UTA housing

5b. How to activate your NetID

- Visit <https://webapps.uta.edu/oit/selfservice/>
- Log in with your NetID and temporary password.
- Click on “Activate your NetID”
- Follow the instructions for activation.
- If you need help, email the Help Desk at helpdesk@uta.edu

6. **Pack the things you need to live comfortably in Texas.** In addition to your personal belongings, we encourage you to pack the items below:
- Clothing for different Texas weather (very hot and very cold)
 - Traditional clothing from your country to wear to special events such as ELI Cultural Night
 - Prescriptions for medication or contact lenses
 - International driver license
 - Translated vaccination certificate
7. **Come meet us!**
- Email us your arrival date.
 - Come to the English Language Institute office (Hammond Hall 402) once you arrive.
 - Attend the free orientation with English Language Institute on Day One.
Do NOT attend UTA International Orientation!

Important Notes

Registration and Payment:

- Tuition is billed by the semester.
- Students must pay tuition and fees for the entire semester (two 8-week sessions) when they register and enroll. No refunds will be given if students withdraw or transfer after the first week of the semester.
- Students must register and pay their designated tuition and fees for the entire semester during the first week of the semester.
- If payment is not made by the required time, students will not be allowed to attend class. These absences are considered unexcused.
- Students who miss any required part of their orientation will be charged a \$50 late fee.

Refund Policy

Students who decide not to attend EAP classes for any reason are only eligible for a full tuition refund if they withdraw before the first day of the first program week of the session. Students who attend ANY first week activities are responsible for the designated percentage of tuition.

If a student withdraws from the EAP, the refund shall be determined as follows

Date of Withdrawal	Tuition Refund
On or before the first day of the first program week of the semester --Student has no financial responsibility to the ELI	100%
Before 5 p.m. on Thursday of the first program week of the semester --Student is responsible for 25% of their tuition + insurance and fees	75%
After 5 p.m. on Thursday of the first program week of the semester, But before the official ELI census date --Student is responsible for 50% of their tuition + insurance and fees	50%
After 5 p.m. on ELI's census date --Student is responsible for 100% of their tuition + insurance and fees	NONE

Health Requirements

Student Health Insurance

- All students with an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to purchase UTA health insurance.
- **DO NOT PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE U.S.**

Tuberculosis (TB) Test

- All students with an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to have a TB test done in the U.S.
- **Do not get the TB test done before arriving in the U.S.**
- During Orientation, take TB test at scheduled time.
- Cost of TB Test:
With UTA student health insurance, the cost of the TB test is covered. Without UTA student health insurance, the TB testing fee is \$69, and the TB chest X-Ray is an additional \$59.