

# STUDENT FINANCIAL GUIDE For New Students

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Welcome to the Mean Green Family! We are excited to have you joining us on campus for the upcoming semester. This guide provides a brief explanation of student account charges, flat-rate tuition for undergraduate students, guaranteed fixed-rate tuition for undergraduate students, billing presentment, refunds, important dates and other information.

We care about your success at UNT and want to assist you every step of the way.

Should you have any questions regarding charges and payments, please call 940-565-3225 or go to https://scrappysays.unt.edu/s/ and navigate to the "Ask a Question" section.

# FIRST FINANCIAL STEPS AT UNT

Verify your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or your Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) has been received by Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFAS).

Check the status of your financial aid in  $\underline{myUNT}$ . Complete any 'To Do List' items on  $\underline{myUNT}$  to complete your financial aid file.

# View My Award Notification and accept/decline awarded aid.

A financial aid notification is sent to the student once their financial aid package has been awarded. Access <u>myUNT</u> to review information about the offered awards and then accept/decline each award. Additional 'To Do List' items may be added and need to be completed depending on the awards you accept.



#### Mail external scholarship checks and award notification to:

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

1155 Union Circle #311370

Denton, TX 76203-5017

Have questions about scholarships? Call us at 940-565-2302 or email <u>scholarships@unt.edu</u>.

# Visit myUNT To Do List to complete important student action steps.

Important communications regarding your account, such as financial aid award notifications, missing documentation requests and other reminders are sent through your UNT email account. Missing documentation can delay the awarding and disbursement of your financial aid awards. **Check your UNT email often.** 

# **STUDENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Students must read and confirm the Student Financial Obligation prior to class registration. The student will only be required to agree to the financial terms and conditions of attendance once in their career, unless the terms and conditions are updated. Students can view and clear this hold in <u>myUNT</u>.

# FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he/she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students will need to grant permission for employees to speak with anyone other than the student in detail about the student's account. Students can complete this task in their <u>myUNT</u> under the Profile tile.

### **VIEWING BILLS**

All bills are made available online with 24/7 access. You can view your account balance, pending financial aid awards, and upcoming due dates in your student center at <u>myUNT</u>.

#### **On Campus Housing Charges**

Following being assigned to a room, UNT Housing will transfer all charges to a student's <u>myUNT</u> account for payment. The total charge amount for the semester will be listed in the term summary as "Room and Board Charges". Semester charges are able to be paid in full or split into payments over the course of the semester (available for fall and spring semesters). Students are able to review details of their account through their <u>eHousing</u> account.

### **FLAT-RATE TUITION**

Tuition and mandatory fees are assessed at an hourly rate up to 11 1/2 hours for undergraduate students. The tuition and mandatory fee rates for students enrolled full-time (12+ hours) are assessed at a flat rate for the fall and spring semesters.



Students can save money by enrolling in 15 or more hours each fall or spring semester.

NOTE: Flat-rate tuition excludes state mandated tuition, academic/course fees, and certain other non-mandatory fees.



# SAVE & SOAR GUARANTEED TUITION PLAN

Undergraduate, Texas resident students in their **first** semester at UNT can choose to participate in the Save and Soar Tuition Plan. Participants can lock in their board designated tuition and differential tuition for 4 years. They can finish their degree faster and focus on what's next by taking advantage of exclusive tuition savings on summer and winter sessions.

The board designated and differential tuition rates are slightly higher (up to 2% more) than the traditional tuition plan, but will **not** increase for 4 years.

- Save and Soar Tuition Plan participants will be eligible to receive a discount of \$100 per semester credit hour in board designated tuition for enrollment in the Winter Session if they were enrolled in 14 or more semester credit hours the previous Fall semester.
- They will be eligible to receive a discount of \$100 per semester credit hour in board designated tuition for enrollment in any **Summer Session** if they were enrolled in 14 or more semester credit hours the previous Spring semester.
- First time freshmen living in UNT Housing and enrolled in at least 14 semester credit hours during the spring semester will receive a 40% discount in the housing rates during their first Summer semester.
- Additional information is available online at <u>saveandsoar.unt.edu</u>.

### PAYMENTS

All payments must be remitted in U.S. currency.

#### **Online Payments**

Payments made by credit card, debit card, eCheck, or international wire are accepted **only** on <u>myUNT</u>. Credit and debit card payments are assessed an additional 2.79% processing fee. Payments made with eCheck are **not** assessed an additional fee. International wire payments must be initiated in the QuikPay payment portal via FlyWire.

#### Authorized Payers

Students who want to allow someone else to make online payments on their behalf can set up an authorized payer account. This allows parents, guardians, or other people that are paying for the student's account to log in to QuikPay, see the total remaining balance for the semester and make a payment. To set this up, students can follow the steps in <u>myUNT</u>.

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#### In Person Payments

Payments can be made using cash, personal check, or money order at our Cashiering window on the first floor of the Eagle Student Services Center, Monday through Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm.

#### Payments by Mail

Check payments can be mailed or sent overnight/express to our office. Payments must be received by the due date. Please include the student's full name, UNT ID number and date of birth on the checks to ensure proper credit.

The mailing address is:

University of North Texas Student Financial Services 1155 Union Circle # 310620 Denton, TX 76203-5017



#### Third-Party Sponsor Payments

Sponsored students are students whose education at UNT is funded directly by a third party, called a sponsor. Sponsors can be employers, educational institutions, government agencies, foundations, or other institutional sources. Examples of third-party sponsors include the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan (formerly Texas Tomorrow Fund) and the Texas Promise Fund. The sponsored student is responsible for obtaining authorization for UNT SFS to bill the sponsor directly for the student's charges each semester. Sponsored students should submit the necessary paperwork to <u>sponsoredbilling@unt.edu</u>. More information about sponsor payments can be found at <u>sfs.unt.edu/payments</u>.

#### Waivers and Exemptions

UNT participates in several Waiver Programs and Exemptions offered by the State of Texas.

- Waivers allow certain non-resident students to pay the Texas resident tuition rate. The full list waivers available for eligible students can be found at <u>sfs.unt.edu/waivers-and-exemptions</u>.
- Exemptions are a type of financial assistance allowing some Texas residents to attend a public college of university in Texas without paying tuition or, in some cases, tuition and fees. The full list of exemptions that UNT offers can be found at <u>sfs.unt.edu/waivers-and-exemptions</u>.

#### Student Veteran Services - Benefits

Student Financial Services accepts and processes the applications for the Hazlewood Act. The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This act can be used for your undergraduate and graduate course work. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees.

Eligibility requirements and frequently asked questions can be found at tvc.texas.gov.

Additional information can be found in the Student Veteran Services Benefits Office located in the General Academic Building (GAB) Suite 102, or 940-369-8021, or <u>hazlewood@unt.edu</u>.

### **Payment Plan**

UNT provides the following alternatives for the payment of tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters:

- Full payment of tuition and fees upon registration or by the payment deadline; or
- A payment plan is available by going to <u>myUNT</u> and clicking on the Student Account. A down
  payment will be required based on when the student enrolls in the payment plan. Before the semester begins, students can sign up for a 10% down payment plan or a \$100 down payment
  plan. Both plans split the total balance into monthly payments and automatically withdrawal the
  amount due each month over the course of the semester.

#### Fees

- A \$35 fee is required when the student initiates a down payment.
- Students may be charged up to \$55 in fees if the automatic withdrawal fails due to insufficient funds.

#### **Billing Notices**

Students will receive reminders before the monthly amount is withdrawn each month. Payment dates and amounts can be viewed in the <u>myUNT</u> student account.

# REFUNDS

UNT has partnered with Nelnet to process student refunds for all students. This partnership allows for more efficient processing of refunds. Refunds sent to Nelnet will be processed according to the refunding method the student has selected. Failure to select an option will delay your refund.

- **Direct Deposit (ACH)** If you choose this option, you will need to enter your existing bank routing and account numbers. Typically this takes 2-3 days for the money to become available after your refund is processed.
- **Prepaid Debit Card** If you choose this option, you will need to enter the routing and account numbers for the card. Typically this takes 2-3 days for the money to become available after your refund is processed.

(**Parent PLUS loan** refunds will be issued as a paper check and mailed to the address the parent indicated during the application process.)

Choose your refund preference in 4 Easy Steps:

- 1. Log into <u>my.unt.edu</u>
- 2. Click on the Student Account tile
- 3. Click on the Refunds link
- 4. Click on the Manage UNT Refund Choice

# STUDENT ACCOUNT ACTION STEPS IN myUNT



### Go to myUNT to access your student account.

You can view your charges, pending financial aid, To Do List items, and due dates.

# Accept the UNT Student Financial Obligation Agreement.

### **Register for Classes.**

#### Choose your tuition plan.

Undergraduate, Texas residents in their **first semester at UNT** can choose between the Save and Soar Guaranteed Tuition Plan and the Traditional Tuition Plan.



#### Check your UNT email often.

Important communications regarding your account, such as financial aid award notifications (FAN), missing documentation reminders, payment due date reminders, and refund notifications are sent through your UNT email.

# Authorize parents and any additional users to your student account information.

Fill out the FERPA release and/or set up authorized payers for your account.



Select your refund preference.



Check <u>sfs.unt.edu</u> for important information regarding payment deadlines for the upcoming semester.

Schedule an <u>appointment</u> with Student Money Management for budgeting and financial coaching sessions.

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### **CONNECT WITH US**

**Student Accounting** 

<u>sfs.unt.edu</u> 940-565-3225 ESSC 105

#### **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

financialaid.unt.edu 940-565-2302 ESSC 134 & 228

# @SFSUNT

Student Money Management Center

https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/ student-money-managementcenter

940-369-7761

Chestnut Hall



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Career Center | Chestnut Hall 103 | 940-565-2105 | <u>career.center@unt.edu</u> | <u>studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center</u>

Services include: Career Connect; Career Fairs; Career Workshops; Eagle Careers Job Bank; Individual Career Advising; Internships; Mock Interviews; Student Employment

**Counseling and Testing Services** | Chestnut Hall 311 | 940-565-2741 | <u>counselingandtestingservices@unt.edu</u> | <u>studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services</u> Services include: Animal-Assisted Therapy; Body Image and Eating Awareness Team; Couples, Group and Individual Counseling; Mind-Spa; Testing Services; Therapy Assistance Online (TAO)

Food Pantry | Union 409, Union 366 and Discovery Park C102C | 940-565-2648

GradGuard Tuition Insurance | https://gradguard.com/tuition-insurance | info@gradguard.com

Learning Center | Sage Hall 170 | 940-369-7006

Services include: Online Tutoring; Study Skills Lab; Speed Reading; Supplemental Instruction; Volunteer Tutor Program; Learning 101; Connecting for Success; TSI Advising and Testing; Academic Success Program; Academic Resource Library

myUNT: https://my.unt.edu

Sponsored Billing/Payments | sponsoredbilling@unt.edu | https://sfs.unt.edu/payments

Student Veteran Services - Benefits | General Academic Building (GAB) 102 | 940-369-8021 | Hazlewood@unt.edu

UNT eHousing Student Account: <a href="https://ehousing.unt.edu">https://ehousing.unt.edu</a>