UT School of Public Health
Spring 2014 Orientation

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Registrar’s Office

- Handles residency questionnaire
  - [http://registrar.uth.tmc.edu/Services/Student_Forms.html#Residency](http://registrar.uth.tmc.edu/Services/Student_Forms.html#Residency)

- Collects official/unopened transcripts from previous schools

- myUTH: student records & registration system

- Current transcript requests

- Verification of enrollment requests

- University Center Tower (UCT) Room 2250
  7000 Fannin    713-500-3361
[http://registrar.uth.tmc.edu/](http://registrar.uth.tmc.edu/)
Student Disability Accommodations

- A student seeking accommodations for a disability must self-identify and is responsible for initiating a request to the School’s Section 504 Coordinator; **not faculty**

- Accommodations may be appropriate for chronic or acute conditions

- SPH accommodation requests or information should be directed to Anne Baronitis, Office of Student Affairs, 713-500-9030
Financial Aid

- Federal Financial Aid is available for graduate, degree-seeking students
- International Students are not eligible for Federal financial aid
- Emergency Loans
- Referrals for grants & scholarships
- University Center Tower (UCT), 22nd Floor
  7000 Fannin 713-500-3860
  http://www.uthouston.edu/sfs/
Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships

- Open to all degree-seeking SPH students
- Application open February 1 – March 15
- Scholarship amount must be at least $1,000 to qualify for in-state tuition
- Scholarships are highly competitive; not all applicants are recipients
- http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/current-students/financial-assistance
Career Services

• Job-Ops is the online system to:
  ○ Search for jobs
  ○ Upload résumés, cover letters, reference letters

• Workshops offered throughout the semester; watch school email for details

• Start developing your skills & building your network now!

http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/current-students/career-services/
Contact Pantheia Evans  713-500-9024
Pantheia.Evans@uth.tmc.edu
Health Services

- Collects student immunization records

- Student Health Services is available to all UT Health students and their dependents. Some services are free to students.

- Treatment of acute and chronic illnesses

- Full array of health maintenance services

- Pharmacy on-site

- UT Professional Building, Suite 1010
  6410 Fannin  713-500-5171
  http://www.uthouston.edu/studenthealth/services.htm
Counseling Center

- Free, confidential, short-term counseling sessions with licensed professional counselors; referrals for ongoing care

- Resources for work/life issues (legal and financial issues, child and elder care)

- Graduate School is stressful. Seek support early for best results.

- University Center Tower (UCT), 16th Floor
  7000 Fannin   713-500-3327
  http://publicaffairs.uth.tmc.edu/worklife/
Auxiliary Enterprises

http://www.uthouston.edu/auxiliary-enterprises/

- **Student Health Insurance**
  - All students **must** have some form of health insurance.
  - Verification of insurance is required/part of the registration process. You either verify you have it or you will purchase it through UTHealth.

- **UT Housing**

- **Bookstore at the School of Nursing**

- **Dining**  
  see handout included in orientation packet

- **UT Shuttle**  

- **Recreation Center**
  - Membership included in student fees
  - 7779 Knight Road        713-500-8420

- **Child Development Center**
• You must wear your UTHealth ID badge at all times on campus

• They provide:
  o Grounds safety
  o Motorist Assistance (battery jumps and vehicle unlocks)
  o Crime Prevention Programs
  o Escort Service at night

• If you see something, say something!

• http://www.uth.tmc.edu/police/ 713-792-2890

• In case of emergency, call 911

• Please see brochure included in orientation packet for more information
Parking

- Parking is available through:
  - Auxiliary Enterprises [http://www.uth.edu/parking/index.htm](http://www.uth.edu/parking/index.htm)

- Please see flyer included in orientation packet for details on various student parking options

- Parking available for a reduced fee after hours at some locations
Public Transportation

- Full-time students are eligible for a refillable, 50%-off Houston Metro Q-Card, to be used on city buses and the light rail.

- Stop by the Parking window at UCT for a verification letter.

- Take the following items during business hours to the Metro RideStore (1900 Main Street) to obtain your card:
  - Verification letter from the Parking Office
  - A print-out of your paid bill
  - Your student ID
  - A government-issued ID card (US driver’s license, international passport)

- This office can be accessed using the Metro rail towards “UH-Downtown” (exit at ‘Downtown Transit Center’).
SPH Library

- Located on the first floor of the SPH building
- Tours & orientation available during Orientation (see schedule)
- Library orientation is strongly encouraged
- Other workshops held throughout the semester
  - Dates, times and registration available at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SPH_Library_Workshop
- Ask a Librarian
  - Text Welcome to 713-965-6968 & save the contact information
  - Online at: http://sph.uth.tmc.libanswers.com

http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/library/  713-500-9121
Other Libraries Accessible with SPH ID Badge

- Texas Medical Center (TMC) Library
  1133 John Freeman Blvd
  [http://www.library.tmc.edu/](http://www.library.tmc.edu/)  713-795-4200

- Research Medical Library, MD Anderson Cancer Center
  Pickens Academic Tower, 21st Floor

- Fondren Library, Rice University
  6100 Main Street
  [http://library.rice.edu/](http://library.rice.edu/)  713-348-5698

- MD Anderson Library, University of Houston
  114 University Libraries
  [http://info.lib.uh.edu/](http://info.lib.uh.edu/)  713-743-1050
IT

- UT email accounts are available after registration. See IT in SPH Basement.

- Keep log-in and password information confidential

- Do not use peer-to-peer file sharing systems on the UTHealth network

- Protect your computer
  - Use a Firewall and regularly update the Operating System
  - Install antivirus, antispypware and antimalware software
  - Beware of free antivirus or similar software or services
  - Always use strong passwords
  - Use Full Disk Encryption, so data cannot be accessed if your laptop is lost or stolen
  - Regularly backup your computer
  - Securely dispose of personal or confidential information

- Help Desk: 713-486-4848 for assistance with passwords & login
Blackboard

- Online system used to distribute class information and documents
- Workshops offered on Wednesday (see Orientation schedule)
- We strongly recommend you attend a workshop if you are unfamiliar with Blackboard
- See your orientation folder for a detailed handout: Navigating Learning Management Systems at UTSPH
Registration

- Staff will be available to assist with course registration in the computer lab at the end of the day

- Health Insurance must be verified or purchased each term

- Review bill carefully, and contact the Bursar’s Office with any questions (713-500-3088)

- Late Registration for the spring semester goes through January 17th
You must be registered before you can obtain your student ID.

Student ID’s may be obtained from the Bursar’s Office, located in UCT 2240.

Hours: 8:30am-12:30pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm
Questions?