

Graduate Assistant Experience 2021-2022



Graduate Assistant Guide

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Transitioning into the Program

TCU

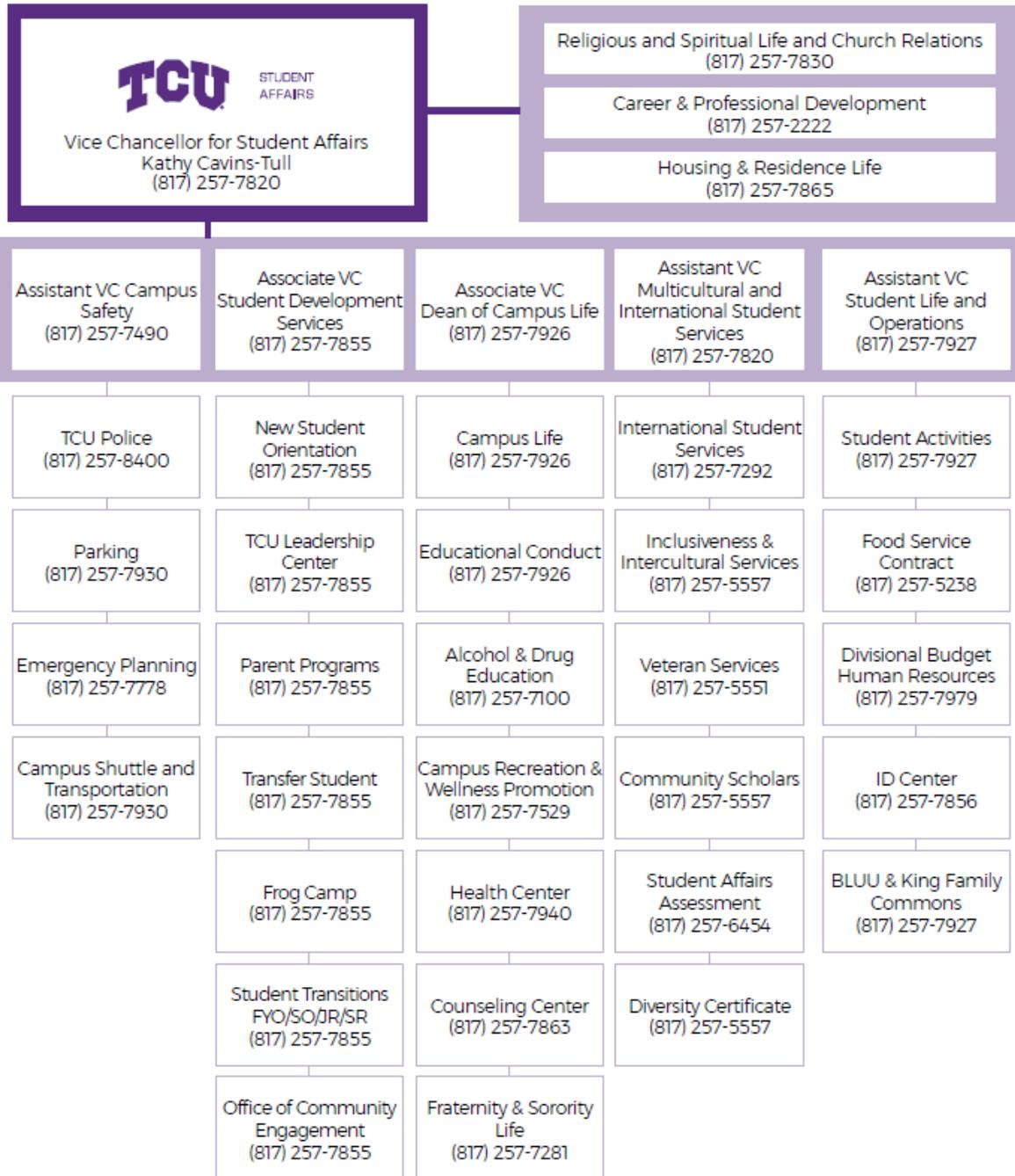
TCU Mission, Vision, Values

- **TCU Mission Statement:** To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.
- **TCU Vision:** To be a world-class, values-centered university
- **TCU Core Values:** TCU values academic achievement, personal freedom and integrity, the dignity and respect of the individual, and a heritage of inclusiveness, tolerance and service.
- **Student Affairs Mission:** To provide student focused programs and services that support student success and enhance the collegiate experience.
- **Student Affairs Vision:** To be an exceptional Student Affairs division that inspires students to embrace excellence in themselves and their community.

Student Affairs at TCU

- Student affairs is one branch of the higher education spectrum that seeks to help students grow and develop as people and students throughout their time at an institution. There are several functional areas within student affairs that graduate students may want to explore, get experience in, or eventually work with. These include, but are certainly not limited to:
 - Academic Advising and Counseling
 - Admissions and Enrollment Management
 - Orientation and the First Year Experience
 - Alumni and Parent Services
 - Community Service and Engagement
 - Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Student Organization Advising
 - Conduct
 - Leadership
 - Student Activities
 - Student Center/Union operations
 - Career Services
 - Wellness Education
 - Multicultural Services
 - Campus Recreation
 - Athletics
 - Residence life

STUDENT AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION CHART



- Culture and Student Expectations
 - Staff and students are highly engaged in the TCU community, going to all types of events on campus like TCU Boo: a Halloween program for children of staff, and the Christmas Tree Lighting in the Commons.
 - Academic expectations are rigorous, and academics are important (and sometimes a stressor) to students.
 - Customer service is important when dealing with students, parents, and community members. One of our objectives is to provide them with a good experience, leaving them with a positive impression of TCU. We love to roll out the Purple Carpet for our Horned Frog students, parents, and guests.
 - The TCU brand is important to the institution. Graduate Assistants will represent the department and TCU.
 - TCU is a place where we make every attempt to say yes to students. When there is a situation or request, particularly if unusual, think how we might make that happen rather than dismissing it outright.
 - Relationships matter at TCU. It is encouraged, and often expected, to build and maintain relationships with people in other departments across campus in order to be (and feel!) connected to the institution and serve our students best.
 - Collaboration is important at the institution, and particularly within the Division of Student Affairs. TCU faculty and staff are quick to volunteer for pre-orientation Frog Camps and Housing Check-In “Frog Calls” to best serve our students together.
 - Pride in the institution is strong! Big 12 conference membership is important, as are rivalries (particularly football) with Baylor and SMU.
 - TCU has a great relationship with the Fort Worth community. Students participate in service and volunteer opportunities in the community, and the community embraces events like “Go Purple Fridays” where wearers of purple get special discounts at local businesses.

Degrees Awarded 2018-19

Bachelor's	2,237	78.8%
Master's	479	16.9%
Doctorate	122	4.3%

Graduation Rates Fall 2013 Cohort

Within 4 years	71.1%
Within 5 years	81.3%
Within 6 years	82.5%

First-Year Retention 91.3%

Living on Campus

First-Year	97.2%
Undergrad	52.8%

Baccalaureate Entering First-Year and Transfer

	First-Year			Transfer		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Applied	7,732	11,296	19,028	607	833	1,440
Accepted	3,412	5,554	8,966	356	496	852
% Accepted	44.1%	49.2%	47.1%	58.6%	59.5%	59.2%
% Yield	24.5%	23.8%	24.1%	46.6%	38.9%	42.1%
Enrolled	837	1,322	2,159	166	193	359

	First-Year			Transfer		
Texas	926		43%	233		65%
Out-of-State	1,147		53%	103		29%
Foreign	78		4%	22		6%
Unknown	8		<1%	1		<1%
Minority	548		25%	110		31%
Nonresident	78		4%	22		6%

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Headcount

F.T.E.*

Credit Hours

	Headcount	%	F.T.E.*	Credit Hours
Undergraduate	9,474	86%	9,310	139,660
Graduate	1,550	14%	1,609	15,014
TCU Total	11,024	100%	10,919	154,674

* formula in Fact Book Definitions & FTE Formula page

	Undergraduate		Graduate		TCU Total	
Male	3,945	42%	657	42%	4,602	42%
Female	5,529	58%	893	58%	6,422	58%
Full Time	9,219	97%	1,404	91%	10,623	96%
Part Time	255	3%	146	9%	401	4%
Minority	2,421	26%	393	25%	2,814	26%
Nonresident	447	5%	99	6%	546	5%
Texas	4,632	49%	1,153	74%	5,785	52%
Out-of-State	4,377	46%	296	19%	4,673	42%
Foreign	447	5%	99	6%	546	5%
Unknown	18	<1%	2	<1%	20	<1%

Headcount by College/School

	Undergraduate		Graduate		TCU Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
AddRan College of Liberal Arts	1,502	16%	240	15%	1,742	16%
Bob Schieffer College of Communication	1,142	12%	35	2%	1,177	11%
College of Education	311	3%	246	16%	557	5%
College of Fine Arts	865	9%	81	5%	946	9%
College of Science & Engineering	1,874	20%	132	9%	2,006	18%
Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences	1,268	13%	372	24%	1,640	15%
Neeley School of Business	2,458	26%	384	25%	2,842	26%
TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine			60	4%	60	1%
School of Interdisciplinary Studies	22	<1%			22	<1%
Extended Education	32	<1%			32	<1%

Transitions

- Transitioning in tips and tricks from current GA's

“Time management is key! Make sure you use a planner of some sort to schedule meetings/events, etc. Take care of yourself first and then make sure to prioritize your time. If you need help with anything talk to your supervisor.”

“Meet everyone in the office and learn their roles. Determine what gaps are there and ways you feel like you can help fill those. Always say yes, but absolutely know when to say no. At the end of the day, this assistantship is what you make of it. If you aren't feeling like it's fulfilling your goals, then talk to your supervisor. Everyone I've met at TCU is so pro-GA experience that they are willing to just about bend-over-backwards to help ensure you're getting the most out of your experience. It's not about being in the office; you have full time staff members who can take that on (within reason). In your assistantship try to get out and get as much face time with your students as you can. Change up where you meet them, explore their interests with them, etc. Don't limit yourself to staying in the office.”

“Ask questions!! If you don't understand or don't know how to do something.. ask! -Get to know your staff! Spend time with them outside of work. -Don't be intimidated by the HDs, they're all really awesome people and are there to help you. -Join the kickball league (even if you don't like kickball, it's a fun way to see everyone outside of HRL).”

“Everyone at TCU is very supportive of the GA Experience, so they will go out of their way to help ensure you're getting the most out of your experience. It's not about being in the office; you have full time staff members who can take that on (within reason). In your assistantship try to get out and get as much face time with your students as you can. Change up where you meet them, explore interests with them, etc. Don't limit yourself to staying in the office.”

“Take initiative. If you want to get involved in something or gain experience in some functional area ask people who work in that area if there is any way you could assist them or take on some work. Do the dirty work. Sometimes there is someone who needs to do the remedial tasks or pick up an extra duty shift. You gain a reputation if you're willing to throw yourself out there to do the extra work and it results in you getting shoulder tapped to do other leadership opportunities.”

“Listen to your supervisor and utilize your supervisor. Also, reach out to other people in your department and learn from them. This assistantship will be what you make out of it so go out and gather as much knowledge as you possibly can.”

“Create a good work-life balance and create it as early as possible! Getting adjusted at first will take up the majority of your time but after that is settled, make sure to invest in not only the TCU community, but the Fort Worth community as well. Make sure to keep tabs on all aspects of your wellness and work on areas that may be off balance when needed. Be okay with making mistakes. Your assistantship is meant to be a learning process but you will only learn the most if you are comfortable with making mistakes and treating each one as a learning opportunity. Embrace imperfection, trust that everything will work out and that the students and professionals at TCU value hard work and dedication.”

- Transition reports
 - A transition report will come directly from your supervisor. This document may include:
 - i) Information about projects and programs that you will specifically work on
 - ii) Expectations from your GA role
 - iii) Feedback from past GA's about past projects and programs
 - iv) Staffing information (office and students you may advisor or supervise)
 - v) Summary

GA Cohort

- Where are all the GAs located
 - Graduate Assistants typically work an average of 20 hours per week in their assistantship. Please note that some GAs serve as split GAs where they serve in FSL as a graduate hall director and with another department.
 - Assessment
 - Alcohol and Drug Education
 - Community Engagement
 - Inclusiveness and LGBTQ Initiatives
 - Student Development Services: Retention and Leadership
 - Housing and Residence Life: Central Office and Graduate Hall Directors
 - Fraternity and Sorority Life: Graduate Hall Directors and Programming
 - Campus Recreation
 - Brown Lupton University Union
 - Student Activities

Tips to how to use cohort for support from current GA's

“Form study groups, & for personal support; I have made some great friends. .”

“Commiserating together over classes and work and students :) There are times when life as a graduate student gets stressful, and it's nice to be able to have people who are in the same boat as you who you can talk to and understand what you're experiencing. I've leaned on them when stress of work and class got too much and they were able to help me see big picture and get out of my head and back on track. It's amazing what a good cohort can do to enhance your graduate experience!”

“Finding people to confide in about class / assistantship. It's been great to have some built in socialization, many of us have different interests and it's been fun to be exposed to new things.”

“Happy Hours and going to school events with them. Reaching out to them when I have trouble in class or I haven't done the reading and need a quick summary.”

“Your graduate cohort becomes like your family. They are the ones that understand what's going on in your life the most as far as school and work are concerned. I look to my cohort for advice within my assistantship and in the classroom. We encourage each other, are honest with one another and

sometimes work through conflict together all the while helping each other through this phase of personal and professional development. “

G.A.T.E. Program

Graduate Assistant Transition Experience (G.A.T.E.)

The **Graduate Assistant Transition Experience (G.A.T.E.)** program was developed to ensure that Graduate Assistants receive an integrated approach that consists of professional and personal development. This co-curricular partner to the Master of Education, Leadership in Higher Education program brings together students in assistantships from across the TCU campus to grow in the profession and support each other in their graduate school experience.

G.A.T.E. Schedule

First Year Graduate Assistants	Second Year Graduate Assistants
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fall Semester</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Making the Most of Your First Year Resumes, Cover Letters, and Professional Associations Internship Search and Interviews Mock Internship Interviews End of Semester Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fall Semester</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Preparing for Your Second Year Resumes, Cover Letters, and Applying for Jobs Introduction to TPE (The Placement Exchange) Mock TPE End of Semester Celebration</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring Semester</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Affairs Executive Leadership Team Networking Session Student Affairs Workshop: Campus Tours Graduate Student Appreciation Week End of Year Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring Semester</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Affairs Executive Leadership Team Networking Session Student Affairs Workshop: Campus Tours Negotiation Workshop Graduate Student Appreciation Week End of Year Celebration</p>

Professional Development

It is important as a Graduate Assistant that you are consistently looking for opportunities to professionally develop. This can take the form of reading articles, attending conferences, arranging meetings with different staff, or completing projects within the realm of your assistantship. Some professional development opportunities, such as conferences, cost money. Your assistantship may or may not come with professional development funds provided to you, but there are ways to get development regardless of the dollar amount provided to you.

This is likely your first opportunity to be really intentional about developing within the realm of student affairs. It will be integral to communicate with your supervisor about what they think is best in terms of how to use time and resources for professional development.

1. Ask about what specific expectations are for your professional development.
 - a. Your department's view (as an overall philosophy)
 - b. What GAs have done in the past
 - c. Whether you have professional development funds from the department
 - i. What alternate ways can you obtain these funds via scholarships or grants
2. Discuss your career goals and your goals within the department
3. Provide some examples of professional development opportunities you see as helping match those goals
 - a. Before your meeting, conduct some research into conferences, books, trainings, webinars, etc. that could align with your goals for graduate school before presenting to your supervisor
4. Develop a set plan for how you will approach professional development
 - a. If you are planning on doing a workshop or conference, try to attend during less busy times of the year
5. Follow up as needed

Example Professional Development Fund Grid

Date(s)	ProD Opportunity	Goal it is addressing	Cost
September 20	Attend Leadership Webinar	Improving supervision style	\$75
October 15-18	Attend SWACURH Leadership Conference	Network in Southwest region, Advising experience	\$450
Winter Break	Read Book regarding transfer student experience	Learning more about different types of students and student support	\$50
January-May	Subscribed to Higher Ed Magazines	Learning more about the field à present findings to supervisor monthly	\$100
February 18-20th	Attend OPE conference	Assist Department in major recruitment initiative	\$0

Example Professional Development Grid

	Knowledge Enhancement (Reading, Research, Courses)	Demonstrating Skill (Teaching, Facilitating)	Professional Development (Conferences, Institutes, Training - on campus & off campus)	Professional Leadership and Involvement (Associations & Committees)	Contributions to Field (Presentations, Publications)
Goal 1:					
Goal 2:					
Goal 3:					
Goal 4:					
Goal 5:					

Popular National Organizations

- **National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)**- Largest association of student affairs members, provides conferences, publications, and a variety of professional development opportunities.
- **American College Personnel Association (ACPA)**-Second largest association of student affairs members, helps provide professional development opportunities across the country and world.
- **Association of College and University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I)**-Largest housing officer organization, helps support the housing profession through placement exchanges, internship programs and more.
- **Association for Orientation, Transition, Retention in Higher Education (NODA)**-Organization for those involved in orientation and new student programs. Hosts a high energy national conference and several regional conferences.
- **Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA)**-Professional Organization for those involved in fraternity and sorority life, also hosts conferences and allows for professional development opportunities.
- **Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA)**-Professional organization for those involved in student conduct and case management.
- **National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)**-Professional organization for those interested in Academic Advising and Academic Affairs.
- **National Association for Campus Activities (NACA)**-Professional organization for those interested in campus activities and events.
- **National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH)**-Student organization for those involved in Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH).
- **Association of College Unions-International (ACUI)**-Professional organization for those involved in student unions.
- **National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE)**-Professional Organization for those interested in learning more about issues of race, ethnicity, and social justice.

Popular Regional Organizations

- **Southern Association of College Student Affairs (SACSA)**-Regional Association of NASPA, hosts a large conference each fall
- **Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers (SWACUHO)**-Regional Association of ACUHO-I, hosts a large conference each spring
- **Southern Placement Exchange**-Recruitment of Graduate Students for Southwest Colleges and Universities.

Important Dates

- GA Orientation
- 2020-2021 Important Dates: Academic, Social, and GATE (include when they need to be back for different assistantships)
 - August 23 - First day of Classes
 - October 13 (10:00pm) - 18 - Fall Break
 - November 19(10:00pm) - 29 - Thanksgiving Break
 - December 8 - Last day of Classes
 - December 9 - 10- Study Days
 - December 14 - 17 - Final Exam Week
 - December 17 - Commencement
 - January 17 - First Day of Classes
 - January 16 - MLK Holiday
 - March 4 (10:00pm) - 14 - Spring Break
 - April 15 - Good Friday
 - April 27 - Last Day of Classes
 - April 28 - 29 - Study Days
 - May 2 - 6 - Final Exam Week
 - May 7 - Commencement

Your First Few Days as a Horned Frog...

Here are some tasks that you will want to do in your first few weeks as a horned frog

Personal Tasks	TCU Tasks	Work Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Get your Texas Driver's License and Register your vehicle (if needed) -Finish unpacking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Go to TCU Police to get parking permit -Go to HR with your SS Card, Birth Certificate, and Passport or Driver's License -Go to the ID Center and get your ID -Tour of campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Setup your work space (voicemail, email, etc) -Meet with supervisor, tour the office -Go through expectations with supervisor

Your Assistantship

What it means to be a GA at TCU

Graduate Assistants at TCU hold a very unique role in many departments because they are both enrolled students and learners of a craft while at the same time employees of the university. This can be a tremendous opportunity to grow as a professional in Student Affairs, but there might also be pieces of your new role that feel uncomfortable on account of them being new. Hopefully, this section prepares you for (or heads off) some of those concerns.

Career development is a major aspect of the Graduate Assistant experience. In your new role, one of the main focuses will be on becoming a professional in the field of Student Affairs. One of our biggest hopes is that the experiences you have as a Graduate Assistant help prepare you for life as a professional staff member. To that end, there are some pieces of **professionalism** that we want to make sure to impart right away.

Professional Communication

Professional communication will be very important as you enter the field of Student Affairs. Others will learn about you from the way you communicate. Considering that these others are students you want to impact or professionals that will be your colleagues in the field (and might hire you someday), you might want to meet their etiquette standards. Some questions to think about:

- What are professional methods of communication in your office (text message, email, in person)?
- What are department communication etiquettes (email greetings, text speak)?
- What is an appropriate length of time to take to responding to an email (24 hours)?
- Who in the department do need to be regularly communicating with or getting to know?
- Are there certain people you need to include on correspondence when you are emailing individuals in the department?
- What are the different communication styles you have between the work and classroom setting?
- How do you appropriately communicate with the students you are advising/supervising?

All About Expectations

Starting the discussion with expectations doesn't necessarily sound fun, but when you think about what you need to do for your position in order to be successful, you want to make sure you and your supervisor are on the same page! That's where expectations come in.

How to talk about expectations with your supervisor:

Every supervisor you have will be different. It's important for you to know how they see your position and what expectations they have for your role. They may set up a conversation with you to chat about expectations, or they may not. Either way, here are some questions you may want to ask to clarify your role and to make sure you're both on the same page:

Questions to process through with your supervisor:

- What is appropriate attire for the workplace?
- What does it mean to be working? Office time, programs, and student interaction may all be responsibilities. What counts as work for your assistantship?
- How should you or your supervisor communicate adjustments to normal work hours?
- What dates or times do you need to be in the office?
- Is it appropriate to take some time off to finish school work? If so, how should you communicate that?
- Is completing school work during work hours appropriate for your position?
- If you're feeling unbalanced with your workload (too much or not enough work), how do you share that with your supervisor?
- If expectations for the workplace are not being met, what is a good way to approach that conversation?
- What does spending for the university look like?
- Are there any special guidelines or communication when working with campus partners?
- What should you do when you foresee life events (illness, vacation, coursework, etc.) conflicting with scheduled job responsibilities?

Questions for Split Position Graduate Assistants

- How do you work with both your supervisors to create a comprehensive experience?
- Do you have regular touchpoints with one or both supervisors, alone or together?
- What happens when both offices have conflicting events?
- What happens if you have a "busy week" for both offices?

- Might there be any conflicts of interest from working with students from more than one area?
- Is it acceptable to do work for one position at the other's office?

In addition, here's a communication flow that might be helpful when thinking about what issues you are communicating.

GA Reporting Chart

<p style="text-align: center;">Department:</p> <p>Supervisor, Department Leadership Team, Committee Lead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Academics:</p> <p>Professor, Your Program Chair, Advisor</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Struggling communicating with your supervisor · Managing work load and class load · Not understanding the work you're being asked to complete within your role · Communicating effectively to students · Feeling disconnected to the staff you supervise or your supervisor · Understanding the resources you can use within your GA role · Getting involved in the national organizations for the profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Struggling to understand class material · Not understanding how what you're learning applies to your work · Understanding which classes to take each semester · Getting involved in the national organizations for the profession · Studying tips and tricks · Research opportunities

Expectations for Yourself

Setting expectations for yourself can be tricky, and the process will be different depending on who you are and what you need. Think about the following ideas as a place to get started:

Reflect:

Take some time to think about yourself and your past experiences. Think about what drives you and why you chose this position. What about your role excites you? What information do you need before you dive in?

Goal-setting:

What do you want to accomplish in your role? How do you want others to see you? Is there an opportunity to grow professionally (get comfortable with public speaking)? Can you operationalize that (sign up for presentations on campus every month)?

Plan:

What do you need for your next role, and how can you use this opportunity to prepare you for that? Do you have a mentor that can help you focus on personal or professional growth? If not, can you find one while at TCU?

Time and Hourly Work

Think also specifically about the time expectations that you place on yourself. You may have some autonomy in setting your work schedule, or it might be prescribed to you. Either way, you will want to talk to your supervisor about how to keep track of the hours you are spending in the position. You will be presented with a lot of opportunities to get involved in other projects and areas at TCU. Remember that job responsibilities through your assistantship will likely trump outside opportunities. When in conflict though, be sure to talk to your supervisor – there may be wiggle room to allow you to get a lot of great experiences!

Evaluation Process and Feedback

Your evaluation process may vary from that of your peers. Generally speaking, however, you will be evaluated on your performance in your current role. This will serve as an opportunity to learn how your work is perceived, areas that may need growth, and areas where you are excelling in your assistantship. Talking about the evaluation process may be something you want to consider when setting expectations with your supervisor? Do you want them to withhold feedback, or do you want them to give you regular updates in addition to your performance evaluation?

Likewise, you will want to talk about these subjects with any students you advise or supervise. Being in open, honest communication with whom you work will help make the working environment a much more comfortable place to learn and execute the duties of your position. Also, consider how each member of your team receives feedback best. Do they prefer direct feedback or the sandwich method (a growth area between two things working well)? Are they external processors, or might they need some time to digest the feedback?

If you would like to see a sample evaluation, visit the **Resources section at the end of this document.

Supervising Students

Supervising students may be new to you, and for many GAs, it's the most challenging aspect of their position. Relevant topics to cover will vary based on departmental expectations and norms, but the following general questions may lend guidance to what supervision should look like.

- What do one-on-one meetings look like?
- How do you hold someone accountable for job responsibilities?
 - You may want to hold some mock accountability conversations with them
- For which decisions should you talk to your supervisor before making?
- If co-supervising with another person, which responsibilities fall to whom?
- What should normal communication between you and the students look like?
- What does hiring and termination look like, and what role do you play in that?
- How do you best implement recognition and appreciation for their staff members?
- How do you manage conflict with a supervisee?
- How do you motivate supervisees?
- What types of relationship boundaries exist between supervisors and supervisees?
 - Romantic relationships (in a supervisory relationship, this may be inappropriate)
 - Social situations (e.g. at a bar)

Keys to Staff Supervision

Keys to Staff Supervision



#1

Know your style and be yourself



#2

Provide your staff with clear expectations and structure



#3

Be willing to give and accept feedback



#4

Be intentional about developing relationships with staff

Use your resources!



Supervisor - Colleagues in Department - Student Leaders - GA Guide

There will be plenty of scenarios that arise that you will be unsure on how to handle, whether it be staff conflict, difficult feedback conversations, or coming up with new staff meeting ideas. Use your supervisor and other colleagues as a resource to help in those situations. We are happy to process through it with you anytime!

Staff Meeting Outline

1. Start with some type of icebreaker, recognition activity, check-in, etc
 - a. Examples: highs/lows, Kudos, Improv Games, Pair and Share, etc.
2. Logistical information
 - a. Dates
 - b. Events happening on campus
 - c. Reviewing any policies
 - d. Departmental Updates
3. Major points of the meeting
 - a. Depends on what your staff needs at that time
 - b. Examples: Training on closing, staff development activities, preparation for major departmental initiatives, self-care opportunities
4. Planning time
 - a. Programs, Hall initiatives, bulletin boards, collaterals
5. Directive for the week
 - a. Ted Talk, challenge, goal setting
6. Recognition
 - a. Kudos, staff member of the week (traveling trophy), individual updates

Advising Students

Advising students may likewise be a new experience. In this area of the work, you will have the opportunity to share your own knowledge and experiences, develop meaningful relationships with students, and help students find meaning in their own organization and activities.

Some general tips for advising students are below, but this is also a great chance for you to include your supervisor's feedback based on their experience.

- Be knowledgeable about the organization's' purpose and foundational documents (Constitution, by-laws, etc.).
- Know relevant federal/state/local laws and campus policies that might impact the organization.
- Address situations that might bring negative attention to the student group or to TCU.
- Know how money works for the organization: where it comes from and how it is spent.
- Develop expectations for the advisor role in relation to the organization's members.
- Empower students to take responsibility for the health and success of their organization.
- Volunteer your connections and influence to help the organization meet its goals.
- Help students prioritize and manage their time between competing interests.
- Help *guide* the organization. Let the students *run* the organization.
- Be a role model, and follow through on your commitments to the organization, showing the dedication you hope your students will have.
- Help students find meaning through the organization.

Academics

Throughout your experience at TCU, you will be spending a lot of time in the classroom learning concepts that directly apply to your work as a GA. It is important to draw the connection between your coursework and practical implications of theory within your GA role. Below are the required courses for the Educational Leadership in Higher Education master's program. You must also complete two electives and 6 hours of internship credit.

Sample of Coursework Schedule

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Course Descriptions		
EDLE 60013	Leadership: Theory & Practice	This course investigates the topic of leadership applied within a higher education environment. Participants will explore major aspects of leadership theory and apply that theory to their experiences and case studies. Individual skill assessments and reflection will increase understanding of those personal qualities and professional skill sets required to mobilize groups and institutional organizations through times of calm as well as instability. Throughout the course, through both research and application, candidates will assess and analyze leaders in terms of their effectiveness around organizations and community relations.
EDUC 70953	Research in Education	Students are expected to gain an appreciation of the complexities of the research process, ways of conducting research, and a sense of the power and constraints of the various perspectives within which educational questions are pursued. The primary goals of this course are for students to become familiar with the foundations and terminology associated with educational research practice and policy, and to be able to use this knowledge to critically engage with educational/counseling research literature in order to address problems of educational or counseling practice. Specifically, course content will engage students in areas of quantitative and qualitative research methods, as well as introduce program evaluation and action research.

EDLE 60023	Seminar: Trends in Teaching, Learning, & Leadership	A series of classes that explore a contemporary issue and/or trend in higher education leadership and the scholars who have contributed to our current understanding of the selected topic. Each class in the seminar series will explore particular issues related to the topic, (e.g. historical underpinnings, researchers and writers, and contemporary expressions and issues.) *** Students may elect to take EDLE 60023 a second time as an elective with different topical emphasis.
EDGU 60423	Organization and Administration of Support Programs	This course involves the study of the history and philosophy of student development programs and the range of programmatic units found in higher education; standards of practice; organization, management, development and leadership theories; ethical standards and principles; and management of programs and services.
EDHE 60133	Legal Issues in Higher Education	This course will introduce some of the most pressing legal issues that confront colleges and universities today and will acquaint students with how institutions handle them. The course will address a variety of topics, including issues such as academic freedom and tenure; the authority of schools to discipline students for academic and behavioral misconduct; student privacy and well-being; affirmative action and other attempts to create a diverse student body; sexual harassment; sponsored research; and intellectual property issues in higher education. One of the goals for the course is to consider policy questions that are associated with institutional responses to these legal issues.
EDUC 70953	Introduction to Quantitative Research	A primary goal of this course is to enable students to become critical consumers of published quantitative research. Students will learn concepts and skills related to educational measurement, quantitative research design, and introductory statistics within an applied context.

EDUC 60253	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education: Higher Education in a Democracy	This course explores the complex relationships between the notions of democracy and the role of higher education in this process. The United States was founded as a democracy based on values of meaningful participation, personal initiative, and equality and justice for all. This course will explore higher education's role within such a democracy.
EDGU 60403	Theories of Student Development	This course explores the cognitive, affective, social, and moral development of young adulthood with a special emphasis on developmental and contextual risks and resiliencies that affect best practices in higher education.

Classroom Expectations

Attire

- There is no formal dress code for class, but it is usually a good idea to move past the sweatpants and hoodie days of undergrad.
- If you have a presentation, clarify with the professors whether they are expecting presentation attire.

Decorum

- You are expected to arrive in class with all the resources you need to be successful, i.e. your books, laptop, pens/pencils, notebooks, etc.
- While most teachers allow laptops, it is expected that you pay attention and do no web surf!

Participation

- You **MUST** participate in all of your courses in order to succeed at TCU.
- Most classes are discussion based, so be prepared to engage with others on a variety of topics. Teachers will call on you as well, so be alert and prepared.
- In general, it is expected that you are engaged at all times in the classroom-These classes are the reason you are here!

Tips to make the most of your academic experience outside of the classroom

- Talk to your supervisor and GA colleagues about what you're learning in the classroom.
- Connect classroom learning to practical applications, identify opportunities to apply learning to projects.
- Ask questions from peers and professors regarding class projects.

Tips to succeed in the classroom

- Do the readings! It is important that you have read the material and are ready for discussions. If time gets tight it is better to skim than to come in without an idea of what is going on.
- Set aside 20-30 minutes before class to look over the reading/past notes/current events.
- Set blocks of time in your schedule dedicated to studying/working on classwork.
- Take time to listen and learn other people's perspectives-all of your classmates have a wide variety of experiences, and that experiential knowledge is just as important as the theories you will learn.
- Talk to the professors if you have any concerns! They are there to guide you and are extremely personable.
- Mix up the groups that you work with and lean on each other for help!

How to Manage Coursework with Assistantships/Life

The best way to approach graduate coursework is to find crossover and blending opportunities between your GA/internship and your courses. If you have a project on organizational leadership or project management, see if you can do your research on your department. If you have a day where you are doing mobile office hours, bring your reading along so you can read in your spare moments. In addition to being efficient with your time, make sure that what you are doing is filling your cup in some way! Find moments in every day to do the things that attracted you to student affairs in the first place. Some of our current grads have said the following on how they find blend and balance:

"Time management is key! Make sure you use a planner of some sort to schedule meetings/events, etc. Take care of yourself first and then make sure to prioritize your time. If you need help with anything talk to your supervisor."

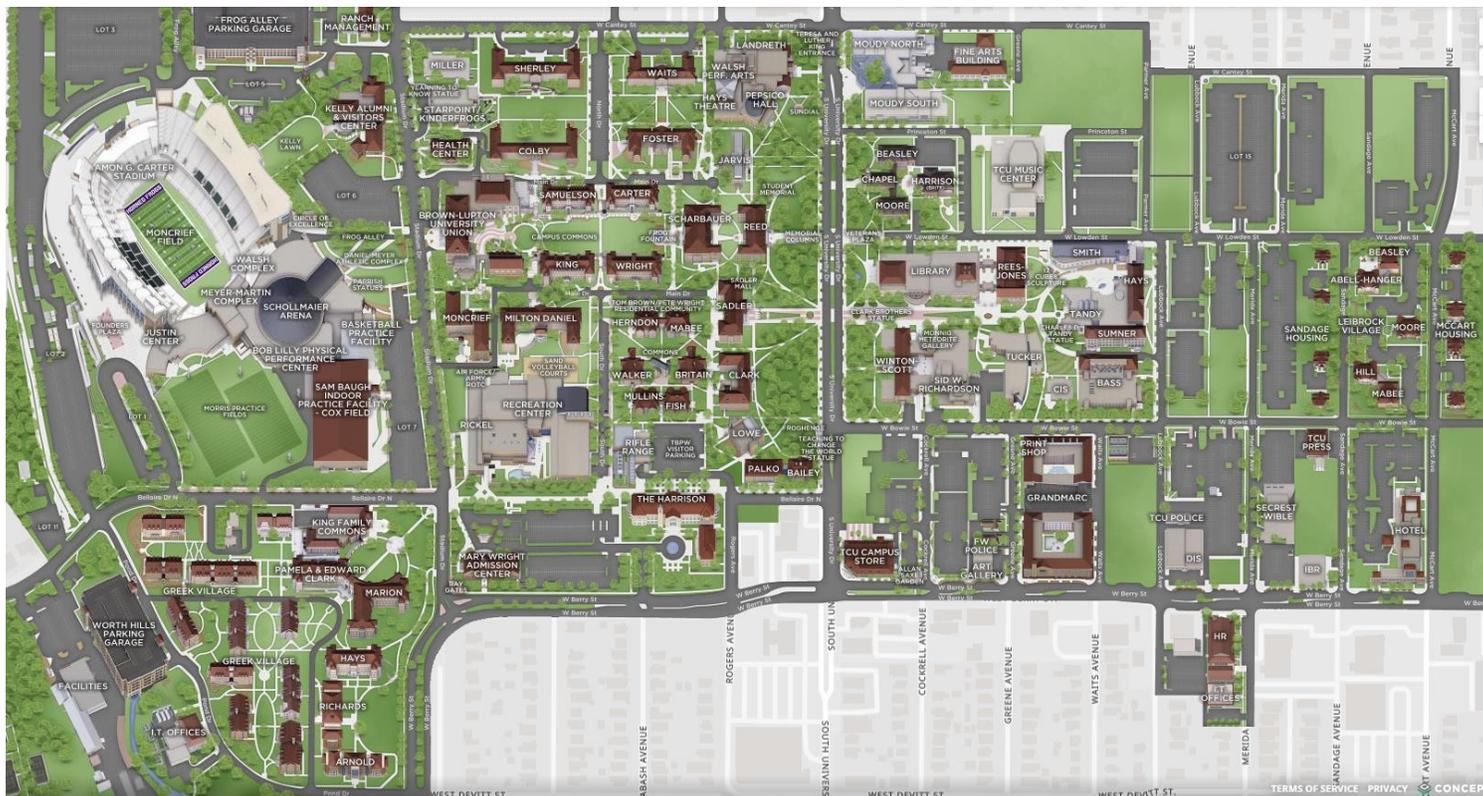
"In your assistantship try to get out and get as much face time with your students as you can. Change up where you meet them, explore their interests with them, etc. Don't limit yourself to staying in the office."

"Getting adjusted will take up the majority of your time but after that is settled, make sure to invest in not only the TCU community, but the Fort Worth Community as well. Keep tabs on all aspects of wellness and work on areas that may be off balance when needed."

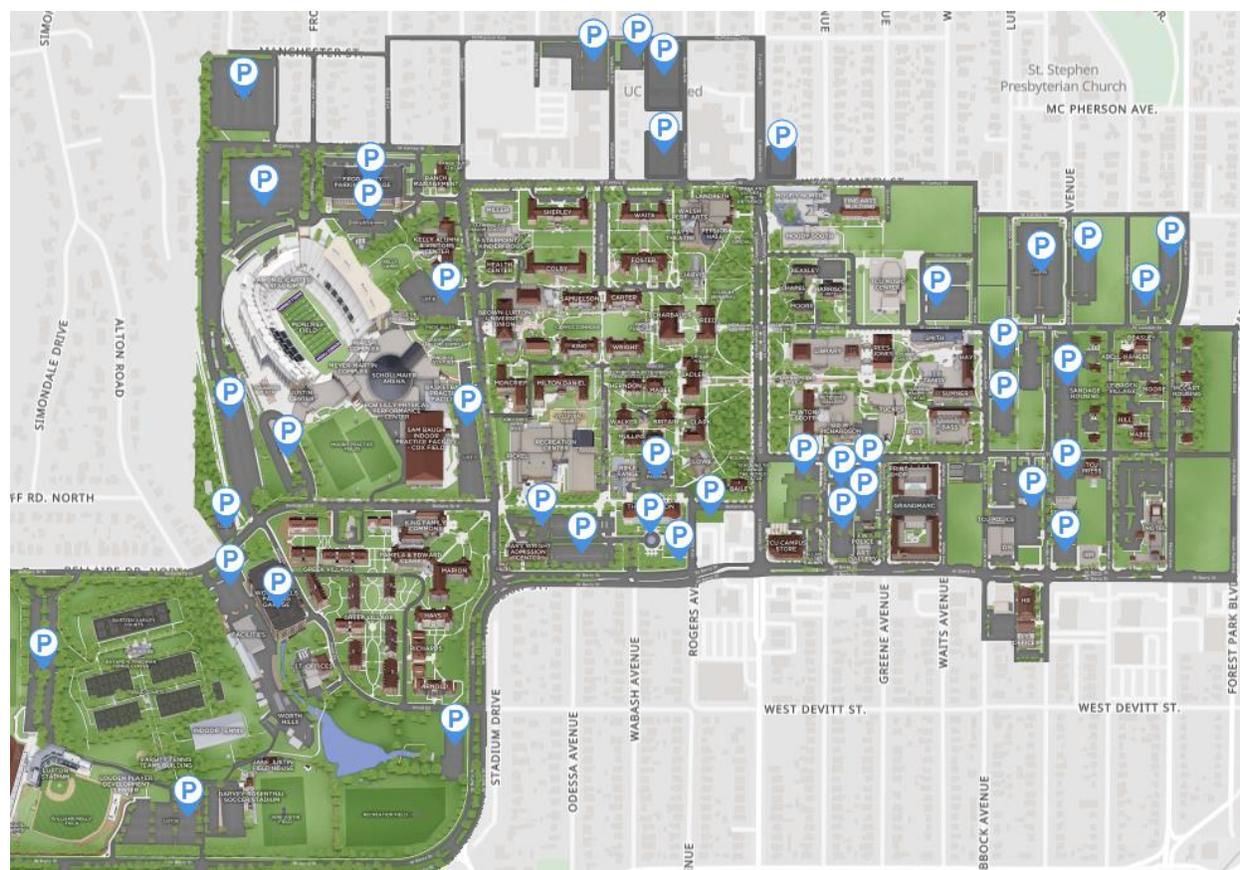
“Utilize your cohort! Commiserate together over classes, work, and students. There are times when life as a graduate student gets stressful, but it’s nice to be able to have people who are in the same boat as you who you can talk to and understand what you’re experiencing.”

Resources for Graduate Students

Getting Around



When you are first acclimating to campus, it is a good idea to download the TCU mobile app, specifically for using the map feature. This feature will show you the campus map along with a dot showing where you are in relation to campus.



Parking Information

Your parking will likely differ depending on your assistantship. When you first arrive, you will want to go to the TCU Police department (3025 Lubbock, Fort Worth) to receive a temporary parking pass. You will eventually apply and receive your academic year permit from TCUPD after you arrive on campus. That permit will give specific instructions as to where you can and cannot park. You should also note that during football game days some parking lots are vacated due to tailgating, so be aware that you may need to move your vehicle prior to game days!

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Phone: 817-257-7855

TCU Police Department

Phone Emergency: 817-257-7777

Phone: Non-Emergency: 817-257-8400

BLUU Front Desk

Address: 2901 Stadium Dr

Phone: 817-257-7927

TCU Health Center

Address: 2825 Stadium Dr

<https://healthcenter.tcu.edu/>

Phone: 817-257-7940

Grad Student Support Group

Counseling & Mental Health Center
Samuelson Hall (basement entrance)

<https://counseling.tcu.edu/student-services/>

(817) 257-7863

Writing Center

419 Reed Hall

<https://wrt.tcu.edu/>

(817) 257-7221

writingctr@tcu.edu

Graduate Student Senate

<https://graduate.tcu.edu/graduate-life/gss/gss@tcu.edu>

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Gender Resource Office (GRO) and Spectrum

Jarvis Hall – 2nd Floor

<https://diversity.tcu.edu/gro/>

spectrum@tcu.edu

Fort Worth Guide

Places of Worship Near TCU

University Baptist Church

2720 Wabash Ave
817-926-3318
9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship
Ubcfortworth.org

University United Methodist

2416 West Berry
817-926-4626
9:15am Traditional
11:15am Contemporary Worship
uumcfw.com

Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA)

4736 Bryce Ave
4:00pm Worship
Trinitypresfw.org

University Christian Church

2720 S. University Drive
817-926-6631
9:00/11:00am Worship
Universitychristianchurch.org

First Congregational United Church of Christ

4201 Trail Lake Drive
817-923-2990
9:00am Contemporary / 11:00am Traditional Worship
Fwfccucc.org

St. Andrews Roman Catholic

3314 Dryden Rd
817-927-5383
Mass: 7:00/8:30/10:30/12:30pm/5pm
Sat 5:30pm
Standrewcc.org

Trinity Episcopal Church

3401 S Bellaire Drive
817-926-4631
8:00am /9:15am/11:30am/ 5:00pm
Fortworthtrinity.org

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church

2700 McPherson Ave
817-927-8411
8:30 /11:00am Worship
Ststephen-pcusa.com

Society of Friends (Quakers)

University Christian Church, Room 201
2720 South University Dr,
682-472-6770
11:00am Worship

Second Church of Christ Scientist

2112 Forest Park Drive
817-927-8619
10:30 am Worship
Wed: 7:30pm
Christiansciencefortworth.com

Jewish Congregations

Temple Beth-El Congregation (Reform)

4900 Briarhaven Rd, 817-332-7141
bethelfw.org
Ahavath Sholom (Conservative)
4050 S. Hulen Drive, 817-731-4721
Ahavathsholom.org

Muslim Mosques

Islamic Association of Tarrant County

4901 Diaz, 817-737-8104
iatc-fortworth.org
Masjid Hassan Al-Islam
1201 E. Allen Ave, 817-923-592

Dining

W 7th Street

Blue Mesa Grill

612 Carroll Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 332-6372

Blue Mesa Grill delivers the bold, colorful tastes of the Southwest daily at lunch and dinner, plus a popular Sunday brunch buffet. Don't miss trying a custom margarita – the bar has over 1000 tequilas.

Fort Worth Food Park

2509 Weisenberger Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (972) 850-8736

At Fort Worth's first food truck park, families and friends can enjoy a variety of gourmet dishes served up by some of the area's top local chefs. The serene park-like setting in Fort Worth's Cultural District features picnic benches, dog runs and outdoor games. All trucks accept credit cards.

Eddie V's Prime Seafood

3100 W. 7th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 336-8000

Eddie V's Prime Seafood is culinary inspired by the great seafood restaurants of New Orleans, San Francisco and Boston, yet with a dapper decor that nods to early-Vegas cool. Flown-in-daily seafood and USDA prime, center-cut aged steaks are paired with bold sauces and stunning sides, blending New American cuisine with Gulf Coast and Asian influences. The sleek V-Lounge offers dining and live music nightly.

Rodeo Goat

2836 Bledsoe Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 877-4628
Region: West Seventh

Rodeo Goat has a large selection of Texas and American craft beers to accompany the fun burger creations you won't find anywhere else, with toppings like peanut butter, grilled peaches or candied bacon.

Blue Sushi Sake Grill

3131 West 7th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 332-2583

Adding American attitude to traditional Japanese dishes, Blue Sushi will entertain your palate with something unexpected, whether pickled ginger root or "thriller sauce." Whatever your tastes, get ready for one innovative meal.

Chimy's Cervceria

1053 Foch Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 348-8888

It's not fast food. It's what fast food should be - quick, inexpensive and tasty, and with a full bar. Chimy's has great margaritas, cold beer and a spicy menu that includes fajita nachos, green chile cheeseburgers and signature "Chimy"-changas, deep-fried burritos served with queso.

Fred's Texas Cafe

915 Currie Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 332-0083

Nationally acclaimed burgers, fabulous chickenfried steak, the coldest beer in town -- that's Fred's Texas Cafe, a beloved local dive that's serious about food and casual about everything else. Indoors, booths and barstools are held together with duct tape; outdoors, the expansive patio, featuring live bands, is as comfortable as your own backyard.

In-N-Out Burger

2900 W. 7th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (800) 786-1000
Region: West Seventh

This California burger chain with a cult-like following is famed for its cooked-fresh-when-ordered burgers and fries. For extra tastiness, order your burger "animal style" -- pickles, grilled onions, and mustard fried onto each meat patty.

La Familia

841 Foch Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 870-2002

La Familia lives up to its name - from the hearty greeting when you enter to the solicitous service throughout your meal of home-style Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes, you'll definitely feel like family.

Magnolia Street**Avoca Coffee**

1311 W. Magnolia Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: (682) 233-0957

The standards are high but the atmosphere is relaxed at this artisanal coffee shop. Using organically grown, single-origin beans that are roasted onsite; the baristas here pour the perfect espresso to enjoy in the light-filled, lounge-able surroundings.

Phone: (817) 882-6970

Heim BBQ prides themselves on traditional Texas Style Barbecue, the slow and low process of creating tender savory smoked meats that let the flavor speak for itself.

Brewed Coffee and Pub

801 W. Magnolia Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: (817) 945-1545

Soups, sandwiches, salads and small plates made with locally sourced organic ingredients are on the menu at this coffeehouse/pub. Wash it all down with coffee from local roasters, a lovely tea, or one of the dozens of craft beers.

Cat City Grill

1208 W. Magnolia Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: (817) 916-5333

High-end saloon style, perfect for family dinners and date nights. Great desserts and meat entrees for any new Texan!

Heim BBQ

1109 W. Magnolia Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Yucatan Taco Stand Tequila Bar and Grill

909 W. Magnolia
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: (817) 924-8646
Region: Near Southside

Yucatan Taco Stand draws a young and festive crowd with its eclectic décor, modern Mexican cuisine, and a bar stocked with more than 100 different tequilas.

Historic Stockyards**Billy Bob's Texas**

2520 Rodeo Plaza
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 624-7117

Billy Bob's Texas is simply larger than life. The club has almost three acres under one roof, has been voted country music's club of the year a whopping 11 times, hosts the biggest names in the business every weekend, and has live bull-riding shows on Friday and Saturday night. Merle Haggard set a world record here when he bought the entire club a round of drinks. Life as a country-music fan is not complete unless you've visited the "World's Largest Honky-Tonk," where legends are made

Cooper's Pit BBQ

301 Stockyards Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 626-6464

Born in Llano, the barbecue capital of central Texas, Cooper's has served its pit barbecue to hundreds of thousands of hungry diners since its founding in 1953. Located in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards, Cooper's has a large main dining area as well as an incredible indoor/outdoor patio with a view of the Fort Worth skyline.

Hunter Brothers' H3 Ranch

109 E Exchange Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76106

Phone: (817) 624-1246

Delicious trout, lip-smackin' ribs and succulent steaks will satisfy the heartiest of appetites. No meal is complete without dessert: homemade pies and cobblers are baked fresh daily, and H3's Jack Daniels ice cream with a brownie and chocolate sauce is legendary.

Love Shack

110 East Exchange Avenue

Downtown Fort Worth

Texas de Brazil

101 N. Houston

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 882-9500

Texas de Brazil, an authentic Brazilian churrascaria (steakhouse), combines the cuisine of southern Brazil with the generous spirit of Texas. Come enjoy a parade of deliciously seasoned grilled meats, served tableside by a troop of roaming gaucho-clad carvers from large sword-like skewers, accompanied by traditional Brazilian side dishes and an extravagant salad area.

Little Red Wasp

808 Main St

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 877-3111

Simple, brick-walled eatery boasting a full bar with ample beers, American eats & weekend brunch.

Simply Fondue Fort Worth

111 West 4th Street Suite 15

Sundance Square

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 348-0633

This intimate below-street-level restaurant offers many ways to enjoy fondue, including low-fat cooking options such as seasoned vegetable broth instead of the usual hot oil for the meat/seafood course. From the starter cheese fondue, with bread cubes and apples for dipping, to the grand finale of flambéed chocolate fondue with fresh fruits and

Fort Worth, TX 76164

Phone: (817) 740-8812

Region: Stockyards/Northside

Iron Chef winner and owner Tim Love has created a gourmet burger joint featuring outdoor seating, live music, and a menu that will have you coming back for more! Love Shack has two locations, the Stockyards and the University area, both ready to serve you.

angel cake, every bite is sinfully delicious.

Reata

310 Houston Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817)336-1009

This ranch-themed upscale hot spot has Southwestern fare & a rooftop bar with views of Fort Worth.

Flying Saucer

111 E. Third Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 336-7470

The Flying Saucer has the perfect gourmet sandwich or sausage and cheese platter to accompany their more than 100 beers on tap. When the weather is great, enjoy the outdoor upper and lower beer gardens. Entertainment every Thursday-Sunday night and live bands every Monday night.

Razzoo's Cajun Café

318 Main Street

Sundance Square

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 429-7009

For food-, music-, drink- and fun-loving Cajuns, and those who are Cajun at heart: Enjoy huge portions of grilled gator or fried catfish with a Beer Rita or a frozen Swamp Thang while you tap your toes to the fiddle-accordion-washboard soundtrack.

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 336-0311

University Area

Ol' South Pancake House

1509 S. University

This family restaurant has been dishing out delicious breakfast plates since 1962. Comfortable decor and efficient service also recommend the place, as you can tell by weekend breakfast lines. Other traditional lunch and dinner menu items can also be found.

Buffalo Bros.

3015 S University Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 386-9601

Buffalo Bros. serves New York-style wings, pizza, and subs on the TCU drag. Chicken wings and tenders come in six flavors and quantities from three to one hundred. The pizzas are small, large, and in between, with a wealth of toppings. Looking for a sandwich? Their toasted subs come half or whole in nine varieties.

Einstein Bros. Bagels

3050 S. University Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 923-3444

In addition to a wide array of flavored bagels from honey whole wheat to jalapeno to chocolate chip, Einstein Bros serves a variety of breakfast and lunch fare.

Dutch's Hamburgers

3009 South University Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 927-5522

Named after legendary TCU coach Leo "Dutch" Meyer, Dutch's is a lively University-area hangout known for its fresh-ground, all-natural, juicy-notgreasy burgers. Chicken, mushroom, and veggiepatty sandwiches are also available. All are piled high with your choice of toppings and add-ons — try the Texas-style chili — and come with homestyle fries, onion rings, or tater tots.

Fuzzy's Taco Shop

2917 W Berry Street

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 924-7943

Fuzzy's boasts that it is "Home of the Original Fish Taco," so be sure to sample the Tempura Baja Taco. Fuzzy's huge menu offers Tex-Mex dishes including fajitas and burritos. Fuzzy's is busy and the order pick-up line is take-out or dine-in. Table service is relatively fast.

Pizza Snob

3051 S University Dr

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone (817) 462-7662

Build your own and signature pizzas with fresh and organic ingredients. Modern and relaxing atmosphere with healthy drink options too.

McAlister's Deli - University

3053 South University Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 924-3354

The sandwiches at McAlister's Deli come hot, grilled, sub or club, with premium ingredients like Black Angus roast beef, caramelized onions and brie on artisan-style breads.

The Woodshed Smokehouse

3201 Riverfront Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 877-4545

The Woodshed Smokehouse is chef Tim Love's homage to all things grilled, roasted and slowcooked, featuring an ever-rotating selection of beef, chicken, pork, wild game, fish and vegetables, all cooked over a variety of woods and fire sources.

R Taco

3206 Winthrop Ave

Fort Worth, TX 76616

Phone: (817) 615-9780

R Taco is a distinctive fast-casual taco concept, inspired by fun and adventure. The menu features a variety of tasty tacos at an affordable price.

Jimmy Johns

3021 S University Dr,

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 922-9900

Counter-serve chain specializing in sub & club sandwiches, plus signature potato chips.

Panera

611 S Hulen St

Fort Worth, TX 76132

Phone: (817) 370-1802

Serves soup, salad, sandwiches and bakery treats without artificial preservatives, sweeteners, flavors or colors from artificial sources.

Eatzi's Market & Bakery

1540 S. University Dr. #100
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 945-9095

A European-style eatery where you can find hot food, sandwiches, salads, bakery items and a case of take home options.

HG Supply Co

1621 River Run #176
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (682) 730-6070

Things to do

Activities

Hulen Movie Tavern

4920 S Hulen Street
Fort Worth, TX 76132
Phone: (817) 546-7090
Region: Hulen

West 7th Street Movie Tavern

2872 Crockett Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (682) 503-8101
Region: West Seventh

Movie Tavern combines the enjoyment of movies with an in-theatre dining experience. A menu of Classic American favorites is served to Movie Tavern guests while they enjoy first-run films in state-of-the-art auditoriums.

WESTERN EXPERIENCE

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
128 E. Exchange
Historic Barn A
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 626-7131
Region: Stockyards/Northside

The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame pays tribute to the cowboys and cowgirls who have excelled in the sports of rodeo, cutting and ranching, and those individuals who have dedicated their lives to

Trendy, industrial atmosphere for the health conscious and foodie in anyone. Filled with organic and local cuisine, it's well-known for its cocktails and farm-to-table options.

Potbelly

3058 S University Dr,
Fort Worth, TX 76109
Phone: (817) 922-0452

Retro-style counter-serve chain known for made-to-order toasted sandwiches, salads & baked Goods.

promoting and preserving Texas Western heritage.

Stockyards Station

130 E. Exchange Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 625-9715

Region: Stockyards/Northside

Located in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards, Stockyards Station provides an exciting blend of old and new Texas with historic walking tours along the Texas Trail of Fame, The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and more. The Station's two dozen shops offer wine, cowboy boots, leather goods, jewelry, arts and crafts, and the best of Texas grub: barbecue, burgers and sizzling fajitas.

Stockyards Museum

131 E Exchange Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 625-5087

Region: Stockyards/Northside

The Stockyards Museum, housed in the historic Livestock Exchange Building, documents the history of the cattle trade and its role in the growth of Fort Worth from a mere stop along the Chisholm Trail to the center of the ranching, cattle shipping and meatpacking industries.

Museums and Galleries

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

1600 Gendy St

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 255-9300

Region: Cultural District

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is nestled within the Fort Worth Cultural District and houses a variety of traveling and permanent exhibitions. Permanent exhibits include DinoLabs and DinoDig, Energy Blast, Fort Worth Children's Museum, and the Cattle Raisers Museum, a "museum within a museum."

Kimbell Art Museum

3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 332-8451

Region: Cultural District

The Kimbell's permanent collection contains holdings ranging from the third millennium B.C. to the mid-20th century, and includes major works by Fra Angelico, Velazquez, Bernini, Rembrandt, Goya, Monet, Cezanne, Picasso, Mondrian and Matisse.

It is also home to Michelangelo's first known painting.

Log Cabin Village

2100 Log Cabin Village Lane

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Phone: (817) 392-5881

Region: Cultural District

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of 19th century Texas! Nestled on three acres, Log Cabin Village consists of nine historic structures dating back to the mid-1800s.

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

3200 Darnell Street

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 738-9215

Region: Cultural District

World-renowned architect Tadao Ando's "Arbor for Art," the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is a striking building that embodies the pure, unadorned elements of a modern work of art. It is composed of five pavilions of concrete and glass set on 11 naturally landscaped acres, including a 1.5-acre reflecting pond. The Modern maintains one of the foremost collections of postwar art in the central United States, consisting of more than 3,000 significant works of modern and contemporary international art. The Modern Shop offers an array of educational books and toys, posters, t-shirts, jewelry, and decorative and organizational items for home, garden or office.

Attractions

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard

Fort Worth, TX 76107-3420

Phone: (817) 392-5510

Region: Cultural District

Enjoy the captivating beauty of the oldest botanic garden in Texas. Fort Worth's Botanic Gardens are home to more than 2,500 species of plants in its 23 specialty gardens. Plan a visit to the world renowned Japanese Garden, where the koi-filled pools, sculptured hillsides, crafted stonework and dramatic waterfalls provide a view of exotic conservation. Or explore the winding paths of luxuriant tropical foliage in the 10,000-square-foot Conservatory.

Fort Worth Water Gardens

1502 Commerce Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 392-7111

Region: Downtown

The Fort Worth Water Gardens is a beautiful and refreshing oasis adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center. Designed by Phillip Johnson, the Fort Worth Water Gardens is an architectural and engineering marvel to be enjoyed any time of the year. Visitors can experience a variety of water features as they wander through this relaxing urban park.

Fort Worth Zoo

1989 Colonial Pkwy

Fort Worth, TX 76110-6640

Phone: (817) 759-7555

Region: Cultural District

Fort Worth Zoo is home to more than 500 species

of animals, and its wide array of indoor and outdoor exhibits includes World of Primates, Asian Falls, and Raptor Canyon. Texas Wild!, a hands-on exhibit that teaches about the state's various regions. The Great Barrier Reef takes visitors to the mysterious waters of the Coral Sea. And, the zoo is home to the country's premier herpetarium, the Museum of Living Art (MOLA).

Rahr and Sons Brewing Company

701 Galveston Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: (817) 810-9266
Region: Near Southside
Doors are open to the public every Wednesday from 5:00pm-7:30pm and every Saturday from 1:00-3:00pm. A tour of the brewery and a Rahr & Sons pint glass are included for only \$10, and, as

Nightlife

Four Day Weekend

312 Houston Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102-7425
Phone: (817) 226-4329
Region: Downtown
Four Day Weekend is a comedy troupe that performs a live public show consisting of sketches, scenes, and songs created from audience suggestions and participation. Completely improvised each Friday and Saturday night, the performance is an interactive experience that encourages the audience to play a role in the hilarity.

Cantina Cadillac

124 W Exchange Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 625-6622
Region: Stockyards/Northside
"Home of the pro rodeo cowboy", the Cantina Cadillac offers dancing, pool and the best drink specials in Ft. Worth.

Coyote Drive-in Theater

223 NE 4th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76164
Phone: (817) 717-7767
Region: Downtown
Coyote Drive-In was founded in 2011 by four guys who were longing for a great way to leave the

always, the beer samples are free (only guests 21 years or older get to taste the beer).

Sundance Square

Downtown Fort Worth
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: (817) 255-5700
Region: Downtown
Downtown Fort Worth has gained a reputation as one of the country's liveliest urban settings. The 35-square-block Sundance Square entertainment district is home to restaurants, live music clubs, theatres, shops, exciting nightlife and the beautiful Bass Performance Hall, named as one of the top 10 opera houses in the world.

rat race and constant connectivity behind. They envisioned a simple place to escape the chaos and hang out with friends and family. Enjoy a cold one together. Admire the stars shining bright up above.

Magnolia Motor Lounge

3005 Morton Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Phone: (817) 332-3344
Region: West Seventh
Magnolia Motor Lounge is a fun watering hole with an automotive-inspired décor. The lineup of creative (and creatively named) burgers, sandwiches and salads includes a kid's menu.

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar

621 Houston Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: (817) 335-7383
Region: Downtown
Pete's Dueling Piano Bar is known for singing loud and proud across the great state of Texas. At Pete's Dueling Piano Bar, you are the entertainment. It's your singing and laughing and clapping and dancing that causes that infectious excitement inside everyone each night, and keeps you coming back.

Poag Mahones

700 Carroll Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 420-6355

Region: Cultural District Irish pub in Fort Worth offers more than 100 beers and a casual atmosphere.

Reservoir

1001 Foch Street

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Phone: (817) 334-0560

Region: West Seventh

The eclectic menu at this gastropub/sports bar integrates food and drink in imaginative dishes: chicken tossed in whiskey-barbecue sauce, steak marinated in beer, and brick-oven pizzas smeared with vodka-tomato sauce.

Scat Jazz Lounge

111 W 4th Street

Sundance Square, Street 11

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 870-9100

Region: Downtown

Located in the heart of downtown, Scat is a live music venue showcasing some of the best local, regional, and national talent with a primary focus on traditional jazz.

The Usual

1408 Magnolia Avenue

Fort Worth, TX 76104

Phone: (817) 810-0114

Region: Near Southside

The interior of The Usual is unique and not something Fort Worth has seen before. Clean lined woods give a rustically modern look that are complemented by hints of silver and white for a slightly mod look. The uniqueness extends to the bar menu as well, with specialized drinks that focus on Prohibition Era cocktails.

Grocery Stores

Albertsons

3563 Alton Road

817-548-1415

Central Market

4651 West Freeway

817-989-4700

Tom Thumb

3000 South Hulen Street

817-570-2950

Whole Foods

3720 Vision Dr

682-316-8040

Trader Joes

2701 South Hulen Street

817-922-9107

SHOPPING AREAS

University Park Village

1612 S University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 332-5700

Hulen Mall

4800 S Hulen Street, Fort Worth, TX 76132

817-294-1200

The Shops at ClearFork

5188 Monahans Ave

Fort Worth, TX 76109

(817) 985-3773

Household Shopping

Bed, Bath, and Beyond

4931 Overton Ridge Blvd

Phone: (817) 292-4696

Costco Wholesale

5300 Overton Ridge Blvd

Phone: (817) 210-0003

Home Depot

4850 SW Loop 820 BI R

Phone: (817) 737-9220

Hulen Mall

4800 S Hulen Street
Phone: (817) 294-1200

Target

301 Carroll St, Fort Worth
Phone: (817) 302-0290

Ikea

1000 Ikea Way, Grand Prairie
Phone: (888) 888-4532

Walmart

6300 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth
Phone: (817) 263-4065