



# INCOMING STUDENTS HANDBOOK

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- Packing List:

Dress/Clothes				
Item	Qty	Buy From	Comment	
T-Shirts	10+	India		
Shirt – Casual	4	India		
Shirt – Formal	2	India		
Coat and Suit – Formal	1	India	Coat and Suit are expensive in US compared to India	
Shorts/ 3/4ths	5	India		
Pants	2 to 4	India		
Jeans	4	India		
Belts	2	India	Leather is expensive in US	
Socks	5+	India		
Formal Shoes	1 Pair	India		
Winter Wear		US	Don't buy winter wear in India. Sweater, Jackets, are cheap during sale.	
Sports Shoes	1 Pair (comfortable)	US/India	Get comfortable shoes from India or you can buy them from here.	
Sandals / FlipFlops	1 Pair	India	Get a pair for daily use	
Wallet	1	India	Get a new one before you come and keep a spare in case.	



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## Personal Care

Item	Qty	Buy From	Comment
Tooth Brush	2 pkt (8-10)	India	Toothbrushes are expensive in the US (2 for \$5)
Shaving Kit	1	India	Bring what you are using now (get extra blades)
After Shave	1	India	Bring what you are using now, if not buy in US
Soap	1	US	One soap to use for the first few days.
Wash Detergent	No	US	Please don't carry detergents from India. You are wasting your space/weight.
Combs	1 or 2	India	
Hair Oil	50 to 200ml	India	Pack it well, so it doesn't leak.
Nail cutter	1	India	Pack in Check-In Bag
Small scissors	1	India	Pack in Check-In Bag
Safety pins. Sewing kit	1	India	Pack in Check-In Bag. Can be handy sometimes.
Shampoo	No	US	Get it in USA. Avoid any cosmetics product. Cheap and saves weight.
Towels	2	India	1 – Thick cotton towels. 1 towel light in weight.
Napkin/Handkerchiefs	10	India	Depending on your use.
Perfume – Deodorant	1	India	You can get it here for cheap after you run out. (Don't carry more than 100ml in Carry on)
Tooth Paste	1	India	Get a small one. Similar brands available Colgate, Close-up, but it will taste different.
Blanket	1	India	Get a basic one from India. You can buy a bed set from the US.
Shawl / Cotton Throw	1	India	Get a basic one from India if you need.



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Pillow	2	US	Pillow costs \$4 in Walmart
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Stationary/Office Supplies			
Item	Qty	Buy From	Comment
Back Pack	1 or 2	India	1 for college books and one as a carry on backpack
Alarm Clock	1	India	You can get one from India if needed
Pens	2 pkts	India	
Pencil	1 box	India	Get some pen, pencil, highlighter, but you can find them in plenty here.
Glue (Feviquicks and Fevisticks)	5 to 10	India	2-3 Fevisticks and 10-12 Feviquicks (Helps a lot in emergencies)
Cello Tape	2 to 3	India	
Notebooks	No	US	You can get cheap notebooks from Walmart/Target (Saves a lot of weight)
Paper-Clips, U Pins	1 box	India	
Stapler	1	India	Get extra stapler pins
Highlighters	1 pkt	India	
Permanent Marker	1	India	
White Board Markers	2 to 3	India	
Erasers/Sharpeners	4 to 5	India	
Pen Stand	1	India	
Calculator	1	India	Scientific calculators look different in the US.



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## Kitchen/Cooking

Item	Qty	Buy From	Comment
Pressure Cooker	1 (3 to 7 lts)	India	Don't forget to bring a pressure cooker, also get extra valves/rings.
Rice		US	Do not get Rice from India
Dal		US	Do not get Dal from India (You can find almost all variety in Indian Stores)
Elachi, Clove, Cinnamon and other spices	Few	India	
Garam Masala	1	India	
Chili Powder	1-2 kgs	India	Available in Indian Grocery Store in USA
Indian Spices	1-2 kgs	India	Get from India as per your need
Indian Spice Seeds	No	US	Do not get any seeds from India. Available in Indian stores
Indian Ready Spices	As per need	India	You can get Everest/Badshah or other spices from India
Frying Pans	2	India	You can get one or 2 pans (preferably non stick) that are light in weight. Set of pan cost \$30 in the US
Knives	2	US/India	
Cooking Spoons	1 or 2	India	
Spoons, Forks	1 set	India	Get a few for initial use
Cutting Board	1	US	Do not get from India
Cups and Bowls	1 set	US	You can buy a dinner set from Walmart. Don't carry it from



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			India its additional weight.
Plates	1	US/India	Plates will be used in Microwave (no steel). You can bring 1 plate for initial use, but don't bring more than one.
Peeler	1	India	
Instant Food Packets	As per need	India	
Mugs	1	India	
Scrubs, Sponges	3 to 5	India	
Glasses	1 or 2	India	You can get Steel or plastic. Do not get glass
Tongs	1	India	

Document Checklist	
Passport	Original + 10 copies
Visa	Original + 10 copies
I-20	Original + 10 copies
Flight Tickets	Original + 5 copies
Vaccination Records	Original + 5 copies
Covid-19 Reports	Original + 5 copies
Marksheets	Original + 5 copies
Transcripts	Original + 5 copies
Degree Certificate	Original + 5 copies
Drivers License	Original
International Drivers License	Original
GRE, TOEFL Scorecards	Original



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SOP, LOR	Original
Recommendation Letters	Original
Loan/Financial aid Documents	Original + 5 copies



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## Packing Tips

1. Make a priority list and pack according to the list.
2. First Things First. Give high priority to Documents.
3. **Get TSA Locks or Bags with attached TSA locks (Very Important!!)**
4. **Get a prescription for all the medicines. Keep copies in each bag and original in hand baggage.**
5. **Keep PDF copies of all documents on the phone and cloud.**
6. **Create a copy of the set of documents and keep it in all bags.**
7. Avoid getting pulses, rice, dal, flour, seeds etc. as they might create an issue during the customs and immigration section.
8. For Fragile items, wrap it with clothes.
9. Remove the tags from new dress/clothes.
10. Insert clothes and dress into empty vessels if you are running out of space.
11. Tie a colorful ribbon on the suitcase handle. Makes it easy to identify your suitcase in the baggage claim area.
12. Put identification marks and labels outside the bags apart from this, the airlines will also provide you with adhesive labels.



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- Housing Options:

1. **UTDallas Housing Options:**

- ❖ **University Commons**
- ❖ **University Village**
- ❖

2. **West-Side Housing Options:**

- ❖ Estates on Frankford/ Pearl
- ❖ Chatham courts and reflections
- ❖ Ashwood Park Apartments
- ❖ Courtyard at Campbell
- ❖ Palencia

3. **East-Side Housing Options:**

- ❖ Northside
- ❖ Marquis at Waterview Pradera
- ❖ Estates on Richardson
- ❖ Prairie Creek Villas/Homes of Prairie Springs

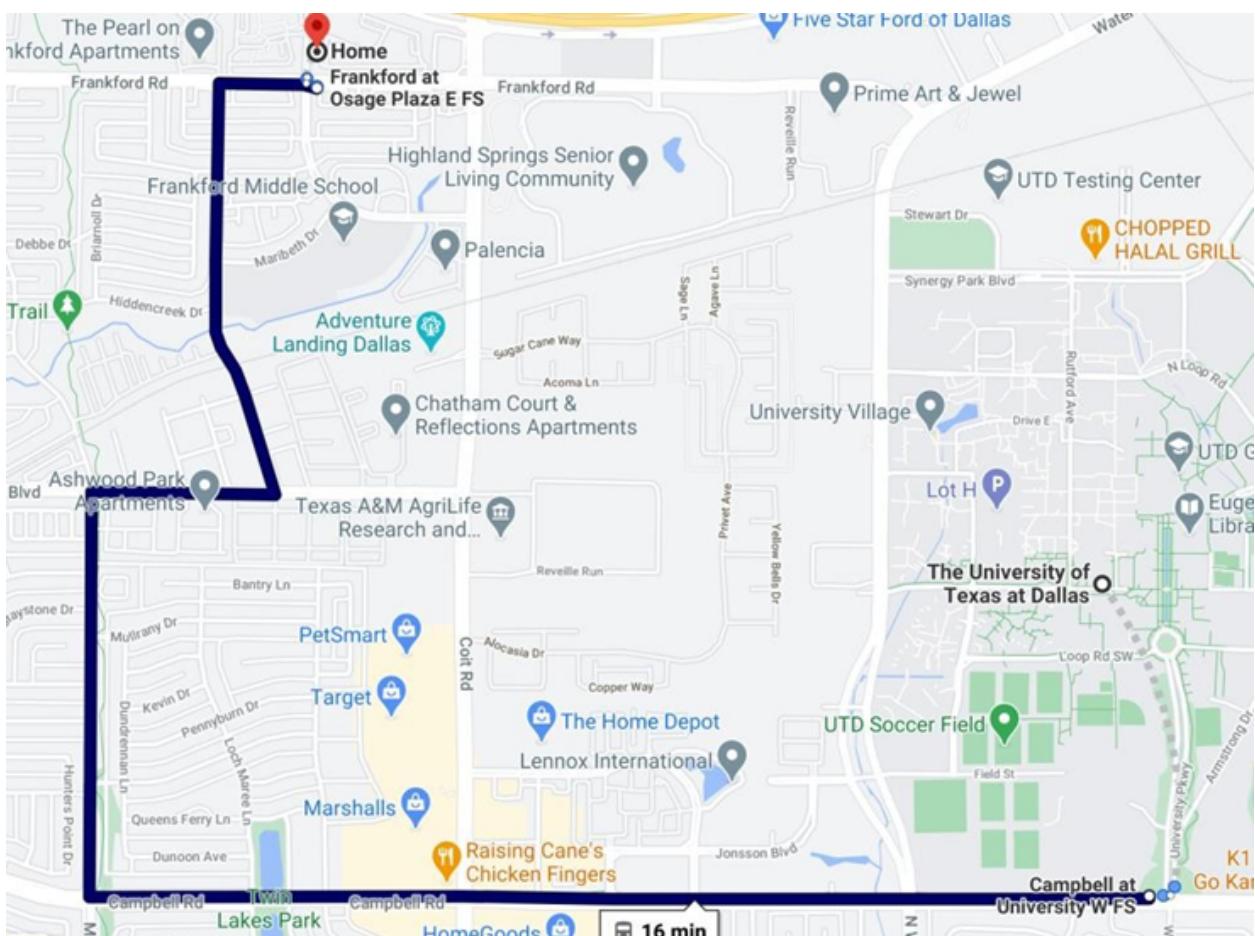


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## West-Side Housing Options

## **1. Estates on Frankford/ Pearl**

## Bus Route



## Time by UTD bus

- 16 minutes from UTD to Frankford
  - 12-14 minutes from Frankford to UTD

## Bus frequency

- Every 12 minutes from UTD visitor centre (Weekdays 7am – 11pm)



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- On Fridays and Sundays, UTD bus goes to Walmart
- On Saturdays (7am-11pm) frequency is every 30 minutes
- On Sundays (10am-6pm) frequency is every 30 minutes

## Stores in Bus Route

1. Braums (milk and dairy products)
2. Sprouts (fruits, vegetables, groceries)
3. Tom thumb (it's a small supermarket)
4. Restaurants (masala wok, starbucks, Qdoba, Canes, subway)
5. Staples (Stationary)
6. Target (Supermarket)
7. Ross (clothing)
8. Marshalls (clothing and other items)
9. Greatclips (haircut)
10. K-mart (Indian groceries)
11. Tikka and kebab
12. Swadeshi (You have to walk for 5 minutes after getting off at McCallum car wash)

## Stores in vicinity

1. 7-eleven
2. Walmart (20 min walk)
3. Chipotle (20 min walk)
4. Starbucks (20 min walk)
5. McDonalds (20 min walk)

## Rent

- \$1400 - \$1700 (both Pearl and Estates) – 2bhk apartments
- These both are gated communities with lots of amenities



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1. Swimming Pool
2. Gym
3. Basketball courts
4. Tennis courts

## Website

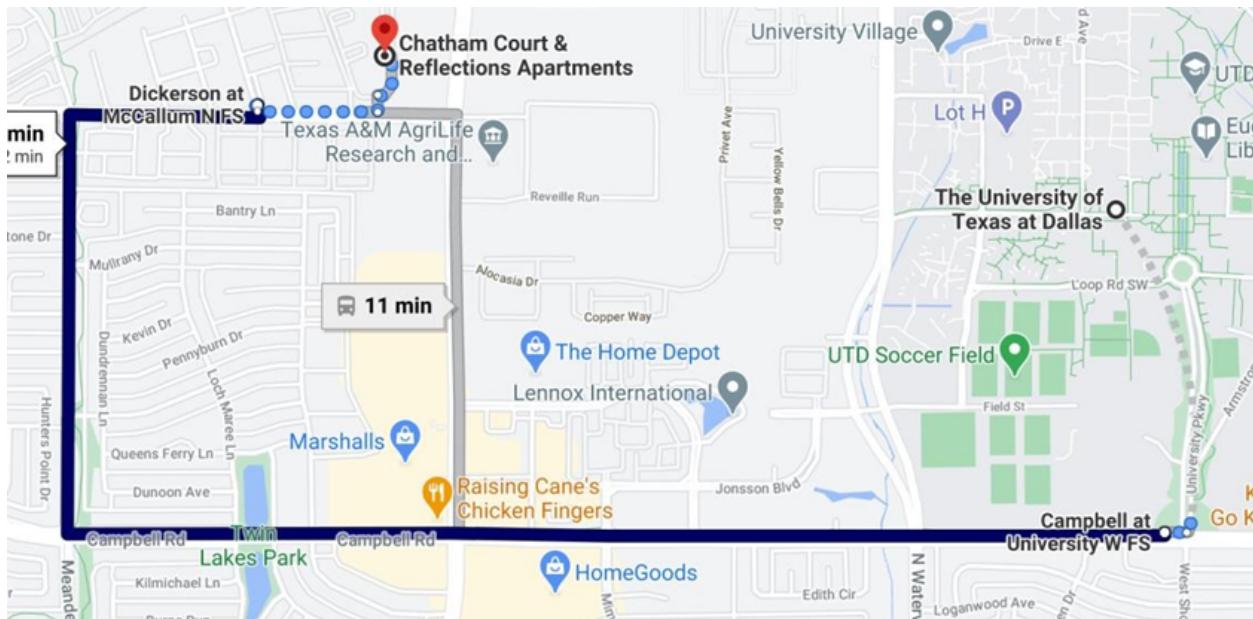
Estates on Frankford -

<https://www.rentanapt.com/apartments/tx/dallas/estates-on-frankford/>

Pearl- <https://www.thepearlonfrankford.com/>

## 2. Chatham courts and reflections

### Bus route



### Time by UTD bus

- 12-15 minutes from UTD to Chatham
- 12-15 minutes from Chatham to UTD

### Bus frequency



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- Every 12 minutes from UTD visitor centre (Weekdays 7am – 11pm)
- On Fridays and Sundays, UTD bus goes to Walmart
- On Saturdays (7am-11pm) , frequency is 12 minutes
- On Sundays (10am-6pm)

## Stores in Bus route

1. Braums (milk and dairy products)
2. Sprouts (fruits, vegetables, groceries)
3. Tom thumb (it's a small supermarket)
4. Restaurants (masala wok, starbucks, Qdoba, Canes, subway)
5. Staples (Stationary)
6. Target (Supermarket)
7. Ross (clothing)
8. Marshalls (clothing and other items)
9. Supercuts (haircut)
10. K-mart (Indian groceries)
11. Tikka and kebab

## Stores in vicinity

1. K-mart
2. Tikka and kebab
3. Valero store
4. Swadeshi (5 minutes' walk)

## Rent

Rent is about \$900-\$1200, for 1 and 2 Bhk. Amenities such as swimming pool and gym are present.

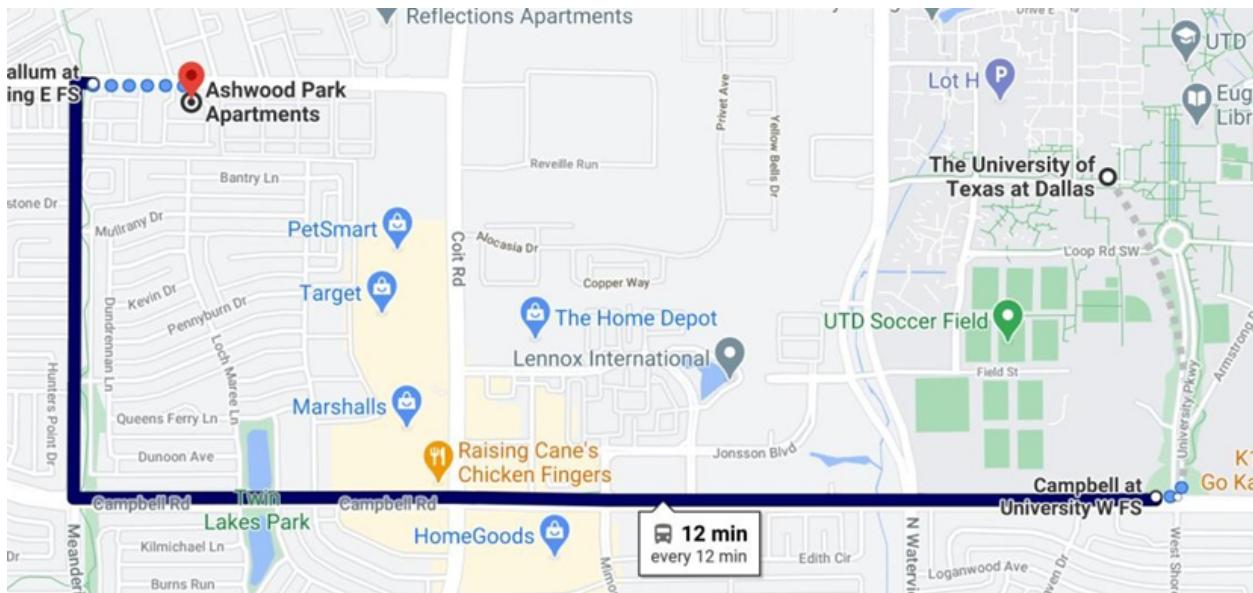
Website: [Chatham Court & Reflections | Apartments in Dallas, TX \(chathamcourt-reflections.com\)](http://Chatham Court & Reflections | Apartments in Dallas, TX (chathamcourt-reflections.com))



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## 3. Ashwood Park Apartments

### Bus route



### Time by UTD bus

- 10-12 minutes from UTD to Ashwood
- 15-18 minutes from Ashwood to UTD

### Bus frequency

- Every 12 minutes from UTD visitor centre (Weekdays 7am – 11pm)
- On Saturdays (7am-11pm) frequency is every 12 minutes
- On Sundays (10am-6pm) and Fridays, Bus goes to Walmart

### Stores in Bus route

1. Braums (milk and dairy products)
2. Sprouts (fruits, vegetables, groceries)
3. Tom thumb (it's a small supermarket)
4. Restaurants (masala wok, starbucks, Qdoba, Canes, subway)



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5. Staples (Stationary)
6. Target (Supermarket)
7. Ross (clothing)
8. Marshalls (clothing and other items)
9. Supercuts (haircut)
10. K-mart (Indian groceries)
11. Tikka and kebab

## Stores in vicinity

1. Swadeshi
2. India Mart (Indian groceries)
3. K-mart (5 minutes' walk)
4. Tikka and kebab (5 minutes' walk)

## Rent

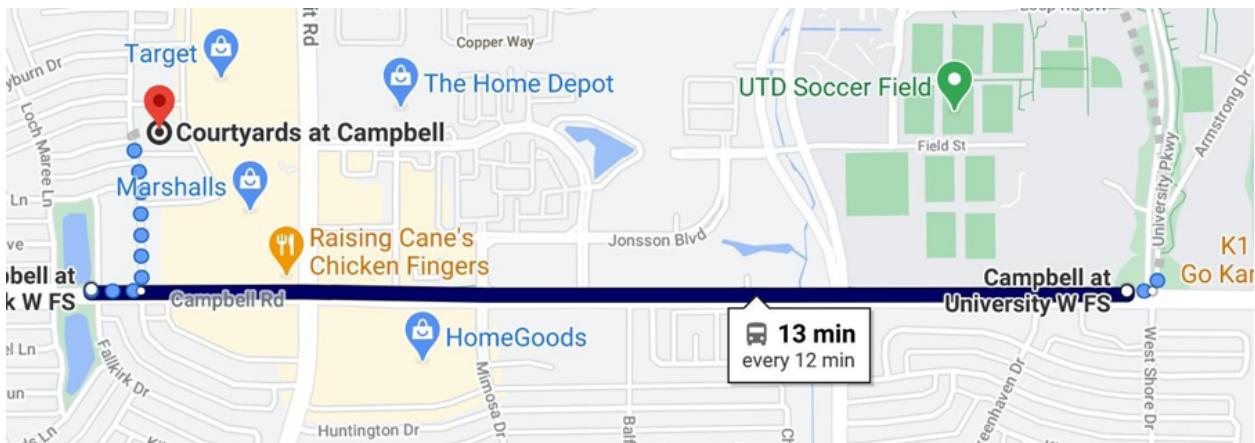
Rent is \$800-\$1200. Amenities include Gym, Swimming Pool.

Website:

[Ashwood Park Apartments - Located in Dallas, TX 75252 \(myashwoodpark.com\)](http://myashwoodpark.com)

## 4. Courtyard at Campbell

### Bus route





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## Time by UTD bus

- 8-10 minutes from UTD to Courtyards
- 10-12 minutes from Courtyards to UTD

## Bus frequency

- Every 12 minutes from UTD visitor centre (Weekdays 7am – 11pm)
- On Saturdays (7am-11pm) frequency is every 12 minutes.
- On Sundays (10am-6pm), Bus goes to Walmart

## Stores in Bus route

1. Braums (milk and dairy products)
2. Sprouts (fruits, vegetables, groceries)
3. Tom thumb (it's a small supermarket)
4. Restaurants (masala wok, starbucks, Qdoba, Canes, subway)
5. Staples (Stationary)
6. Target (Supermarket)
7. Ross (clothing)
8. Marshalls (clothing and other items)
9. Supercuts (haircut)
10. K-mart (Indian groceries)
11. Tikka and kebab
12. Swadeshi
13. K-Mart

## Stores in vicinity

1. Sprouts (fruits, vegetables, groceries)
2. Tom thumb (it's a small supermarket)
3. Restaurants (masala wok, starbucks, Qdoba, Canes, subway)
4. Staples (Stationary)
5. Target (Supermarket)
6. Ross (clothing)
7. Marshalls (clothing and other items)



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## 8. Supercuts (haircut)

### Rent

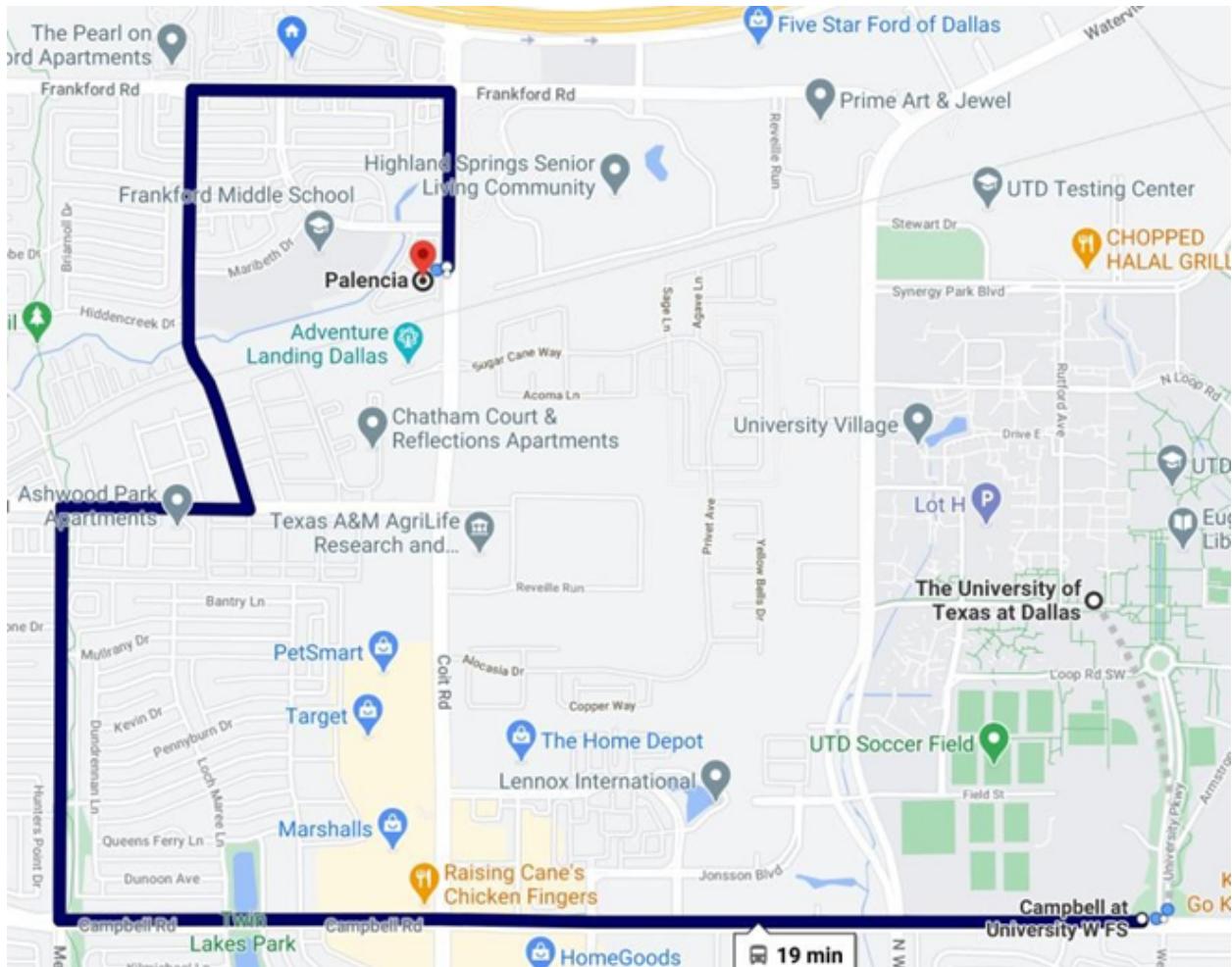
Rent is around \$1000-\$1600 for 1 and 2Bhk. Amenities such as Swimming pool, gym are present.

### Website:

[MAA Highlands North | Luxury Apartments Dallas | MAA \(maac.com\)](http://MAA Highlands North | Luxury Apartments Dallas | MAA (maac.com))

## 5. Palencia Apartments

### Bus Route





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## Time from UTD by Bus

It takes about 16-18 minutes to reach Palencia from UTD. 10 minutes from Palencia to UTD.

## Bus Frequency

- Every 12 minutes from UTD Visitor Centre (Weekdays 7 Am- 11 Pm)
- Saturdays (7am – 11 Pm)- Every 12 minutes
- Sundays( 10am- 6Pm)- To go to Walmart from Palencia, you'll have to either walk till Frankford bus stop or go to the University and board the bus from there.

## Stores in Bus Route

1. Target
2. Chase Bank
3. Staples
4. Marshalls
5. Ross
6. Tom Thumb
7. Braums
8. Sprouts
9. Restaurants (Subway, Tikka and kebab, Masala Wok, Chili's, Starbucks)

## Rent

Rent is approximately \$1000-\$1500 depending on the size of the apartment. Amenities such as swimming pool, gym are present

## Website:

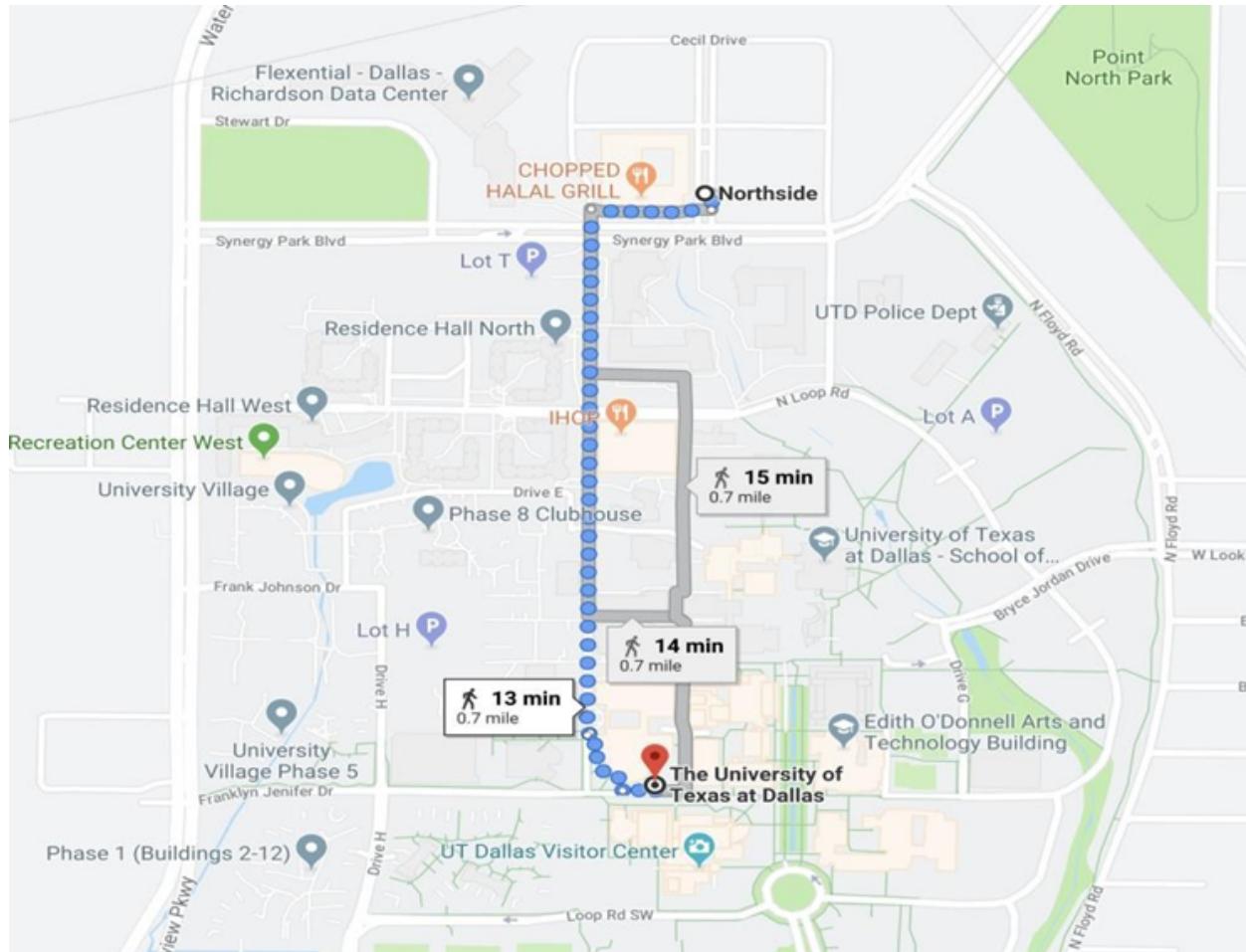
[Palencia | Apartments in Dallas, TX \(palencialiving.com\)](http://palencialiving.com)



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## East-Side Housing Options

### 1. Northside Apartments



#### Time for commute

- 5-8 min from Northside to Campus by bus
- 5 min from Campus to Northside by bus
- 2-3 min by comet cab
- 13-15 min by walk to get to the heart of the campus

#### Transport frequency



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- Bus - Available every 30 min from UTD visitor center(Mondays through Saturdays: 7am- 11pm and Sundays: 10am-6pm)
- Comet Cab - Take cab named “Rutherford North” which is as frequent as every 10-15 min made available outside Activity Center Side entrance and UTD Test Center

## **Stores in Vicinity**

- 7-11 Store(Open 24/7)
- Pinto Urban Thai Diner(Thai food)
- Chopped Halal Grill(Mediterranean food)
- Jimmy Johns(Subway-types food)
- Northside Drafthouse & Eatery(Restrobar)
- American TapRoom(Restrobar)

## **Stores in University**

1. I-Hop(American Breakfast Joint)
2. Papa John's
3. Chick-fila(Fast-Food joint)
4. The Pub(University Dining)
5. Moe's(Mexican food)
6. Panda Express(Chinese food)
7. Smashed(Healthy food)
8. Subway
9. Zatar(Mediterranean food)
10. Starbucks
11. FedEx services
12. Einsteins Bagels and Bros.

## **Rent**

- Rent starts from about 450\$-1200\$ per person
- The Rent includes every utility like water, cable, Wifi and trash. It's only exclusive of Electricity charges.



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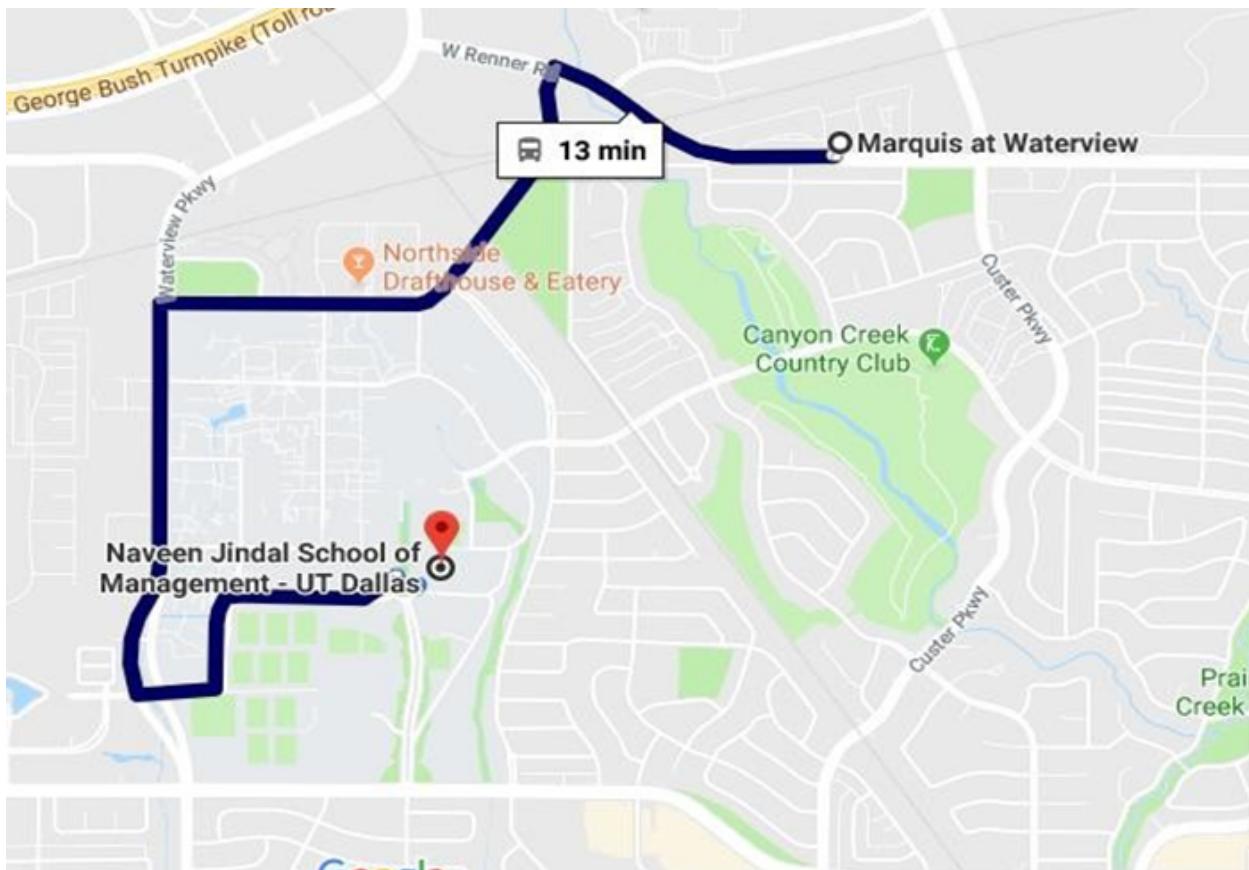
- Pricy but provides the cost benefit that is expected.
- 1. Study Rooms and Conference Rooms
- 2. Two-storey Gym with an outdoor HIIT equipment facility.
- 3. Clubhouses equipped with poker tables, TT, Pool and amenities
- 4. Skylounge - Room equipped to host private parties
- 5. Media Room - Cable TV and HDMI connectable
- 6. Swimming Pool, BBQ stations and Volley-Ball courts
- 7. Regular events hosted by the Management
- 8. Multi-storey Car parking facilities
- 9. Dog Park

Website : <https://www.liveatnortsid.com/>



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## 2. Marquis at Waterview



### Time to commute

20 mins. From Marqis to UTD BusStop and vice versa

### Transport Facility

- UTD 883 Dart Bus every 30 minutes
- First bus at 7:00am and last bus at 11:00pm from college
- On Sundays first bus is at 10am

### Stores in bus route

- Same as Northside

### Stores in vicinity

- Tom Thumb



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- Wendys
- Supercuts
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Tasty egg roll
- Shell gas station
- Chase Bank

## Rent

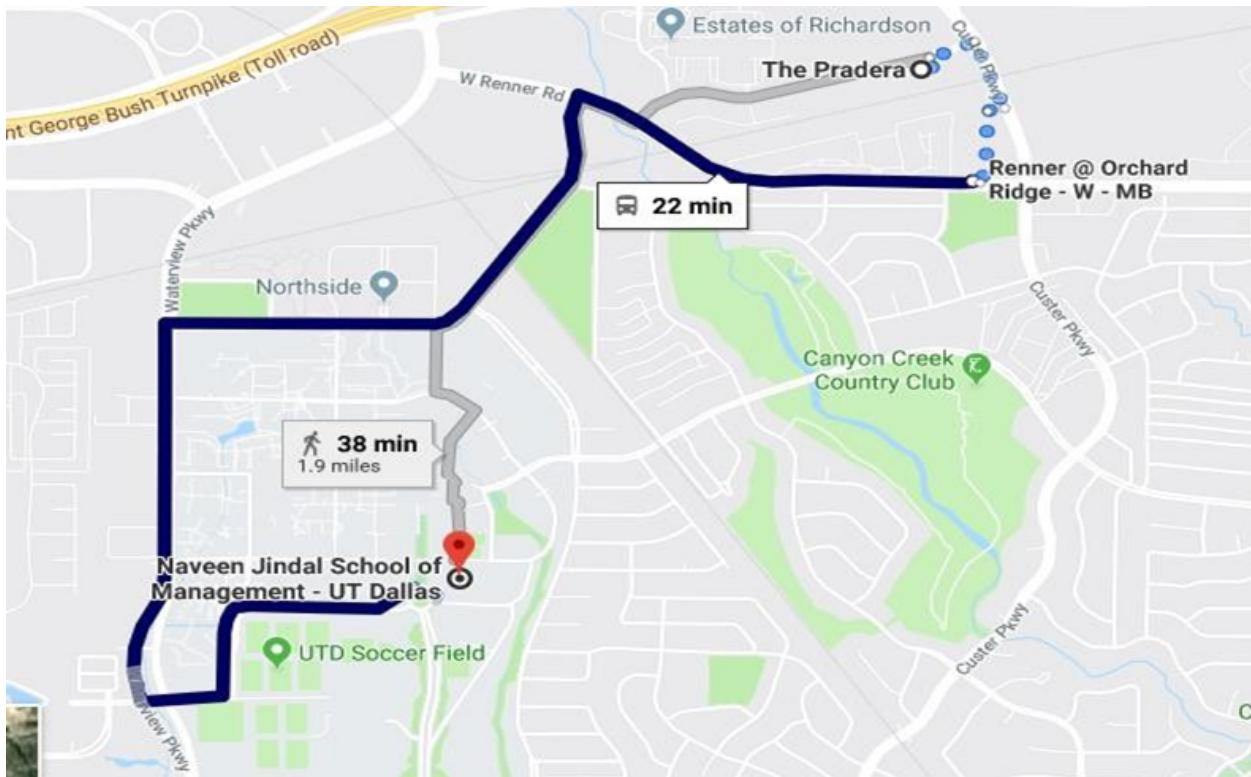
- Approx \$1600 and up for a 2b2b
- Community amenities
  - Gated Access
  - Tennis court
  - Basketball court and Gymnesium
  - Sauna
  - Swimming pool
  - Club house

**Website:** <https://www.cwsapartments.com/marquis-at-waterview-richardson-tx/>



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### 3. The Pradera



#### Time to commute

20 mins. From Pradera to UTD BusStop and vice versa

#### Transport Facility

- UTD 883 Dart Bus every 30 minutes
- First bus at 7:00am and last bus at 11:00pm from college
- On Sundays first bus is at 10am

#### Stores in bus route

- Same as Northside

#### Stores in vicinity

- Tom Thumb
- Wendys
- Supercuts
- Starbucks



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- Subway
- Tasty egg roll
- Shell gas station
- Chase Bank

## Rent

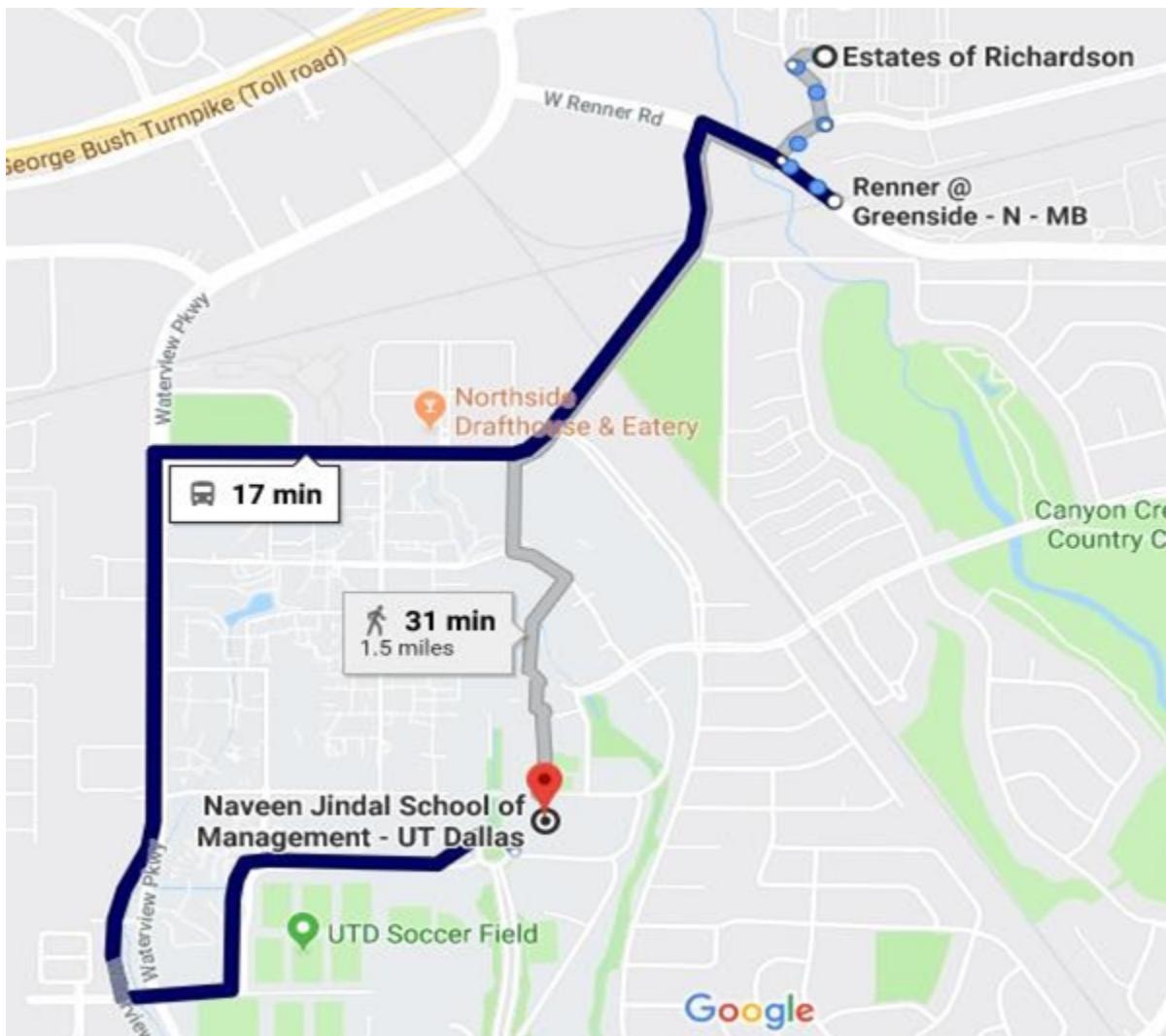
- Approx \$1600 and up for a 2b2b
- Community amenities
  - Tennis court
  - Basketball court Gymnesium
  - Sauna
  - Swimming pool
  - Club house
  - Gated access

**Website:** <https://www.thepradera.com/>



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## 4. Estates on Richardson



### Time to commute

20 mins. From Estates on Richardson to UTD BusStop and vice versa

### Transport Facility

- UTD 883 Dart Bus every 30 minutes
- First bus at 7:00am and last bus at 11:00pm from college
- On Sundays, first bus is at 10am

### Stores in bus route



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- Same as Northside

## Stores in vicinity

- Tom Thumb
- Wendys
- Supercuts
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Tasty egg roll
- Shell gas station
- Chase Bank

## Rent

- Approx \$1700 and up for a 2b2b
- Community amenities
  - Swimming Pool
  - Two 24-Hour Fitness Centers with Kick/Speed Bags
  - Yoga Room with Wellbeats
  - Virtual Reality Golf and Sports
  - Indoor Basketball Court
  - Indoor Racquetball Court
  - Lighted Tennis Court
  - Gated community

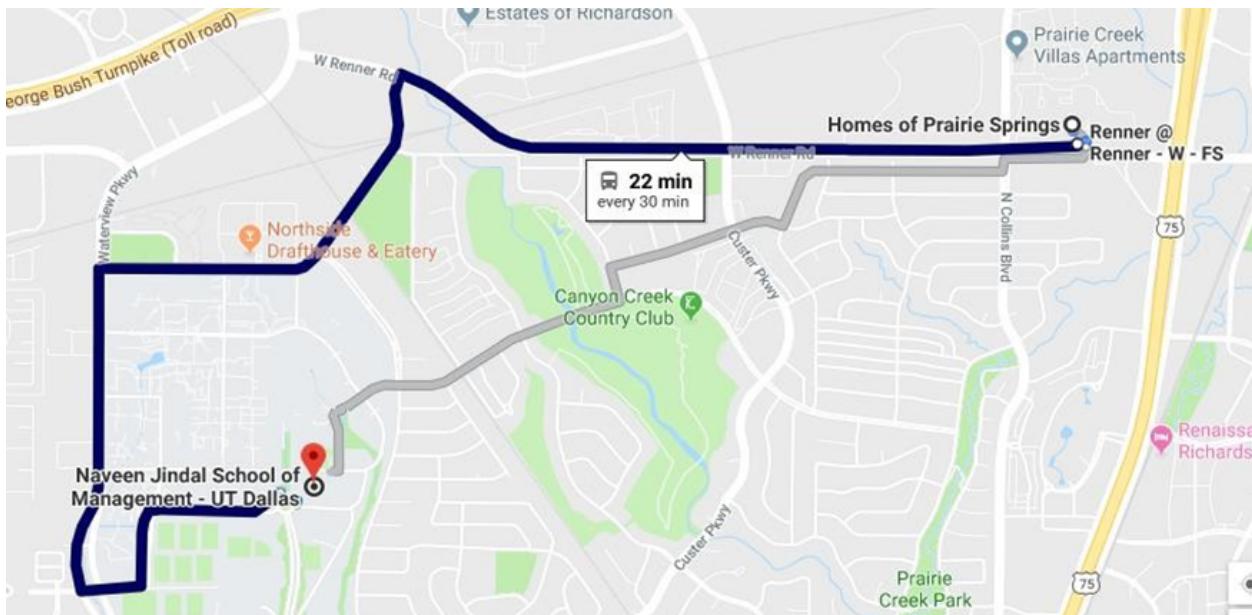
## Website:

<https://www.rentanapt.com/apartments/tx/richardson/estates-of-richardson/>



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## 5. Prairie Creek Villas/Homes of Prairie Springs



### Time to commute

22 mins. From Homes of Prairie Springs to UTD BusStop and 27 mins from UTD to Homes of Prairie springs.

### Transport facility

- UTD 883 Dart Bus every 30 minutes
- First bus at 7:00am and last bus at 11:00pm from college
- On Sunday's first bus is at 10am

### Stores in Bus Route

- Same as Northside
- Tom Thumb
- Wendys
- Supercuts
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Tasty egg roll
- Shell gas station



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- Chase Bank

## **Stores in vicinity**

- Collin Creek Mall

## **Rent**

- Approx \$1700 and up for a 2b2b
- Community amenities
  - Swimming Pool
  - Gymnasium
  - Jogging trail
  - Gated community
  - Dry cleaning services

**Website:** <https://cortland.com/apartments/cortland-prairie-creek/>



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## Electric Providers

### TOP 10 ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS IN DALLAS AREA:

**Gexa Energy:**

[100% Green Electricity Plans For Your Home | Gexa Energy](#)

**TXU Energy:**

[Shop.TXU.com](#)

**Reliant Energy:**

[Shop | Reliant Energy | Texas Electricity](#)

**Constellation:**

[Compare Plans | OrderConstellation.com](#)

**4changeenergy:**

[Cheap Electricity Rates and Plans | 4Change Energy](#)

**Frontier Utilities:**

[Frontier Utilities](#)

**Pulse Power:**

[Pulse Power | Texas retail electricity provider | Low Electricity Rates \(pulsepowertexas.com\)](#)

**Just Energy:**

[Just400 Advantage Plan - Just Energy](#)

**Express Energy:**

[Texas Electricity Fast | Express Energy \(myexpressenergy.com\)](#)



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**Ambit Energy:**

[Electricity and Gas Provider | Ambit Energy](#)

**Network Providers**

**AT&T:**

[AT&T PREPAID | Prepaid Phones & Plans with No Annual Contract \(att.com\)](#)

**T-Mobile:**

[Prepaid Phone Plans, Hotspot Plans, Smartphones & More | T-Mobile Prepaid](#)

**Google fi(Cheap and best for groups greater than 2 people):**

[Unlimited, Flexible & Group Cell Phone Plans & Rates - Google Fi](#)

**Mint Mobile:**

[Mint Mobile | Wireless that's Easy, Online, \\$15 Bucks a Month](#)

**Verizon:**

[Best Prepaid Phones, Plans & Mobile Hotspots | Verizon](#)

**LYCAMOBILE(Beginner friendly):**

[The Best Data Plans And Sim Only Deals – Lycamobile USA](#)

**Cricket:**

[Prepaid Phones: No Contract Cell Phone Plans | Cricket Wireless](#)



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- University Services

## 1. Office Of Admissions and Enrollment

For any questions regarding your enrollment, documents submission, contact them through their website <https://enroll.utdallas.edu/> or it is located in the Student Services Building across from the Activity Center, and is most easily accessible from parking lot J.

Email: admission@utdallas.edu

Phone: 1-972-883-2599

Walk-in hours: Monday- Friday (9 a.m.- 4p.m.)

## 2. Bursar Office

For queries relating to assessment and collection of tuition and fees and departmental deposits for the university. Visit their website <https://bursar.utdallas.edu/> or

Email: bursar@utdallas.edu

Phone: 1-972-883-2612

Hours: Monday – Friday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

## 3. Office of Financial Aid

If you have doubts or need assistance on financial aid. The Office of Financial Aid is here to assist you as you navigate the financial aid process. <https://finaid.utdallas.edu/> or Email: financial-aid@utdallas.edu

Phone: 1-972-883-2941

Hours: Monday – Friday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)



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## 4. Comet Card Office

Get your student identity as soon as you can at the Comet Card Office, students can pick up their Comet Card, purchase discount tickets to venues and events, passport photos, postage stamps and more. Visit <https://cometcard.utdallas.edu/> or

Email: cometcard@utdallas.edu

Phone: 1-972-883-2495

Hours: Monday to Friday (9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.)

## 5. Career Management Center

When in doubt regarding your path the career center has all your answers from insightful webinars and seminars to guidance to build your resume and applying to internships and more visit, <https://jindal.utdallas.edu/career-management-center/> or Email: jindal.career@utdallas.edu

Phone: 1-972- 883-6916.

## 6. Student Success Center

The Student Success Center (SSC) is your portal to achieving academic success at UT Dallas. Whether you are seeking review sessions, tutoring, or other approaches for academic support, our team makes every effort to assist students in meeting their academic goals across a wide variety of subject areas.

Email: studentaccess@utdallas.edu.

Link: <https://studentsuccess.utdallas.edu/>

## 7. Student Health Center

The Student Health Center (SHC) provides primary and preventative care to currently enrolled students who have paid the medical services fee along with their tuition. Our caring staff of



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licensed medical providers is committed to keeping the UTD community healthy and believes that health and wellness information complement the academic success of students. To learn more, visit <https://studenthealthcenter.utdallas.edu/>

Student Services Building 4th floor

Phone: 1-972- 883-6916 (office)

1-972-883-2069 (fax)

Email: [healthcen@utdallas.edu](mailto:healthcen@utdallas.edu)

## 8. International Cultural Programs

Internationalization at home is an essential part of university life, where cultures, values, languages and art come together in one place on a daily basis. Intercultural Programs (ICP) invites you to embrace any of the institutional opportunities to Be Globally Engaged.

The mission of ICP is to lead the university community in opportunities that foster global engagement by:

- Generating experiences that promote, develop and enhance intercultural competence.
- Supporting the integration of international students into campus life.

Email: [icprograms@utdallas.edu](mailto:icprograms@utdallas.edu)

Link: <https://icp.utdallas.edu/>

## 9. Comet Cupboard

The Comet Cupboard is a UT Dallas food pantry initiative dedicated to helping students in need. Its primary mission is to provide necessary food and personal care items to members of the UT Dallas community, but its impact reaches much further. The Comet Cupboard is located in MC 1.604, in the basement of the McDermott Library. To learn more, visit <https://oue.utdallas.edu/cupboard>



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Phone: 972-883-6613

Email: [cupboard@utdallas.edu](mailto:cupboard@utdallas.edu)

## 10. University Housing

University Housing offers on-campus living options for UT Dallas students who appreciate the comfort of home while being within walking distance to class. To learn more, visit <https://housing.utdallas.edu/>

Phone: 972-882-7430

Email: [housing@utdallas.edu](mailto:housing@utdallas.edu)

## 11. Handshake

Handshake makes Job search easy, may it be on- campus or off- campus and may it be part-time or internship or a full-time opportunity via Handshake you can connect with employers and apply for the job opportunities and all this with the guidance of the CMC professors. Do check their website for more information.

Website: <https://utdallas.joinhandshake.com/>

Email: [careercenter@utdallas.edu](mailto:careercenter@utdallas.edu)

## 12. SUAAB

The Student Union & Activities Advisory Board (SUAAB) is a student programming board that offers a variety of engaging and innovative events that promote student participation and a sense of belonging within the UTD Community to enhance student life.

Website: <https://suaab.utdallas.edu/>

Hours: Monday-Friday (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Location: SSA 13.451



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## 13. Eugene McDermott Library

The Eugene McDermott Library helps you with everything when it comes to studying, from buying books, e-books, interlibrary loans, reserving a study room, multimedia services to Print, Scan, & Copy Services. For more information about their services visit

Website: <https://library.utdallas.edu/>

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8am – 10pm

Friday 8am – 6pm

Saturday and Sunday 11am – 8pm

Phone: 1-972-883-2955

## 14. Comet Cruiser

The Comet Cruiser is a shuttle bus serving UT Dallas and the surrounding community. You do not need any sort of pass or identification to use this bus, but other bus and train routes do require a DART Transit Pass.

To get **DART Pass**, visit: <https://services.utdallas.edu/transit/dart/#students>

For further details: <https://services.utdallas.edu/transit/cruiser/>

Route:



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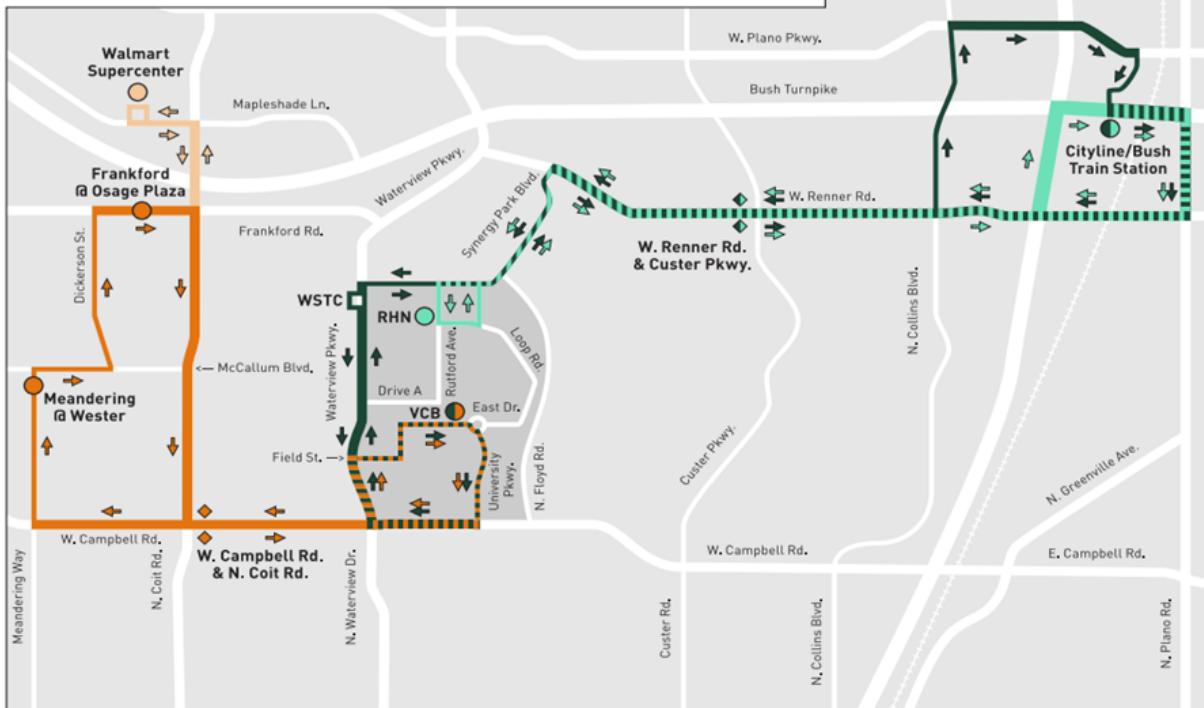
## Comet Cruiser

[www.utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser](http://www.utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser)

- 883 East
- 883 East Express; Only makes Major and Midpoint stops
- 883 West; Monday-Thursday and Saturday
- 883 West Extension; Friday and Sunday

Switch between routes at shared hold points.

Effective August 18, 2021





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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **1. Airport Pickups**

One of the services offered by the Indian Students Association (ISA) is Airport Pickups for Incoming Students. We would be having airport pick-ups for Fall '21 students as well. We will try to provide airport pick-ups for as many students as possible but cannot guarantee this service for every incoming student. The students being selected for this service would be on a random basis and we will try to provide pick-ups for maximum number of students. Students just need to fill out the pick-up forms rolled out by ISA and if he/she is selected for the pick-up, ISA would reach out to him/her regarding the process to be followed next.

### **2. Health Insurance**

Health Insurance is a mandatory thing in the US.

Since health expenses are very costly in the US it is highly recommended by the university to get insurance.

UTD insurance is quite costly because it covers everything related to an individual's health. It is highly recommended to take university insurance and even though you can try third-party insurance you should make sure UT-Dallas's requirements are met and the university should approve the third-party insurance or else you won't be allowed to enroll in any courses.

### **3. Hold on Account?**

To check your hold information:

- a. Log in to the Galaxy portal.
- b. Select Orion Self-Service.
- c. Click "Student Center."

There are many categories in which student accounts can be kept on hold.

- i. Official Transcripts/Degree Certificate Hold: Students must send the Official transcripts along with the University degree certificate Photocopy to UTD.



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This hold can be temporarily removed for one semester by emailing the Admissions Office to enroll for the classes.

- ii. TB Test Hold: Students must get tested for TB before attending any event on On-campus, take a buffer of at least 1 week for TB test and attend Orientation Online if possible.
- iii. Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Hold: Entering students 22 years of age or older by the first day of class for the semester are exempt.

To check about Vaccination details: Orion Self-Service Application center

For more information, please review "What You Need to Know About Meningitis" (PDF).

Any questions regarding Vaccination can be directed to email: [records@utdallas.edu](mailto:records@utdallas.edu)

## **4. To Open Bank Account:**

Check for the banks based on minimum deposit criteria and maintaining balance for Student Account. BB&T and PNC banks do not have minimum balance & direct deposit criteria.

Rest all banks like Chase, BoFA & Wells Fargo have minimum balance & direct deposit Criteria.

Documents Required are Passport, Visa, I-20.

## **5. Housing**

"Off campus housing available on East and west side of campus. UTD shuttle runs on both sides with 30 min frequency on East and 12 min frequency on west from morning 7 AM to evening 11 PM during weekdays. Shuttle runs with 30 min frequency on Saturday and Sundays.

Communities on west sides are Courtyard at Campbell, Ashwood Park, Pearl and Estates on Frankford, Palencia, Chatham Court and on East sides are Northside, Estates of Richardson, Marquis, and Pradera.

Average rent for 1b1b apartment is \$750 - \$1500 and for 2b2b apartment is \$1200 -\$2250. You can connect with respective communities via email.



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If you are sharing a room then per person rent will be between \$300 to \$500 plus utilities (Electricity, Water, Internet) depending upon apartment and community. You can add up to \$150 for other living expenses.

You will receive a non-furnished apartment. Before you move into an apartment you must pay a deposit if asked, set up electricity and insurance, sign lease papers, few communities might ask you to pay rent in advance. You can use a forex card, Credit card or international debit card to pay an amount from India. Community manager will not provide you with keys if any of this is pending.

Check if all the electricity switches and water taps are working and let the community manager when you enter the apartment.”

2. Wi-Fi: You can go for spectrum and AT &T the website link are follows.

<https://www.spectrum.com/internet>

<https://www.att.com/internet/internet-services/>

You can order online spectrum device from INDIA, or you can pick it up once you are here.

3. Water connection: Every community will provide the water connection in your lease they will charge depends upon the uses.

## **6. TUITION FEE.**

### **TYPE OF TUITION FEE PLAN – VARIABLE AND FIXED PLAN.**

In variable plan there will be change in the basic fee structure each year (may go up or down) on the other hand fixed plan will have fixed rate and usually increase every year.

Preferred plan for Graduate student – Variable Plan as the course duration is lesser than undergraduate course.

Payment deadline for fall semester 2021.



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The bursar office will send out the emails to all the students regarding this. It will start somewhere around mid July 2021 and you need to pay the fee before the census date .

You can always use this link to know and understand more about the tuition plans.

<https://bursar.utdallas.edu/tuition/tuition-estimates/>

If a graduate student gets a TA/RA then is the fees for that semester also reduced with it as scholarship?

Yes, the fee for that specific semester will be IN-STATE TUITION FEE similar to the scholarship. But please do remember it is semester specific and you need to apply for the employment every semester.

Scholarships or funding for students who didn't graduate in IITs, nits, IIITs, and bits etc.?

Scholarships are available every year you can apply for multiple scholarships each semester and the result for the same depends on multiple factors such as resume, experience, financial need and of course your GPA holding the highest weightage of all. Again, do remember scholarships are highly competitive. For funding options, you can always visit and get assist from financial aid UTD office.



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Q1. Can we have a point of contact or a group for a few of the most preferred apartments. So that the incoming students can clear their doubts about apartments before signing the lease.

Ans. Buddy Program or get in touch with any of the admins of ISA group.

Q2. I would like to connect with you all and know more about the ISA. I would also like to be included and participate in activities. If there is any chance i may join in any capacity, i would love to join.

Ans. We will roll out forms for the incoming students to be a part of ISA. We will conduct many activities and events going forward in fall session in which any student can volunteer.

Q4. Organized more webinar

Ans. We had our first webinar on 12th June whose recording is available on YouTube. We have our second webinar coming on 30th July and in July month we will be conducting more webinars whose information will be circulated via mails or in WhatsApp groups.

Q1. Do we have potluck events among ISA members?

Ans: Due to COVID scenario we could not have many in person events last year. We plan to have some exciting in person events for you guys this year. Keep an active tab on ISA website and ISA page on all social media platforms

Q2. When will the ISA buddy program start?

Ans: We will soon be rolling out forms to both mentors and mentees for buddy program. Please sign if you are interested to be assigned a mentor. Ideally the program should start 2-3 weeks before you semester start.



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You will get to know the details about comet card and handshake portal in the student orientation so watch out for that.

Q3. Please explain the process and requirements

Ans: Question is vague. Not clear what the person wants to know

Q4. Please give some info on generic things like which nobody would say but, we need to keep in mind for this and that stuff. Trivial yet important to keep in mind.

Ans: Be active from day 1. Take part in events and build networks. This should take you a long way in US

Q5. Celebration of Indian festivals and organizing different events.

Ans: As being one of the biggest ISA organizations in US. We take pride in celebrating most of the Indian festivals at a grand scale. We have independence day, republic day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, holi, and other major events. To enjoy these events to the fullest, please actively participate and volunteer in all the ISA hosted events.

Q6. Please allow online semester program if there is delay in the arrival plan.

Ans: Please reach out to ISSO if you are facing issues with travel and reaching here before start of semester. They should be able to guide you with next steps.



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## Important Links

Resume:

<https://jindal.utdallas.edu/career-management-center/student-resources-cmc/write-resume/>

WhatsApp Links:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/D2wtsap0pmj50Sqr72DAea>  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FYa0YlogfNVFFdapQ7zHLI>  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BRAj2nLFqr96f2inUJPm4a>  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/B9f9exDpJ0yGavSvtUn3Am>  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CSezcXQ0GDTByVtm9C20rt>  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EbUrby8X4rlZKT5yMsSce>

ISA Website:

<http://isautd.org>

ISSO Website:

<https://isso.utdallas.edu>

JSOM Career Center:

<https://jindal.utdallas.edu/career-management-center/>

Calendar:

<https://www.utdallas.edu/academics/calendar/>

University Recreation:

<https://urec.utdallas.edu/>

Dining/ Campus Group

<https://services.utdallas.edu/dining/>

<https://jobs.compassgroupcareers.com/>