

# Special Programs & Centers

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## Center for Distance Education

Distance education students at The University of Texas at Arlington include those who cannot attend a class because of work or family schedules. An estimated 3.5 million Texans did not finish college as a young adult and many find it impossible to make time in their busy lives to complete their educations in traditional classroom settings. Online courses and programs are great for the at-home parent, executives and professionals wanting to advance their careers, soldiers overseas, nurses, teachers, or high school seniors seeking dual credit. During the spring 2011 semester, nearly 6,000 UT Arlington students maintained an internet-only schedule. Many other students are pursuing their degrees by completing a combination of classroom and online courses. The convenience and availability of online courses make taking at least one online course per semester an attractive option for more 22,000 of our enrolled students.

Over 700 different Web-based courses, from core courses to degree and certificate programs, are available and are taught by more than 300 of UT Arlington's finest teaching faculty. For complete information about the Center for Distance Education, visit: [www.uta.edu/distance](http://www.uta.edu/distance) (<http://www.uta.edu/distance/>).

## Oak Ridge Associated Universities and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) is a consortium of colleges and universities, a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and a strategic partner with Oak Ridge National Laboratories. Located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, ORAU works with member institutions to help students and faculty gain access to federal research facilities throughout the country; to keep its members informed about fellowship, scholarship, and research opportunities; and to organize research alliances among member institutions.

Undergraduates, graduates, postgraduates, as well as faculty enjoy access to a multitude of opportunities for study and research through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) – a program managed by ORAU for the DOE. Students may participate in programs covering a wide variety of disciplines including business, earth sciences, epidemiology, engineering, physics, geological sciences, pharmacology, ocean sciences, biomedical sciences, nuclear chemistry and mathematics. Appointment and program length range from one month to four years. Many of these programs are especially designed to increase the numbers of under-represented minority students pursuing degrees in science- and engineering-related disciplines. For more information about ORAU and its programs, visit: [www.orau.org](http://www.orau.org) (<http://www.orau.org/>).

## University of Texas at Arlington Fort Worth

Located in the historic Santa Fe Freight Building, University of Texas at Arlington Fort Worth provides Fort Worth and Tarrant County residents with affordable, state-of-the-art higher education opportunities in a convenient, modern educational facility located in the heart of Fort Worth. UTA Fort Worth is committed to:

- Meeting the life-long continuing needs of working professionals.
- Offering graduate degree programs.
- Providing both for credit and continuing education opportunities.
- The flexibility and vision to capitalize on global opportunities that address economic development needs.

UTA Fort Worth offers programs specifically designed for demanding schedules by offering intersession and accelerated courses and innovative content delivery formats. Many UTA Fort Worth students maintain a full-time job or manage homes and families while pursuing their education.

Degree programs offered at UTA Fort Worth include:

- Social Work (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- Rn-BSN (Undergraduate)
- Executive MBA
- Cohort MBA
- Systems Engineering (Graduate)
- Criminology & Criminal Justice (Graduate)
- Healthcare Administration (Graduate)

As part of The University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas System, students of UTA Fort Worth enjoy all the benefits of a state school including affordable tuition rates. For more information, visit: [www.uta.edu/fortworth](http://www.uta.edu/fortworth) (<http://www.uta.edu/fortworth/>).

## The University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute

The UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI) is a research and development unit of The University of Texas at Arlington specializing in applying cutting-edge technologies to real-world engineering problems. The mission of UTARI is to bridge the gap between academic research and product development

in the areas of advanced manufacturing, biomedical technologies, and robotics. UTARI's Advanced Manufacturing Division research efforts are focused on the areas of automated 3D micro-assembly and packaging technologies; the Robotics Division focuses on a number of robotic applications, including assistive, social and personal, educational, military, and agricultural robotic applications; and the Biomedical Technologies Division focuses on developing clinically relevant devices and systems that can be utilized by health care providers as well as patients to enhance diagnostics, treatment, rehabilitation, and assisted living.

Between internships, competition teams and volunteer opportunities, students have a multitude of ways to get involved at UTARI. Students are able to work with experienced research scientists, using state-of-the-art technology to develop the products of tomorrow. UTARI also assists in building teams to participate in several national and international competitions in the areas of water, ground and aerial vehicles.

UTARI is committed to providing high school and college students with a wide range of opportunities for in-depth exposure to the latest academic research and product development in the areas of Advanced Manufacturing, Biomedical Technologies, and Robotics.

Interns and volunteers work in cooperation with researchers and faculty on projects from inception to completion. Students in the UTARI Internship/Volunteer Program are challenged not only to learn about cutting-edge technologies, but are encouraged to be part of the technology development process itself.

UTARI takes up the challenge to uncover technologies that can change the world, through collaborative efforts conducted between UTA faculty and students, and by building new partners from government, industry and other universities. To learn more about UTARI's commitment to lead the next wave of discovery, visit: [www.uta.edu/utari](http://www.uta.edu/utari) (<http://www.uta.edu/utari/>).

## **Universities Center of Dallas**

The Universities Center at Dallas (UCD) in Downtown offers degrees for residents and working professionals in one convenient location from several of the best universities in DFW, including UT Arlington. Students may complete a bachelor, master's, or doctorate degree during evening and weekend hours. The UCD was the first Multi-Institution Teaching Center (MITC) for higher education in Texas and was established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide access to public higher education at the upper division and graduate levels to citizens who live, work and find it convenient to take their education in downtown Dallas. Currently, UT Arlington offers the master's of Health Care Administration program at the UCD. For more information, visit: [www.ucddowntown.org](http://www.ucddowntown.org) (<http://www.ucddowntown.org/>).