

Things to Do After Arrival

Call Back Home:

This is the most important thing to do. Ask your seniors to help you out to call back home. If you are calling to a number in Mumbai dial (011-91) then 22 (STD code of your city - Mumbai in this case) then the number you wish to call. i.e. 011-91-22-NUMBER.

Check-in at International Cultural Center (ICC):

You must check in at ICC after reaching Lubbock. Submit your immigration documents and a new I20 would be issued to you. This new I20 is very important document. So be careful! Fall Semester immigration check-in schedule for new international students at Texas Tech University is from July 15 to August 14, 2008.

E-raider ID:

Your E-raider ID is one of the most important piece of confidential information you will have at Texas Tech University. All your personal information, your registration status, grades etc. can all be viewed and modified using this. You can apply at the ICC to obtain this E-raider ID. Also, you can approach ATLC in the University library, they can provide you with one.

Tech ID:

Your Tech ID is your Identification Card for Texas Tech University. You can obtain your Texas Tech ID from the Student Union building. You need to carry your I20 and inquire at the front desk of Student Union building about the ID office. It is free of cost. Also, pick up a Campus map from the Student Union building as it would be really handy while roaming around campus.

Bank Account:

There are three major banks in Lubbock. They are Bank of America, Wells Fargo and American State bank. It's very important to open an account in any of these banks immediately and deposit your money which you got along.

Accommodation:

ISA will provide Temporary accommodation and assist you in searching for your future room-mates. But, once you are here you should start looking out for other students who might want to rent an apartment with you. Most of the Indian Students reside in one of the following apartment complexes:

- College Pointe (Indiana Ave)
- Heritage Apartments (4th street)
- Sierra Crossing (4th Street)
- HoneyComb Apartments (19th street)
- Copperwood Apartments (11th street)

Contact your seniors, they would be more than happy to show you around these apartment complexes.

Student orientation:

You must attend the university orientation and your respective department orientation. Kindly contact your department and inquire if they have any specific Departmental orientation. Orientation is a great way to know all the little details about the University and your program.

Course Registration:

Get in touch with your graduate advisor (different from Thesis Advisor). You will need the signature of your advisor for registering for the courses in fall semester. Go to your department they will help you with this.

Fee payments:

Once you have registered your courses for the fall semester, kindly contact the Student Business Services at West Hall for the payments of your tuition fees.

On-Campus Jobs:

If you are not employed by any of the departments as yet, then register for On-campus jobs at West hall. Prepare a resume specific for on-campus jobs. Drop your resume in as many departments as possible across campus and also in the University Library. Also, apply online at www.jobs.texastech.edu. Ask your seniors to assist you with the job search. ***You must have a job offer letter by the concerned employer to apply for a social security number.***

Social Security Number:

You have to go to the Social Security Administration Office. Ask someone with a car to help you or else get on bus #12 and ask the driver to let you off at the SSN office. If you already have an on-campus job, you can apply for SSN during the orientation conducted by ICC.

Medical Documents:

If you have the entire medical documents then go ahead and submit them in the Student Wellness Center which is on campus. If you have not taken the required immunization shots then make sure you get them at the Student Wellness Center as soon as possible.

Texas State ID:

It is not safe to carry the Passport at all times, so you need to approach West Hall and ask for a letter to apply for state ID. Later, take that letter along with your other immigration documents to the Department of Public safety. The best way to reach DPS is to get a bus ride from Health science center. Get on bus #12 and remember to carry your Tech-ID as Bus ride is free for all Tech students.

Groceries:

Once you settle down, you can ask a senior to give you a ride to Walmart for all your groceries and daily needs.

Other important information:

1. Eating Options

- a. You have various options to have a meal in the University. Easiest place to reach is **Student Union Building (SUB)**, near main university library. Average price range is from \$2 to \$8.
- b. Other than Student Union there are **6-7 Dining Halls** in the University like Stangel, Murray, Gates, Wall, Chitwood. Average price range is \$2 to \$10.

- c. If you want to try some **OFF campus** eateries, then there are few places like **Subway, little panda, Free bird Burrito, Wich-Wich. All these on the University Avenue next to West Hall.**

2. **How to use bus service in TTU campus?**

- a. **Bus service for TTU students is free** in Lubbock. On campus one doesn't need to show any ID but to use OFF campus bus service of Lubbock transportation you need to show your Tech ID.
- b. There are 4-5 bus stops in the campus from where you can access buses. These are near Holden Hall, Student Union, Business Administration Department, C1 Parking lot, ICC, etc.
- c. **Bus frequency** in Fall and Spring semesters is high but very low in Summer I, II semesters. There will not be any bus service in vacation period i.e. in between Summer II and Fall, Summer I and Summer II.

3. **Other modes of commuting:**

- a. Generally last bus runs around 5.45 PM in campus. After 6 PM there will not be any bus for ON, OFF campus transportation. But students can call **Night Shuttle Service** after 7 PM till 1 AM. You will need to call 806 742 RIDE(7433) OR 806 742 NITE(6483) OR 806 712 2020. Using this service you can go at any location in campus but not OFF campus.
- b. Texas Tech University has also provided **CAB (Taxi) service** for students after 1AM. You need to call 806 742 RIDE.
All above services are **free for TTU students.**

4. **How to hunt for a part time job in university campus?**

- a. You can start applying from **your own department**. Meet all your professors and keep giving out your resume.
- b. You can also try to look for job in **other departments**.
- c. Apart from this you can **meet Supervisors** of places like Sam's place, Student Union, University Library, Law Library, Architecture Library, Dining Halls, Students Recreation Center, Students Aquatic Center, and Athletic Department.

Some important locations and contact details

NO.	SITE	APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS & USEFUL BUS ROUTES	CONTACT DETAILS
1	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	It has various entrances mainly	2500, Broadway,
	TTU	from 4th and Indiana Signal, Subway, Bank	Lubbock, TX – 79409
	<i>Main campus includes all</i>	of America, Texas Tech Health Science	Phone : 806-742 2011
	<i>departments, administration</i>	Center, Jones AT&T Stadium.	
	<i>work, immigration work etc.</i>	Off Campus Buses:	Website:
		4th Indiana, W 4th Street, Overton,	www.ttu.edu
		University Courtyard	
2	OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL	Nearest from 4th & Indiana Ave Signal and	601 Indiana Avenue Box 45004
	AFFAIRS (ICC)	2 minutes walking distance from	Lubbock, TX 79409-5004
	<i>Useful for all international</i>	Joe's Mart Grocery shop.	Phone: 806-742 3667 / 1286
	<i>students</i>		
	<i>Contact them in case of issues</i>	Off Campus Buses:	
	<i>like passport, SSN, I-20, I-94</i>		
	<i>also immigration status</i>	4 th Indiana	Website:
		On Campus Buses:	http://www.iaff.ttu.edu/main/index.asp
		Masker Rider	
3	WEST HALL	In the main campus, in front of Holden Hall	Student Business Services
	<i>Handles all admission related</i>	bus stop. Nearest locations are Holden hall	301 West Hall, Lubbock, Texas 79409
	<i>issues like Fees, courses,</i>	Memorial Circle, Texas Tech university	Phone: 806 742 3272
	<i>registration also ON campus</i>	main entrance gate OR TTU main seal	
	<i>Employment, Educational loans</i>	Off Campus Buses:	Website:
		4th Indiana, W 4th Street, Overton,	http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ studentbusinessservices/

		University Courtyard	
		On Campus Buses:	
		Red Raider, Masked Rider, Double T	
4	HOLDEN HALL	In the main campus, in front of Holden Hall	Graduate School / Admissions
	<i>Contact them in case of any</i>	bus stop. Nearest locations are Holden hall	02 / 03 Holden Hall
	<i>academic holds in your account</i>	bus stop, Memorial Circle	POB 41030
	<i>also in case of re imbusement of</i>		Lubbock, TX 79409-1030
	<i>SEVIS fees, Transcripts matters.</i>	Off Campus Buses:	Phone 806.742.2781 / 87
	GRADUATE SCHOOL is located	4th Indiana, W 4th Street, Overton,	
	<i>in Holden hall basement area</i>	University Courtyard	Website:
		On Campus Buses:	http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/
		Red Raider, Masked Rider, Double T	
5	ATLC LAB	In the main campus, ATLC is in basement	Texas Tech University Libraries
	<i>You can create your E-Raider</i>	Of main university library. This building is	18th St. and Boston Ave., MS 40002
	<i>account here which is extremely</i>	exactly in front of Student Union.	Lubbock, Texas 79409-0002
	<i>important for your academic</i>	Nearest bus stop is Student Union	Phone: (806) 742-2265,
	<i>purposes</i>		
	&	Off Campus Buses:	
	MAIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY	4th Indiana, W 4th Street, Overton,	Website:
	<i>Main library of TTU. You will get</i>	University Courtyard	http://library.ttu.edu/ul/
	<i>thousands of books, internet facility</i>	On Campus Buses:	
	<i>studying rooms, separate cabins</i>	Red Raider, Masked Rider, Double T	
	<i>photo copying facilities</i>		

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Some useful Websites:

- **Online job search for TTU campus**

<https://appserv.itts.ttu.edu/sptea/Client/default.aspx>

<https://jobs.texas-tech.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1184152949016>

- **Departmental List**

<http://www.ttu.edu/academics/depts.php>

- **Apartment Search**

<http://www.apartmentguide.com>

- **Useful calling cards for India calling**

<http://www.stanacard.com>

<http://www.raza.com>

<http://rangatel.com>

<http://amantel>

Emergency Contact Numbers:

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ISA:

Register as a member of ISA as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this, kindly contact any committee member of ISA. We sincerely hope you enjoy your stay here.

Regards

Team ISA 09-10