Fall 2022

J-WORLD NEWS

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International Student & Scholar Services

Happy Fall! I hope everyone is having a great semester thus far.

Fall is definitely in the air – I don't know about you, but I am thoroughly enjoying the cooler temperatures. I hope you are taking the time to participate in some social activities on and off campus this semester. Here are some events to look forward to on-campus:

International Affairs will celebrate International Education Week from November 14-18.
Here is a list of programs each day of the week. We encourage all of you to participate in as many programs as you can. My personal favorite is the Parade of Nations which will be held on Monday, November 14 at noon. Come dressed in your national attire and participate in the flag parade!

Monday, November 14
Noon: Parade of Nations – flag parade starts outside Marquis Hall- sign-ups begin in late-October
6 PM: Thanksgiving Dinner – tickets will be available early November

Tuesday, November 15
3:30 PM: Language Exchange at Marquis Hall, Room 130
5:00 PM: Discover Nepal at Marquis Hall, Room 130

Wednesday, November 16
3:30 PM: Discover South Korea at Marquis Hall, Room 130
6:00 PM: Peace Corps Stories at Marquis Hall, Room 130

Thursday, November 17
4:00 PM: International Scholar Reception at Marquis Hall, Room 130

Friday, November 18
Noon: International Social Hour at Marquis Hall, Room 130
3:00 PM: Japanese Tea Ceremony at Marquis Hall, Room 130

Please be on the look out for emails from our office for more details on International Education Week as we get closer to the event.

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Homecoming 2022

Homecoming will be celebrated from October 31 – November 5.

The campus will feel festive, and you will see a lot of Mean Green spirit everywhere!
There are daily events organized by the Division of Student Affairs.

Homecoming week culminates with the **football game on November 5th when UNT will play FIU at 3 PM** at Apogee Stadium.

Tickets to the game are available at - https://meangreensports.com/sports/2018/7/25/footballtickets

Here are some off-campus events to consider:

- Football is a huge pastime in Texas in the Fall and I encourage you to attend the UNT home games and may be even check out the local high school games on Friday nights – Friday Night Lights is a real thing! If you have the opportunity, you should go watch the Dallas Cowboys – America's Team at the AT&T stadium in Arlington, Texas.

- The Day of the Dead festival held on October 28 & 29 at the Denton Square is a super-interesting event. The coffin races at the festival are a spectacular sight. Maybe you can sign-up and participate as well!

- If Halloween is your thing, then be sure to check out the Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas - it is guaranteed to be very thrilling!

- My personal favorite Fall event is the Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving Day (November 24, 2022) in downtown Dallas. You can do a casual 5K or a slightly more intense 8-mile walk/run with friends, family, and your pets. It is a very lively and well attended even and it's a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day and weekend. The City of Denton also has its own Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.

Check out more events on the International Programs webpage as well as the Discover Denton and Visit Dallas websites.

Spring Classes 2023

First day of classes for Spring 2023 will be January 17, 2023.

Spring break which marks the mid-point of the semester will be from March 13-18.

Finals are scheduled from May 8-12.

View the Academic calendar here.

If you plan to TRAVEL over WINTER BREAK

- You must have a valid DS-2019 with a valid travel signature to re-enter the United States. travel signatures are valid for 1 year or the end of your DS-2019, whichever comes first. If you need a travel signature, contact jinfo@unt.edu at least 14 days prior to travel date
- You must have a valid J1 visa stamp to re-enter the United States (unless you are a citizen of Canada).
- You must have a valid passport that has more than 6 months remaining of its validity.
- Review UNT Health Alerts https://healthalerts.unt.edu
- Review immigration updates at https://international.unt.edu/content/immigration-updates
- On April 14, the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs announced that its Travel Advisory levels will no longer be automatically correlated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 Travel Health Notice levels. Refer to the U.S. Department of State's website for additional information - https://www.state.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory-updates/
- DS-2019 Extensions should be submitted to jinfo@unt.edu at least 14 days prior to current DS-2019 end date. J-1 Students requiring an extension, must extend for a minimum of 1 year, unless the expected program completion date is sooner.

SCAM ALERT

The UNT Police Department has been made aware of several scams circulating through our community. You can learn more about avoiding and reporting scams at https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alertsonsumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts.

Please contact the UNT Police Department at 940-565-3000 or visit their webpage at police.unt.edu if you have any questions. Please know that if you are ever called by someone claiming to be an immigration official, you can politely ask them for a call back number then hang up and call ISSS or UNT PD for guidance. ISSS can be reached at 940-565-2195.

EVP EMERGENCY HOTLINE

Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all exchange visitors is the University of North Texas and the Department of State's highest priority. To help safeguard the health, safety and welfare of all exchange visitors, there is an Exchange Visitor Program Emergency Hotline. This 24/7 toll-free phone number allows exchange visitors to directly contact the Department in emergency and urgent situations. A Department representative is available 24 hours a day.

EVP Emergency Hotline: 1-866-283-9090

Things to Do

UNT Fine Arts Series
UNT Art Gallery
UNT Dance & Theatre
UNT College of Music Calendar
UNT CoLab
UNT Calendar
Mean Green Athletics
Discover Denton
Things to do in DFW
Trip Advisor
Denton County Transportation Authority
UNT Transportation Services

J-1 SPOTLIGHT: J-1 Exchange Scholar Marjing Mayanglambam
Department of Linguistics, College of Information

Our J-1 spotlight this semester is on Marjing Mayanglambam who hails from the exquisitely beautiful state of Manipur in north-east India. Marjing is a visiting scholar and archivist in residence with the Linguistics department at the College of Information.

My name is Marjing Mayanglambam and I was invited as a J1 Visiting Scholar by the College of Information, UNT. I have been here at UNT since late-August. I was brought to UNT to archive and document the music, songs, and language of Pena (a musical instrument of the Meiteis of Manipur). I have Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from India.

My main research interests are to know about music and its impact on society. In the future, I would love to continue my further studies here at UNT and do something good for humanity.

Outside of school/work I like meeting and making new international friends and learning about their culture and language. I love gaming and writing too. Listening to music and creating new music are also one of my interests.

The things I like best about my time at UNT are the friendly people, the UNT Union, Willis Library, the Eagle Landing food and everything else that is a part of UNT.

Marjing, thank you for participating in
UNT's Exchange Visitor Program.
We are so happy you are enjoying your time here!

Be sure to check out this YouTube recording of Marjing's Pena performance and lecture at the UNT College of Music!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOEPzZYIeZo

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Nonimmigrant Visa Holder Information

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