Student Life and Services

The Division of Student Affairs is responsible for many of the service programs and activities that take place outside the classroom, enhancing life at the University. These include leadership training, fraternity and sorority life, residence life, student government, the Diplomat program, personal counseling, study skill services, career planning and placement assistance, commuter student support and many others.

Participating in campus life helps students acquire the skills that will give them a head start in the post-graduate world. The next few pages offer an outline of the services, activities and programs at The University of Tampa campus.
Life on Campus

Student Development

To encourage students’ development, the University created and enforces the Student Rights and Responsibilities, our student code of conduct. This document can be found at http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/student-conduct/studentsrights.cfm, in the Gateways student planner, and in the offices of the Dean of Students and Student Conduct.

The University also supports the Spartan Code, an abbreviated statement that embodies the spirit of the code of conduct and communicates to students the University’s essential behavioral expectations.

Spartan Code

The community at The University of Tampa strives to support the development of each student as a productive and responsible citizen who embraces the values of honesty, citizenship, trust, respect and responsibility.

As a member of The University of Tampa Spartan community, I agree and pledge that I will...

• promote and practice academic and personal honesty.
• commit to actions that benefit the community, as well as engage in activities that better others.
• discourage intolerance, and acknowledge that diversity in our community shapes our learning and development.
• conduct myself in a manner that makes me worthy of the trust of others.
• recognize the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.
• accept full responsibility and be held accountable for all of my decisions and actions.

Shared Responsibility

The trustees, faculty and administration of The University of Tampa are determined that this campus community be a place of shared responsibility, personal freedom, and collective safety and harmony. They are eager to make every effort to ensure the best possible quality of life for everyone at the University. Accordingly, it is imperative that the University be able to remove from the campus any person or any circumstance that is detrimental to the University community.

As members of the Student Government General Assembly and residence hall councils, you help participate in determining the specific standards of conduct.

In all conduct situations, you are afforded appropriate procedures; in return, you will be responsible for cooperating fully with the judicial process. The conduct system is carefully structured to ensure the well-being of the community at large while focusing on the education of the individual student. Representation on the various conduct boards balances authority from all University constituencies: students, primarily, as well as faculty and staff.

Student Participation in University Governance

The primary vehicle for student participation in University governance is the Student Government, which is regulated by its constitution. The president of the Student Government is invited to attend Board of Trustees’ meetings, which are held quarterly, as well as to participate on the Board committee.

The Student Government Executive Board appoints students to regular committees of the University (e.g., judicial affairs selection, student code review, biennial review of alcohol and other drug issues, orientation), as well as to ad hoc committees (e.g., selection committees and groups comprised for selected issues).

Copies of the Student Government Constitution and more information regarding participation in Student Government may be found in the Dean of Students Office in Plant Hall 124 or on Blackboard.

Student Government

All recognized club organizations, interest groups, students and residence halls have representation in Student Government, and all students are urged to present their views. The Student Government also provides funding assistance to recognized organizations.
**Student Productions**

Student Productions is the University’s student programming board that provides high-caliber social, educational, recreational and cultural programs on a weekly basis. For more information, go to [http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/organizations/index.cfm](http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/organizations/index.cfm).

**The University of Tampa Diplomats**

The Diplomat program is a student service organization that promotes service within the University and between the University and the community. The Diplomat program creates opportunities for students to interact with alumni, local businesses and civic leaders.

**E.L.I.T.E.**

Committed to the skills and values of successful leadership, the University has created a leadership program called E.L.I.T.E., which stands for Educating Leaders in Today’s Environment. Information on E.L.I.T.E. and as other leadership programs can be found at [http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/leadership/index.cfm](http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/leadership/index.cfm).

**P.E.A.C.E. Volunteer Center**

P.E.A.C.E. (People Exploring Active Community Experience), UT’s volunteer center, coordinates the volunteer efforts of students, student organizations, faculty and staff with approximately 350 community agencies. The office employs student assistants and operates under the supervision of the Student Activities Office. Students interested in volunteering are asked to stop by the P.E.A.C.E. volunteer center located in the Vaughn Center, room 206, call the P.E.A.C.E. office at (813) 253-6263, x 3695, e-mail peace@ut.edu, or visit [www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/peace/index.cfm](http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/peace/index.cfm).

**Resident Assistants**

Paraprofessional staff members, RAs are students at the University. One RA is assigned to live on each floor or wing of every residence hall. For more information, visit [http://static.ut.edu/residencelife/halls/leadership-opportunities.cfm](http://static.ut.edu/residencelife/halls/leadership-opportunities.cfm).

**Campus Organizations**

**Army Reserve Officers Training Corps**

The Spartan Battalion is one of UT’s largest student organizations. Its mission is to train and develop students to be commissioned officers in the United States Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. This organization provides practical experiences that develop leadership and managerial skills. Army ROTC also promotes ethical leadership, moral courage, strong Army values and healthy lifestyles by encouraging active participation and involvement in ROTC and other campus organizational activities. For additional information, speak with an Army ROTC member, or contact the Military Science and Leadership Department at (813) 258-7200 or ROTCROO@ut.edu.

**Interest Groups**

The University of Tampa offers endless opportunities to get involved—right from the moment students arrive on campus. During orientation, all new students are invited to participate in the UT club fair, “Get the Scoop on UT Groups,” to get information on clubs and organizations available. With more than 120 registered organizations from which to choose, students can be sure to find a group that piques their interest.

A list of all academic, athletic, diversity, entertainment, governance, Greek, peer education, publications/electronic media, performance, religious, residential life, service, and special interest organizations is available at [http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/organizations/index.cfm](http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/organizations/index.cfm). If you do not see something on the list that piques your interest, stop by the Student Activities Office, Vaughn Center 215, to inquire about starting a new organization.

**University Services**

**Fitness Center**

The McNiff Fitness Center is a fully-equipped campus fitness facility. For more information, go to [http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/mcniff/index.cfm](http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/mcniff/index.cfm).


Intramural Sports and Campus Recreation
The intramural sports program provides the opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to participate in organized, non-varsity team and individual sports. Structured leagues and tournaments are offered in a wide variety of sports. For further information, go to http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/intramural/index.cfm.

The Cass Street Gym operates six days a week for open recreation. The facility offers students the opportunity to play basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports from Mondays through Saturdays. For more information, go to http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/cass/index.cfm.

Off-Campus Recreation
A variety of off-campus recreation activities are held throughout the academic year to provide students the opportunity to participate in leisure experiences in the surrounding community. For more information, go to http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/trips/index.cfm.

Club Sports
The Club Sports program supports the elements of competition, instruction and recreation by providing the opportunity for students to participate and excel in a team setting. For more information, go to http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/recreation/clubsports/index.cfm.

International Student Services
The International Programs Office provides assistance with immigration matters pertaining to a student’s educational status in the United States. Designated school officials are available to advise students and sign documents necessary to maintain that status.

The International Programs Office also helps with cultural adjustments and personal concerns, and serves as a liaison between the students, faculty and administrative offices. A special international student orientation is held at the beginning of the fall and spring terms for new students. For assistance, go to Plant Hall 302, or call (813) 258-7433. More information is available on the International Programs Web site at http://ut.edu/international.

Study-Abroad Advising
The Office of International Programs assists students who are considering studying abroad during their degree programs. Information on University exchange programs and other study abroad opportunities can be obtained in Plant Hall 305. In addition to program information, services include academic assistance concerning proper registration and transfer credit procedures, as well as pre-registration assistance for subsequent terms while abroad. Students also can obtain basic information on passports and visas, cultural issues, international health insurance coverage, and practical travel tips. All students considering an international educational experience must attend a preliminary study abroad information meeting. More information and forms are available on the International Programs Web site at http://ut.edu/international.

Office of Career Services
The Office of Career Services offers a full range of career planning and development programs and resources for all students. (See Web site for specific services.) HIRE-UT, a Web-based career management system, allows students and alumni to obtain internships and professional employment. For additional information and a current listing of seminars, on-campus recruiting and other career events, please visit Plant Hall 336, call (813) 253-6236, or visit us online at http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/career/index.cfm.

Institutional Testing Services
To receive testing information about various standardized exams, please contact the Academic Center for Excellence (Plant Hall 401), or call (813) 258-7251.
Computer Labs
(non-instructional)

There are a variety of computer labs available throughout the campus for use by students, staff and faculty. Many of the labs contain PDs, one lab contains both PCs and Macintosh computers, and another lab contains all Macintosh computers. All of the labs offer laser printing and a direct high-speed connection to the Internet. The labs vary in size and hours of availability. Visit www.ut.edu, and under Administration, click on Campus Technology for details on the number of computers, software and hours for each computer lab.

Technology Policies

Acceptable Use Policy – Computing, Networking, Web and Communication Resources

Purpose

The University of Tampa provides computing, networking, Web pages and communication resources to students, faculty and staff to further institutional goals, increase productivity, and ensure better communication regarding University matters. It is important that University members use these resources in a manner consistent with these goals.

Users of University technology resources are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the guidelines governing their use, as stated below.

Scope

This policy applies to any individual/organization/group/entity using University of Tampa computing network, audio/video equipment and communication resources including voice, data and video transmissions. It encompasses all University telecommunications equipment, including campus computer networks, e-mail services, Internet access, academic systems (e.g., Blackboard), faxed messages, and the phone system, as well as University computers and personal computers.

Policy/Guidelines

Activities utilizing University computing and communication resources must be in accordance with University policies, Employee Handbook, Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, relevant local, state, federal, and international laws/regulations and the following guidelines.

Authorized Access

Users should:
• Use University resources only for authorized purposes
• Protect user ID (or username), password and system from unauthorized use.

Users are responsible for all activities associated with their user ID or that originate from their system, or residence hall network wall jacks.

• Access only information that is your own, that is publicly available, or to which you have been given authorized access.
• Choose safe passwords, protect them, and change them regularly.

Users should not:
• Attempt to decode passwords or access control information.

• Use another person’s system user ID, password, files or data without permission.

Security and Virus Protection

AU System users are required to have current anti-virus software installed on their systems prior to connecting to the network. Campus Network users are responsible for transmissions originating from their computer systems or residence hall network wall jacks. A system infected with viruses/worms will be taken off the network, generally without notice.

Users should not:
• Engage in any activity that might purposefully harmful to systems or to any information stores thereon, such as creating propagating viruses, disrupting services, damaging files or making unauthorized modifications to University data.
• Attempt to circumvent or subvert system or network security measures.
Privacy
System users are responsible for the security of any system they connect to the network and the information contained therein, including confidential University information stored on their computer hard drives in databases, file, word documents, spreadsheets, etc. It is the user’s responsibility to not disseminate University information without proper authorization.

Excessive Usage
Be considerate in your use of shared resources. Users should not monopolize systems, initiate bandwidth-intensive programs, overload networks with excessive data, send chain letters or unsolicited mass mailings, or utilize excessive connect time, disk space, printer paper or other resources.

Users should:
• Use only legal versions of copyrighted software in compliance with vendor license requirements.

Users should not:
• Copy, use or share copyrighted digital information files, including but not limited to music and movies, without legal authorization.
• Store such copies on University systems, or transmit or share them over University networks.

Harassment
Users should:
• Respect individuals’ rights to be free on intimidation, harassment and offensive behavior.

Users should not:
• Participate in a pattern of conduct that interferes with performing their assigned roles.
• Use e-mail or messaging services to harass or intimidate another person.

Spoofing/Fraud
Users should not:
• Use University systems or network as a vehicle to gain unauthorized access to other systems.
• For purposes of deception, transmit any electronic communications using a name or address of someone other than the assigned computer or account user name or address.

Other Prohibited Activities
Users should not
• Use University systems or networks for personal, commercial or partisan political purposes.

Reporting Suspected Acceptable Use Policy Violations
Anyone who has reason to suspect a deliberate or significant breach of the University Acceptable Use Policy should promptly report it to the appropriate dean, director, department head or Campus Security.

Enforcement/Consequences
The University reserves the right to copy and examine any files or information resident on University systems allegedly related to unacceptable use, and to protect its network from systems and events that threaten or degrade operations. Violators may have their electronic access revoked and may be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed in University Policies, the Student Handbook and the Employee Handbook. Offenders also may be prosecuted under laws including, but not limited to, the Communications Act of 1934 (amended), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986, the Computer Virus Eradication Act of 1989, interstate transportation of stolen property, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, and the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Information Disclaimer
The University of Tampa disclaims any responsibility warranties for information and materials residing on non-University systems or available over publicly accessible networks. Such materials do not necessarily reflect the attitudes, opinions or values of The University of Tampa or its faculty, staff or students.
**Recommended Computing Standards for UT Students**

**Computer Hardware**
- Windows-compatible computer or Apple I-Mac G4
  - Pentium IV or newer processor (dual core processor preferred)
  - 1 gigabyte of RAM (2 GB preferred)
  - 80-gigabyte hard drive (larger preferred)
  - 10/100 Ethernet network interface connection
  - 128 Mb video memory (higher preferred)
  - 56.6 baud V92 modem (only for students living off campus without high-speed Internet--not needed for students living on campus)
  - DVD-ROM Player (or DVD/CD-RW combo drive)
  - Cable lock for laptop
  - Network cable (connects computer to network ports on campus)
  - Wireless network capability supporting 802.11b/g
  - USB thumb drive--256 MB or higher

Many students may prefer a laptop over a desktop configuration for portability and convenience. The UT campus has numerous wireless “hotspots.”

**Optional Hardware Items**
- Sound card with integrated speakers
- Any compatible printer
- Printer cable (connects printer to computer)

**Software (minimum standards)**
- Microsoft Windows XP or Vista Operating System or Apple OS X (or higher)
- Microsoft Office Pro (XP or 2007).

To purchase discounted software, go to [technology.ut.edu](http://technology.ut.edu) and click on the Software Discounts link, or go directly to [http://www.campusestore.com/_landingPg/](http://www.campusestore.com/_landingPg/).

- Anti-virus software--required to connect to UT network (Norton Antivirus is provided by UT at no charge)
- Spyware removal software such as SpySweeper, Spybot or Adaware
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free via Internet)

**Important:** Other software may be needed depending on the student’s major.

**Please Note:**
There are several software programs and vendors that provide free or low-cost software to students. To purchase discounted software, go to [technology.ut.edu](http://technology.ut.edu) and click on the Software Discounts link, or go directly to [http://www.campusestore.com/_landingPg/](http://www.campusestore.com/_landingPg/).

Note that obtaining some items involves a mail order process and may take time.

Check course requirements before purchasing.

Blackboard courseware is an online class learning system used at The University of Tampa to add further dimension to the traditional classroom. Blackboard is the No. 1 online courseware tool in the world, used by both educational and business institutions worldwide. The system can be accessed at [ut.blackboard.com](http://ut.blackboard.com) by both guests and members of the UT community. Many instructors at UT supplement their courses with Blackboard content to conveniently provide course materials online, as well as class discussion boards, supplemental readings, grade checking, group communication and electronic submission of homework. Campus organizations also are available through Blackboard.

**Co-Curricular Transcripts**
The co-curricular transcript is a student self-reported document (with limited verification by the Student Activities Office) that lists activities the student has participated in while at The University of Tampa. (The co-curricular transcript also shows participation in the developmental areas under which these activities fall.) More information can be found at [http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/co-curricular.cfm](http://www.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/co-curricular.cfm).
Health and Counseling Services

The Health and Counseling Center staff provides on-campus consultation to students for minor illness, injuries and short-term mental health concerns. Laboratory testing is available through the Health Center. Insurance is included for full time undergraduate students in the Student Service fee. The insurance policy is supplemental, and the benefits are limited; students are strongly encouraged to maintain primary coverage with their parents. For more information, go to http://static.ut.edu/studentlife/campus-services/health/index.cfm.

Campus Store

The Campus Store, operated by Barnes and Noble, provides new and used textbooks, school supplies, clothing, greeting cards, residence hall accessories, convenience items and University memorabilia. The campus store also offers general interest books, class rings, caps and gowns, announcements, special orders and UPS. Contact the Campus Store at (813) 253-6230 or bksutampa@bncollege.com.

E-mail

Every student is assigned a UT e-mail address upon enrollment. This address should be checked frequently for important information and announcements. Offices use e-mail as an official means to contact students. For information, contact the Computer Center at (813) 253-6293.

Faxes

Faxing services are offered to students through the Campus Store. Costs are competitive with services offered off campus. Call the Campus Store (813-253-6230) for information regarding hours of operation.

Disabilities

The Office of Student Disability Services coordinates assistance for students with disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to request accommodations for each term. Documentation is required. Please contact the Office of Student Disability Services in Plant Hall 409 or (813) 258-7251 for more information. The complete policy for requesting accommodations is available at http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/dean/disability-information.cfm.

Dining Services

The University offers a variety of meal plans to meet the varied needs of today’s student. For locations, go to http://dining.ut.edu/locations.html. These include the Vaughn Center Ultimate Dining at http://dining.ut.edu/locations.html, the Spartan Club at http://dining.ut.edu/loc_sc.html, Spartan Express at http://dining.ut.edu/loc_se.html, and the Rathskeller in Plant Hall at http://dining.ut.edu/loc_rath.html. Stadium Center is the home of seven additional venues at http://dining.ut.edu/stadiumcenter.html.

L.A.S.E.R. Team

The L.A.S.E.R. (Law Abiding Students Ever Ready) Team provides a safe escort for students during the evening hours to and from classes and other facilities on campus. Call x 4515 for pick-up.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Department is located in the Campus Security Office. Students are encouraged to check with the Security Office for assistance at (813) 251-5133 or x 3333.

Mail

All full time undergraduate students are required to have a University post office box and are assigned a box with a combination. Boxes should be checked daily. To avoid delay or non-delivery of mail or parcels, incoming mail and parcels should be addressed to the box as follows:

Name (not nickname)
The University of Tampa
UT Box (Number)
401 West Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33606-1490

Parcels delivered by the United Parcel Service or other carriers must be addressed as shown above.
Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (stamp window), 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (package window), weekdays except holidays. Mailboxes are accessible daily from 6 a.m. until midnight.

Safety and Security

The University Safety and Security Department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round. Its personnel are trained and able to handle any type of safety or security problem. All security applicants undergo extensive psychological screening and background investigation during the hiring process. In addition to safety and security responsibilities, the department provides a variety of services such as vehicle registration, pedestrian escorts and crime-prevention practices.

Campus Security Report

The University of Tampa’s annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by the University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Dean of Students Office or Campus Security, or by accessing the following Web site: http://static.ut.edu/administration/safety/crimereport/index.cfm.

Telephone Service

Each residence hall is equipped with room telephone service. Local service is provided at no additional charge. Long-distance service is available by utilizing the University’s Netwolves/ECCI student program, which is billable to the student, or by use of the student’s personal long-distance calling card. Voicemail is provided to each student living on campus as part of his or her basic telephone service.

SpartanWeb

All students have access to view their class schedules, degree guide their transcripts, as well as billing, housing and financial aid information through the use of SpartanWeb, the University’s online information system. This service also is used for online registration. Important update information about SpartanWeb and online registration will be sent to you at your UT e-mail address, so be sure to check it regularly. SpartanWeb help can be obtained by calling the helpline at (813) 258-7316, or by e-mailing registrar@ut.edu.

Vehicles on Campus

The Safety and Security Department’s responsibilities are to enforce the University’s parking and traffic regulations. It is also responsible for all vehicle movement and parking on campus. All staff and students must register their vehicles with campus security. A copy of traffic and parking regulations and a campus map may be obtained at the Security Office or online.

University Residence Life

The residence life program is dedicated to providing students with a safe, comfortable, affordable and stimulating living environment where residents can explore value structures, personal responsibility, interpersonal relationships, and community development and awareness. Students are offered various opportunities to interact with faculty, staff and peers in order to promote well-rounded, holistic development on an individual and community basis. We believe that residential living is an integral part of the collegiate experience and should not be neglected.

Campus housing is limited and is offered only to full time students. Housing agreements are valid for a full academic year. For additional information, go to http://static.ut.edu/residencelife/halls/index.cfm.
Vaughn Center
This nine-story, 254,000-square-foot modern marvel redefines the social and residential life of the University’s students. Sleek 21st-century architecture highlights a spacious student center on floors one and two. For further information, go to http://static.ut.edu/currentstudents/activities/vaughncenter/index.cfm.

The location creates a central residential and cultural complex with Austin and Brevard halls nearby.

The Arts at the University
One of the most exciting elements of UT’s liberal arts environment is the chance for you to test your talents and broaden your aesthetic horizons by participating in and attending the University’s fine arts programs. These range from art gallery exhibits to theatre productions, music, and dance groups.

Musical Activities at the University
Performing arts studies are conducted at the Ferman Music Center. The 11,000-square-foot facility was designed by the music faculty to incorporate modern features for training musicians.

A computer room, audio-visual room and recording studio are available, along with the traditional band and choral rehearsal rooms, classrooms and Wenger practice modules. Music faculty offices also are located in the Ferman Center.

The University has outstanding performing halls: The David Falk Theatre, which seats 835, the Vaughn Center Reeves Theater, which seats 180, and the Plant Hall Grand Salon, which seats 225 for recitals and chamber music.

Filling these halls with music are the student ensembles: Collegiate Chorale, Opus, Camerata, Concert Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and various small ensembles. Theatre productions in the Falk Theatre combine the talents of students and faculty. Opus tours during spring break each year, carrying on a time-tested tradition of entertaining out-of-town audiences.

The Music Events Series in the Grand Salon presents faculty and visiting guest artists in free concerts of exceptional quality.

Piano study, along with organ and harpsichord, give many keyboard students the opportunity to explore their potential on all three instruments. Pianists appear annually in the traditional concerto recital.

Dance at the University
A variety of dance courses are taught as part of the theatre and performing arts majors and the dance and theatre minors. These dance offerings are open to all University students. Dance activities take place at the R.K. Bailey Art Studios and in a spacious ballroom in the Edison Building. Each year, as part of UT’s performing arts curriculum, guest artists host master classes in musical theatre, dance training and technique. For further information, go to http://static.ut.edu/academics/liberal-arts_sciences/speech_theatre_dance/minor-in-applied-dance.cfm.

The Henry B. Plant Museum
Return to the Gilded Age by visiting the Henry B. Plant Museum. Designated a National Historic Landmark, the former Tampa Bay Hotel is now home to both the University’s Plant Hall and the museum.

The opulent 1891 hotel was built by Henry Bradley Plant, the transportation magnate who was instrumental in the reconstruction of the South, as well as the development of Florida and modern Tampa. The Moorish silver minarets atop his hotel have become symbols of the city.

Enjoy the 14-minute video, The Tampa Bay Hotel: Florida’s First Magic Kingdom. The permanent exhibit of the Spanish-American War shows archival photographs of Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders in Tampa when this building was Army headquarters. Then, treat yourself to a glimpse of the lifestyle of the early Florida tourist and marvel at the magnificent original furnishings from the hotel’s heyday.
The Museum offers a strong educational program, with frequent exhibits of period lifestyles and art, speakers and the annual Victorian Christmas Stroll, which has become a holiday tradition for all of Central Florida each December. The Museum Store is a great place to pick up extraordinary gifts year round. Students always are admitted free and receive a 10 percent discount in the museum store. The Plant Museum is on the first floor of Plant Hall. Hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon until 4 p.m. Sunday. Each Sunday at 2 p.m. (September through May) enjoy the award-winning theatre program “Upstairs/Downstairs at the Tampa Bay Hotel.” Single-character vignettes bring turn-of-the-20th-century Tampa Bay Hotel staff members and guests to life. For further information, visit http://static.ut.edu/about/museum.cfm.

The Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Lee Scarfone Gallery, named after its benefactor, opened in 1977 as UT’s teaching gallery. Mark Hartley designed an expansion to the original space that was named in memory of his sister-in-law, Michele Hartley. Scarfone/Hartley Galleries became a premier venue to showcase visual and performing art.

The purpose of the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery is to exhibit works of art, and to have visiting artists as an extension of the classroom, providing an opportunity to meet artists and view and study significant original artwork created by contemporary national, international and regional artists. Included are fine arts faculty, alumni and annual juried student exhibitions, receptions, lectures and performances. In addition to the annual juried student art exhibition, all graduating art students culminate their art experience in a BFA exhibition at the end of each semester (December and May). Events, lectures and performances intrinsic to the arts are included in the schedule.

The Gallery is located on the UT campus in the R.K. Bailey Art Studios at 310 N. Blvd., and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For further information, visit http://www.ut.edu/visitors/scarfone-hartley-gallery.cfm.

Theatre Productions

Most theatrical productions take place at the David Falk Theatre, a fully equipped proscenium-style theater with a seating capacity of 835. This historic landmark, built in 1928, is home to the Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance. For further information, go to http://static.ut.edu/academics/liberal_arts_sciences/speech_theatre_dance/performance-opportunities.cfm. The department presents six theatrical productions, as well as sponsoring four dance events each year. These productions—directed by either UT theatre faculty or professional guest artists—include contemporary or classical drama, comedy and musical theatre. All students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to audition for these events. For more information regarding auditions or events, please contact the Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance.

Writers at the University

Each year, the Department of English and Writing sponsors a series of readings and talks by internationally known authors. Among the writers who have read on the UT campus are Li-Young Lee, Ruth C. Schwartz, Anne Beattie, Kim Addonizio, Ron Carlson, Yusef Komunyakaa, Peter Matthiessen, Bob Shacochis, Naomi Shihab Nye, Robert Dana, Susan Perabo, Margaret Gibson, Niyi Osundare, Donald Freed, Carolyn Ferrell, Gelerah Asayesh, Samrat Upadhyay, Pam Houston and Edwidge Danticat.
Athletics at the University

New students, whether they are sports participants or spectators, will be impressed with the opportunities and activities available in Spartan athletics. The Spartans field 14 NCAA Division II athletic teams and compete in the Sunshine State Conference (SSC), called the “Conference of National Champions.”


Most Spartan teams are comprised of locally and nationally recruited student-athletes, and campus tryouts are offered in each sport at the beginning of the school year.

High school and transfer student-athletes interested in competing at UT should notify the head coach of their selected sports in advance to receive information concerning requirements for eligibility. Also, they should contact their high school counselors to begin processing their NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. For further information, go to http://static.ut.edu/athletics/index.cfm.

Facilities

Athletic facilities at the University are among the best in the nation for a school of its size. The Bob Martinez Sports Center, a 3,432-seat arena, plays host to varsity volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, intramural sporting events, recreational activities and other events throughout the year.

A modern soccer stadium sits on the site of three NCAA II men’s soccer national championship finals, including 1994, when UT set an NCAA II attendance record at 4,336 for the title game.

The lighted Sam Bailey Field is home to the three-time national champion Spartan baseball team, while the softball team plays on its own lighted field built in 1990.

A swimming pool, tennis courts, jogging track, outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, crew training facility, Cass Gym and the McNiff Fitness Center are used by students, faculty and staff. In addition, a weight room is available in the Bob Martinez Sports Center for use by student athletes and exercise science classes.