

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

THE 27th ANNUAL HONORS COLLOQUIUM
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
JULY 24-26, 2008

TRAVEL

You are responsible for making travel arrangements to and from Austin. Whether you arrive by air, bus or car, University staff members will meet you. They will be wearing Honors Colloquium shirts and nametags. Upon your arrival, University staff will escort you to Jester Center.

Arrival by Plane or Bus

If you travel by air or bus, make your reservations to arrive in Austin no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, July 24, and to depart Austin after 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 26. We will provide free shuttle service to Jester Center from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and the bus station from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. On Saturday check out of Jester Center and be ready to take the shuttle to the airport or bus station ninety minutes prior to your departure time. Shuttles depart Jester Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alternate shuttle information is available [online](http://www.utexas.edu/austin/getting_around.html) at www.utexas.edu/austin/getting_around.html.

Arrival by Car

Many students choose to drive to campus. Directions and a map to campus can be found [online](http://www.utexas.edu/visitors/directions.html) at www.utexas.edu/visitors/directions.html. Parking is available in the Brazos parking garage during the afternoon of July 24. A map to the Brazos parking garage can be found [online](http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/brg.html) at www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/brg.html. Parking costs \$8.00 per day. If your parents plan to pick you up on Saturday, they may drive directly to Jester Center.

LODGING

You will be housed in Jester Center for the duration of the Honors Colloquium. There will be no expense to you for the two-night stay, including all meals and snacks. Please note the following information about your stay in Jester.

Rooms and Services

You will share a room with another Colloquium student and a community bath with students on your wing. Each room will offer bed linens, blankets, and pillows. Neither towels nor telephones are provided.

Keys

A room key will be issued to you, and you are responsible for its safekeeping. A fee of \$50.00 will be charged for a key that is lost or not returned, since the lock must be replaced.

Personal Property

The University cannot assume responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged personal property. We strongly urge you to keep your door locked at all times.

Emergencies

In case of emergency a message for you may be left at the Jester Center West Desk at (512) 471-3944 throughout the Colloquium, 24 hours a day, or at the Colloquium office at (512) 471-4050 during normal business hours. In addition, the UT Police Department may be contacted at any time at (512) 471-4441.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Cohorts and Mentors

You will be assigned to a cohort to facilitate orientation and various Colloquium activities. Named after campus buildings, cohorts are comprised of groups of women and men and usually number 30 - 40 students. UT Austin Student Mentors will be assigned to each cohort. Your Student Mentors will reside in Jester, assist you throughout the Colloquium, and will be great resources for learning about life on campus. Two UT advisers will also participate in your cohort meetings on Thursday and Friday afternoon. These University Mentors can assist you in learning how best to navigate the resources of UT Austin during the Colloquium and afterwards. Your active and regular participation in cohort activities is crucial to making the most of your Colloquium experience.

Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Honors Colloquium is to provide selected high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence the opportunity to learn about the many exciting educational opportunities at the University of Texas at Austin. To ensure that all participants benefit from the Colloquium and to promote their comfort and well being, guidelines for individual conduct have been developed. You are expected to contribute to the overall success of the program by following these guidelines for living in the residence hall and participating in Colloquium activities.

- Attendance at activities and programs is expected. Students must be able to check-in by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and stay through 7:00 p.m. on Friday in order to participate in the Honors Colloquium. Unless Colloquium staff has approved prior arrangements, students are expected to remain on the campus throughout the Honors Colloquium. All colloquists must remain in Jester West residence hall following the conclusion of the evening cohort meetings, and return to their assigned room by 12:30 a.m.
- Students must observe Colloquium regulations regarding access to areas that are designated for men or women only.
- Appropriate behavior and consideration of the rights of others is expected. Excessive noise, rowdiness, misuse of elevators or fire safety equipment, damage to University facilities, or other loud or disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Students must refrain from using cellular phones during any scheduled Colloquium activity.
- Weapons, facsimile weapons, candles, fireworks, or other objects, which may cause harm to other people or damage to the facilities are prohibited.
- The use or possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Violations of Texas laws are considered to be violations of University regulations as well.

- A student who fails to abide by this Code of Conduct will be subject to dismissal from the program and an early return home. A student also may be billed for the repair, damage, or misappropriation of property that results from misconduct. If a student is dismissed, every effort will be made to notify the parent or guardian.

If you fail to attend a required activity, Colloquium staff will take steps to locate you and encourage your return to full participation. If Colloquium staff cannot locate you, we may contact your parents for information and advice regarding further action.

Dress

There are no Colloquium events requiring business or more formal attire. Cool, casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes are appropriate for all activities. In the past, students have worn jeans or shorts, T-shirts, and tennis shoes. On Friday evening at Gregory Gym, you may participate in activities such as racquetball, volleyball, swimming or basketball. To protect the wood floors, you must wear court shoes.

Nonsmoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings. This policy applies to all areas of the University Residence Halls, including individual sleeping rooms.

PARENTS’ AND FAMILY PROGRAM

As you check in on Thursday afternoon, your parents and family are invited to a reception. From 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Ex-Students’ Association will host a Parents’ and Family Program at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center, just a short walk from Jester Center. This is the only Colloquium activity for parents and family members.

COLLOQUIUM AGENDA

Thursday, July 24, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Check-in at Jester Center (Lunch is on your own)
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Marketplace
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Cohort Welcome and Meeting
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Parents’ and Family Program
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Opening Signature Course Sessions
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Cohort Meeting
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.	A Night at the Texas Union
10:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Cohort Meeting for check-in, attendance, & announcements
11:00 – 12:30 a.m.	Optional Activities in Jester West and Lights Out

Friday, July 25, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Optional recreational activities
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Getting Into UT – Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing and Honors Programs Presentation
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Class Session I
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with college and school faculty
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Class Session II
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Class Session III
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Cohort Meeting
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Forty Acres of Fun <i>Activities in Gregory Gym</i>
10:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Cohort Meeting for attendance & announcements
11:00 – 12:30 a.m.	Optional Activities in Jester West and Lights Out.

Saturday, July 26, 2008

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Exploring the UT Campus: Interest Sessions and Tours
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Colloquium Wrap-Up and Check Out – Jester Auditorium
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Check-out at Jester West (Lunch is on your own)