

TOP 10 REASONS TO STUDY AT ELS/DALLAS



- 1 **UTD Facilities :** ELS/Dallas students can use The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) library and exercises facilities as well as gain free admission to UTD sporting events and activities.
- 2 **Serious Academics:** Academic excellence at The University of Texas at Dallas means the campus attracts serious, high-caliber students. UTD ranked 16th in the 2015 *Times Higher Education* list of the world's most outstanding young universities, 3rd in the U.S. and 1st in Texas. Very well ranked programs include: Business, Engineering, Criminology, and Political Science, and UTD is also very strong in Engineering, Computer Science, and Arts and Technology.
- 3 **Community:** Richardson, Texas, is quiet, safe, and has a relatively low cost of living, but, as the first city north of Dallas, is still close enough to downtown Dallas to enjoy all the attractions, resources and excitement the city has to offer.
- 4 **Big City Excitement:** If you want excitement, go downtown. Richardson is 25 minutes from downtown Dallas and all of its history and glam. A light rail train runs to the heart of downtown. Looking to visit other cities? Dallas is home to two major airports – Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Dallas Love Field (DAL).
- 5 **Diverse Food Options:** Traditional southern cooking, world-famous BBQ, and Tex-Mex all makes for great eating! There is also a range of restaurants from around the world. You can find it all here. In addition, UTD and the area surrounding the university are very international. You will encounter people and food from all around the world.
- 6 **Sports Teams:** Texans love sports and there are many professional sports teams here, including the Cowboys (American football), the Mavericks (basketball), FC Dallas (soccer), the Texas Rangers (baseball) and the Stars (hockey).

- 7 **Texas Culture:** From Southern hospitality, to Western rodeos, stockyards and the world-famous Texas State Fair, Texas has a personality all its own!
- 8 **Thrills and Attractions:** Spend your free time thrill-seeking with your friends at nearby amusement parks including Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, SpeedZone and AdventureLand.
- 9 **Shopping:** The Dallas area is famous for world-class shopping. The first planned U.S. shopping mall, as well as the first Neiman-Marcus store, were located in Dallas. From high-end boutiques to outlets, shopping is everywhere here.
- 10 **Telecom Corridor:** Richardson, Texas, is an affluent area known as the "Telecom Corridor" because of the multitude of Telecommunications companies in the local area, including Texas Instruments. Due to the Telecommunications industry, the local economy is quite strong.

