

## **When you get on campus get to know your ambassadors!**

### **What to know before you get on campus:**

\*\*\*Should I talk about assistantship questions or would this be for all PFP Master's students in general?

Buying Family Tickets for Football Games

Fees: If you're a TA/RA make sure to request to pay fees for athletics and the recreation center if those are things you're interested in. You can find the form here:

### **Where do I get my Student ID Card?**

- Room 104 Student Union – 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information visit: <http://inferno.hospsrvs.ttu.edu/unvid/>

### **Internet Web pages you should know:**

Raiderlink:

<https://eraider.ttu.edu/signin.asp?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.raiderlink.ttu.edu%2Fshim%2Flogin.jsp%3FredirectUrl%3D%252Fshim%252Floginprod.jsp>

-Allows you to access your personal student account as well as:

- Add and drop classes, check your schedule, etc.
- Manage your tuition and fees (eBill: [https://secure.touchnet.net/C20210\\_tsa/web/welcome.jsp](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20210_tsa/web/welcome.jsp))
- Manage Financial Aid

eRaider: <https://eraider.ttu.edu/>

-Allows you to set up the following services:

- TTU Email\*\*\*
- Change your eRaider Password
- RaiderDrive (online data storage)
- TTU Active Directory Information
- Software Downloads

Blackboard: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/lms/>

Academic Calendar: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/calendar/>.

- Directions for downloading the calendar to Outlook are found at: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/calendar/10-11calendar/10-11OutlookInstructions.php>
- Campus Map: <http://www.ttu.edu/campusMap/> or if you've got a smartphone, the Google Maps App has a very detailed and comprehensive map of the TTU campus.

**\*\*\*Email:** Check your TTU student email at <http://mail.ttu.edu> you can set up your account when you log into your eRaider account. Make sure to frequently check your TTU email, professors tend to like to use this as they already have your TTU email in their Listserv database.

### **Finding an Apartment:**

Begin by visiting [www.lubbockapartments.com](http://www.lubbockapartments.com).

- This website provides detailed information about most apartment complexes in Lubbock and provides contact information for said properties.
- Make sure your apartment is close to campus unless you want to drive or ride your bike. University Trails, Fountain, etc. are great places to start if you would like to walk to class and are looking for a furnished apartment (Recommended).
- Look as early as possible. Ask if you can get a flexible lease for the months you're in Lubbock. I'd begin my search as soon as I decide I am coming to the program so that you have more wiggle room to work with.
- Make sure to get covered parking if you can, to prevent hail damage and keep your car at a tolerable interior temperature. Parking tends to be 25-40 dollars on top of your original student rent per month depending on if you choose covered or non-covered parking.

### **Driving/Parking:**

If you would rather live a bit off campus and drive/ride your bike you can get passes via the following locations:

- <http://www.parking.ttu.edu/>
- Citibus (Free to TTU Students with ID): [www.citibus.com](http://www.citibus.com)
- St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Ave. You may register for a permit online at <http://www.stjohnslubbock.org/> or call the church office at 806-762-0123. Fees are general \$80/semester
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1510 Ave. X. For more information you can call at 806-762-2893 or stop by the church office and ask about parking. Free parking, however it fills up fast.
- Located just across University Ave. on 15th St., First United Methodist Church ([www.fumc.com](http://www.fumc.com)) offers parking passes for roughly \$75/semester for non-

members and \$20 for members. More information is available on their website at the beginning of each semester.

### **Health Insurance:**

- If you have an assistantship, you are eligible for benefits as a part-time employee of Texas Tech University.  
Visit <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hradministration/hrservices/EMPServicesCenter/Insurance.asp> for more details. If you have children, consider applying for the State Kids Insurance Program (SKIP); details are available on the above website.
- If you do not have an assistantship, you are still eligible for student health insurance. Visit [www.academichealthplans.com/ttu](http://www.academichealthplans.com/ttu) for more details.

Unless you get it in the first 31 days after starting as a Texas Tech employee (through an assistantship) you will need to provide proof of insurability. Note: This may change due to the recent legislation.

### **Employment:**

- Employment opportunities exist through TTU via work study as well as outside work study.  
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/studentemployment.asp>
- Employment opportunities also exist across campus at many bars, restaurants and shops. Don't be afraid to ask for an application!
- Lubbock Independent School District also has substitute teaching opportunities for all individuals with a Bachelor's Degree or higher.  
[http://hr.lubbockisd.org/modules/groups/group\\_pages.phtml?&gid=1197294&nid=84538&SID=](http://hr.lubbockisd.org/modules/groups/group_pages.phtml?&gid=1197294&nid=84538&SID=)

### **What rooms should I know about as a Master's student? How do I get access?**

- HS 122: Main classroom for most PFP Master's and Ph.D. coursework.
- HS128: PFP Computer lab. Has over \$5 Million in annual fees of software you should take advantage of. Most software also comes with a learning tutorial so you can become technologically proficient on your own.  
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/technologyservices/schwab.php>
- To ask about access to these rooms go to Human Sciences Room 306. Visit with (or email) Cody Adams or Andrew Bevely.

### **Printing/Copying/Scanning?**

- HS 128 has printers/copiers and scanners for your use, however there are small fees associated with printing: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/technologyservices/printing.php>

- The library, specifically ALTC in the basement. Each semester grad students get a certain amount of funds towards both grayscale and colored printing.

### **Social things to know about:**

Take advantage of PFP social events and student organizations! You're coming from out of state so these are some of the best ways to get to know your fellow master's colleagues:

Student Organizations I can join:

- Red to Black: <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/r2b/> (typically not allowed until you take PFP 5377)
- Professional Financial Planning Association: <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/pfpa>
- FPA (Financial Planning Association): <http://www.fpanet.org/>.  
Membership currently costs students \$35 annually and includes many benefits. To see the benefits for students, visit:  
<http://www.fpanet.org/Membership/Individual/Student-Degree/>

### **Intramural Sports:**

There are a wide variety of both individual and team sports offered through the Recreation Center. Individual sports include bowling, racquetball, golf, tennis, and volleyball as well as many others. Some of the team sports include flag football, basketball, softball, and soccer (both indoor and outdoor). Co-ed teams are also an option. The PFP program usually has a basketball team, and a co-ed softball and indoor soccer team. While no official sign-up currently exists (i.e. students form teams on their own), the program could have official teams in the future.

For more information visit: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/intramurals/team.php>

### **Bars:**

- Chimy's
- Bar PM
- Cricket's
- Mesquite's
- Rooftop Bar
- Depot Downtown
- If you need a ride home call (806)-742-RIDE

### **Restaurants:**

- Sazon's
- Thai Pepper
- Gardsky's
- Triple J's Chophouse and Brew Co. (Excellent Beer!)

- Bless Your Heart
- Guadalajara
- Jalisco

**Miscellaneous things to know about Lubbock before you get here:**

- It is quite warm here (semi-arid climate) make sure you have appropriate warm weather clothing
- Don't forget winter clothing as it also gets quite cold in the later months of the year (i.e. make sure to bring a winter jacket!).
- Watch out for dust storms!
- Take advantage of the local cuisine! (Mexican, Barbecue, etc.)
- Grid Driving
- South Plains Mall – Located just off the southwest corner of the loop. 6002 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX: [southplainsmall.com](http://southplainsmall.com)
- Drive-in movie theater: <http://www.driveinusa.com/>
- Corn Maze: <http://www.atldofarms.com/>