2019 UT in NYC Program

DEADLINE: Thursday, November 29, 2018, 3:00 pm (no exceptions)
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED PROGRAM APPLICATION TO: Ms. Laura Ortiz-Malave (GEA 112)
QUESTIONS? Please contact Mrs. Prideaux nprideaux@utexas.edu or Ms. Stevens s3@utexas.edu

Introduction and Purpose of Seminar Course (TXA 365) and Conference

Thank you for your interest in the UT in NYC Program’s Seminar and Conference. The intent for this program is to bring apparel design and merchandising students together for an integrated look at the industry with an entrepreneurial focus. The program is designed as a Seminar held on campus during the regular spring semester followed by the Conference in NYC. Enrollment to both the Seminar course and the Conference will be limited to 14/15 students with preference given to Upper Division Textiles and Apparel students. Each student must complete a seminar application and the conference registration form to be considered for the program. Please read more about the application below.

The seminar will take place in Austin prior to the conference departure date with additional assignments after returning. The team will begin meeting post-spring break on a regular basis either Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 am, or at a common time available to all students. With UT’s flat-rate tuition, the addition of the seminar course to a regular spring load should not increase your tuition fees. If accepted to the program, students will sign up during the add/drop period through the 12th class day in January 2019.

The tentative dates for the conference are August 7 - 15, 2019, in New York City. You will need to commit to being available for the tentative date when applying. Please note the August date will preclude you from enrolling in the second session of summer school. When registering for spring 2019 classes, be prepared to add the course during adds and drops.

You must be at the conference hotel by 1:00 pm on the first day. Our conference days will be filled with seminars and meetings with various industry partners. This experience is a very exciting opportunity filled with exposure to some of the industry's legends and rising stars.

Previous Conference session speakers include:

| ● Kate Spade | ● Rachel Schectman, Story |
| ● Michael Kors | ● Tommy Hilfiger |
| ● Swarovski | ● Costume Institute, The Metropolitan Museum |
| ● Naeem Khan | ● PoloGeorgis Furs |
| ● Kenneth Wyse, President of Licensing, Phillips-Van Heusen | ● Bergdorf Goodman |
| | o Linda Fargo, Senior VP and Women’s Fashion Director |
| | o David Hoey, Visual Creative Director |

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**Seminar Application and Conference Registration**

**Application Deadline:** November 29, 2018, 3:00 pm

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**Emergency Contact Name and phone number:**

**Classification as of November 29, 2018:**  Jr  Sr

**Major:**  Design  Merchandising  Other

**Expected date of graduation:**

**Total number of semester hours that will be completed by December 31, 2018 (UT, Transfer and Credit):**

**Number of semester hours completed in TXA by December 31, 2018:**

**Number of hours completed at other colleges (list college, hours completed, and GPA):**

**Cumulative GPA at UT Austin:**  GPA in TXA classes:

**Will you be a full-time student during the spring 2019 semester (i.e., a minimum of 12 hours)?**  Yes  No

If you will *not* be a full-time student, please explain why:

**Would you like to be considered for need-based conference travel scholarship?**  Yes  No  
(Application to come at a later date)

**Which TXA faculty member is writing your recommendation?**

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I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also authorize The University of Texas to release my UT transcripts to the UT in NYC program.

I give permission to the UT in NYC program to verify my expected graduation date, major, student classification, and anticipated course loads.

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

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To apply for the seminar, you must turn in the following:

1. The completed and signed recommendation form. Please request that a UT faculty member (other than UT in NYC Director, Nancy Prideaux and Sara Stevens) complete the form.

   When choosing a faculty member to complete the recommendation form on your behalf, select a faculty member familiar with your performance in academic, significant extracurricular, or employment situations. Provide an addressed envelope to the faculty member completing the recommendation form. Address the envelope that will contain your recommendation form to:

   Nancy Prideaux  
   School of Human Ecology  
   The University of Texas at Austin  
   200 W 24th Street A2700 GEA 204  
   Austin, TX 78712

   We must receive your completed recommendation form by the deadline (November 29, 2018) in order for your application to be considered. It is your responsibility to give the individual filling in the recommendation form as much time as possible.

2. A one-page (8 1/2” x 11”) maximum word-processed letter in business letter format addressed to the UT in NYC Director Nancy Prideaux that describes your professional aspirations. This letter should express who you are as a person and how the UT in NYC program fits into your life goals. You should include such things as why you have chosen your career path, significant experiences which have guided you to this decision, how your current academic program and your overall educational plans will assist you in achieving your goals, why you want to participate in the UT in NYC program and what your expectations of the program are (what knowledge, experience, etc. you expect to gain from the seminar and conference).

3. A professional resume (one page).

4. **Hard copies** of completed applications should be returned to Laura Ortiz-Malave in GEA 112 by November 29, 2018, no later than 3:00 pm.

   Please print your application on only one side. Do not staple your application together. 
   Unsigned applications will not be considered.
Conference Fee and Payment Schedule

The 2019 Conference fee is $3,350* and must be paid in full by **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**, or your registration will be canceled.

After being notified of acceptance to the 2019 UT in NYC Conference, participants will have until **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**, to pay a non-refundable deposit. The entire conference fee may be paid on January 30, 2019, or according to the following schedule.

- **January 30, 2019** - a non-refundable deposit of $837.50 to hold your spot for the conference
- **February 20, 2019** - conference payment of $837.50 due
- **March 20, 2019** - conference payment of $837.50 due
- **April 17, 2019** - Final conference payment of $837.50 due

**After April 17, 2019, no refunds will be given to any portion of the conference fee.**

The conference fee includes*:

- shared accommodations (2 students per room) at a hotel in midtown Manhattan
- conference sessions
- opening and closing conference dinners
- opening reception with professor Iris Apfel
- a cultural event

Participants are responsible for the cost and arrangements of airfare to/from NYC, local transportation costs in NYC and meals outside of those listed above.

*We are still negotiating the contract with the hotel and finalizing program dates. Conference schedule and fee are subject to change.
UT in NYC Seminar 2019 Recommendation Form  
TXA 365: New York City Study Tour

Student ____________________________________________________________________________
(Please print name)

I do / I do not  (circle one) waive my right of access to the material below:

__________________________________________  __________  Signature  
                                          Date

To the recommender: The student identified above is applying to be considered for a spot in a course with a limited number of available spaces. Because of limited enrollment and because the purpose of this course is to introduce promising undergraduate students to industry professionals, it is essential that we assess the student’s professional potential. To assist the course instructor, please provide your candid assessment of the student's academic or professional performance/potential and personal character on each of the following characteristics. For comparison purposes, please reserve the "Superior" rating for students who have demonstrated evidence of being truly exceptional on the specific characteristic (i.e., among the best you have ever known). If you do not believe you have enough information to evaluate the student on a given characteristic, please select "N/A".

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1. How long have you known this student? _____ Years _____ Months

2. How do you know this student? ______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

3. Has this student distinguished herself/himself from her/his peers in a way that an opportunity like UT in NYC will be beneficial to the student? YES  NO

4. Do you feel that the student will represent The University of Texas at Austin well? YES  NO
   If Yes, please describe briefly: ______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

4. On a scale of 1 to 7, considering both personal characteristics and academic performance/potential, how strongly do you recommend this student for the UT in NYC program?

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Additional comments (in a separate letter) are welcomed but not required.

Name: __________________________________________ Signature: _________________________________________________

Title: ______________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: _____________________________________________

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By 3:00 pm on November 29, 2018
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Thank you for your help with this process!

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