2022 UT in NYC Program

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5pm

QUESTIONS? Please contact Nancy Prideaux nprideaux@utexas.edu or jennifer.wilson@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 online during the summer 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. Non majors and lower division students will be considered for the course. 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 selected team will begin meeting regularly after the spring semester ends. The seminar will take place weekly, (time & days TBD) prior to the departure date with additional assignments due after returning.

Students accepted to the program will register for the course during summer registration, April 13-15, April 18-22. Students will be required to pay UT’s summer tuition for the course, this is separate from the conference fee.

The tentative dates for the conference are August 2 - 10, 2022, in New York City. You will need to commit to being available for the entirety of this timeframe when applying. Please note, the August dates will preclude you from enrolling in any other courses during the second session of summer school.

You must be at the conference hotel by 2:00 pm on August 2, 2022. 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:

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<td>o Linda Fargo, Senior VP and Women’s Fashion Director</td>
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<td>o David Hoey, Visual Creative Director</td>
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2022 UT in NYC Program
Seminar Application and Conference Registration
Application Deadline: March 2, 2022, 5pm

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Emergency Contact Name, Relationship, and phone number (1):

Emergency Contact Name, Relationship, and phone number (2):

Classification as of March 2, 2022: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major: Design Merchandising Other

Expected date of graduation:

Total number of semester hours that will be completed by May 6, 2022 (UT, Transfer and Credit):

Number of semester hours completed in TXA by May 6, 2022:

Number of hours completed at other universities/colleges (list the school, hours completed, and GPA):

Cumulative GPA at UT Austin: GPA in TXA classes:

Will you be a full-time student during the Fall 2022 semester (i.e., a minimum of 12 hours)? Yes/No
If you will not be a full-time student, please explain:

Are you fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and able to provide proof of vaccination in order to participate in all UT in NYC activities? Yes/No

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?

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

1. The completed and signed recommendation form. Please note, Professors Jennifer Wilson and Nancy Prideaux may not serve as references.

   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. Please have your reference writer send the form signed and saved as a PDF via email to: Jennifer.wilson@utexas.edu.

   We must receive your completed recommendation form by the deadline (March 2, 2022) 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, typed letter in business letter format addressed to Professor Wilson 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. Create a digital folder in UT Box.com, labeled with your Last Name_First Name to upload your completed application materials by 5pm March 2, 2022. Make sure you share your folder with both jennifer.wilson@utexas.edu and nprideaux@utexas.edu via the sharing settings within box.com. Your digital folder must include the following to be considered complete:
   - 2021 Application
   - Resume
   - Letter of interest

5. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
Conference Fee and Payment Schedule

The 2022 Conference fee is $3,750* and must be paid in full by **June 1, 2022**, or your registration will be canceled. After being notified of acceptance to the 2022 UT in NYC Conference, participants will have until **April 1, 2022** to pay a non-refundable deposit. The entire conference fee may be paid on April 1, 2022 or according to the following schedule:

- April 1, 2022 – non-refundable deposit of $1250.00 to hold your spot for the conference**
- May 1, 2022 – non-refundable conference payment of $1250.00 due**
- June 1, 2022 – non-refundable conference payment of $1250.00 due**

**After June 1, 2022, no refunds will be given for any portion of the conference fee for student cancellations. Deposits or conference payments will be refunded if the conference is canceled due to UT travel restrictions.**

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. Exact conference schedule and fee are subject to change.
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?

| 1 Not At All: I know of students who would be a much better fit for the program. | 2 | 3 | 4 Somewhat: Solid student, but has not distinguished her/himself from their peers | 5 | 6 | 7 Very Strongly: One of the most promising students I have had the opportunity of having in classes. |

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

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ___________________________________

Title: ___________________________________ Date: ________________________________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _________________________________

Please email recommendation for to jennifer.wilson@utexas.edu by 5pm March 2, 2022.

Jennifer L. Wilson, Ph.D.
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Thank you for supporting this student in the UT in NYC application process.