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University of North Texas

The University of North Texas is one of the nation’s largest public research universities with 38,000 students. Ranked a Tier One research university by the Carnegie Classification, UNT is a catalyst for creativity, fueling progress, innovation and entrepreneurship for the North Texas region and the state.

UNT’s programs are internationally recognized with research and scholarship spanning all disciplines. World-class faculty are making breakthroughs every day, and UNT students and alumni are changing the world around them.

- We offer 88 master’s and 37 doctoral degree programs.
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- We have 23 research centers and institutes.

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Get your Ph.D. in Learning Technologies

Our coursework focuses on understanding and expanding the synergy of technology, learning, training, instructional systems, and research. This leads to a Doctor of Philosophy in Learning Technologies and can be completed in residency or in a distributed (online) format.

Program graduates are prepared for positions at universities and organizations that require creative and innovative applications to problems by implementing learning technology solutions. Graduates of our program work as faculty, teachers, instructional designers, directors of distance education, technology coordinators, trainers, and other positions in the instructional, educational, and learning technology fields.

Students entering the program are assigned both a major professor (faculty advisor) and an Associate Graduate Faculty (AGF) mentor. The student works with their major professor during coursework and into dissertation with a focus on student-centered research for the purpose of guiding the student to successful completion of the program. Mentors are distinguished professionals and scholars in the filed who oversee the student’s work toward dissertation.

Program Formats

Residential—The Ph.D. is offered as a residency-based program primarily for those in the North Texas region. Our residential students meet for courses at the state-of-the-art UNT Discovery Park campus. Students in the residential option typically take 9-semester credit hours each long semester (fall and spring).

Distributed—Students participating in the distributed option take a standard set of courses online year-round, typically 6-credit hours each semester (fall, spring, and summer).

Degree requirements

The Ph.D. degree consists of 60-69 credit hours, which include:
- 15 credit hours of core courses
- 18 credit hours of electives/topic courses
- 15 credit hours of research courses
- 9 credit hours of tools courses, as needed
- 12 credit hours of dissertation

Deadlines

The Ph.D. program admits new cohorts for both the residential and distributed option each fall semester.

Application materials must be submitted and considered complete before the deadline. Space is limited, so you are encouraged to apply early.

Program cost and financial assistance

UNT offers a variety of options to help you finance your education, including financial aid, grants, and student loans. To find out more about the application and award process visit gofurther.unt.edu/funding.

The estimated cost of the program for 69 hours of study over 14 semesters of enrollment is approximately $12,000 a year. Textbooks and software for the entire program should be approximately $3,000 depending on selected textbooks and software used in courses.

Annual Meeting

Students in the program are required to attend an annual face-to-face meeting each fall semester. Travel cost and dates will vary depending on conference location.

Applying to the program

Admissions consist of:

An application to the University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School.

1. Completed application for admissions (apply online at ApplyTexas.org)
2. Transcripts from previous colleges attended
3. GRE or GMAT scores—required

*Due to processing time, it is imperative that you submit these materials well in advance of the application deadline so that they are received by the program office before that date.

An application to the Learning Technologies program.

1. Personal resume or CV
2. Personal statement (500-1000 words)
3. Three letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member)
4. LT Ph.D. Application (Preferred Advisor form)