

## **Student Health Services**

The mission of Student Health Services is to provide students with timely, quality health care throughout their enrollment and to assist students in developing a greater sense of responsibility to themselves and others by establishing good health care and habits. Student Health Services is also available to the campus community to provide resource material and educational programs.

Student Health Services is located behind Cooper Hall and has a staff of nurses and a part-time family nurse practitioner with an M.D. consultant. The staff nurses are available during the regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The family nurse practitioner is available daily when classes are in session. Appointments are preferred.

To be eligible for services, one must be enrolled in classes during that semester. A health history card must be completed and on file in the Student Health office. Services include general outpatient care, first aid, limited laboratory service, vaccines, physicals, and allergy shot administration. Student Health also dispenses some prescription medications. There is no charge for an office visit; however, minimal fees are charged for prescription medications, lab tests, and vaccines. Volunteer Community Hospital is located near the university and is available for medical and surgical services and emergencies, but the student must pay his/her own hospital expenses.

Students are urged to carry health insurance to cover illnesses and accidents that may occur while they are enrolled, since this coverage is not provided by the institution. Information about insurance coverage available to students at low costs can be obtained at Student Health Services.

**Note: All students are required to be in compliance with Tennessee Department of Health requirements regarding two MMR vaccines, Hepatitis B vaccines, and the vaccine for meningococcal disease. Proof of vaccinations must be on file in Student Health Services. Failure to comply will result in inability to register for classes.**

## **Student Life**

UT Martin offers many opportunities for students to become involved in the total collegiate experience. The Office of Student Life coordinates a number of special activities throughout the year in conjunction with various student organizations and university departments. The Office of Student Life works to support more than 125 student organizations including professional organizations, honorary societies, service organizations, special interest groups, and social Greek letter organizations (fraternities and sororities).

Student Life works closely with the Office of Campus Recreation in support of the intramural sports, club sports, and outdoor recreation programs, and with the University Center in support of the various program opportunities for students. Also, Student Life provides advisement for the Student Activities Council, and co-directs the university's Freshman Experience Program. For more information, call the Office of Student Life at 731-881-7525 or visit the Website at [www.utm.edu/~utmlife](http://www.utm.edu/~utmlife).

## **Opportunities at UT Martin**

- Professional Organizations – UT Martin has more than 50 student organizations that represent different academic disciplines or career paths. These organizations offer opportunities for students to interact with professionals in their given fields and with students with similar professional interests. Each year, several professional student organizations at UT Martin receive national recognition and honors.

- **Honorary Organizations** – UT Martin hosts several honorary societies that recognize students for significant academic accomplishment and exceptional leadership ability. Phi Kappa Phi is the flagship honorary organization at UT Martin.
- **Service Organizations** – UT Martin is home to several service oriented organizations, including Alpha Phi Omega and Up 'Til Dawn. During the academic year, these organizations engage in community service and philanthropic projects that contribute to the quality of life throughout Northwest Tennessee.
- **Student Government Association (SGA)** – The Student Government Association provides opportunities for students to participate in the governance of the university. When a student enrolls at UT Martin, he/she becomes eligible to participate in Student Government. Executive and Senate positions are elected on an annual basis. Representatives of the SGA, along with members of the faculty, serve on major campus committees.
- **Student Activities Council (SAC)** – The Student Activities Council is charged with providing student entertainment activities for the campus. Various committees include entertainment; arts, news, and views; cafe house; film and video; and publicity. Participation on the various committees is encouraged and open to all students. The SAC produces in excess of 75 events during an academic year. For more information, see the Web at [www.utm.edu/sac](http://www.utm.edu/sac).
- **Special Interest Organizations** – Ranging from the Young Republicans Club to the Second Nature Environmental Society, UT Martin hosts several student organizations that focus on the specific interests of the UT Martin community.

## Fine and Performing Arts Opportunities

**Vanguard Theatre** presents two or three major theatrical productions and a series of one-act plays during the academic year. These provide the opportunity for students to participate in acting, stage-managing, and lighting, as well as designing and constructing stage sets and costumes. In addition, a series of original plays written by students in the playwriting classes is presented in the spring. These performances are directed by students from directing classes. Thus, students work together as playwrights, directors, and actors, toward the realization of a script.

**The UT Martin Dance Ensemble** is an auditioned group which performs a variety of dance styles. Student productions in the spring semester provide opportunities for dancing, choreography, stage-managing, lighting, and designing sets and costumes for dance. Two credit hours.

**The Skyhawk Marching Band** is organized fall semester and is open to all university students who have a background in marching band. The band performs for football games and presents exhibition performances at area marching band contests. Band camp is held for one week before fall semester. Marching band carries one credit hour, and band camp carries another credit hour. Pep bands are organized to perform for basketball games and pep rallies. ***Band scholarships are available by audition.***

**The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band** are also open to all students with instrumental music experience. These bands perform a variety of wind band repertoire during the spring semester. ***Band scholarships are available by audition.***

**The Concert Jazz Band** rehearses throughout the academic year and is open to all students by audition. A variety of jazz, rock and popular music styles are performed for special events on- and off-campus, including concerts for area schools. One credit hour.

**Instrumental Ensembles – Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion Ensembles** are open to all students by audition. These groups perform in chamber music concerts and for other occasions. One credit hour each.

**University Singers** is an auditioned choir of about 40 to 50 voices which performs both sacred and secular music from all periods of history. The choir meets four times each week. One credit hour.

**New Pacer Singers** is an auditioned show choir of students chosen for their singing and dancing ability. The group performs mostly show tunes and popular music for campus activities, civic groups, and high schools. One credit hour. ***New Pacer Singers scholarships are available by audition.***

**Lyric Opera Theatre** presents at least one staged production during the year, usually in the spring semester. These performances include works from the standard operatic repertoire as well as contemporary operas. Scenes from operas are also presented. One credit hour.

**Piano Ensemble** is open to qualified students by audition. The group specializes in the performance of four-hand and eight-hand piano music. One credit hour.

**Accompanying** offers opportunities for performance with vocal and instrumental soloists as well as with instrumental ensembles. One credit hour. Opportunity to accompany on a non-credit basis is also available.

**Private Instruction in Music** – Qualified students from all curricula may elect to take individual instruction in applied music in the Department of Music for credit on a “space available” basis.

**Music Recitals** – Faculty recitals are presented each year by the Department of Music. Junior and senior recitals are given by music majors, and students perform in weekly recitals on Wednesday afternoons. *All recitals are open to the public.*

## **Information Technology Services**

The Office of Information Technology Services provides high-quality information technology and communications resources and services through shared resources, common infrastructure, and common functions in support of the administrative and academic activities of UT Martin.

- All residence halls and campus apartments have ports for high-speed connection to the Internet, 72 cable TV channels with four premium movie channels, and telephone service with optional low-cost, long-distance service.
- Resident Network Assistants assist students with connecting to the UT Martin network. The corporate anti-virus software is available to all students, faculty, and staff and required to connect to the UT Martin network.
- The Information Technology Services Helpdesk is located in the Boling University Center. Technicians are available to assist students, faculty, and staff via the web, email, or telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Walk-in assistance is available during University Center hours.

- One-third of student-use and classroom computers are replaced each year, providing students access to new technology.
- Students can take advantage of UT volume discounts on hardware, software, and accessories through the Computer Store, located in the Boling University Center. Information Technology Services also services what is sold through the Computer Store.
- All students are given email accounts on a new Microsoft Exchange server with a Web interface to email, calendaring, and task management. Students have access to file storage space on a Windows 2000 server for assignments, and money on their SkyHawk card to print from any general-purpose lab.
- The Skyhawk Card is utilized for access to secured areas, vending machines, laundry facilities, and printing.
- The general-purpose student labs are available almost 24 hours per day every day.
- Wireless notebooks are available for checkout and use in the Library.
- A multi-media station is available in the Library for students to produce all types of digital media for assignments and portfolios. Color printers and scanners are also available.
- Blackboard, the campus online course management system, provides an online interface between faculty and students for specific course assignments, documents, and activities.
- Information Technology Services utilizes the talents of UT Martin students to assist in meeting the needs of the campus by hiring students as workers in a variety of areas.
- Registration, view and print schedules, view course schedules and adviser information, view and print grades, Financial Aid information, view and pay fees, view and print transcripts, view graduation requirement checksheets and run what-if scenarios when changing majors, verify and change addresses, and other important student functions are available from anywhere, anytime via the Banner Student Information System web interface for students.
- 802.11b wireless is available in academic buildings and the Library and University Center, including the ability to print from the wireless network.
- UT Martin is connected to the Internet through 45 megabit DS3.
- UT Martin has an Interactive Video Network with three classrooms on the Martin campus and T1 connections to classrooms in Jackson, Selmer, Camden, Paris, Lake County, McKenzie, Ripley, Knoxville, and Memphis for teaching courses through the video network.
- Classrooms are equipped with Internet connections. Multi-media computer units are available permanently or through mobile units for use in classrooms and auditoriums.
- One-third of the full-time faculty members receive new computers every year. The faculty computer rotation allows faculty to always be ahead of the technology curve.
- The Instructional Technology Center provides training and consulting services to faculty for online and blended courses. Workshops, regularly scheduled monthly training events, and individualized instruction on a variety of software and classroom technology is available on a continuing basis. State-of-the-art equipment for faculty technology needs is housed in the ITC facility in the Paul Meek Library.

The services provided by Information Technology Services are in place to provide a flexible infrastructure to meet the rapidly changing needs for instruction, all types of learning, research, and administrative functions.