Prospective Graduate Student FAQs
(Frequently Asked Questions)

Question: What are the application deadlines?

Answer: Information about departmental application deadlines is posted here:
http://physics.unt.edu/grad/admissions
Information about graduate school application deadlines is posted here:
https://tsgs.unt.edu/future-students/graduate-admissions

Question: What are the departmental acceptance criteria?

Answer: The departmental acceptance criteria are posted here:
http://physics.unt.edu/grad/application#

Question: Am I required to fill out a departmental application?

Answer: Yes. The departmental application is posted here:
http://physics.unt.edu/grad/application#

Question: Should I submit anything else when I submit the departmental application?

Answer: No. If you receive positive feedback from us on admission, only then should you complete the Graduate School application. No other materials should be submitted unless we request them.

Question: I am an international student, and my country uses English as the official language. Am I required to show proof of English proficiency?

Answer: The answer can be found here:
http://admissions.unt.edu/international/english-language-requirements

Question: I am an international student. Do I have to take the TOEFL
exam even though I did my undergraduate studies in the United States?

Answer: No. You don't have to take the TOEFL exam if you received a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. university, or if you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Question: I am an international student. Are there any web sites specifically for me?

Answer: Yes.
The following web sites may have useful information:
http://tsgs.unt.edu/international
https://admissions.unt.edu/international

Question: I am an international student, and my country doesn't use letter grades. How should I report my grades on the departmental application?

Answer: Please report a numerical grade earned and a maximum grade. For example: "90/100."

Question: I have a 152 Quantitative Reasoning score and a 147 Verbal Reasoning score on my GRE. Do you recommend that I retake the GRE to get admitted?

Answer: Those scores have, in the past, been considered acceptable for admission. The departmental acceptance criteria are posted here:
http://physics.unt.edu/grad/application#

Question: I have below a 3.5 writing score on the GRE. Will that keep me from being admitted?

Answer: A 3.5 Analytical Writing score on the GRE isn't a minimum requirement by itself. Making less than a 3.5 GRE Analytical Writing score is acceptable for admission, provided that at least one criterion is satisfied from a set of five criteria. More information is provided on the
departmental acceptance criteria web page posted here:
http://physics.unt.edu/grad/application#

Question: Is a tuition payment arrangement possible?

Answer: Payment installment plans are available for eligible students. More information is available here: http://studentaccounting.unt.edu/payment-installment-plan

Question: Is there health insurance coverage available for students?

Answer: Yes. Information can be found here: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/billing-and-insurance

Question: Can I be admitted to the graduate physics program with an undergraduate degree in engineering?

Answer: The answer is often yes, but undergraduate leveling courses are typically required during the first semester. We can provide you with more information after you fill out the departmental application: http://physics.unt.edu/grad/application#