



2021 ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON



70th

Anniversary

Association of Texas
Graduate Schools
Annual Meeting

September 30 – October 1

at the
University of Houston

THE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS GRADUATE SCHOOLS

The Association of Texas Graduate Schools (ATGS), founded in 1951 in Dallas, Texas, with 60 members, seeks to advance graduate study in the state of Texas by providing a forum for the discussion of ideals, aims, and problems in graduate studies faced by institutions of higher learning throughout our state. We hold regular meetings annually at one of our member institutions to share our experiences in our different approaches to the challenge of providing a meaningful graduate education for our students.

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About the UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Founded in 1927, the University of Houston is now the third-largest school in the state of Texas. The Graduate School oversees over 6,000 students across more than 150 graduate and professional programs, including master's, doctoral, advanced certificate, professional, and joint degree programs.

The University of Houston aims to actively recruit a diverse student population and challenge our scholars to develop new ideas and technology through hands-on application and mentoring under experienced professors who will become an integral part of their professional preparation. The university's goal is to maintain a position at the forefront of research, innovation, and scholarship

by providing opportunities for intellectual growth. Students at The University of Houston Graduate School experience unparalleled professional development opportunities, program flexibility, and academic support.

The mission of the Graduate School is to promote excellence in education by enabling graduate and professional students to research, study, and prepare professionally in an environment that fosters the growth of ideas and the spread of information. The school is committed to promoting diversity in both the culture of our student population and in the influx of knowledge we advocate as an institution.



2021 ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS GRADUATE SCHOOLS ANNUAL MEETING

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS (1951-2021)

HYBRID MEETING FORMAT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

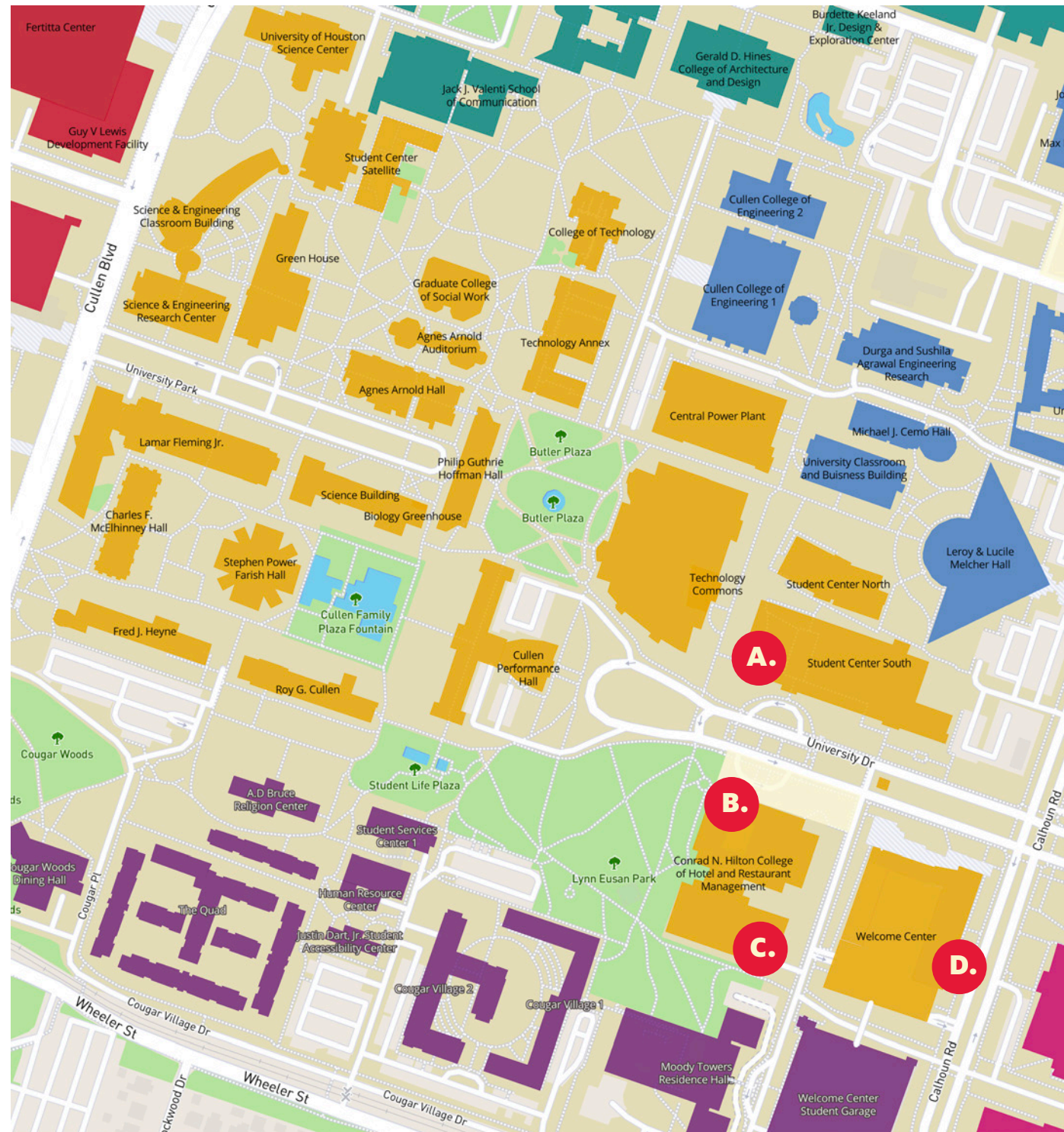
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **CHECK-IN, REGISTRATION and BOX LUNCH PICKUP**
Student Center Theater-Table outside of theater on first floor
- All in person conference sessions will be held in the University of Houston Student Center Theater.
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.** **WELCOME**
Sarah Larsen, 2021 ATGS President, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Houston
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION: THE VIEW FROM CGS**
Suzanne Ortega, President, Council of Graduate Schools
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** **LEGAL ISSUES IN GRADUATE EDUCATION**
Mackenzie Wilfong, General Counsel, Tulsa Community College
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.** **BREAK**
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.** **OVERCOMING THE 6 BARRIERS TO GRADUATE ENROLLMENT GROWTH**
Ben Roberts, Senior Director, EAB
- 4:45 – 5:15 p.m.** **LIGHTNING ROUND PRESENTATIONS**
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** **RECEPTION AND DINNER**
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.** **UPDATES FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**
Ray Martinez, Deputy Director, THECB
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.** **UPDATES FROM INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF TEXAS (ICUT)**
Steve Johnson, President, ICUT
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** **MODELS AND NETWORKS TO SUPPORT GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Accelerate to Industry (A2i): Joseph Aldinger and Laura Demarse, North Carolina State University
- Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL): Lisa Kelly, University of Iowa
- DoctoralNet Professional Development: E. Alana James, DoctoralNet
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **DISCUSSION OF TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES AND INSTRUCTION**
Anka Vujanovic, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Houston
- Trinidad Macias, University of the Incarnate Word (organizer)
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** **BOX LUNCH PICKUP**
Lunch will be in the Heights room (2nd floor Student Center South)
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **BUSINESS MEETING AND CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

CAMPUS MAP

Also available at uh.edu/maps

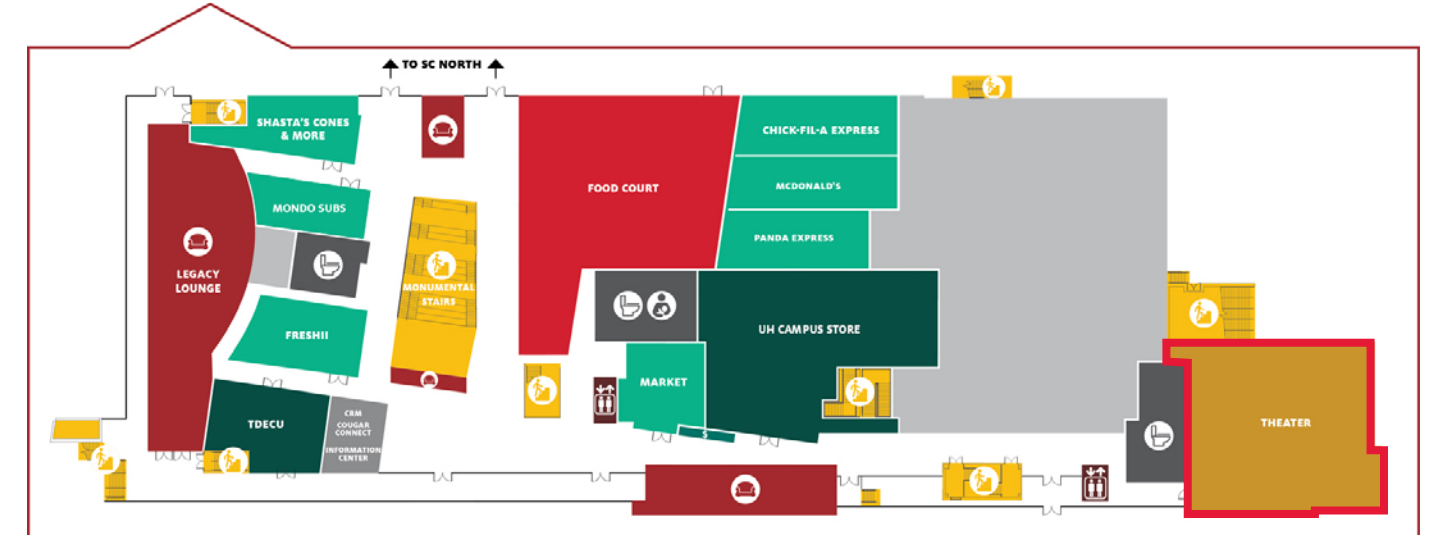


- A.** Student Center South
- B.** University of Houston Hilton
- C.** University of Houston Hilton Parking
- D.** Welcome Center and Visitor Parking

STUDENT CENTER SOUTH MAPS

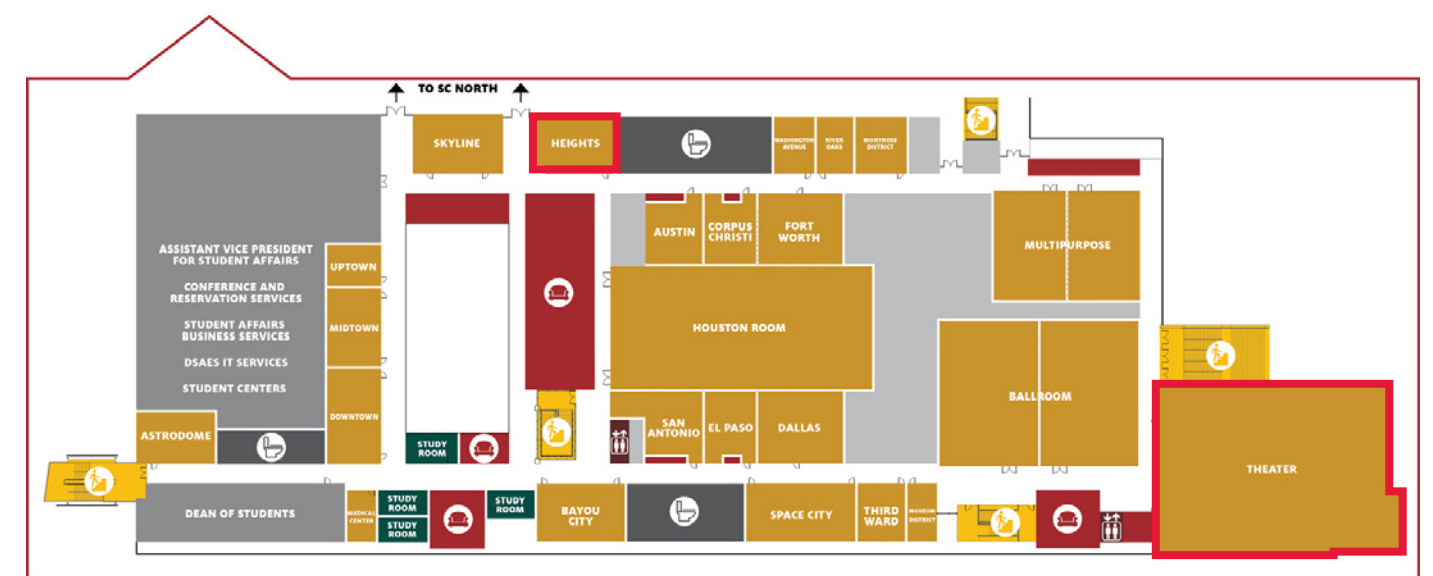
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OFFICES	RETAIL STORES	DINING OPTIONS	FOOD COURT	ATM'S
CRM OFFICE 143	UH CAMPUS STORE 130	CHICK-FIL-A EXPRESS 124	THEATER 103	ELEVATORS
COUGAR CONNECT 141	TDECU 144	FRESHII 151		EVENT SPACES
INFORMATION CENTER 141		MARKET 132		LOUNGING AREAS
		MCDONALD'S 122		MOTHER'S ROOM
		MONDO SUBS 158		OFFICES
		PANDA EXPRESS 121		RESTROOMS
		SHASTA'S CONES & MORE 162		STAIR ACCESS

SECOND FLOOR



EVENT SPACES	OFFICES	ELEVATORS
ASTRODOME 257	ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS 271	EVENT SPACES
AUSTIN 220J	AUDIO VISUAL 271	LOUNGING AREAS
BALLROOM 210	CONFERENCE & RESERVATION SERVICES 271	OFFICES
BAYOU CITY 219	DEAN OF STUDENTS 256	RESTROOMS
CORPUS CHRISTI 220M	DSAES IT SERVICES 271	STAIR ACCESS
DALLAS 220B	STUDENT CENTERS 271	STUDY ROOMS
DOWNTOWN 261		
EL PASO 220D		
FORT WORTH 220P		
HEIGHTS 224		
HOUSTON ROOM 220		
MEDICAL CENTER 255		
MIDTOWN 262		
MONTROSE DISTRICT 232		
MULTIPURPOSE 237		
MUSEUM DISTRICT 211		
RIVER OAKS 231		
SAN ANTONIO 220F		
SKYLINE 223		
SPACE CITY 214		
THEATER 203		
	THIRD WARD 212	
	UPTOWN 270	
	WASHINGTON AVENUE 230	

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Association of Texas Graduate Schools (ATGS)

Abilene Christian University
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Baylor College of Dentistry
Baylor College of Medicine
Baylor University
Criswell College
Hardin-Simmons University
Houston Baptist University
Lamar University
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Southern Methodist University
St. Edwards University

St. Mary's University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Sul Ross State University
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Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University-Galveston
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University

Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
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The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Brownsville
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Texas at Tyler
The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Galveston
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

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University of Dallas
University of Houston
University of Houston-Clear Lake
University of Houston-Victoria
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of North Texas
University of North Texas at Dallas
University of North Texas Health Science Center
University of St. Thomas
University of St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary
University of the Incarnate Word
Wayland Baptist University
West Texas A&M University



THANK YOU

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And finally, to all of you for attending this 70th anniversary meeting of the ATGS! Your participation and attendance, whether virtual or in person, are the reasons that we gather each year to share our experiences advancing graduate education in Texas.

Dr. Sarah Larsen

*Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
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