



Important Messages to Students

from the University Registrar

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Spring 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

January 14 - January Rotunda Passage for NEW spring First-Year and Transfer students (3:45 p.m., in front of McFarlin Auditorium)

January 15 - First day of classes

January 18 - Martin Luther King Holiday

January 22 - Last day to enroll/add/drop without grade record

February 2 - Last day to declare pass/fail/no credit

February 18 & 19 - May Grad Fair (Blanton Building)

February 23 - Early Intervention Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

March 7-13 - Spring Break

March 23 - Mid-Term Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

April 6 - Last day to drop course with a W

April 18 - Honors Convocation - 5:30 pm

April 22 - Last day to withdraw from the University

May 2 - Last day of instruction

May 3 - Reading Day

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Refer to the following link smu.edu/healthcenter/policy/absenceclass.asp

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Please see the Official University Calendar for 2015 - 2016 on the University Registrar Home Page for important dates and deadlines

[here.](#)



ENROLLMENT & STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Classes begin on Friday, January 15. If you have not enrolled, you have through Friday, January 22. Payment due date is upon enrollment. Select link for information on how to pay. smu.edu/bursar/webpay.asp

The last day to make changes to your schedule without grade record is Friday, January 22 until 11:59 p.m. Last day to declare pass/fail is Tuesday, February 2. For further information concerning spring 2016 and other important deadlines, please go to the University Registrar Home Page smu.edu/registrar and click "Class Schedule & Enrollment Information."

Remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that your enrollment is accurate and all University deadlines are met.

"NO CREDIT" OR "PASS/FAIL" OPTION

Students may take some undergraduate courses for "No Credit" or "Pass/Fail." **"No Credit" Option** - Students should indicate in writing no later than the 12th class day that they wish to do so. Permission of the instructor or department is required. **"Pass/Fail" Option** - 12 hours of pass/fail hours are the maximum total credits that a student can use towards a degree assuming a passing grade in the class. Grades of C- or higher are considered passing. Deadline to complete the Pass/Fail Option Declaration form is the 12th class day. Forms are available in the Office of the Academic Dean. More information can be found in the online Undergraduate Catalog at smu.edu/catalogs.

PERSONAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION

If you have not completed this process recently, it is important that you *immediately* log into my.SMU.edu to check the accuracy of your information. Under Personal Information you must verify and update your address, phone number (including cell number if available), emergency contact, and demographic data. Check the box and click "save" after you complete each section. If this information is not verified in a timely manner, a HOLD may be placed on your account for any future enrollment terms at SMU.

EARLY INTERVENTION AND MID-TERM GRADING

Select undergraduate students may receive early and/or mid-term grades. See smu.edu/registrar/Enrollment_Info/rules.asp and click on "Early Intervention and Mid-Term Grading" for specific information.

RELEASE OF EDUCATION RECORDS

FERPA — The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

The process of authorizing your parents and others access to your education records, such as Financial Aid, Student Financials, Holds, and Academic Records is easy! Go to smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA for more information regarding FERPA. Step-by-step instructions to authorize access are located at smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Releases/Student-Records-Release. Feel free to contact Enrollment Services at enrol_serv@smu.edu or 214.768.3417 if you have any questions. Find out more about directory information at smu.edu/registrar/ferpa/dir_info.asp