

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

This calendar includes an addendum listing religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Graduate Programs in the Cox School of Business, Perkins School of Theology and Dedman School of Law have different calendars.

Offices of the University will be closed on September 5, 2011; November 24-25, 2011; December 26, 2011-January 2, 2012; January 16, 2012; April 6, 2012; May 28, 2012.

FALL TERM 2011

April 4 - April 22 Monday – Friday: Enrollment Fall 2011 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman & Meadows.

May/July/August -TBA: Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation (AARO) conferences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. Conference dates to be announced. Contact New Student Programs, Student Life Office, 214-768-4560, www.smu.edu/newstudent.

August 20, Saturday: Residence halls officially open.

August 21, Sunday: Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

August 22, Monday: First day of classes.

August 26, Friday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing. Last day to file for graduation in December

September 5, Monday: University Holiday - Labor Day.

September 7, Wednesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. Last day to request excused absence for observance of a religious holiday.

September 16-17, Friday-Saturday: Family Weekend.

September 26, Monday: Early Intervention grades due at 11:59 p.m.

October 5, Wednesday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

October 10-11, Monday-Tuesday: Fall Break

October 21, Friday: Mid-Term grades due at 11:59 p.m.

October 31, Monday: 60% point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU—prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

October 31 - November 18, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Spring 2012 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.

November 4, Friday: Last day to drop a course.

November 4-5, Friday-Saturday: Homecoming.

November 10, Thursday: Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.

November 18, Friday: Students should file for May graduation. Last day to file is January 23, 2012.

November 22, Tuesday: Last day to withdraw from the University

November 23, Wednesday: “No Class” Day

November 24-25, Thursday- Friday: University Holiday – Thanksgiving.

November 30- December 4, Wednesday-Sunday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

December 2, Friday: Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

December 5, Monday: Last day of instruction.

December 6, Tuesday: Reading Day

December 7-14, Wednesday-Wednesday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Saturday and Sunday).

December 15, Thursday: Residence halls officially close. (December graduates contact RLSH).
December 17, Saturday: Official close of term and date for conferral of degrees. Graduation ceremony for December graduates.
December 25, Sunday: University Holiday – Christmas/Winter Break.

JANUARY INTER-TERM 2012

January 2, Monday: University Holiday - New Year's
(Note: Some areas of instruction offer selected courses during the January Inter-term,
December 19 – January 13.)

JAN TERM IN PLANO

January 3, Tuesday: First day of class.
January 4, Wednesday: Last day to declare/pass fail.
January 11, Wednesday: Last day to drop/withdraw from the university.
January 12, Thursday: Last class including exam.

SPRING TERM 2012

October 31-January 23, Monday-Monday: Enrollment Spring 2011 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.
January - TBA: Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation (AARO) conferences for new first- year and transfer undergraduate students. Conference dates to be announced. Contact New Student Programs, Student Life Office, 214-768-4560, www.smu.edu/newstudent.
January 2, Monday: University Holiday - New Year's
January 10, Tuesday: Residence halls officially open.
January 16, Monday: University Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
January 17, Tuesday: First day of classes.
January 23, Monday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing. Last day to file for May graduation.
February 1, Wednesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first- year repeated course grading options. Last day to request excused absence for observance of a religious holiday.
February 20, Monday: Early Intervention grades due at 11:59 p.m.
March 10-18, Saturday-Sunday: Spring Break.
March 21, Wednesday: Mid-Term grades due at 11:59 p.m.
March 29, Thursday: 60% point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU—prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required
April 2, Monday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before April enrollment.
April 2-20, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Summer 2012 and Fall 2012 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.
April 4, Wednesday: Last day to drop a course.
April 6, Friday: University Holiday – Good Friday.
April 8, Sunday: Easter Sunday
April 9, Monday: Last Day for May graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.
April 16, Monday: Honors Day, 5:30 p.m.
April 17, Tuesday: Students should file for August or December graduation. Last day to file for August is June 5. Last day to file for December is the last day to enroll for Fall 2012.
April 23, Monday: Last day to withdraw from the University.

April 26-May 1, Thursday-Tuesday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.
April 27, Friday: Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.
May 1, Tuesday: Last day of instruction. Follows a Friday schedule.
May 2-8, Wednesday -Tuesday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).
May 9, Wednesday: Residence halls officially close for non-graduating students.
May 11, Friday: Baccalaureate.
May 12, Saturday: Commencement.
May 13, Sunday: Residence halls officially close for graduating seniors.

TAOS MAY TERM 2012

May 9, Wednesday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Travel Day and Arrival, 2-6 p.m.
May 10, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: First Day of Classes.
May 26, Saturday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Examinations
May 27, Sunday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Departure

SUMMER TERM 2012

The Summer Term consists of three primary sessions: first session, second session, and a full summer session. There are also shorter and longer sessions to accommodate the particular needs of the various instructional units such as SMU-In-Taos, International Programs and Perkins School of Theology.

FULL SUMMER SESSION

Classes will meet 2 hours and 15 minutes twice a week or 1 hour and 30 minutes three times a week.

May 28, Monday: University Holiday – Memorial Day.
May 31, Thursday: First day of Full Summer Session classes.
June 5, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing for Full Summer Session course. Last day to file for August graduation.
June 11, Monday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options for a Full Summer Session course.
July 4, Wednesday: University Holiday – Independence Day.
July 5, Thursday: Follows a Wednesday class schedule.
July 17, Tuesday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.
July 24, Tuesday: Last day to drop a Full Summer Session course.
July 30, Monday: Last day to withdraw from the University.
August 3, Friday: Last day of Full Summer Session instructions and examinations. Official close of the term and date for conferral of degrees.

FIRST SESSION

Classes meet two hours a day, Monday - Friday.

May 28, Monday: University Holiday – Memorial Day.
May 31, Thursday: First day of First Session Classes.
June 1, Friday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing for a First Session course.
June 5, Tuesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options for a First Session Course. Last day to file for August Graduation.
June 22, Friday: Last day to drop a First Session course.

June 25, Monday: Last day to withdraw from the University.
June 29, Friday: Last day of First Session instruction and examinations.

TAOS SUMMER I SESSION

May 31, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Arrival between 2-6 p.m.
June 1, Friday: First Day of Classes SMU-in-Taos.
June 2, Saturday: Last day to enroll, add courses and drop courses without grade record or tuition billing.
Permission of Taos Program required for all enrollments.
June 28, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Examinations.
June 29, Friday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Departure.

SECOND SESSION

Classes meet two hours a day, Monday - Friday

June 5, Tuesday: Last day to file for August Graduation.
July 2, Monday: First day of Second Session classes.
July 3, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop without grade record or tuition billing for Second Session courses.
July 4, Wednesday: University Holiday – Independence Day.
July 6, Friday: Last day to declare Pass/Fail, No Credit or First-Year Repeated Course grading options for a Second Session course.
July 12, Thursday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.
July 24, Tuesday: Last day to drop a Second Session course.
July 26, Thursday: Last day to withdraw from the University.
August 1, Wednesday: Last day of Second Session instruction and examinations.
August 3, Friday: Official close of the term and conferral date.

TAOS AUGUST TERM 2012

July 31, Tuesday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Arrival
August 1, Wednesday: First day of classes
August 2, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: Last day to enroll, add courses and drop courses without grade record or tuition billing. Permission of Taos Program required for all enrollments.
August 16, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Examinations.
August 17, Friday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Departure.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

(August 2011-August 2012)

Listing of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Christian

Christmas	December 25, 2011
Palm Sunday	April 1, 2012

Good Friday	April 6, 2012
Easter Sunday	April 8, 2012
Easter Sunday (Orthodox)	April 15, 2012

Hindu

Janmashtami	August 26, 2011
Dasera	October 3-12, 2011
Diwali	November 1, 2011

Jewish*

*All holidays begin at sundown before the first day noted and conclude at sundown on the day(s) noted.

Rosh Hashanah	September 28-30, 2011
Yom Kippur	October 7-8, 2011
Sukkot	October 12-19, 2011
Hanukkah	December 20-28, 2011
Pesach (Passover)	April 6-8, 2012
Shavuot	May 26-28, 2012

Muslim

Ramadan	July 31-August 1, 2011
Eid al Fitr	August 29-30, 2011
Eid al Adha	November 5-6, 2011
Islamic New Year	November 25-26, 2011
Ashura	December 4-5, 2011
Mawlid an Nabi	February 3-4, 2012