



# SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY



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dent is already enrolled; however, action may be initiated to obtain a change which may be officially effectuating of the next semester.

**d Dropping Courses.**—No course may be added or (without grade penalty) later than one week from the first instruction. Thereafter the student may drop a course grade of F, unless he is passing at the time and has the approval of his advisor and dean. (See statement on grades, pages 86, 87, 88 in registration must be approved by the dean and the instructor concerned. To be certain that no penalty will be incurred in dropping of a course, the student should check specifically with his advisor, his instructor, and the dean. All "Add's" are required to be accomplished within the deadline set in the University Calendar.

**Enrollment (Course Visitor).**—Students desiring to "audit" a course are required to obtain permission from the academic advisor and instructor concerned. Space must be available in the following regulations are applicable:

1. No credit is assigned and no credit is recorded; no laboratory fees are included.

2. If it is desired, the course must be repeated as a regular course and the regular tuition must be paid. (See page 56 in the catalogue for applicable tuition.)

3. Official University record of the enrollment is made.

4. Admission and registration procedures are not completed (approval for visitation comes from the academic advisor).

5. Student's name does not appear on class rosters or grade books.

**Enrollment for No-Degree Credit.**—Enrollment for "no credit" is made in the conventional manner of registration with admission and registration procedures being followed. The student pays the regular tuition and fees; participates in class activities; is listed on class rolls; and receives the grade of "NC" upon completion of the course work. Prior approval for this type of enrollment must be approved by the student's academic advisor on the enrollment card. This enrollment is different from *Audit* enrollment, for which no grade is received and no enrollment is recorded.

## UNIVERSITY LIFE

The contact with manners, wrote Dionysius of Halicarnassus before the birth of Christ, is education.

At SMU there is a lengthening tradition of these extracurricular contacts, both formal and informal, providing an atmosphere of encouragement and opportunity for the student to mature morally, ethically and socially just as he is allowed the freedom to mature intellectually.

If SMU is a community of learning, where one takes into the laboratory of life the findings of his personal experience and measures them against the judgments of history and contemporary society, it is also a community of considerable endeavor, where one's application of his own knowledges, interests and talents can find form through many diverse activities—from playing nose-guard on the football team to working in Dallas slum areas on other teams, from singing in campus choral groups or playing in the University's symphony orchestra to editing the student newspaper or writing for the student literary magazine, from debating to play-acting, from participating in student government to helping operate SMU's radio station.

The role of the student-life staff in this context is meant to be educational and helpful—not merely problem-solving. The role of this staff is, as is that of the faculty, to aid the student in reaching full maturity and to prepare him to take a useful place in society.

And, perhaps, to point out when appropriate and with as much subtlety and gentleness as seems practicable the belief of Daniel Webster that "Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint."

### UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The following matters are all-University procedures and standards with which every student needs to familiarize himself. It is assumed that all students will be knowledgeably responsible for the information contained in this section, in order that they may be sufficiently informed and mobile within the University community.

Matriculation in SMU is considered by the University an implicit declaration of acceptance on the part of the student of all University regulations.

**Conduct.**—Standards of conduct are established by faculty-student-administrative committees, and are under continuous evaluation by the entire University community in order to assure reasonable and fair limits. At SMU the student is assumed to have a high degree of loyalty and responsibility to his University and its well-being, as well as to himself in personal, social, and intellectual pursuits, and this is to be evidenced by his behavior both on and off campus.

The student at SMU will discover that he is encouraged to employ a great amount of personal freedom and its accompanying responsibilities. Through his personal capacity for intelligent thought and action, the mature student understands that there are situations in which certain behaviors must be modified for the benefit of others. The University stands firm in its commitments for the rights and freedoms of students, expecting in return the same mutual respect and concern.

The University expects all students to be responsible citizens and to abide by all federal, state and local laws. In addition, personal irresponsibility as evidenced by dishonesty, gambling, hazing, immoral conduct, and the misuse of drugs and alcohol render a student subject to disciplinary action. While most specific limits pertain to a student's behavior while on campus, a lack of personal responsibility and integrity is always considered grounds for discipline no matter where it occurs. Due respect for the entire University community, faculty, staff, and one's fellow students is always assumed.

Students are expected to identify themselves when asked by a properly-identified faculty or staff member, or by another student.

*Disciplinary Action.*—It is pertinent to the purpose of discipline to remember that self-discipline is part of the entire educational process, whereby the student becomes more fully aware of the importance of responsibility for himself and respect for others; any time a student displays irresponsible behavior, he will be subject to discipline.

Depending upon the degree of irresponsibility, a student may receive discipline ranging from the imposition of social limitations while still being allowed to attend classes to being asked to separate from the University. Should a student be asked to leave the University, he should do so in a peaceful manner. He should remain off the campus until such a time as official business requires him to return. In case of such a separation, a student is still responsible for his university financial obligations.

The University believes in student representation on all disciplinary bodies, from the residential-hall judiciaries to the Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline. To insure fair treatment to any student under disciplinary question, the student is granted an impartial hearing and the right of appeal to the Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline, which is the highest appellate body of the University. Until such a student's case is heard, he may remain in school unless considered harmful to himself or others.

*Academic Probation.*—A student will be placed on academic probation when during the previous semester doubts have been raised concerning the student's ability to do college work. Each school in the University has an established grade-point average which the