

LET'S MEET ON THE HILLTOP

You and your family are invited to visit our campus. Sit in on a class, meet a professor and eat lunch with current students in our dining hall to sample the cuisine. Visiting is the best way to experience our vibrant community and ideal location, just minutes from downtown Dallas. With its small classes, access to internships and global alumni network, SMU is an exceptional place to grow, learn and experience world-changing success.

Schedule your visit at smu.edu/visit.

Upcoming programs for prospective students

• Mustang Days

Popular among high school seniors, Mustang Days are one-day on-campus programs in the fall covering academics, campus life, academic scholarships and financial aid, and include a campus tour.

• SpringFest

Geared toward high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors, SpringFest is a great way to learn more about SMU and the college admission process. This one-day on-campus program held each spring includes workshops, academic sessions and a campus tour.



LEARN MORE

Visit our website at smu.edu and check out these links:

SMU Facts: smu.edu/facts

Student Organizations: smu.edu/studentactivities

Scholarships and Financial Aid: smu.edu/value

Campus Life: smu.edu/life



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BEYOND CLASS RANK
FIVE WAYS TO
STAND OUT
AMONG THE NATION'S TOP SCHOLARS



You’ve worked hard in the classroom and made all the right moves to get admitted to the college of your choice. How can you attract the kind of attention that leads to offers of admission?

Here are five ways you can stay ahead of the curve.



1 BE FOCUSED

Even if your entry is as simple as a list of the things you did that day, keeping a record of your thoughts, activities and goals can be extremely helpful. You will develop your writing skills and document your accomplishments, which will come in handy when it's time to write application essays.

At SMU, you'll find yourself at home among **ambitious students** like yourself. You will have access to a variety of resources that will help you **meet your educational goals and succeed** at every level. For example, SMU's Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center offers a writing center, free tutoring and tips on study skills and test taking to **enhance your academic performance**. Coursework at SMU is rigorous, and even the best students want to make sure they are at the top of the class.



2 BE TEACHABLE

A letter of recommendation from a teacher in one of your junior- or senior-year core academic subjects is a huge asset – so talk to your teachers now about your college plans. It'll show them you're serious about getting into a great school, and they'll spread the word about how motivated you are.

3 BE CURIOUS

The more information you gather, the more you'll be in control and ready for upcoming deadlines. Don't be afraid to call the admission office of a school you're considering. Colleges notice when you make contact on your own (instead of your parents doing it) because asking questions shows interest and initiative – traits colleges value.

SMU students come from **all 50 states and more than 90 countries** to create an inspiring community of scholarship, intellectual entrepreneurship and achievement. You and your peers can take advantage of more than **100 majors and 85 minors** that give you the academic flexibility to study what you love. In fact, about half of SMU undergraduates pursue more than one area of study. SMU will push you to dream big and achieve real-world success. smu.edu/majors



At SMU, small classes enable you to develop a relationship with faculty members who care about your success and are willing to guide you in finding it. The **student-to-faculty ratio is 11:1** and the average **class size is 24 students**. That creates many opportunities for you to work side-by-side with **dedicated faculty mentors** who also will help you build a foundation for a **great professional network** beyond college.

4 BE CONNECTED

Research the cities where you'd like to go to school and the connections that a desired college can provide. Knowledge of a university's reach and locale will show admission officers that you're interested in taking advantage of the opportunities offered, and ultimately broadening the alumni network.

Dallas is more than just a location – it's a resource to explore big ideas and big opportunities. In the No. 5 city on the *Forbes* list of the 15 best big cities for jobs, SMU students build early career success through abundant internship and experiential learning opportunities. SMU ranked No. 6 among the top 25 U.S. schools for internships in The Princeton Review.



5 BE ENGAGED

Being in a dozen organizations may sound impressive – but you'll stand out if you're a leader in one or two you really care about. Leadership experiences help demonstrate how you've put your academic talents to use. When you write your application essay, you'll be more memorable than students who simply list their accomplishments.

With nearly **200 student organizations**, SMU students are involved on campus from day one. Whether you want to **address world problems** through research, service projects or programs such as Engaged Learning, or you want to connect with peers in club sports, honor societies or special interest groups, SMU has a spot for you. Your **SMU Admission Counselor** is ready to help you find your place on the Hilltop and answer your questions. Meet yours at smu.edu/counselor.