IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL FACULTY

For the complete calendar click here.

August 24 - Opening Convocation 5:30 p.m.
August 25 - First day of classes
August 29 - Last day to enroll/add/drop without grade record
September 1 - Labor Day Holiday
September 10 - Last day to declare pass/fail/no credit
October 13-14 - Fall Break
November 7 - Last day to drop
November 25 - Last day to withdraw from the University
December 8 - Last day of instruction
December 9-10 - Reading Days
December 11-17 - Final Examinations
(Grades due 48 hours after final exam.)
December 20 - Graduation 10:00 a.m.

CLASS ROSTER

Do NOT let students attend your class if they are not officially enrolled!

If you have a student who is not on the roster, please have the student see his/her advisor immediately! To ensure that all students are properly enrolled in your class please check your Class Roster periodically during the term.

Checking your Class Roster daily during the first week of classes is an excellent tool to confirm class enrollment.

A student who drops prior to the 5th class day will be deleted from the roster. A student who drops after the 5th class day will show an Admin Grd Grading Basis and automatically will be assigned a W on the end of term grade roster.

The following feature buttons are located at the bottom of the Class Roster:

- “Import Class Roster”: sends a comma delimited file of your roster which can be imported into an Excel spreadsheet to your SMU e-mail address. If you do not receive it, please check your Junk Mail.
- “Import Photo Roster”: sends a PDF format Photo Class Roster to your SMU e-mail address. The SMU logo will print when a photo is not on file.
- “Notify Selected/All Students”: If more than 99 students are in the class you need to click on the Select All link, then uncheck students to bring the number to 99 students. Click on the Notify Selected Students button which sends an email to the 99 students. Click Return in order to select the remaining students. Click on the Notify Selected Students button. A list serve for your class can also be created by contacting the Help Desk at smu.edu/its.

If a student does not attend or respond to email and if that student does not drop the class, do not simply drop the student. Report the absence to the Dean of Student Life so that the student’s welfare can be ascertained. Click here.

“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 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 online and in the Office of the Academic Dean. More information can be found in the online 2014-2015 Undergraduate Catalog. Click here.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students who participate in officially sanctioned scheduled extracurricular activities should be given an opportunity to make up class examinations or other graded assignments missed as a result of this activity. Students should be informed by the instructor at the beginning of the term, preferably in writing, of the instructor’s makeup policy. A list of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences is available on the University Calendar. For the policy regarding religious holidays, click here. For medical absence information, click here.

FERPA

Before you release any education records information on a student, remember to check your roster in my.SMU. Click on the “View Releases” link for the student. See “Release Records” under Faculty Instructions for detailed information. Advisors can find the same information under Advisor Center, General Information tab. For more information on FERPA including “Essentials for Faculty” page, click here.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SYLLABUS FOR FALL 2014 COURSES—HTTPS://SMU.EDU/SYLLABUS