

Student Life

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MISSION

The Office of Student Transitions & Orientation provides on-going programs and services that support new students and their families in transition to Southern Methodist University. Our goal is to Connect all students to the SMU:

- Learning Environment - Learning happens everywhere!
- Spirit - Values, history, and traditions of SMU
- People - Students, staff, and faculty
- Campus - Available resources and opportunities
- Community - The city of Dallas

Services, Programs, and Student Organization Sponsorships

- Academic Advising, Registration, and Orientation (AARO)
- Mustang Corral
- Orientation programs for Transfer and International Students
- Transition programs & initiatives that support new & continuing students
- Support for First Generation College Students
- Orientation Leadership Institute: HDEV 2101
- Alpha Lambda Delta, First-Year Honor Society
- Mustang 11 First-Year Spirit and Leadership
- Not on My Campus Student Life

Q. Should I get involved on campus right away or wait until he or she gets into an academic routine?

A. Of course, all students are different, but research has shown that students who are engaged in campus life do better academically. The involvement can take many different forms – membership in a campus organization, working a campus job, or doing research with a faculty member. One of the hallmarks of an SMU education is the combination of classroom and out of classroom experiences. We pride ourselves in preparing students not only with the tools to perform specific functions in a company or organization, but also the ability to work effectively with other people.

Please note the following offices on campus which provide some of the opportunities for involvement by your student.

Multicultural Student Affairs
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The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs works in collaboration with the campus community to provide support for students of color. We focus specifically on holistic development, advocacy and comprehensive student success. The Office works to create an environment that fosters inclusivity and a

As SMU strives to foster a diverse and inclusive environment, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs develops and implements programs that create student learning through personal identity development and intercultural dialogue. The office promotes student engagement and involvement through academic and social support programs that offer mentorship opportunities, connections to campus resources and community building.

The office is also home to over 17 culturally based student organizations that engage students' personal, professional and academic interests. These organizations also celebrate and educate the campus community regarding cultures and communities that are represented at SMU. Together with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, these organizations organize programs that foster community, education and cultural values.

- Professional staff advising for student organizations
- Diversity training and development programs
- Intercultural dialogue and education programs
- Mentoring and engagement programs for first-year students
- Student Program Highlights
- Leadership Retreats, Cultural Heritage Month Celebrations, Intergroup and Peer Dialogue Programs, Diversity Education Workshops, Mentoring Programs

MULTICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

African Students Association, Asian American Leadership & Educational Conference Committee, Asian Council, Association of Black Students, Black Men Emerging, College Hispanic American Students, East Asian Student Association, Indian Student Association, Korean Students Association, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Persian Student Society, Si Puedes!, Sisters Supporting Sisters, Turkish Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association and Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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FB: SMU Student Activities

MISSION

- To advise and support student organizations and to encourage student development through involvement

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Involvement outside the classroom is a tradition at Southern Methodist University. Students involved outside the classroom will have a more successful and exciting college experience, meet new people, develop leadership skills, and create a lasting connection with SMU. Student Activities provides over 200 extra-curricular opportunities for SMU students through clubs and organizations. Our professional staff members advise and support specific areas of involvement, including student organizations, programming, and student governance. Visit our office and meet a great team of dynamic individuals

ready to get students plugged into a wealth of out of the classroom experiences at SMU. Our department is located on the 3rd Floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center.

ORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENT RESOURCES

- Professional staff advising for student organizations
- Individual involvement coaching for students
- Training, retreats, conferences and team building
- Forms to facilitate travel, finances, event publicity, etc.
- Copy and fax machines, coolers, lamination and button maker machines
- Organization mail, meeting space, sign room with markers and butcher paper
- Student organization Comptroller services

STUDENT PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

- **SMU TRADITIONS:** Family Weekend, Homecoming, Celebration of Lights, Sing Song and Perunapalooza
- **BIG EVENTS:** Concerts, Block Party on the Boulevard, Film Screenings, Comedians, Relay for Life
- **INVOLVEMENT EVENTS:** A Night at the Club (August) & Join the Club (January)

THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING INVOLVED AT SMU!

Involvement outside the classroom has been a popular tradition at Southern Methodist University, and research has shown that it enhances a student's success in the classroom as well. If students do not see a group that interests them, Student Activities will help them form a new organization! Below is a partial listing of all student organizations. A complete and up-to-date list is available at smu.edu/orgs.

ACADEMIC - Advertising Club, Alpha Epsilon Delta/Health Prof. Society, Alpha Kappa Psi, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Anthropology Club, ASCEND, Association of Computing Machinery, ALPFA (Assoc. of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting), Chemistry Society, Classical Studies Club, Delta Sigma Pi, Economics Club, French Club, Geology Club, Graduate Economics Club, Graduate Women's Organization, Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers, International Relations Club, MAPS (Minority Association of Pre-Health Students), Medieval Club, Mock Trial, NABA (National Assoc. of Black Accountants), National Society of Black Engineers, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law, Political Science Symposium, Pre-Dental Society, Public Relations Student Society of America, Religious Studies Club, Retail Club, Russian Club, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Speech and Debate, Society of Women Engineers, Speech and Debate, Student Art Association, Student Association of Music Therapy, Theta Tau, Women in Business

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING - Program Council, Student Foundation, Nineteen 11, Women's Interest Network

GOVERNING BOARDS - Honor Council, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Panhellenic Council, The Assembly, Sports Club (SMU), Student Senate

HONORARIES - Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Pi Tau Sigma, SALUTE (Veterans), Tau Beta Pi, Upsilon Pi Epsilon

MULTICULTURAL - African Students Association, Asian American Leadership & Educational Conference, Asian Council, Association of Black Students, Black Men Emerging, Chinese Student Union, College Hispanic American Students, East Asian Student Association, Indian Student Association, Korean Students Association, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Middle Eastern Student Association, Must Raas, Persian Student Society, Saudi Students Association, Sisters Supporting Sisters, Turkish Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association

POLITICAL - College Republicans, College Democrats

RELIGIOUS - Asian Christian Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, CHYK West, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hillel (SMU), International Student Fellowship, Muslim Student Association, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), Victory Campus Ministry (PULSE), Watermark College, Wesley Foundation, Young Life

SERVICE - Alpha Phi Omega, Alternative Breaks, Best Buddies, Circle K International, Engineers Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity, (HOSA) Health Occupations Students of America, Mustang Heroes, Philosophy Club, Si Puedes at SMU, WISE (Women in Science & Engineering)

SPECIAL INTERESTS - Amnesty International, Ballroom Dance Club (SMU), Environmental Society, E-Sports, Hilltopics, Italian Club – Circolo Italiano, Mustang Fitness, Mustang Mavericks, Mustang Transfers, Relay for Life, Radio TV Digital News Director Association (RTDNA), Robotics Club, Secular Humanists, SPECTRUM, Student Filmmakers Association, Students for a Better Society, Students for New Learning, Talent Recruitment And Entertainment Agency Team (TREAT), Tunes for Texas, US MilVets, Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir

SPORTS - Club Baseball, Club Tennis, Cycling Club, Golf, Ice Hockey Club, Intramurals, Lacrosse Club (Men's & Women's), Men's Soccer, Mustang Cricket Club, Polo Team, Rugby Football Club, Triathlon Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Volleyball (Men's & Women's), Wakeboarding, Water Polo

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY COMMUNITY

smu.edu/studentactivities

The Southern Methodist University Fraternity and Sorority Community is committed to a well-rounded fraternity and sorority experience, grounded in shared goals and values. Fraternity and Sorority Life at SMU began in 1915. One hundred years later we support four governing councils and 31 chapters: 10 Interfraternity Council (IFC), 6 Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), 7 National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and 8 Panhellenic Council (NPC).

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL – Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL – Alpha Psi Lambda, Kappa Delta Chi, Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sigma Phi Omega

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL – Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta

PANHellenic COUNCIL – Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi

HUGHES-TRIGG STUDENT CENTER

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www.smu.edu/htrigg The Hughes-Trigg

Student Center is the place to be for students. Students can find out how to become involved on campus, participate in activities, grab a bite to eat, or just hang out with friends.

EAT AND SHOP. For a full meal or just a snack, students can stop by the Hughes-Trigg Student Center for Chick-fil-A, Campisi's or a freshly made sub from Subway at the Mane Course Eatery. The Market offers fresh sushi from Sushic, fresh salads from The Wedge, as well as convenience store items. Students

also will find a variety of drinks and vending machines throughout the Student Center. All areas accept Pony/Express Cash as well as Flex Dollars.

MEET AND RELAX. For students looking for a place to hang out with friends or study in a quiet spot, Hughes-Trigg is a great place to meet and relax. Students can spend time in The Pollock Gallery visiting exhibitions or hear a nationally known speaker. Students can relax in one of the many lounges throughout the Center or attend an organization meeting in one of the meeting rooms. Whether students come to meet friends or just need a place for themselves, they can find it in Hughes-Trigg.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES. If students want to get involved in student organizations or need assistance, they can find what they are looking for at Hughes-Trigg. The Dean of Student Life, Student Media, Community Engagement and Leadership, Parent and Family Programs, the University Chaplain and Campus Ministries, Student Transitions and Orientation, the Hegi Family Career Development Center, Student Activities, and Multicultural Student Affairs are all located in Hughes-Trigg.

CONVENIENT AND PERSONAL. One of the best things about Hughes-Trigg is that students can find many conveniences under one roof. Students will find wireless internet access, an ATM machine, copier and fax machines, on-campus phones, and computer access. Students can also stop at the MANE Desk for information and directions. Students can check their mail and make copies at the Mail and Copy Central by Ricoh or get their hair cut at Willy's Barber Shop.

EMPLOYMENT. If students are interested in working on campus, there are many jobs available within Hughes-Trigg that are fun and rewarding. Encourage your student to take advantage of all that the Hughes-Trigg Student Center has to offer, which will enhance his or her experience at SMU. Applications are available in the Student Activities suite.

FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. We invite you to use our space at Hughes-Trigg. Let us be your host for your next meeting, conference, banquet, or reception. Please contact us at 214-768-4440 or smu.edu/htrigg for more details.

WOMEN & LGBT CENTER

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www.smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter

www.smu.edu/womanandlgbtcenter/allies

www.smu.edu/womsym

MISSION

The Women & LGBT Center of Southern Methodist University empowers students to increase awareness and understanding of gender equality issues. The Women & LGBT Center gives voice for women and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, with purpose to eliminate barriers, diminish prejudices, and create a supportive climate and space for all.

PROGRAMS

ALLIES is a group of SMU students, staff and faculty who act as advocates and activists for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students. The Allies placard displays their visible support for LGBT students at SMU. Each Ally attends an initial training session and is invited to continuing education programs.

FOOD CHAIN is a networking group for women of color at SMU that meets monthly for lunch and discussion about racism, sexism, and the unique issues which affect women of color.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM is presented at the start of school each year by the Women & LGBT Center and other community and campus partners to raise awareness and provide resources for all new students on the topics of relationships, violence and sexual assault prevention.

WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM was created in 1966 as part of the University's 50th Anniversary celebration. It is one of the longest running programs of its kind in the nation. This annual forum brings together a multigenerational, multicultural audience to examine and discuss topics of national interest in an academic setting.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CORE is the student advisory committee coordinating Women's Symposium. This group is aptly named, as students are at the very core of our Women's Symposium, choosing speakers, preparing workshops, and coordinating marketing campaigns.

SPECTRUM seeks to create a forum in which gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender students and their allies can come together to build community, speak openly about their concerns, and have a lot of fun. Every Fall, Spectrum hosts their annual Drag Bingo, which is one of SMU's most colorful events of the year.

WOMEN'S INTEREST NETWORK (WIN) provides a voice for women's interests and concerns on campus by sponsoring programs designed to stimulate conversation and action. Each February WIN coordinates a benefit performance of The Vagina Monologues that raises money for a local domestic violence shelter. WIN consists of several sub-committees such as Take Back the Night and a Men's subgroup.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (WISE) through its middle-school mentoring program provides positive role models and hands-on learning opportunities for girls in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering.

WISE offers its members leadership opportunities and helps to connect Women in Science and Engineering students at SMU.

YWCA works towards the goal of empowering women and eliminating racism everywhere. They do this both by providing a space to talk about this intersection and also by looking at ways to encourage bystanders to intervene as a way of eliminating racism and sexism.

OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS

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www.smu.edu/studentlife/studentconduct

MISSION

The Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards seeks to promote community, scholarship and civility by holding students accountable to the *Student Code of Conduct* and the *Honor Code*. We assist students in understanding the importance of ethical and intentional decision making within the SMU community and beyond. In doing so, we recognize when students make mistakes and assist them in bringing their actions into congruence with the expectations set forth by the University.

Policies that govern student behavior on and off campus can be found in the *Student Handbook* which is available on the Student Life web page at www.smu.edu/studentlife/ studenthandbook.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

There are opportunities for students to assist in the *Conduct Review Process* through participation on the University Conduct Board and/or as a member of the SMU Honor Council or being appointed to the University Conduct Council.

HEGI FAMILY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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www.smu.edu/career

MISSION

At SMU, we understand that the college experience - while an endeavor in itself - is a step toward a larger goal. The Hegi Family Career Development Center cultivates excellence in career development, employment preparation, and professional opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and alumni by providing career decision making, experiential learning and networking services and programs. The Career Center develops resources and opportunities by promoting fruitful partnerships with employers, academic departments, and the university community so students can define fulfilling careers. It is our hope that the students will begin the career planning process when they first arrive on campus. However, we work with first-year through senior students on a variety of career planning and preparation issues.

SERVICES PROVIDED

CAREER COUNSELING. The Center provides counseling services utilizing a variety of assessment and exploration activities. Individual appointments with a counselor may include interpreting career instruments, exploring majors, focusing career goals, developing effective resumé and cover letters, and learning job search strategies. Counselors assist students in developing an action plan - a guided program of discovery, exploration, and preparation.

JOB SEARCH AND PREPARATION. The staff provides individual guidance for the development of an effective job search campaign, also providing encouragement and assistance in the preparation of application materials and interview preparation. The Center offers

CAREER EXPRESS DROP-IN HOURS, 15 minute sessions for students to discuss one of the following: determine next steps; have their resume, LinkedIn profile and/or cover letter reviewed; learn about Center resources; or just ask general questions. Students are encouraged to make follow-up appointments with a career counselor for topics that may require more time.

EMPLOYER RELATIONS. The Employer Relations Team develops partnerships with employers to provide resources to connect students to internships, part-time jobs and full-time opportunities.

EVENTS. The Center hosts multiple events including two campus-wide Career Fairs, alumni and industry specific panels, on-campus recruiting and information sessions to assist students with career exploration and networking.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING. Students may apply to participate in SMU CONNECTION, a one-day shadowing opportunity with an SMU alumnus in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area or their hometown over winter break. Students have the opportunity to explore a career field of interest and build their network in an industry of their choice.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. Career Development Ambassadors (CDA) program is a student run organization established to aid the Center in its mission to engage students in career development. CDAs make an impact by providing peer mentorship, managing campus and business connections, and

educating students about the resources available for their career success. CDA panels, events, and services engage the SMU community with Hegi, strengthening communication and interaction between The Hegi Family Career Development Center and the student body.

Q. How can students choose a major(s) and a potential career path?

A. Take courses that will apply to a variety of majors, with an emphasis on academic achievement. Talk with people in various career fields as well as local professionals and leaders you may know. Students should also seek out a wide range of experiences - campus organizations, internships and volunteer positions.

Q. What are the most important things to do related to your job search strategies?

A. Use the Hegi Family Career Development Center - early and often! Learn the importance of career planning by asking about career action plans. Pursue internships related to various career interests.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP CENTER

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www.smu.edu/cel

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Community Engagement & Leadership (CEL) aims to cultivate student leaders through education and transformational experiences that equip them to impact positive social change.

SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPONSORSHIPS

DAYS OF SERVICE Community Engagement and Leadership hosts one-day service projects throughout the year to bring together students, faculty, staff and alumni in the spirit of service, including Stampede of Service and the MLK Day of Service. Recent projects in the community have included building a wheelchair ramp for people with disabilities, helping with maintenance at an equine assisted therapy center, sorting and assembling items for a homeless shelter, and supporting teacher with projects in a local classroom. www.smu.edu/volunteer

EMERGING LEADERS (EL) is a competitive leadership development program for up to fifty of SMU's top first-year students. The program is designed to develop additional leadership skills and refine those already possessed. Students in the EL program will have weekly meetings to learn and discuss important elements of leadership and will have the opportunity to network with students, professors, and staff at SMU, as well as influential leaders within the Dallas community. www.smu.edu/el

CRAIN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT is a one-day leadership conference featuring interactive large-group sessions, thought-provoking workshops, and dynamic keynote speeches for students looking to enhance their leadership ability. From students interested in gaining more confidence in their leadership skills to those seeking a deeper understanding of the role of leadership, all stand to benefit from attendance. Students can glean fresh ideas from their peers while networking with SMU alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. CEL hosts this leadership program for all current SMU students each spring.

www.smu.edu/crain

CASWELL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM The Caswell Leadership Program aims to provide unique opportunities for students to acquire experience and knowledge to succeed in life, as well as to inspire and lead others to success. This program provides resources and supports student projects in organizational,

faith-based, culturally competent, environmental, and communitybased leadership.

www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/VPSA/Caswell

MUSTANG HEROES is SMU's largest community service organization, challenging students to broaden their outlook on life by providing service opportunities in order to move beyond their surroundings and impact the greater Dallas community. They are dedicated to serving the community by making a positive impact both on and off the SMU campus. Volunteers in Mustang Heroes collectively complete thousands of hours of service and interact directly with many hundreds of people from the Dallas community each semester. www.smu.edu/heroes

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS is a student organization offering direct community service opportunities during every academic break, including Fall, Winter, Spring, and even some weekends. Alternative Breaks (AB) takes groups of students and faculty/staff to communities across the country and the world to perform vital service alongside reputable non-profit organizations. Participants have the opportunity to engage in quality service, gain education about important social issues, and reflect on how to create positive change. www.smu.edu/ab

SMU SERVICE HOUSE (SMUSH) is a residential community for 28 upper-class students who are dedicated to service and social change. SMUSH is co-supported through the offices of Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH) and CEL. The purpose of SMUSH is to develop and nurture a community focused on cooperative responsibility, experiential education, and social action in order to promote self-awareness and community understanding. www.smu.edu/SMUSH

LONESTAR LEADERSHAPE INSTITUTE is an opportunity for 20 SMU students to explore not only what they want to do, but who they want to be. The Lonestar Institute, a six-day leadership experience held in collaboration with Baylor and Texas Christian University, challenges participants to lead with integrity while working towards a vision grounded in their deepest values.

www.smu.edu/cel/leadership/leadershape

EMBREY HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

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www.smu.edu/humanrights

MISSION

To educate students and other members of the global community to understand, promote, and defend human rights as responsible citizens of the world.

STUDENT PROGRAMMIN HIGHLIGHTS

HUMAN RIGHTS MAJOR AND MINOR. SMU is one of only seven institutions in the United States, and the only one south and west of St. Louis, to offer an undergraduate degree in human rights. The program mentors 140 majors and minors, who can choose among 102 human rights courses in 18 different academic disciplines.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES. Several human rights trips throughout the globe are facilitated each year. The trips are open to anyone who wishes to join, including students, alumni, families, and community members. In 2016-2017, the program will travel to Poland in December; Germany in March; Cuba in May; and Southern USA death row facilities in August.

UPCOMING EVENTS. Events for the Fall semester will include the 2016 Triumph of the Spirit Award Celebration; a presentation of the World War II-themed one person play The Mitzvah Project; a panel discussion on the Nuremburg Trials; and a lecture by educator Sam Mihara on his experience in a

Wyoming prison camp for Japanese Americans. In the Spring semester, the program will host an evening with the internationally known actor, director, author, and activist George Takei.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT. All students can apply for human rights research grants and the prestigious Community Outreach Fellowship. Organizations like the Student Leadership Initiative, SMU Amnesty International, Human Rights Coffee House and Human Rights Hangouts provide opportunities for students to learn, serve and socialize.