Welcome to Southern Methodist University!

All new international students are required to attend a government check-in session. The mandatory government check-in session is to inform the government that you have arrived in the U.S. and plan to attend SMU. Our office will need to ensure that you are informed of all regulatory information so you can maintain a good immigration status while in the U.S. As an international student, you will be asked to sign a compliance form acknowledging you have received this information.

You must complete the **International Student Compliance Course**, which can be found on your SMU Canvas page: [smu.instructure.com](http://smu.instructure.com). Please log-in using your SMU ID Number and password.

If you are not able to view the course after logging into your Canvas account, please contact the International Student & Scholar Services Office at isss@smu.edu.

Once you have completed the International Student Compliance Course, please come to a check-in session. You can see the schedule below of available check-in session dates and times.

Bring all of your immigration documents with you.

- I-20 or DS-2019 document
- Passport with F1 or J1 Visa
- I-94 arrival card
- Canvas course printout confirmation
- All papers you received at the port of entry
- U.S. Resident Address (address where you are physically living in the U.S.). The Department of Homeland Security will not accept P.O. Box address.
- Emergency Contact Information (Name, email, phone number, full mailing address and relation to visitor)
- Dependent F2 or J2 I-20/DS 2019, Visa, Passport, I-94 (if applicable)

Please remember that failure to check-in with our office will jeopardize your F-1 immigration status. Remember that being enrolled in full-time hours is not the only requirement to maintain your visa status. Please meet with an advisor at the ISSS Office so that you will be in compliance with the U.S. Government requirements.

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**CHECK IN SESSION DATES & TIMES**

**Location: Blanton Suite 112**

In order for us to process all documents, you must arrive on time.

You only have to attend one session and please be aware that it can take up to one hour.

Tuesday, Jan.16 at 3pm

Thursday, Jan.18 at 10am & 3pm

Friday, Jan 19 at 10am