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# Dedman College

of Humanities & Sciences



Congratulations, you've been accepted to SMU! What's next? Here are a few things to know before you arrive...

# AARO (Academic Advising, Orientation and Registration)

## Sign Up for AARO!

AARO is part of the orientation process for all first-year students. It is meant to make your transition into college life at SMU easier. This two-day event offers programs concerning academic requirements and expectations, campus resources, on-campus organization involvement opportunities and the chance to meet current students. During AARO students will also meet one-on-one with their academic advisor to register for fall classes and begin working on their four year plan.



To register for AARO you must first pay your admission deposit and submit your final transcript to the Division of Enrollment Services to be processed. This takes a minimum of two weeks. Once you have submitted your deposit, please visit the following site for information regarding how to register:

[www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/NewStudent/AARORegistration](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/NewStudent/AARORegistration)

**PLEASE DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR ORIENTATION AND RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FOR YOUR AARO SESSION. REGISTRATION FOR AARO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DEPOSIT.**

### 2014 AARO Dates

Session 1:	Monday, July 7 - Tuesday, July 8
Session 2:	Thursday, July 10 - Friday, July 11
Session 3:	Monday, July 14 - Tuesday, July 15
Session 4:	Friday, July 18 - Saturday, July 19
Session 5:	Monday, July 21 - Tuesday, July 22
Session 6:	Wednesday, July 23 - Thursday, July 24
Session 7:	Monday, July 28 - Tuesday, July 29
Session 8:	Friday, August 1- Saturday, August 2
Session 9:	Monday, August 4 - Tuesday, August 5



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# Mustang Corral

## Sign Up for Corral!



Mustang Corral is one of the best traditions SMU has to offer! This two-night, off-campus retreat is designed to give all incoming students a feel for student life at SMU. As a student, you will meet and interact with other incoming students, faculty, staff members and alumni. This is, without a doubt, the best way to get to know other first-year students! At Mustang Corral, you will explore academic life, the spirit and traditions of SMU and engage in personal growth. These diverse activities encourage meaningful relationships within each Round Up Group, a group of 12-15 new students, as well as with the larger first-year class. The bonds that you make during this short time will prove to be a valuable connection throughout your collegiate experience.

To register for Mustang Corral, you must first pay your admission deposit and submit your final transcript to the Division of Enrollment Services to be processed. This will take a minimum of two weeks. When you register for Academic Advising, Registration, and Orientation (AARO) on ACCESS.SMU.EDU you will have the option to register for Mustang Corral.

## AP, IB & Dual Credit courses

Students may earn credit before starting at SMU through AP exams, IB higher level exams and dual credit programs. Advanced credit can help your progress through your degree plan more quickly and make it easier for you to pursue multiple degrees. Complete policies can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog, available here: [www.smu.edu/catalogs/](http://www.smu.edu/catalogs/)

**AP Exam Credit:** SMU awards credit for scores of 4 or 5 on AP exams. Students must request that ALL scores be sent to SMU. Requesting scores only from your senior year does not automatically send all of your previous scores. Scores should be sent before attending AARO.

**IB Exam Credit:** SMU awards six to eight credits for scores of 5, 6 or 7 on higher level exams in transferable subjects.

**Dual Credit:** High school courses taken as dual credit are evaluated for transferability to SMU. A transfer equivalency list for the Dallas-Fort Worth area community colleges is available at: [www.smu.edu/registrar/Transfer\\_Rules/TransferRulesSearch\\_list.asp](http://www.smu.edu/registrar/Transfer_Rules/TransferRulesSearch_list.asp). Courses that do not appear on this list or courses from other institutions are evaluated once the official transcript is received. An official transcript from the college or university must be sent to SMU prior to AARO.



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# Course Credit Awarded for AP Exams

AP Examination	Scores	Credits Awarded	Course(s) Credited
American History	4,5	6 Hours	HIST 2311, 2312
Art	4,5	3 hours	ASDR 1300, ASPH 1300 or ASPT 1300
Art History	4,5	6 hours	ARHS 1303, 1304
Biology	4,5	8 hours	BIOL 1401, 1402
Chemistry	4,5	8 hours	CHEM 1303/1113, 1304/1114
Computer Sciences A	4,5	3 hours	CSE 1341
Computer Sciences AB	4,5	3 hours	CSE 1341
Macro Economics	4,5	3 hours	ECO 1312
Micro Economics	4,5	3 hours	ECO 1311
English Lang/C or Lit/C	4,5	6 hours	DISC 1311, 1312
Environmental Science	4,5	3 hours	GEOL 1315
European History	4,5	6 hours	HIST 2365, 2366
American Government	4,5	3 hours	PLSC 1320
Comparative Government	4,5	3 hours	PLSC 1340
Human Geography	4,5	3 hours	HUM 10XX ( <i>3 hours</i> )
Chinese Language & Culture	4,5	16 hours	CHIN 1401, 1402, 2401, 2402
French	4,5	16 hours	FREN 1401, 1402, 2401, 2455
German	4,5	14 hours	GERM 1401, 1402, 2311, 2312
Japanese Language & Culture	4,5	16 hours	JAPN 1401, 1402, 2401, 2402
Latin	4,5	14 hours	LATIN 1401, 1402, 2311, 2312
Spanish	4,5	15 hours	SPAN 1401, 1402, 2401, 2302
Calculus AB	4,5	3 hours	MATH 1337
Calculus BC	3	3 hours	MATH 1337 ( <i>mandatory AB subscore of 4</i> )
Calculus BC	4	3 hours	MATH 1337
Calculus BC	5	6 hours	MATH 1337, 1338
Music Theory	4,5	6 hours	FETC 10XX ( <i>6 hours</i> )
Physics B	4,5	6 hours	SCI 10XX ( <i>6 hours</i> )
Physics C (Mechanics)	4,5	3 hours	PHYS 1303 ( <i>no lab credit</i> )
Physics C (E&M)	4,5	3 hours	PHYS 1304 ( <i>no lab credit</i> )
Psychology	4,5	3 hours	PSYC 1300
Statistics	4,5	3 hours	STAT 2331
World History	4,5	3 hours	HUM 10YY ( <i>3 hours</i> )

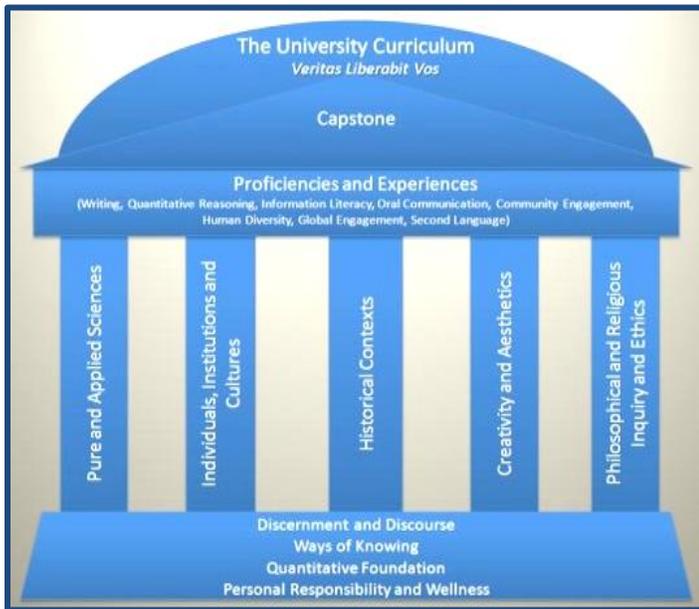
Students enrolled in courses at SMU for which AP credit has previously been awarded will have the AP credit rescinded, and the grade in the course will count toward the student's SMU GPA. Students are responsible for knowing and reporting their AP scores to SMU to prevent duplicate enrollment.

For the most up to date information regarding transferable credits, be sure to check the course catalog at [www.smu.edu/catalogs](http://www.smu.edu/catalogs)



# The University Curriculum

All SMU undergraduate students entering in the 2014-2015 academic year will enter under the University Curriculum, regardless of undergraduate school. Students pursue University Curriculum requirements concurrently, and at times simultaneously, with their major(s) and/or minor(s).



The UC cannot be reduced to a checklist of specific required courses in specific departments. The number of courses and/or credit hours needed to complete the UC will vary according to your individual academic background, preparation, major, and curricular choices. The UC can be met through any part of your undergraduate career, including work in the major or minor or elective courses.

The UC consists of three main components: Foundations, Pillars, and a Capstone. In addition to these course work components, there are eight different Proficiencies and Experiences that can be satisfied either by coursework or by out-of-class

experiences through which students develop and demonstrate the proficiencies. Any course may satisfy one or more UC requirements if faculty committees determine that the course provides ample opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate the Student Learning Outcomes associated with the requirement.

The list of courses that satisfy various UC requirements will vary by semester, especially with respect to identified and approved Proficiencies and Experiences.

## Undergraduate Advising

The University Advising Center will guide pre-major students as they navigate through the undergraduate curriculum to maximize their academic experience at Southern Methodist University. The UAC advisors help students to recognize and pursue their passions; challenge students to set realistic and rewarding academic and life goals; and empower students to think and act creatively and independently.

At Southern Methodist University, we recognize that parents and families play important roles in the academic success of our students. As advisors, we also know that this is a time of transition and changing relationships within your family dynamic. Your child is becoming more independent and making important decisions that will impact his or her future. By keeping the lines of communication open, parents can provide their students with supportive guidance, helping them to successfully navigate this time of self-discovery and intellectual growth.



# Academic Support and Resources

SMU provides tutoring through the **Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC)**. The A-LEC provides one-on-one peer tutoring for students, at no extra cost. In addition to peer tutoring, the Writing Center provides an opportunity for students to meet with English professors for personal writing workshops. The A-LEC also hosts everything from study skills sessions to organizational workshops.



Here are some great tips from the A-LEC for incoming students:

## [Tip #1: Go To Class](#)

New students often hear that in college, "you can go to class anytime you want." NOT TRUE. Experienced students often say that the more time they spend in class, the less time they need to study outside of class.

## [Tip #2: Budget Time](#)

Have a social life, but plan your study time properly. Do not begin to study for a test or write a paper the night before either is due. Read the syllabus early for due dates and note them on a calendar. Remember, sleep is also necessary, so budget for that as well. Don't forget to join a club or organization!

## [Tip #3: Become Part Of University Life](#)

Becoming part of the campus community is just as important as going to class, writing papers, and taking exams. Don't join every group, but be selective and participate in activities that will offer balance to your life. Take advantage of the variety of university experiences.

## [Tip #4: Get To Know Your Professors](#)

Begin by targeting some faculty that you think are worth knowing before you graduate. These are the professors who will evaluate your work, supply references for future career options or graduate school, and help guide your intellectual development. Most faculty members are very approachable; don't let titles of "professor" or "doctor" frighten you.

Students are also encouraged to visit the **Hegi Career Center** to explore different career paths, work on their resume, and develop interview skills. The Career Center hosts regular career fairs with resume workshops and employer contact opportunities. Unsure of what your major might be? The Hegi Career Center can help you assess your skills and preferences in both a major field and in corresponding careers.

Students with learning differences or disabilities have a wide variety of resources available to them through the **Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies (DASS)** office. This office, located in the A-LEC, works closely with students to determine appropriate accommodations and to develop techniques that foster academic achievement in a university setting.



# A Snapshot of Research in Dedman College

The 2013 Nobel Prize in **Physics** was awarded for the Higgs Boson, and the official announcement made special mentions of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experts – including a boastful 4 SMU professors! Professors Stroynowski, Kehoe, Sekula, & Ye made significant contributions to the LHC research. SMU is a major research contributor and has been involved with the Large Hadron Collider at CERN laboratory in Europe since 1994.



Next fall, the department of **Biological Sciences** welcomes a new Chair to the Department, Santosh D'Mello. Along with D'Mello's appointment to Chair comes a team of researchers in the field of neurodegeneration. Their research focuses on the how and why of loss of brain function. D'Mello's research also seeks to identify drugs that treat or prevent neurodegeneration.

Google is funding a research project at SMU's **Geothermal Laboratory** that documents a vast amount of geothermal resources across the U.S. capable of producing large amounts of green energy. SMU professor of geophysics, Dr. David Blackwell, uses sophisticated mapping to show the findings of this research; that these geothermal resources are generated from the Earth's heat and, based on current technology, accessible. The maps can be found at [www.google.org/egs/](http://www.google.org/egs/)



## Institutes and Centers

### John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies

The **John G. Tower Center for Political Studies** seeks to bridge the gap between the world of ideas, scholarship and teaching, and the practice of politics. The primary mission of the Tower Center is to promote the study of politics and international affairs and to stimulate an interest in ethical public service among undergraduates. The Tower Center is an academic center where all parties and views are heard. The Tower Center strives to pursue its mission in a nonpartisan manner.



SMU is excited to announce the new Tower Scholars Program – a distinctive interdisciplinary program that will enable a select group of students to combine any academic major with experience in the real world of public policy and international affairs. This exceptional program, open to students in all disciplines, begins in the sophomore year with a Gateway to Global Policy course. Tower Scholars continue to progress through policy courses during the junior year and the program culminates in a Master's level thesis in the senior year. Tower Scholars are encouraged to pursue internships and study abroad opportunities during the summer.



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## Embrey Center for Human Rights

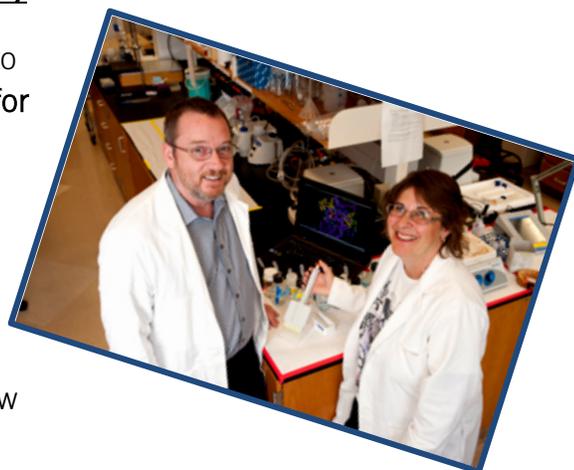
SMU is the first and only university in the southern United States to offer a major in human rights. We are part of an elite group of only 6 universities across the country to offer this degree. The **SMU Embrey Human Rights Program** offers students the opportunity to experience the world in ways that will enhance their understanding of what it means to be a socially aware and responsible citizen in an ever globalizing society. The major is an interdisciplinary degree that consists of ten classes, a minor in a related field and twelve hours of study in any one world language.



Students in the Human Rights program are encouraged to participate in various travel opportunities. Each year, students and faculty from the Human Rights program travel to Poland over the winter holiday to visit Nazi concentration camps and other Holocaust sites. Another annual excursion is the SMU Civil Rights Pilgrimage. Offered each spring break, students travel throughout the south making stops at major sites of the Civil Rights Movement. Members of the SMU community are invited to join the Human Rights program on each of these trips. Other past trips include China, Rwanda and Australia.

## Center for Drug Discovery, Design and Delivery (CD4)

Students at SMU are pioneering cancer fighting drugs, working to prevent diabetes, and combating drug resistance at the **Center for Drug Discovery, Design and Delivery (CD4)**. In the CD4 Center, undergraduate students work alongside established faculty in a wide variety of research areas. Projects in the CD4 Center encompass the spectrum of research: discovering the smallest molecules that can be altered, designing and redesigning their chemical structures, developing the model from test tube to cell cultures to trials and then delivering the new properties in a way where they are most effective.



The CD4 Center exposes students to labs stocked with the latest equipment and trains them to become the new generation of biomedical researchers using state-of-the-art techniques. Currently students are participating in research in organics, polymers, and computer labs. The Center also provides students with access to SMU's High Performance Computer Cluster and Center for Scientific Computation, extraordinary resources that distinguish CD4 from other drug discovery centers in the nation.



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# Go ahead, Study Abroad!

Studying Abroad is an amazing opportunity and a great adventure to embark on during your time as a student at SMU. Earn academic credit while attending a foreign university and living with a host family, in an international dorm or with other SMU students abroad. Students often cite studying abroad as one of the most transformative experiences of their lives.

Programs range in length from an academic year, to a semester, summer or even a winter abroad. SMU's programs offer a wide range of academic subjects and teaching styles. Some courses taught on SMU's campus even have abroad experiences built-into the curriculum.

There are countless programs to choose from—some even specifically tailored for the Dedman College student. Majoring in **French**? Spend a summer immersed in French culture participating in a program designed specifically for intermediate and upper-level French majors. Interested in **Environmental Studies**? Consider spending some time in Costa Rica not only learning about tropical conservation and sustainable development but actually seeing the impact it has on nature. Have a passion for **Human Rights**? Travel with SMU to Rwanda or China over the summer alongside our Human Rights faculty. If **English** is more your scene, spend time at SMU-in-Oxford and explore the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare. Discover all abroad programs at: [www.abroad.smu.edu](http://www.abroad.smu.edu)



## SMU-in-Taos

If you participate in only one thing before you graduate, make it a summer in Taos! This program, located in northern New Mexico, offers SMU students the chance to take a variety of unique courses in a



completely different setting than the traditional college campus. SMU students in Taos call Fort Burgwin, an antebellum military fortress, home each summer as they explore the great outdoors through interactive learning experiences.

Classes are small and highly interactive, emphasizing hands-on, experiential learning. Take courses in the humanities, natural and social sciences, performing and studio art as well as archaeological research. Interested in **Pre-Health**? Come to Taos for a parasitology class that utilizes nature as a laboratory. Majoring in **History**? Taos offers classes on the history of the Southwestern United States. Maybe **Anthropology** and **Archaeology** are more your style. Head out to the archaeology field school and help us excavate and map a Native American Indian Pueblo. Wellness activities such as fly fishing, hiking, biking and more will further enhance your time in Taos. For more information visit: [www.smu.edu/taos](http://www.smu.edu/taos)



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# Paying Your Deposit

To reserve your spot in SMU's class of 2018, you'll need to submit your nonrefundable \$685 deposit (includes your housing deposit, orientation fees and matriculation fees) online at [www.smu.edu/Admission/AcceptedStudents/WhatsNext/Checklist](http://www.smu.edu/Admission/AcceptedStudents/WhatsNext/Checklist)

For questions or concerns regarding your deposit, please contact your admission counselor. Counselor information can be located at [www.smu.edu/Admission/ConnectWithUs/Counselors](http://www.smu.edu/Admission/ConnectWithUs/Counselors) or by calling (214) 768-2058.

For Financial Aid questions, please contact your Financial Aid officer at <http://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/FinancialAid/ContactUs>

Questions about Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences?

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