

SMU-IN-TAOS \* J TERM 2014

## J Term

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### SMU-in-Taos J Term 2014

**Regular Arrival: 2-6pm**

**Sunday, JAN 5**

**Departure: 10am**

**Thursday, JAN 16**

### WELL II/PRW 2 Winter Sports

**Early Arrival: 2-6pm**

**Thursday, JAN 2**

**Departure: 10am**

**Thursday, JAN 16**

All academic courses meet from  
9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

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## Jterm Things to Know

PLANO + TAOS

For the first time ever, SMU-in-Taos is excited to offer J Term courses, including Mountain Sports with ski and snowboard instruction at the famous Taos Ski Valley. Accelerate your degree completion while enjoying classes on our beautiful campus in Taos, New Mexico.

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### About SMU-in-Taos & J Term

Since 1973, Fort Burgwin has been an educational center of Southern Methodist University. Our beautiful setting in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains - surrounded by the Carson National Forest - provides a unique backdrop for the enrichment of body, mind and spirit.

**J Term** is designed to provide SMU students with yet another option to pursue their academic goals through a focused learning opportunity. This concentrated program allows motivated students to enroll in one academic course (most are 3 credit hours) and productively use this "down time" prior to the start of the spring semester. You will take classes with some of SMU's most accomplished faculty members and be cared for by the wonderful SMU-in-Taos staff.

**Our class format** allows you and your classmates to delve deeply into the subject matter. Small class sizes and exceptional faculty allow you to develop a deeper understanding in your field of study through a highly personalized learning experience.

# What Should I Pack?

## Suggested Winter Clothing

All items can be found at REI. Choose synthetic waterproof fabrics; look for brands such as LL Bean, Sorel and North Face.

**UGGS ≠ WATERPROOF**



**Base Layer:** Warm synthetic socks, underwear, long underwear, and long sleeved shirt

**Middle Layer:** Gore-Tex boot liners, gym pants or jeans, fleece or sweater

**Top Layer:** Snow boots, pants and coat, beanie, glove liner, gloves or mittens, ear muffs, neck gator, scarf

**>> Linens will be provided**

(Sheets, pillow & case, bath & hand towels, wash cloth, thermal blanket, and comforter)



Backpack  
Computer  
Electronic chargers  
Flashlight or headlamp  
Gym clothes  
Gym shoes & socks  
Lip balm  
Medication  
Notebooks & pens  
School supplies  
Slippers

Soap  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Sunglasses  
Sunscreen  
Sweatpants & hoodie  
Swimsuit  
Textbooks  
Toiletries  
Warm PJ's  
Water bottle (Nalgene)

## Wellness Winter Mountain Sports

Wellness students should pack all items mentioned above, in addition to the following items:

**Ski/Boarding Apparel:** Ski socks, ski pants, ski goggles, Camelback/small backpack (for keys, phone, snacks)

**Ski/Boarding Equipment:** is covered by the Wellness course fee. Students may bring their own equipment if they choose.

**Wellness course fee covers:**

- Ski boots/snowboarding boots
- Skis & poles/snowboard
- Helmet

*Students enrolled in Wellness will receive additional detailed course information from the instructor, Anne Weil.*

## What NOT to Bring

The SMU-in-Taos Campus Policy and Code of Conduct is the same as on the Dallas campus. Students who fail to comply with Campus Policy are subject to fines and may be referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Life.

**The following items are NOT permitted at SMU-in-Taos:**

Alcohol  
Drugs  
Weapons (including guns & knives)  
Dirt bikes  
ATV's/Four-wheelers  
Fireworks  
Pets

## Things to keep in mind when packing

### Climate

Taos has a semi-arid mountain climate. In January, the average temperatures are highs of 40°F and lows of 9°F. Pack for snowy winter temperatures. Dress in layers that you can easily put on and take off as needed.

### Altitude

Taos is situated at approximately 7,000 feet above sea level while the Taos Ski Valley is at 12,000 ft. Help your body adjust to the altitude by drinking lots of water throughout the day. Bring a durable water bottle and refill it often! This is especially important for those taking Wellness Mountain Sports.



### Textbooks & Assignments

Buy all textbooks at the SMU Bookstore **prior** to traveling to Taos and pack them. Bring them with you on the first day of class. Be sure to complete all pre-course readings and assignments.

### Specialty Items

Taos has a Wal-Mart and Walgreens, but don't expect to find specialty items in town. If you are particular about certain brand-name products, or regularly require specific items such as prescription medications, bring enough for the duration of your stay.

### Money

There are no large banking institutions in Taos, only small, regional banks. Opt for "cash back" at local grocery stores or visit an ATM.

### Transportation

Our campus is located 7 miles outside of town and public transportation is very limited. Students who want the flexibility of having a car on campus are encouraged to drive to Taos. Students who choose to fly will have the opportunity to carpool with RA's.



# Where Will I Be Staying?



All students are required to stay on campus. The campus is comprised of twenty-four structures, including ten adobe dormitories (casitas) which house a total of 108 students. Each casita has a semi-private sleeping area with bunk beds and a closet and drawers for every student. Electrically heated and "winterized," the casitas also include bath and shower facilities and a large common area with a wood-burning fireplace.

Campus facilities include Fort Burgwin (our historical fort where all classrooms and offices are located), dining hall, laundry facility, and exercise facility. The newly constructed Wendorf Information Commons is home to the Fort Burgwin Library and also contains a student computer lab. An archaeology laboratory, studio facilities, auditorium, and Art Barn support the academic life of the campus.

## SMU-IN-TAOS Fort Burgwin

- 1 Fort Burgwin Office,  
Classrooms 101-130
- 2 Commander's Quarters
- 3 Officer's Quarters (Faculty Housing)
- 4 Archaeology Lab
- 5 Wendorf Information Commons,  
Library, Computer Lab
- 6 Caretaker's Quarters and Shop
- 7 Chalet (Faculty Housing)
- 8 Art Barn
- 9 Faculty Casita 3
- 10 Faculty Casita 2
- 11 Faculty Casita 1
- 12 Auditorium
- 13 Laundry Facility
- 14 Dining Hall
- 15 Casita Ultima East
- 16 Casita Ultima West
- 17 Casita Media
- 18 Casita Thetford
- 19 Trailer
- 20 Casita Arbolita
- 21 Casita Montana
- 22 Casita Ware
- 23 Casita Harvey
- 24 Sand Volleyball Court
- 25 Casita Alta
- 26 Casita Armstrong
- 27 Casita Clements
- 28 Tennis Courts

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# Should I Drive or Fly?

## Driving

To get to SMU-in-Taos by car from Dallas, follow the Map and Driving Directions on the **next page**.

Our campus is 670 miles from Dallas. Once you pass Mile Marker 66 on HWY 518, follow these directions to check in.

**NM Road Advisory 511 or 1-800-432-4269**

### Things to keep in mind if driving:

- Pay particular attention to the speed limits in the towns between Amarillo and the New Mexico border.
- Use caution if arriving at Fort Burgwin after sunset, as it is difficult to see the signage after dark.

### Directions to Check-in (4pm-6pm)

1. Arriving from Dallas on NM 518, the SMU-in-Taos campus is on the LEFT, marked with low adobe walls.
2. There are two gates. The first gate will be closed. Proceed to the second (main) entrance.
3. Bear left as you enter campus (the Fort Burgwin Office building will be on the right)
4. Veer left at the fork in the gravel road and proceed to the **Dining Hall** for check-in.
5. Continue on the gravel road. Cross the small wooden bridge, and proceed up a short hill.
6. Near the top of the hill, take the second right. The large adobe structure to the right is the Dining Hall, where check-in is held.

### Should you have car trouble or need assistance:

**Campus Security** 575-317-9434  
**Dining Hall** 575-758-7180  
**NM Road Advisory** 511 or 1-800-432-4269

## How do I get to Fort Burgwin from the Taos Plaza?

1. Travel south on Paseo del Pueblo Sur through town toward Ranchos de Taos
2. Turn left onto New Mexico Highway 518 (across from the Shell)
3. Drive through Talpa on 518 and enter the Carson National Forest
4. Pass Pot Creek (on left), and look for the green "Fort Burgwin" Sign (on right) after Mile Marker 67
5. The fort entrance is on the RIGHT, marked with low adobe walls.



## Flying

Students have the option of flying into Albuquerque or Santa Fe and taking a shuttle to Taos. There are no direct flights to Taos. We do not recommend booking a flight until you have received a confirming email granting you course permission to officially enroll through Access.smu

### Albuquerque (3 hours from Taos)

Several airlines have non-stop daily flights from Dallas to Albuquerque.

### Santa Fe (2 hours from Taos)

American Airline's American Eagle service is the only airline with non-stop daily flights from Dallas to Santa Fe.

### Things to keep in mind if flying:

We suggest that you verify the shuttle service *before* making your airline reservations. Flight plans should be arranged to coincide with shuttle pick-up times.

**Hertz Travel** provides one-way and round-trip private shuttle service from both the ABQ and SAF airports directly to the SMU-in-Taos campus. Hertz offers group discounts. To book a Hertz Travel shuttle, or for information on group rates, contact Charley Rael at **575-770-8759** or email him at [charleyrael\\_cwf@live.com](mailto:charleyrael_cwf@live.com).

**Twin Heart Express** also provides one-way and round-trip service between the Albuquerque and Santa Fe airports and the SMU-in-Taos campus. Contact Twin Hearts at **575-751-1201**.  
*Twin Heart departure times from:*

**ABQ airport:** 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm & 5:30pm.

**SAF airport:** 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm & 6:30pm.

**Taos Express Weekend Shuttle** offers Fri-Sat-Sun bus service from Santa Fe Depot to Taos Plaza. Reservations are required. Call **575-751-4459** or reserve online [www.taosexpress.com](http://www.taosexpress.com)

### Campus Physical & Mailing Address:

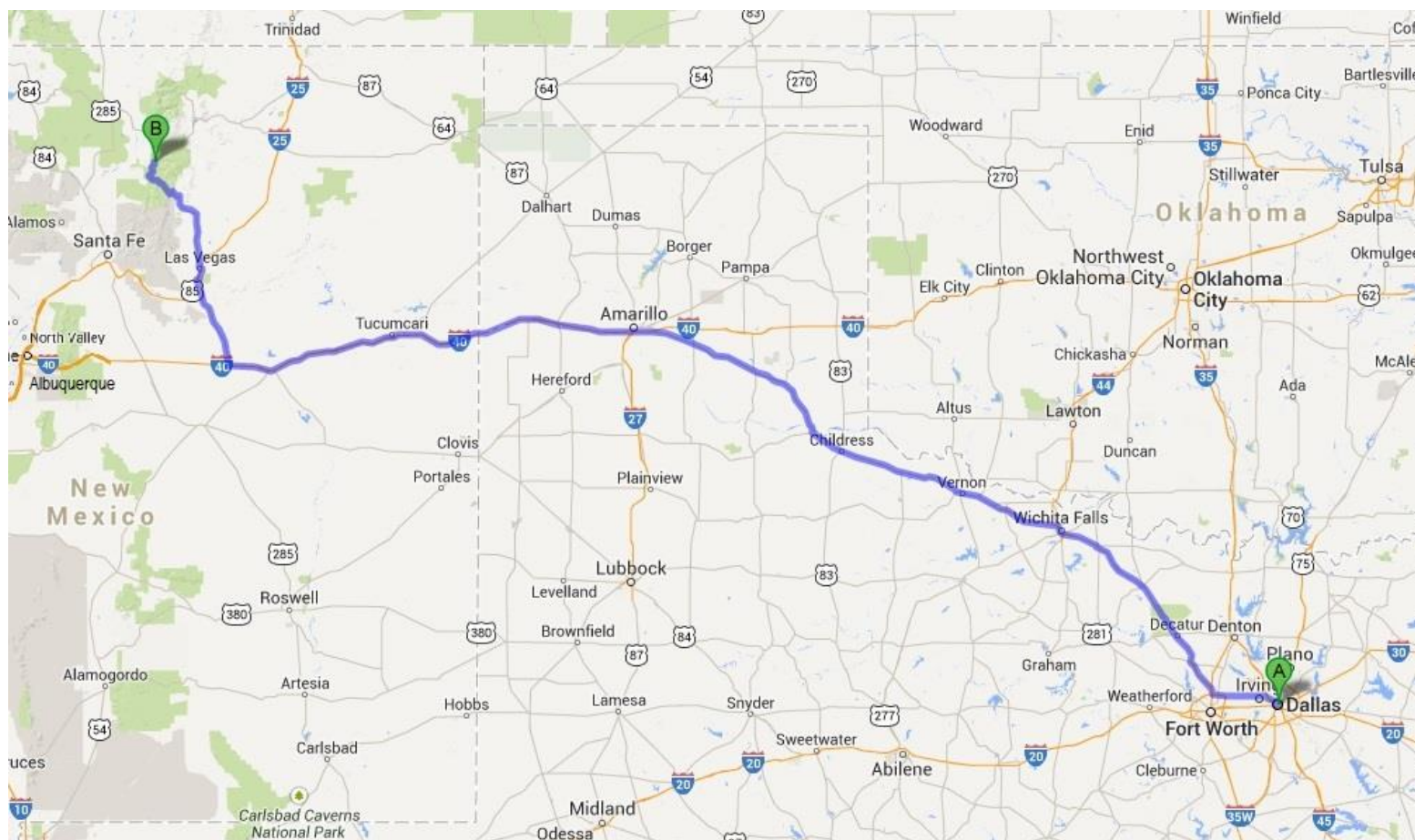
**SMU-in-Taos Fort Burgwin**  
**6580 Highway 518**  
**Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557**



**Students may ship packages clearly labeled "ATTN: Student Name" to campus in advance. Mail can be picked up at the Dining Hall or Main Office.**

**Students are responsible for scheduling return shipping pick-up and payment. Packages may not be left unattended. There are no overnight deliveries to Taos.**

# How Do I Get to Taos?



## SMU Blvd Dallas, TX to Fort Burgwin SMU-in-Taos, NM (11 hrs/670 miles)

1. Head southwest on Exit 3 toward **N Central Expy**
2. Merge onto **N Central Expy**
3. Take the ramp on the left onto **US-75 S**
4. Take **exit 1A** toward **I-35E S/Waco**
5. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for **St. Paul Street** and merge onto **TX-366 Spur W**
6. Take the exit onto **I-35E N** toward **Denton**
7. Keep left to continue on **TX-183 W**, follow signs for **Texas 183/Texas 114/Irving/DFW Airport**
8. Keep left to stay on **TX-183 W**, follow signs for **Ft Worth/DFW South Entry**
9. Take the exit onto **I-820 W**
10. Take **exit 16A** to merge onto **I-35W N/U.S. 287 N** toward **Denton**
11. Take **exit 60** to merge onto **U.S. 287 N/US-81 N** toward **Decatur** Continue to follow **U.S. 287 N**
12. Continue onto **I-44 E/U.S. 287 N**
13. Take **exit 3A** on the left toward **US-287 N/Vernon/Amarillo**
14. Merge onto **U.S. 287 N**
15. Take the ramp onto **I-40 W/U.S. 287 N** Continue to follow **I-40 W** Entering **New Mexico**
16. Take **exit 256** for **US-84 N** toward **Las Vegas**
17. Turn right onto **US-84 W**
18. Turn right to merge onto **I-25 N**
19. Take **exit 345** for **New Mexico 65/New Mexico 104** toward **Interstate 25/University Avenue**
20. Turn left onto **E University**
21. Turn right onto **Grand Ave**
22. Turn left onto **Mills Ave**
23. Turn right onto **NM-518 N/7th St** Continue to follow **NM-518 N**
24. Turn left onto **6580 Highway 518, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557**

Depart **6:00am CST**

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0.4 mi  
2.7 mi  
0.4 mi  
1.1 mi  
4.4 mi  
2.5 mi  
**17.5 mi**  
6.3 mi  
3.0 mi  
**105 mi**  
2.4 mi  
0.7 mi  
**211 mi**  
**195 mi**  
0.2 mi  
**41.5 mi**  
5.7 mi  
0.4 mi  
0.3 mi  
0.7 mi  
0.7 mi  
**66.2 mi**

Arrive **4:00pm MST**



# Campus Policies & Contacts

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**FT. BURGWIN OFFICE**  
575-758-8322

**DALLAS OFFICE**  
214-768-3657

**MIKE ADLER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
214-402-4836

**CYNDY GIMBLE**  
CAMPUS COORDINATOR  
575-637-1638

**ANNE WEIL**  
STUDENT AFFAIRS  
COORDINATOR &  
WELLNESS  
INSTRUCTOR  
972-415-6431

**SECURITY**  
575-317-9434

**DINING HALL**  
575-758-7180



**SMU-in-Taos Fort Burgwin**  
6580 Highway 518  
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557  
Tel: 575-758-8322

## CAMPUS POLICIES

The SMU Student Code of Conduct and SMU Honor Code apply at the SMU-in-Taos Ft. Burgwin Campus. Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a way that will not disturb or interfere with the resident life and academic pursuits of students or cause damage to the campus or its facilities.

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on the Taos campus. SMU-in-Taos has a zero tolerance policy. Students may be removed from the program if found in violation of this policy. Students removed for this reason or any violation of the SMU Student Code of Conduct or SMU Honor code may be immediately withdrawn from their classes, removed from campus, and will not receive any refund.

SMU-in-Taos reserves the right to expel students for inappropriate behavior, illegal activity, and unsatisfactory academic performance.

## SANCTIONS, FINES & RESTITUTION

Sanctions are assessed for violations for which students are found responsible. Sanctions can include, but are not limited to, such things as fines, restitution, community service, and referral to other agencies or offices. Students are responsible for the care of their surroundings. Payment to replace or repair any damaged items, i.e. restitution, will be required. If the responsible party(ies) cannot be identified, the charge will be equally divided between the group of students assigned to that living space.

## HOUSING

Students are not allowed to move out of their assigned casita and into another without written consent of the Executive Director of the SMU-in-Taos campus. Guests not enrolled in the Taos program are not allowed to stay overnight on campus.

## VEHICLES

Students may bring vehicles to campus. The speed limit on campus is 10 mph. All cars must be registered at Orientation. Students will be issued a parking sticker to be affixed to the windshield on the driver's side. Stickers must be turned in at check out at the end of the term.

The following are prohibited on campus: ATVs, 4 Wheelers, dirt bikes, pets, fireworks, weapons, alcohol, and drugs.

*We look forward to seeing you in Taos  
this January!*

