Getting Ready for AARO

Congratulations on your decision to attend Southern Methodist University! We are excited to meet you and welcome you to the academic environment, involvement opportunities, and traditions at SMU. The orientation process is designed to introduce you and your family to the information you need prior to the start of the academic year and also facilitates building relationships with other incoming students, continuing students, faculty, and staff. One of the main goals for orientation is to welcome you to the Mustang family!

When you attend AARO, you will meet an advisor face to face. Your advisor will help you learn to navigate the channels of higher education. Your skills and desires and his or her knowledge of University requirements will come together as you craft an SMU academic plan as unique as your character. Before you leave AARO, you will register for fall classes. You will also want to discover the many helpful resources on campus – tutoring, career planning, health center, clubs and interest groups, programs, and study abroad options – so you’ll be ready to take command of your opportunities when your school year begins.

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Welcome from the Office of Student Transitions & Orientation

Before you meet your advisor, it’s a good idea to review your Peruna Passport, which will be mailed to you, and to study the University Catalog (http://smu.edu/catalogs/Default.asp). After all, you want to be well prepared for the journey ahead.

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When Should I Attend AARO?

FIRST YEAR AARO SESSIONS

Session 1: Tuesday, July 7 – Wednesday, July 8

Session 2: Friday, July 10 – Saturday, July 11

Session 3: Tuesday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 15

Session 4: Thursday, July 16 – Friday, July 17

Session 5: Monday, July 20 – Tuesday, July 21

Session 6: Wednesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 23

Session 7: Monday, July 27 – Tuesday, July 28

Session 8: Friday, July 31 – Saturday, August 1

Session 9: Monday, August 3 – Tuesday, August 4

Fees: Parents/Guests $70

All new students are required to stay overnight in Boaz Commons. Each of the nine AARO sessions will accommodate approximately 130 new students and their family members. Staying on campus provides an opportunity to experience residence hall living at SMU and to interact with the AARO leaders also living in Boaz Commons. A Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on the first day. Brunch will be provided on the second day. Students who arrive late or on an incorrect AARO date cannot be accommodated. Please make travel plans so that you arrive on campus by 8:00 a.m. on the first day of AARO and plan to stay until 5:00 p.m. on the second day.

TRANSFER AARO SESSIONS

Session 1: Tuesday, August 7

Fees: Parents/Guests $30

Transfer AARO is a one-day orientation program for transfer students enrolling in Fall 2015. Programs provide academic requirements and expectations, campus resources, involvement opportunities and the chance to meet current students. During your AARO session, you will also meet one-on-one with an academic advisor and register for fall classes. Check-in for AARO will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the lower level of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. You cannot be advised or register for classes until your admission deposit is paid, your final transcript and Good Standing Form from previous colleges and universities have been received and processed by the Division of Enrollment Services, and the Health Center reserves proof of your meningitis vaccination. This process takes a minimum of two weeks.

INTERNATIONAL AARO SESSION

Session 1: Tuesday, August 18

Fees: Parents/Guests $30

All students studying in secondary schools outside the United States, including U.S. citizens, are encouraged to attend the International AARO on August 16-17. If you are unable to attend the International AARO, you may select any session that is conducive to your travel arrangements.

FINAL AARO SESSION

Tuesday, August 18

Fees: Parents/Guests $30

The Final AARO session is an abbreviated AARO session. You are encouraged to attend one of the previously mentioned session dates. If you are unable to do so, you will register for the Final AARO session which begins on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Online registration for this session will be available beginning July 13, 2015.

If you are attending the Final AARO session, you may move into your assigned Residential Commons after 9:00 a.m. on August 17. You will check-in for the Final AARO session at 9:00 a.m. on August 18 in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, lower level.
When You Arrive

When you arrive at SMU for AARO, please park in the Binkley Parking Center. Enter through the visitor lane from Binkley Avenue. Enter the access code 8396 ENTER on the keypad to gain entry to the parking center. It will not be necessary to take a visitor’s entry ticket when using the keypad. Upon exiting use the visitor lane keypad to enter the access code 8396, then press enter. You do not need to use the pay station to exit. You will be mailed a parking pass in early June that you will need to display on your rearview mirror during AARO.

Report to Boaz Commons to get your AARO room assignment. (All first-year students attending AARO are required to stay in Boaz Commons in order to participate in all the planned activities.) Residence Life and Student Housing staff will be on-hand from 8:30-8:50 a.m. to assist you in this process. You will receive your room key, access card, and a campus map at this time. From Boaz Commons you will proceed to the Hughes-Trigg Student Center for AARO Check-in. Please allow yourself time for a 5 minute walk from Boaz to Hughes-Trigg. AARO Check-in will take place from 9:00-9:30 a.m. You will receive a nametag and all AARO session materials at that time.

AARO Housing for First-Year Students

STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

AARO residence hall rooms are air-conditioned and feature two twin beds per room, with linens provided. Each student will be assigned a roommate and will share community bath facilities. All SMU facilities are nonsmoking.

If you will need on-campus housing the night before your confirmed AARO date, you must mark this preference on the online reservation form. Extra housing is limited to one night before the confirmed AARO date. There is a $30 fee for the additional night of housing. Participants arriving and staying on campus the night before their session must check in at the Virginia Snider Hall desk after 5:00 p.m. Luggage storage is available.

There will be a fee of $50 for lost room keys.

Bring the Family

We encourage family members to attend AARO with your student. You play a role in your student’s success at SMU. AARO will help you learn more about what your student’s academic experience will be like when they come to campus in the Fall and will introduce you to resources on campus that will be helpful for you and your student.

In addition to attending academic and resource sessions with your student, we also have several family specific programs planned including a panel discussion with representatives from all over campus.

Tentative Schedule of Events for First-Year AARO

| DAY 1 | 8:30 a.m. | Resident Hall Check-in | Boaz Commons |
| DAY 1 | 9:00-9:30 a.m. | AARO Check-in | Hughes-Trigg Student Center, lower level |
| DAY 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Hilltop Halls |
| DAY 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Academic Reality & Resources |
| DAY 1 | 11:00 a.m. | Group Advising Meetings |
| DAY 1 | 12:15 p.m. | Red & Blue Lunch |
| DAY 1 | 1:45 p.m. | Enrollment Workshops & Family Welcome |
| DAY 1 | 3:00-3:30 p.m. | Elective Programming |
| DAY 1 | 3:30 p.m. | Resource Expo |
| DAY 1 | 4:30 p.m. | Student Group Meetings & College 101 for Families |
| DAY 1 | 5:30 p.m. | Mane Stage Dinner Theatre |
| DAY 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Student Group Meetings & Family Roundtable |
| DAY 1 | 8:00 p.m. | SMU Late Night! (Students Only) |

| DAY 2 | 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Individual Advising |
| DAY 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Mustang Brunch |
| DAY 2 | 11:45 a.m. | Final Student Group Meetings & Looking Ahead for Families |
| DAY 2 | 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Elective Programming |

Tentative Transfer AARO Schedule

| 9:00-10:00 a.m. | AARO Check-in | Hughes-Trigg Student Center, lower level |
| 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Hilltop Halls & Making the Most of Your Transfer Credits |
| 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Transfer Brunch |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Resource Expo |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Advising & Individual Programming |

Individual advising appointments will be scheduled throughout the two-day session. Please plan to be on campus until 5:00 p.m. on Day 2. Families will follow student schedule except as indicated.
Mustang Corral

Mustang Corral is the best way to get to know the SMU community! Mustang Corral 2015 will take place Wednesday, August 19 – Sunday, August 23. Students who participate move into their residence hall on August 19. This program is designed to give all incoming students a sense of what life is like on campus. As a student you will meet and interact with other incoming students, faculty, staff members, and alumni. At Mustang Corral you will explore academic life, the spirit and traditions of SMU, and engage in self discovery activities. These diverse activities encourage meaningful relationships within each Round Up Group, a group of 12-15 new students. The bonds you make during this short time will prove valuable throughout your collegiate experience. If you have not registered for Mustang Corral, please visit our website at www.smu.edu/newstudent or logon to My.SMU to register by August 15. This is definitely an experience that you don’t want to miss!

Travel Information

GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN DALLAS

Several methods of transportation are available from D/FW Airport or Love Field to the SMU campus and selected hotels.

Super Shuttle offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for approximately $31.00 one way for the first passenger and $10 per each additional passenger. Super Shuttle also offers transportation to and from Love Field for approximately $20.00 one way for the first passenger and $10 per each additional passenger. For more information, contact the Student Employment Office (Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building) at 214-768-3384 or stu_employ@smu.edu.

Yellow Checker Shuttle offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for $21/person. Transportation to and from Love Field is also approximately $21/person. For more information, call 214-641-1900.

Taxi

The cost is approximately $60.00 one way from D/FW Airport and takes approximately 45 minutes.

Car Rental

Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc. has guaranteed the best possible car rental rates available for SMU AARO participants. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-331-1600 (refer to Avis Worldwide Discount number A906399, or by visiting www.avis.com/meetingtools).

Student Employment

National studies indicate college students who work part time find it beneficial in supplementing finances, acclimating to campus, and learning skills such as time management. SMU offers students a variety of resources to locate work opportunities on and off campus.

Please visit the Division of Enrollment Services Student Employment website (smu.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/typeofaid/studentemployment) to receive additional information regarding campus work programs, referrals and employment while at SMU. If you have more questions after AARO regarding either financial aid awarded to work study programs or other employment on campus, contact the Student Employment Office (Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building) at 214-768-3384 or stu_employ@smu.edu.

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To comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, all students must complete the I–9 process in order to have part-time employment at SMU. This process can be completed through Human Resources, second floor, Expressway Tower Building, after a student secures a job. See the Student Employment website for necessary documents.

General Information

Student ID & Yearbook Photos

Now that you’re part of SMU – SMILE! A professional photographer from SMU’s Rotunda yearbook will be on hand to take individual portraits during AARO check-in. These are head and shoulder shots, so wear a blouse or collared shirt and leave your baseball cap in your room. These photos will also serve as your SMU ID photo. You will take your photo during AARO check-in and you will pick up your student ID when you return in August for classes.

AARO Housing for Families

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Testing for Placement and Credit

According to the International Business Times, “with the globalization of businesses and populations growing increasingly cosmopolitan, the need for transnational knowledge of languages has become very important in both private and government sectors.” With this in mind, the new University Curriculum (UC) has created the language requirement, which applies to all first-time, first-year students. Please note the provisions of the language requirement below:

- Students who matriculate summer 2012 and after must demonstrate proficiency in a second language.
- Students may be exempted from this requirement through AP or IB language exams or an SMU placement exam, native proficiency in a language as determined by International Admissions or an ACTFL OPI exam, or transfer credit.
- All other students will need to complete the requirement through language classes at SMU or another accredited institution, among other options. For more detailed information, please visit smu.edu/worldlanguages and click on “Second Language Requirement.”

Transfer students are exempted until a matriculation date of fall 2014 and beyond.

World Languages and Literatures Placement Exam

Students who have had language instruction in high school, or have had acquired language skills in some other manner, are required to take a placement language examination even if they do not plan to continue their language study at SMU in that language. Students who do not wish to abide by their placement exam results may petition the chair for an exemption (granted only in rare cases).

Credit Awarded

Second language waivers granted through credit for AP and IB exams or transfer credit are awarded by the Office of Enrollment Services.

Retroactive Credit

By taking a placement exam students have the opportunity to receive retroactive credit for beginning and intermediate courses in their language of study. Once students have completed the course into which they were placed with a grade of C or higher they may request any retroactive credit earned [up to a maximum of 16 credits depending on the language of study]. Requests for retroactive credit are handled in the Office of World Languages and Literatures in 309 Clements Hall. Retroactive credits do not count toward fulfilling the second language requirement. For example, if a student’s placement exam score indicated that he/she should enroll in 1402, the student would need to take 1402 and 2401 to fulfill the language requirement, despite the fact that retroactive credit for 1401 may be awarded after completion of 1402.

Language Exams Offered

Placement exams are offered in all languages taught at SMU (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish, and Russian). Exams are accessible through Blackboard, and all first-year students should have the WIL PL Exam appear when logged into credit for coursework in that language. Should a discrepancy between their placement exam placement and their earned credit exist, the student will need to forfeit the credit already earned if they wish to continue their language study.

Transfer students wishing to continue their language study must abide by the results of the placement test. Students who do not wish to abide by their placement exam results may petition the chair for an exemption (granted only in rare cases).

Timing of Exam

Incoming students are expected to take language placement exam(s) prior to attending AARO. Students may be unable to register for any language classes if a placement exam has not been taken. A placement exam may be taken online via Blackboard at any time and from any location. The exam results expire after one year, and it is suggested that students register for language classes within a reasonable time after taking the placement exam so that the testing results reflect the student’s current knowledge of the language.

There is no time limit on the exam. The exam generally takes less than one hour. Please contact Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies at 214-768-1470 for questions regarding services for students with disabilities. Students who have any questions about World Languages and Literatures placement exams or requirements may contact Rachel Hall (rachelh@smu.edu).

Additional Information

Although some students review for the exam, it is to a student’s advantage to have the exam reflect his/her current knowledge of the language. Students should remember to PRINT their score report or save to .pdf before exiting the exam. Documentation of placement is needed for registration through an advisor, and test results also need to be given to language professors on the first day of class.

Questions

Additional information can be found at the World Languages and Literatures website: www.smu.edu/worldlanguages as well as the individual language websites. Any non-technical questions about the placement exam should be directed to:

Chinese: yxia@smu.edu
French: escherwi@smu.edu
German: gbriell@smu.edu
Italian: flabregi@smu.edu
Japanese: keikof@smu.edu
Latin: prawlin@smu.edu
Russian: taimakova@smu.edu
Spanish: apautor@smu.edu

Testing for Placement end

Blackboard. If your language placement exam link does not appear in your list of courses, please contact Rachel Hall (rachelh@smu.edu). Exams may be taken in more than one language, but each individual language exam may be taken only once.

Payment

The fee for all placement exam testing is covered by SMU fees and tuition.

MATH

Six tests are offered during AARO:

- Math 1303 & 1304 pre-calculus: for placement only, no credit
- Math 1307, 1309, 1337 & 1338: for credit

Fee: $20; exact cash or check only.

Which test should I take? See below, also see www.smu.edu/majors/academics/math. The mathematics department encourages students that have taken a strong precalculus course to take the placement exam so they do not have to repeat precalculus. Students that have taken calculus in high school can go directly into calculus without taking a placement exam, or they can receive credit for calculus by passing the appropriate credit exam. All mathematics credit exams must be taken before the first day of classes.

No calculators are allowed except for Math 1307, for which a calculator is required. Students who will need extra time on the placement/credit exam may request that at the door upon entering the exam. Students who need other accommodations for a disability must first contact the Office of Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies at 214-768-1470 to verify disability and establish eligibility for accommodation.

Computer Science

One credit exam for CSE 1341: Introduction to Computer Concepts is available during AARO. This exam is for students with Java programming experience who did not earn credit through an AP exam. This is NOT the Information Technology Exam. Fee: $20, exact cash only.

If you would like to take this exam, please contact Beth Minton at beth@lyle.smu.edu at least 24 hours before your AARO session.
Parents and Family Members: There’s A Place for You at AARO

As the parents and family members of a new Mustang, you are part of the larger SMU family—a family rich in heritage and educational opportunities. This family includes not only those who choose to study here, but the thousands of graduates over the years who remember with pride their experiences “on the Hilltop” as well as all those who work and teach at this University. We are dedicated to providing a unique educational experience for our students, one that will be valued by students and families for years to come.

Students typically spend their college years away from home, and although their role may change, parents continue to play a critical role in a student’s educational experience. Because these college years are often a time for uncertain change in the relationship between parents/families and their student, SMU welcomes parent/family involvement in a student’s experience when appropriate and encourages parents to continue to give the benefit of their support.

In fact, you will be receiving a copy of the Peruna Passport designed to make your student’s academic transition easier. You will find the information useful as you gain an understanding of the academic challenges facing your student. Your first responsibility as the parent of a college student is not “to do it for them,” but to encourage your student to take advantage of all that SMU offers and to take responsibility for the educational experience he/she will have at SMU.

AARO is designed to help both families and students. Additionally, sessions are available for parents/families only, as the individual academic advising sessions and enrollment workshops are for students only. During AARO, parents/families will have opportunities to meet and talk with other families of new students. For many, this will be your first experience enrolling a child in college, while others are “seasoned” veterans. Regardless, the interaction among parents/families during AARO continues to be a favorite SMU memory.

There is a fee for parents’ and family members’ participation, which includes AARO materials as well as meals. For Transfer AARO, the parent fee includes AARO materials as well as brunch. Please have your student check the appropriate guest options on the online reservation form. They can also indicate that you would like your name included on a roster for the session you attend.

We look forward to seeing you at AARO, and invite you to share in your students’ experiences as they begin to discover all SMU has to offer. For additional questions, please call Deanie Kepler, Director of Parent and Family Programs, 214.768.4797.

Common Reading

Students new to SMU receive the Common Reading book at AARO and read it before they arrive for the start of the fall semester. Faculty, staff, and returning student facilitators are preparing for the small group conversations with new students that take place just before Rehunda Passage and Convocation on Sunday, August 23. Students will find that the book and the questions it raises will be part of the curriculum of their composition courses as well. This year’s Common Reading is an unusual choice: Emily St. John Mandel’s novel Station Eleven. The book takes place 15 years after a catastrophic flu has wiped out 99% of the world’s population. Mandel asks some big questions, what is left behind? What really matters now? And by implication, what things do we take for granted today? And if most of our technology and comforts were taken away, what would be left? The Common Reading Program is designed to engage the SMU community in the kinds of discussions that will prepare the University’s newest students for the rigors and delights of the life of the mind.

Orientation Registration

In order to register for orientation (AARO and Mustang Corral) you will need to have your SMU ID number and your password. You will complete your registration online through My.SMU.

On this page you will find detailed instructions that will guide you through the various steps of the registration process.

Please read through the information provided in My.SMU and on our website before starting your orientation registration.

Once you have completed Orientation Registration, e-mail confirmations of your registration(s) for AARO and Mustang Corral will be sent to your SMU e-mail address.

Please note that once registration is complete, you can make changes online up to seven days before your AARO session start date.

For questions related to Orientation Registration, please contact the Student Transitions & Orientation Office at orientation@smu.edu or 214.768.4560.

Tuition and Fees – Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

A condensed summary of charges is given below for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. The total may vary according to the individual academic program, which may include lab fees or other charges.

UNDERGRADUATE CHARGES

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Note: An annual parking fee is included on the Fall tuition bill only. If applicable. Room and board charges depend on single, double, triple occupancy of residence hall.

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Note: Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the due date on the bill and published on the Bursar website.
AARO Essentials

Textbooks

The SMU Bookstore works with your professors to carry the books you need to succeed throughout your academic career. Many of your books are now available for rent, saving you an average of 50% off the new book price.

We urge you to reserve your textbooks online after completing the registration process at AARO. Go to http://smu.bncollege.com, select your course, choose whether you wish to purchase or rent depending on the available options, and add them to your cart. You can pick them up when you return to campus in August, or have them mailed to your home (in August) for a nominal fee.

You may pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Paypal, or by Student Charge. To bill your books to your Student Account select the Student Financial Aid option, and enter your 8 digit student ID number. Your books and any other merchandise chosen will be charged to your preferred method of payment when your order is processed.

The SMU Bookstore is located in Park Cities Plaza, 3060 Mockingbird Lane, next to La Madeleine and the new Residential Commons.

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

My.SMU

My.SMU is the self-service system in which students enroll/drop classes, view the schedule of classes, view grades, view and request transcripts and degree progress reports, view financial aid and student account information, and update/verify personal information – addresses, phone/cell numbers, emergency contact and demographic summary.

Students have the final responsibility for the accuracy of their enrollment, the applicability of their courses towards their degree requirements and their academic performance. Please be sure to check your SMU email account regularly. The University uses the student’s email account as the official means of communication for notification of deadlines and other important announcements. Please review the Registrar’s Home Page (smu.edu/registrar/) for more detailed information.

Release of Education Records and FERPA

To facilitate the sharing of information, SMU offers an easy method for students to grant permission to others (including parents) and, for those granted permission, the ability to access education records through the Release of Education Records feature in the My.SMU Student Center. For information and instructions visit http://smu.edu/ferpa/students. For more information on FERPA and SMU’s FERPA policy, visit the University Registrar’s FERPA website at http://smu.edu/ferpa.

Reserve Your PO Box

If you live on campus during the academic year, you are required to have a post office box at the SMU Post Office. Your PO Box address and mailing information will be sent to your SMU email address in midJuly. Your mail can be picked up at Copy and Mail Central located on the main floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. This PO Box number will be entered into your records at the time of registration and will be your official campus mailing address. The non-refundable $15 annual mailbox fee is charged to the student account along with the full-term residence hall rent charge. Non-resident (commuter) students may rent a mailbox at the SMU Post Office for an $15 fee. Payment will be accepted in the form of Pony Express Deposit, Visa/MasterCard, or a personal check payable to Ricoh Mail and Copy Central.

SMU Email Account

A part of your admission to SMU, you are given an SMU email account for your use. All official SMU communication is directed through the SMU email account. It is very important that you check this account regularly for important information regarding registration, University events and emergency notification. To access your email, go to office.smu.edu.

Login using your @smu.edu email address (mustang@smu.edu) and the same password used for logging in to My.SMU. For additional information about SMU email or other technology services, please visit smu.edu/ot.

If you need assistance, please contact the IT Help Desk at 214.768.4357.

Academic Honesty Tutorial

SMU has a deep commitment to maintaining high standards of academic integrity among the student body. All entering students in the Fall 2015 class are required to read an online tutorial on academic honesty and then take an online quiz. This is accessed through Blackboard, the University’s Course Management System. All entering students can log onto Blackboard using their SMU ID number as user name and the password they have been given for My.SMU. Visit http://smu.edu/studentlife/honesty/.

When a student has successfully completed the quiz, this information becomes available to advisors and the student’s academic record reflects this. The tutorial and quiz may be taken as many times as needed. All new students – both first-year and transfer – are required to complete this tutorial and quiz prior to Fall registration. There will be consequences for students who do not successfully complete the tutorial.

Requirements For All Students Prior to AARO

Texas law requires all new students under the age of 22 provide documentation to the Health Center demonstrating they have been vaccinated against Bacterial Meningitis within the past 5 years from the first day of class. Enrollment holds will be placed for all new students until this requirement is fulfilled. Submit required documentation and health form at least 2 weeks prior to registration of classes/AARO sessions.

Students must also submit to the Health Center immunization records that provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). Some students may be required to have the Tdap skin test. Required Health Forms and specific directions are available on the Health Center Website: www.smu.edu/healthcenter.

Students may view the receipt and completion of their Health Form and Immunization Records in My.SMU by going to: Student Self-Services > Student Center > Medical Health History. Please make a back-up copy of the documentation for your own records. Do not submit more than one form.

You may email questions to: healthcenter@smu.edu or call 214.768.2141, press option 1.

Health Insurance

SMU requires all domestic students, both undergraduate and graduate, taking nine or more credit hours to have adequate health insurance through either an individual/family plan or the University offered plan. All international students taking ten or more credit hours must enroll in the University offered plan unless they have a special waiver personally granted by the Health Center staff.

SMU’s mandatory policy requires those students with the enrollment status mentioned above to either: document current insurance coverage (waived) or to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) in My.SMU by the deadline each semester. The deadlines for 2015-2016 are: August 28, 2015 for Fall and January 22, 2016 for Spring. Students who wish to waive SHIP must do so prior to the deadline EACH semester in order to avoid automatic enrollment into SHIP and the semi-annual premium of $1,221.00 applied to their university account. No reversal of premiums or changes to insurance status can be made after the deadline EACH semester.

For more information and instructions on how to WAIVE or ELECT coverage please visit www.smu.edu/healthinsurance.

Health Center Requirements

Health Center

Southern Methodist Univ.
PO Box 750199
Dallas, TX 75275-0195

Phone 214-768-3408
Fax 214-768-3151

smu.edu/healthcenter

smu.edu/healthinsurance

Things To Bring With You

- SMU ID number and password
- University Advising Student Bio Sheet
- Health form (if not yet submitted to the SMU Health Center)
- Disability documentation if seeking accommodations
- Parana Passport
- AARO Liability Form (if student is under 18 years of age)
- AARO Parking Pass
- AARO Information Brochure
- Copies of AP and IB testing scores
- College transcripts for any dual credit courses
- Cash or check for testing, souvenirs, textbooks, etc.
- Appropriate clothing for ID & Rotunda yearbook photographers
- Casual clothing for 90º to 100º weather
- Sweater (for air-conditioned rooms)
- Comfortable shoes
- Toiletries
- License plate number and make/model of car if registering vehicle for the Fall

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Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

Disability Accommodations
The mission of the UGC’s DASS team is to provide individual attention and support to students with disabilities. DASS is the primary contact for all SMU students with disabilities, such as learning and attention disorders, physical, sensory and medical disorders, psychiatric disorders, and others. DASS staff both assesses the unique needs of students with disabilities and assists them in identifying and taking advantage of all appropriate campus resources. Team members review requests for academic accommodation and request forms are found at our website.

Success Strategies
In addition to formal accommodations, individual academic support is provided for students with learning disabilities and AD/HD. Assistance is available in the areas of transitioning, learning strategies instruction, educational planning, and self-advocacy. This coaching support can be critical for students to make a smooth transition to a new academic setting. Students with LD and AD/HD also may enroll in a section of Reading and Learning Strategies (HDEV 1110) tailored to meet their unique needs. Permission from DASS is required and is subject to availability.

For more information please see our website (www.smu.edu/Provost/alec/dass). DASS is located in the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center; 202 Loyd Center; PO Box 750201; Dallas, TX 75275; 214.768.1470 fax 214.768.1255.

Student Transitions & Orientation

NOTE: Since submitting documentation to Admissions is not considered a request for services and does not guarantee that the documentation is forwarded to this office, students should submit documentation directly to the DASS office to ensure a prompt reply.

SMU in the Fall are strongly encouraged to submit their documentation in June or July to best ensure the process is complete before the start of classes. Please plan to attend the DASS information session on the first day of AARO to establish a connection with a DASS staff member.

A Final Word From Family Members And Students

PARENTS
• “This was very informative. After attending I know my son has made the right decision in attending SMU. I was very impressed with the AARO leaders. They were great!”
• “I think the AARO team did an exemplary job of presenting information, entertaining our students and making them feel welcome. I feel so much better having information and knowledge of available resources. Well done!”
• “Way to go AARO staff! I’m ready to let my first child go to college.”
• “The Academic advisor did an excellent job in helping my daughter select her classes. Very knowledgeable and professional. He gave her great advice.”
• “The faculty was so enthusiastic that I want to enroll in classes at SMU.”
• “We left convinced that the faculty and staff are fully accessible.”
• “I really do appreciate the time and effort SMU staff took to educate parents and students.”

STUDENTS
• “My leader was very helpful and informative. He was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the school and campus.”
• “I loved that the AARO leaders got to know us well enough personally that they would call out our names as we walked by!”
• “My academic advisor was incredibly helpful and really worked with me.”
• “AARO helped make the transition between high school and college not too overwhelming. It really aids students in knowing that although they are independent, they are not alone. That there's always someone there to help out.”
• “AARO was great fun. Very informative. The staff was very helpful and kind. I am looking forward to attending in the fall.”
• “My AARO experience was exciting, new, helpful, fun, and energetic. Being from out of state, it was nice meeting people.”
• “Good to see how faculty and staff care about students.”

Helpful Phone Numbers

Student Transitions & Orientation
214-768-4550 orientation@smu.edu
AARO and Mustang Corral questions*
Dean of Student Life Office
214-768-4564 smu.edu/DeanofStudentLifeOffice
Division of Enrollment Services
214-768-3417 enrol_serv@smu.edu
Includes Admission, Financial Aid, Registrar,
Assistant Student Account Services and On-Campus Employment
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (L.E.C.)
214-768-3648 alec@smu.edu
Dining Services
214-768-3367 martin-michael3@aramark.com
Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH)
214-768-2407 housing@smu.edu
Student Health Center
214-768-2141 phleth@smu.edu
Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
214-768-4021 jiangteng@smu.edu
Counseling Services
214-768-2277 counseling@smu.edu
Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies
214-768-1470 SMUinfo@dass@smu.edu
SMU Information Line
214-768-2000 IT Help Desk
214-768-4357 helpdesk@smu.edu
Central University Libraries
214-768-2665 library@smu.edu
SMU Police Department
214-768-3333
Parent and Family Programs
214-768-4797 gkepler@smu.edu
Mail and Copy Central
214-768-4459 copycentral@smu.edu

ADVISOR PHONE NUMBERS

University Advising Center
214-768-2291
Dean of College of Humanities and Sciences
214-768-2298
Meadows School of the Arts
214-768-2754
Lyle School of Engineering
214-768-3039
Cox School of Business
214-768-3195

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