Congratulations on your offer of Spring Entry to SMU! We are excited you are interested in joining the Mustang family next spring.

SMU's Spring Entry Program allows students to customize their fall semester before joining us on the Hilltop in January. There are many different opportunities, both locally and abroad. Please review these options for a general overview of the program:

**DOMESTIC**

- Study

**INTERNATIONAL**

- London International Semester
- Switzerland International Semester

**GAP SEMESTER**

- Work
- Volunteer

During the fall semester, you can get a jump-start on your college credits by taking courses at a community college or as a visiting student at another 4-year university*. This will help you work towards an on-time graduation from SMU as well as allow you to keep up your study habits and time management skills.

Please keep in mind you should not not enroll in a four-year college as a degree-seeking student. We encourage students to enroll in a visiting student program. These credits can be applied to your SMU degree.

*Familiarize yourself with SMU’s transfer credit guidelines at smu.edu/transfercreditguidelines. Review the Pathways and Transfer Equivalency Guides at smu.edu/pathways to help ensure you register for courses that will transfer to SMU.

**STUDENT TESTIMONIAL**

“I WAS ABLE TO TAKE CLASSES AND GET 14 CREDIT HOURS WITH GOOD GRADES. I ALSO COACHED YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY IN MY TOWN, BABYSAT AND WORKED IN A LOCAL COFFEE SHOP.”

- Eilery B., Spring Entry Program Participant
Program Highlights:
• Meet students from all over the world! 30 percent of Richmond University’s population is from the United States and the other 70 percent come from the UK and other countries worldwide.
• Richmond students have access to discounted (and sometimes free) tickets for West End shows, sporting matches, London Fashion Week, comedy nights, music events and much more! There are also campus events that take place throughout the year.

Richmond, The American International University in London

LONDON INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER (LIS)

Spring Entry students have the opportunity to study abroad in London, England in their fall semester. At Richmond University, students can choose from hundreds of classes that will smoothly transfer into SMU! Students can also experience the historical and cultural treasures that surround the university, such as the Victoria and Albert Museum and Kensington Palace.

Franklin University Switzerland

SWISS INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER (SIS)

Spring Entry students have the opportunity to study abroad in Lugano, Switzerland for their fall semester. Franklin University Switzerland is located on a hillside above Lugano, Switzerland in the country’s southernmost Italian-speaking canton. Small class sizes, individual attention and cross-cultural perspectives are hallmarks of the Franklin experience.

Program Highlights:
• All Franklin students participate in the required Academic Travel Program, a credit-bearing course that includes two weeks of faculty-led travel each semester as an extension of class work.
• There are many activities, including academic, social and athletic events as well as a variety of clubs (including a Texas Club for those with ties to Texas).
• Lugano's moderate climate provides ample opportunity for outdoor activities such as the Valle Verzasca trip, where incoming students picnic and hike in the Swiss Alps for a day.

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*Select Richmond courses have been reviewed for transferability and degree applicability towards a SMU degree.

**For more information on tuition and fees, please visit smu.edu/LISTuition.

***LIS is a wonderful program for students interested in studying liberal arts and business. Students interested in taking business classes must complete a math placement exam.

LIS is not available for students interested in STEM, pre-health or engineering tracks because there are no lab sciences available at Richmond.

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**Please note that financial aid is not available for the SIS program. For more information on tuition and fees, please visit smu.edu/SISTuition.

***SIS is a great program for humanities, English and business students. This program is not compatible with STEM, pre-health, engineering and performing arts tracks because there are no lab sciences available at Franklin.

+ Please note international program options may vary depending on the current situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit smu.edu/Springentry for up-to-date information regarding all Spring Entry program options.
There are many different experiences students can have if they choose to take a Gap Semester, including:

COMMUNITY SERVICE
WORK EXPERIENCE
CULTURAL EXCHANGE
TRADE SKILLS
TRAVEL

If you decide to take advantage of a gap semester, your high school counseling office has resources available to help you find the right fit. Taking some time off between high school and college is becoming increasingly common and popular around the world.

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**STUDENT TESTIMONIAL**

“TAKING 6-7 MONTHS OFF AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LAST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF A “SABBATICAL SEMESTER” WAS THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME. I GOT TO RELAX AND THINK ABOUT WHAT I REALLY WANT TO ACHIEVE AT SMU. I CAME HERE WITH VERY CLEAR EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS.”

- David O., Spring Entry Program Participant

**MARCH 31**
Submit program preference form online.

**APRIL 9**
Fall program notification.

**MAY 1**
Deposit deadline.

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**
Begin fall program/experience.

**MID-JANUARY**
Participate in SMU orientation. Start classes at SMU.
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