

# OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

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## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

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This calendar includes an addendum listing religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy, Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities and Religious Holidays. For religious holidays not listed, contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Graduate programs in the Cox School of Business, Perkins School of Theology, Dedman School of Law, and Research and Graduate Studies have different calendars.

A comprehensive schedule of holiday dates that the offices of the University will be closed will be announced at a later date.

### Fall Term 2023

August 21 – December 16, 2023

**April 3-August 25, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for fall 2023 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**May - August:** Virtual Orientation experiences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. More information about Virtual Orientation is available from the Office of the Student Experience, Student Affairs, 214-768-4560, <https://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/newstudent>.

**TBD: NEW** students schedule a move in time in the SMU Housing Portal.

**TBD: RETURNING** students schedule a move in time in the SMU Housing Portal.

**TBA:** Residence halls officially open.

**August 20, Sunday:** Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

**August 21, Monday:** First day of classes.

**August 25, Friday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term. Last day to file for graduation in December.

**September 1, Friday:** Last day to drop a course without academic record (**tuition charges apply**). Last day to withdraw from the university without academic record (**withdrawal refund schedule applies**). See Bursar's website for more information.

**September 4, Monday:** Labor Day. University offices closed.

**September 6, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. (**Census Date**)

**September 26, Tuesday:** Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

**September 27, Wednesday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before Spring enrollment.

**September 29-30, Friday-Saturday:** Family Weekend.

**October 9-10, Monday-Tuesday:** Fall Break

**October 23, Monday:** Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

**October 27-28, Friday-Saturday:** Homecoming Weekend.

**October 30, Monday:** 60 percent point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU; prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

**October 30-November 17, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for spring 2024 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**November 9, Thursday:** Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**November 13, Monday:** Students may begin applying for May graduation. The last day to file is January 22, 2024.

**November 21, Tuesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W). (*This date does not apply to courses in which the last class meeting and final exam have occurred.*)

**November 22, Wednesday:** No classes.

**November 23-24, Thursday–Friday:** Thanksgiving holiday. University offices closed.

**November 29-December 4, Wednesday-Monday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

**November 30, Thursday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

**December 4, Monday:** Last day of classes.

**December 5-6, Tuesday-Wednesday:** Reading days.

**December 7-13, Thursday–Wednesday:** Examinations. (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

**December 14, Thursday:** Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for winter break. (December graduates should contact the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing).

**December 15, Friday:** December Rotunda Recessional.

**December 16, Saturday:** December Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**December 22–January 1, Friday–Monday:** University closed.

**December 25, Monday:** Christmas Day.

### **January Term 2024**

December 14, 2023 – January 14, 2024

The January Term consists of two primary sessions: Dallas January Session and SMU-in-Taos January Session. Each primary session has different deadline dates. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the January Term, December 14 – January 14, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

**January 1, Monday:** New Year's Day. University offices closed.

### **Dallas January Session 2024**

*Note: Classes meet six hours per day, Monday through Friday. See Intersessions website for specific class information.*

**January 2, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). See Bursar's website for more information.

**January 2, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**January 3, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census Date)**

**January 5, Friday:** Last day for January Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**January 11, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific

information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**January 12, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**January 14, Sunday:** Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

### **SMU-in-Taos January Session 2024**

**NOTE:** Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.

**January 1, Monday:** Travel day and arrival of students 2-6 p.m.

**January 1, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record.

**January 2, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**January 3, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census Date)**

**January 5, Friday:** Last day for January Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**January 11, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**January 12, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**January 13, Saturday:** Travel day. (Non-Wellness class students.)

**January 14, Sunday:** Last day of Wellness classes.

**January 14, Sunday:** Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**January 15, Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (Wellness class students travel day.)

### **Spring Term 2024**

January 16 – May 11, 2024

**October 30–January 22, Monday–Monday:** Enrollment for spring 2024 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**January:** Virtual Orientation experiences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. More information about Virtual Orientation is available from the Office of the Student Experience, Student Affairs, 214-768-4560, <https://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/newstudent>.

**January 1, Monday:** New Year's Day. University offices closed.

**TBA:** Residential Communities open for Spring term for continuing and new residents.

**TBA:** Spring Rotunda Passage

**January 15, Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. University offices closed.

**January 16, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**January 22, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term.

**January 29, Monday:** Last day to drop a course without academic record (**tuition charges apply**). Last day to withdraw from the university without academic record (**withdrawal refund schedule applies**). See Bursar's website for more information.

**January 31, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in May. **(Census Date)**

**February 16, Friday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before Summer/Fall enrollment.

**February 20, Tuesday:** Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

**March 11-17, Monday-Sunday:** Spring break

**March 20, Wednesday:** Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

**March 28, Thursday:** 60 percent point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU; prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

**March 29, Friday:** Good Friday. University offices closed.

**March 31, Sunday:** Easter Sunday.

**April 1-19, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for summer 2024 and fall 2024 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**April 11, Thursday:** Last Day for May graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**April 18, Thursday:** Students may begin applying for August or December graduation. Last day to file for August graduation is June 6. Last day to file for December graduation is the last day to enroll for fall 2024.

**April 19, Friday:** Honors Convocation.

**April 22, Monday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W). *(This date does not apply to courses in which the last class meeting and final exam have occurred.)*

**April 25-30, Thursday–Tuesday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

**April 26, Friday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

**April 30, Tuesday:** Last day of classes. *(Follows a Friday schedule.)*

**May 1, Wednesday:** Reading Day.

**May 2-8, Thursday-Wednesday:** Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

**May 9, Thursday:** Residence halls officially close for non-graduating students.

**May 10, Friday:** Baccalaureate.

**May 11, Saturday:** May Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**May 12, Sunday:** Residence halls officially close for graduating seniors.

## **May Term 2024**

May 9 – 28, 2024

The May Term consists of two primary sessions: Dallas May Session and SMU-in-Taos May Session. Each primary session has different deadline dates. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the May Term, May 9-28, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

### **Dallas May Session 2024**

*Note: Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.*

**May 9, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**May 9, Thursday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**May 10, Friday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.

**May 13, Monday:** Last day to file for graduation in May Term. **(Census Date)**

**May 20, Monday:** Last day for May Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**May 20, Monday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**May 23, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**May 27, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**May 28, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

### **SMU-in-Taos May Session 2024**

*NOTE: Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.*

**May 12, Sunday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**May 13, Monday:** First day of classes.

**May 13, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information. Last day to file for graduation in May Term. **(Census Date)**

**May 14, Tuesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.

**May 21, Tuesday:** Last day for May Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**May 23, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**May 27, Monday:** Memorial Day. Classes meet.

**May 28, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**May 29, Wednesday:** Travel Day.

### **Summer Term 2024**

June 3 – August 6, 2024

The summer term consists of four primary sessions: Dallas Full Session, Dallas First Session (June), SMU-in-Taos First Session, and Dallas Second Session (July). Each primary session has different deadline dates. There are also four shorter sessions within the first and second sessions. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the Summer Term, June 3 – August 6, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

### **Dallas Full Session**

*Note:* Classes meet 2 hours, 15 minutes twice a week or 1 hour, 30 minutes three times a week.

**May 27, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**June 3, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 6, Thursday:** Last day to enroll, add courses, or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for August graduation. **(Census Date)**

**July 4, Thursday:** Independence Day. University offices closed.

**July 18, Thursday:** Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**July 31, Wednesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**August 6, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and

conferral of degrees.

### ***Dallas First Session (June)***

*Note:* Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday–Friday.

**May 27, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**June 3, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 4, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 6, Thursday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. ***(Census Date)***

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 18, Tuesday:** Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**June 26, Wednesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**July 2, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**July 4, Thursday:** Independence Day. University offices closed.

**August 6, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

### ***June A (11-day June Session)***

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**June 3, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 3, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 4, Tuesday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). ***(Census Date)***

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**June 17, Monday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

### ***June B (11-day June Session)***

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**June 18, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**June 18, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 19, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). ***(Census Date)***

**June 27, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**July 2, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

### ***SMU-in-Taos First Session***

**NOTE:** *Permissions of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.*

*(Regular Session)*

**June 4, Tuesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**June 5, Wednesday:** First day of classes.

**June 5, Wednesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 6, Thursday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance

of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

**June 11, Tuesday:** Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 18, Tuesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**June 20, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**June 21, Friday:** Departure of students.

**August 6, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

*(Field Session)*

**June 4, Tuesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**June 5, Wednesday:** First day of classes.

**June 5, Wednesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**June 6, Thursday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

**June 11, Tuesday:** Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 25, Tuesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**July 2, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**July 3, Wednesday:** Departure of students.

**August 6, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

### ***Dallas Second Session (July)***

*Note:* Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday–Friday.

**June 12, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**July 4, Thursday:** Independence Day. University offices closed.

**July 8, Monday:** First day of classes.

**July 9, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**July 11, Thursday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

**July 16, Tuesday:** Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**July 31, Wednesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**August 6, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

### ***July A (11-day July Session)***

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**July 8, Monday:** First day of classes.

**July 8, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**July 9, Tuesday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**July 17, Wednesday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**July 22, Monday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

### **July B (11-day July Session)**

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**July 23, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**July 23, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**July 24, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**August 1, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**August 6, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

### **August Term 2024**

August 8 – 23, 2024

The August Term consists of one primary session: SMU-in-Taos August Session. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the August Term, August 8 – 23, with unique start, end, and deadline dates to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

#### **SMU-in-Taos August Session**

**Note:** Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.

**August 7, Wednesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**August 8, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**August 8, Thursday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**August 9, Friday:** Last day to declare no credit grading option for a course (see UG Catalog for specific information). Last day to file for graduation in August Term. Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

**August 16, Friday:** Last day for August Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

**August 22, Thursday:** Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

**August 23, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**August 24, Saturday:** Travel Day.

## **Major Religious Holidays (August 2023 - August 2024)**

Listing of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy, Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities and Religious Holidays. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

### **Christian**

**Christmas:** December 25, 2023

**Good Friday:** March 29, 2024

**Easter Sunday:** March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday (Orthodox):** May 5, 2024

### **Hindu**

**Janmashtami:** September 6-7, 2023

**Dussehra:** October 24, 2023

**Diwali:** November 12, 2023

### **Jewish**

**Rosh Hashanah:** September 15-17, 2023

**Yom Kippur:** September 24-25, 2023

**Sukkot/Simchat Torah:** September 29 – October 8, 2023

**Hanukkah:** December 7-15, 2023

**Purim:** March 23-24, 2024

**Pesach (Passover):** April 22-30, 2024

**Shavuot:** June 11-13, 2024

### **Muslim**

**Eid al Adha:** June 28-29, 2023

**Islamic New Year:** July 18-19, 2023

**Ashura:** July 27-28, 2023

**Mawlid an Nabi:** September 26-27, 2023

**Ramadan:** March 10 – April 9, 2024

**Eid al Fitr:** April 9-10, 2024

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*\* All holidays begin at sundown before the first day noted and conclude at sundown on the day(s) noted.*