

# OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

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## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024–2025

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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. (See the Education and Human Development calendar for specific information regarding the Dispute Resolution and MS in Counseling programs.)

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

### Fall Term 2024

August 26 – December 21, 2024

**April 1 - August 30, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for fall 2024 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 25, Sunday:** Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

**August 26, Monday:** First day of classes.

**August 30, Friday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term.

**September 2, Monday:** Labor Day. University offices closed.

**September 9, 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.

**September 11, 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 December. (**Fall Census Date**)

**TBA, Friday-Saturday:** Family Weekend.

**October 1, Tuesday:** Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

**October 2, Wednesday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

**October 7-8, Monday-Tuesday:** Fall Break (Tentative)

**October 14-15, Monday-Tuesday:** Fall Break (Alternate Date)

**TBA, Friday - Saturday:** Homecoming Weekend.

**October 28, Monday:** Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

**TBD:** 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.

**November 4-22, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for spring 2025 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**November 14, 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 18, Monday:** Students may begin applying for May graduation. The deadline to apply for graduation is February 5, 2025.

**November 26, 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 27, Wednesday:** No classes.

**November 28-29, Thursday–Friday:** Thanksgiving holiday. University offices closed.

**December 4-9, Wednesday–Monday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

**December 5, Thursday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

**December 9, Monday:** Last day of classes.

**December 10-11, Tuesday–Wednesday:** Reading day.

**December 12-18, Thursday–Wednesday:** Examinations. (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

**December 19, 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 20, Friday:** December Rotunda Recessional.

**December 21, Saturday:** December Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**Holiday Break (TBA):** University closed.

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

### **January Term 2025**

December 19, 2024 – January 18, 2025

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 19 – January 18, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

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

### **Dallas January Session 2025**

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

**January 6, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record.

**January 6, Monday:** First day of classes.

**January 7, 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. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census Date)**

**January 9, Thursday:** 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 15, 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).

**January 16, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**January 18, Saturday:** Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

### **SMU-in-Taos January Session 2025**

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

**January 5, Sunday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**January 5, Sunday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record.

**January 6, Monday:** First day of classes.

**January 7, 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. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census Date)**

**January 9, Thursday:** 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 15, 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).

**January 16, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**January 17, Friday:** Travel Day. (Non-Wellness class students.)

**January 18, Saturday:** Last day of Wellness classes.

**January 18, Saturday:** Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**January 19, Sunday:** Travel day. (Wellness class students.)

### **Spring Term 2025**

January 21 – May 17, 2025

**November 4 – January 27, Monday–Monday:** Enrollment for spring 2025 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, Wednesday:** New Year's Day. University offices closed.

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

**TBA:** Spring Rotunda Passage

**January 20, Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. University offices closed.

**January 21, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**January 27, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term.

**February 3, 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.

**February 5, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Also, last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in May. **(Spring Census Date)**

**February 21, Friday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before April enrollment.

**February 25, Tuesday:** Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

**March 10-16, Monday-Sunday:** Spring break (*Tentative. Subject to Change.*)

**March 26, Wednesday:** Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

**TBD:** 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 31 – April 18, Monday–Friday:** Enrollment for summer 2025 and fall 2025 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

**TBA:** Honors Convocation.

**April 17, 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, Friday:** Good Friday. University offices closed.

**April 20, Sunday:** Easter Sunday.

**April 24, Thursday:** Students may begin applying for August or December graduation. The deadline to apply for August graduation is June 11. The deadline to apply for December graduation will be indicated in the 2025-26 Academic Calendar.

**April 28, 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.*)

**May 1-6, Thursday–Tuesday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

**May 2, Friday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

**May 6, Tuesday:** Last day of classes. (*Follows a Friday schedule.*)

**May 7, Wednesday:** Reading Day.

**May 8-14, Thursday-Wednesday:** Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

**May 15, Thursday:** Residence halls officially close for non-graduating students.

**May 16, Friday:** Baccalaureate.

**May 17, Saturday:** May Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**May 18, Sunday:** Residence halls officially close for graduating seniors.

### **May Term 2025**

May 15 – 31, 2025

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 15-31, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

#### **Dallas May Session 2025**

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

**May 15, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**May 15, 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 16, 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 19, Monday:** Last day to file for graduation in May Term. (**Census Date**)

**May 26, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**May 27, 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 27, 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).

**May 30, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**May 31, Saturday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

### **SMU-in-Taos May Session 2025**

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

**May 15, Thursday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**May 16, Friday:** First day of classes.

**May 16, Friday:** 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 19, Monday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to file for graduation in May Term. Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

**May 26, Monday:** Memorial Day. (Classes held.)

**May 27, 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 28, 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).

**May 31, Saturday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**June 1, Sunday:** Travel Day.

### **Summer Term 2025**

June 2 – August 5, 2025

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 2 – August 5, 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 26, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**June 2, Monday:** First day of classes.

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

**June 11, 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, Friday:** Independence Day. University offices closed.

**July 17, 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 30, 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 5, 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 26, Monday:** Memorial Day. University offices closed.

**June 2, Monday:** First day of classes.

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

**June 5, 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, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 17, 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 25, 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 1, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**August 5, 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 2, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 2, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 3, Tuesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**June 11, 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 16, Monday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

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

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**June 17, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**June 17, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar’s website for more information.

**June 18, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**June 26, 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 1, 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, Wednesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

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

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

**June 6, 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. **(Census Date)**

**June 11, Wednesday:** 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. Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 18, 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 20, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

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

**August 5, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

*(Field Session)*

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

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

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

**June 6, 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. **(Census Date)**

**June 11, Wednesday:** 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. Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 27, Friday:** 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, Wednesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

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

**August 5, Tuesday:** Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

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

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

**June 11, Wednesday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

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

**July 7, Monday:** First day of classes.

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

**July 10, 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 15, 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 30, 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 5, 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 4, Friday:** Independence Day. University offices closed.

**July 7, Monday:** First day of classes.

**July 7, Monday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**July 8, Tuesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**July 16, 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 21, Monday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

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

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

**July 22, Tuesday:** First day of classes.

**July 22, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without academic record (tuition charges apply). See Bursar's website for more information.

**July 23, Wednesday:** Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

**July 31, 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 5, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

### **August Term 2025**

August 7 – 22, 2025

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 7 – 22, 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 6, Wednesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

**August 7, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**August 7, 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 8, 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 15, 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 21, 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 22, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

**August 23, Saturday:** Travel Day.

### **Major Religious Holidays (August 2024 - August 2025)**

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, 2024

**Christmas (Orthodox):** January 7, 2025



**Great Lent Begins (Orthodox):** March 5, 2025

**Ash Wednesday:** March 5, 2025

**Good Friday:** April 18, 2025

**Good Friday (Orthodox):** April 18, 2025

**Easter Sunday:** April 20, 2025

**Easter Sunday (Orthodox):** April 20, 2025

## Hindu

**Janmashtami:** August 26, 2024

**Dasara/Vijayadashami/Dussehra:** October 12, 2024

**Diwali:** November 1, 2024

**Holi:** March 14, 2025

## Jewish

**Rosh Hashanah:** October 3-4, 2024

**Yom Kippur:** October 12, 2024

**Sukkot/Simchat Torah:** October 17-24, 2024

**Hanukkah:** December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025

**Purim:** March 14, 2025

**Pesach (Passover):** April 13-20, 2025

## Islam

**Mawlid al-Nabi:** September 16, 2024

**Ramadan:** March 1-30, 2025

**Eid al-Fitr:** March 31, 2025

**Eid al-Adha:** June 7, 2025

**Islamic New Year:** June 27, 2025

**Ashura:** July 6, 2025

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*\* All Islamic and Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before the date listed.*