Welcome to Southern Methodist University! All new incoming international students are required to register for a government check-in session with International Student and Scholar Services. You must be in Dallas to successfully complete the government document check-in. This serves to inform the government that you have arrived in the U.S. with the plan to attend SMU. You must have all your immigration documents scanned in PDF form and loaded on a laptop or other device ready to submit prior to the check-in. You must have each of the following documents ready:

**Documents Needed:**

- I-20 or DS-2019 document
- Passport with F1 or J1 Visa
- I-94 arrival card ([https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/recent-search](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/recent-search))
- Completed International Student Compliance canvas course (screenshot of the grades page)
  
  - Before your arrival, complete the International Student Compliance Course, which can be found on your SMU Canvas page: smu.instructure.com. Please log-in using your SMU ID Number and password. If you are not able to view the course after logging into your Canvas account, please contact the International Student & Scholar Services Office at isss@smu.edu.
- All papers you received at the port of entry

**Be prepared with the following information:**

- Your U.S. residence address (address where you are physically living in the U.S.). The Department of Homeland Security will not accept P.O. Box address.
- Emergency Contact Information (Name, email, phone number, full mailing address)
- Dependent F2 or J2 I-20/DS 2019, Visa, Passport, I-94 (if applicable)
- Copy of Health Insurance Compliance Form (J visa holders only)

Failure to check-in with ISSS will jeopardize your immigration status. You must complete the document check-in to remain in compliance with the U.S. Government requirements. To process all documents, you must be present promptly at the check-in time or you may be asked to attend another session. Please be aware that this check-in can take up to 1.5 hours.

TO REGISTER FOR YOUR CHECK-IN DATE & TIME VISIT:

[www.tinyurl.com/smuarrival](http://www.tinyurl.com/smuarrival)