

LEARNING STRATEGIES & RESOURCES

Semester at a Glance Instructions

Instructions: Complete the Semester at a Glance calendar to see a long-range view of your time.

Overview:

The Semester at a Glance tool shows you the full semester on one legal sheet of paper. This is helpful to see when you have very busy weeks of school work and other priorities in comparison to weeks with lighter workloads.

Start with your Goals:

At the bottom of the Semester at a Glance color code all of our courses and determine your goal GPA. It is proven that writing goals down makes us more likely to achieve them. Color coding will help you keep your Semester at a Glance easily organized.

Plan Your Semester

Gather all of your syllabi or use your course chart to find all major paper, project and test dates. Immediately record each date on your calendar. Add holidays, vacations, special events, etc. In addition, be sure to include all final exam dates and times. You can find final exam dates and times on the registrars website.

The semester at a glance will help you see which weeks will be especially busy, with plenty of time to plan ahead.

Tips for Success:

On your Semester at a Glance you need only to list major paper, project and test due dates. If you have a quiz every single class day and it's only worth a small portion of your grade, it does not need to be included here.

It is recommended that you pick up your own Semester at a Glance on the second floor of the Loyd All Sports Center in the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC). The Semester at a Glance is a legal sheet of paper (larger than a usual printer paper size) and they are available for pickup at the A-LEC. It is much easier to hand-write everything on this tool than electronically.





EXAMPLE

Fall 2021 Semester at a Glance

Week	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Aug 8/23-8/28	22	23 First Day of Classes	24	25	26 Assign. #1	27 Last Day to Enroll, Add, Drop	28
2 Aug & Sept 8/29-9/4	29	30	31	Sept 1	2 Assign. #2	3 Last Day to Drop/Withdraw	4
3 Sept 9/5-9/11	5	6 Labor Day Holiday	7	8 Last Day to Declare Pass/Fail	9 Assign.#3	10 Family Weekend	11 Family Weekend
4 Sept 9/12-9/18	12	13 Paper #1 DUE	14 Assign. #4	15 Test #1	16	17 Test #1	18
5 Sept 9/19-9/25	19	20	21 Assign. #5 Exam #1	22 Exam #1	23	24	25
6 Sept & Oct 9/26-10/2	26	27	28 Assign. #6	29	30 Homecoming Weekend	Oct 1 Homecoming Weekend	2 Homecoming Weekend
7 Oct 10/3-10/9	3	4	5	6 Test #2	7 Assign. #7	8 Test #2	9
8 Oct 10/10-10/16	10	11 Fall Break	12 Fall Break	13 Paper #2 DUE	14 Assign. #8 Mid Lab Practical	15	16
9 Oct 10/17-10/23	17	18	19 Assign.#9	20 Exam #2	21 Assign. #10	22	23
10 Oct 10/24-10/30	24	25 Exam #2	26	27 Mid Lab Practical	28	29 Test #3	30
11 Oct & Nov 10/31-11/6	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5 Last Day to Drop with W	6
12 Nov 11/7-11/13	7	8	9 Test #3	10	11	12	13
13 Nov 11/14-11/20	14	15	16	17 Final Lab Practical	18 Final Lab Practical	19 Paper #3 DUE Test #4	20
14 Nov 11/21-11/27	21	22 Exam #3	23 Last day to withdraw from SMU	24 No Classes	25 Thanksgiving Holiday University Closed	26 Thanksgiving Holiday University Closed	27
15 Nov & Dec 11/28-12/4	28	29 Group Presentation	30 Test #4	Dec 1	2	3	4
16 Dec 12/5-12/11	5	6 Last Day of Classes	7 Reading Day	8 Reading Day	9 Final Exams 8am - Psych Final 2p - Bio Final	10 Final Exams 11:30am - Chem Final	11 Final Exams
17 Dec 12/12-12/18	12	13 Final Exams	14 Final Exams	15 Final Exams	16	17	18

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Goal GPA:

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3 Sept 9/5-9/11	5	6 SMU Closed Labor Day Holiday	7	8 Last Day to Declare Pass/Fail	9	10 Family Wknd	11 Family Wknd
4 Sept 9/12-9/18	12 Family Wknd	13	14	15	16	17	18
5 Sept 9/19-9/25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
6 Sept & Oct 9/26-10/2	26	27	28	29	30 Homecoming Wknd	Oct 1 Homecoming Wknd	2 Homecoming Wknd
7 Oct 10/3-10/9	3 Homecoming Wknd	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 Oct 10/10-10/16	10	11 Fall Break	12 Fall Break	13	14	15	16
9 Oct 10/17-10/23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10 Oct 10/24-10/30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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LEARNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOPS

FALL 2021  RSVP AT [SMU.EDU/WORKSHOPSCHEDULE](https://smu.edu/workshopschedule)

all workshops are 45-60 minutes unless otherwise noted

AUGUST

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Transfer Students: Your Transition to SMU	Mon, August 23	5:00 PM	Zoom
Time Management	Tues, August 24	3:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Time Management	Wed, August 25	3:00 PM	Zoom
Transfer Students: Your Transition to SMU	Thurs, August 26	1:00 & 4:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Time Management	Sun, August 29	6:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Time Management	Mon, August 30	5:00 PM	Zoom
Note-Taking & Organization	Tues, August 31	3:00 PM	A-LEC 202N

SEPTEMBER

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
How to Study	Wed, September 1	3:00 PM	Zoom
Microsoft Office Info Session & Deep Dive	Wed, September 8	4:00 PM	A-LEC 202O
Time Management	Thurs, September 9	4:00 PM	Zoom
Note-Taking & Organization	Mon, September 13	3:00 PM	Zoom
Concentration & Textbook Reading	Tues, September 14	4:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Test Preparation	Wed, September 15	4:00 PM	Zoom
Note-Taking & Organization	Thurs, September 16	5:00 PM	Zoom
Apps for Academic Success	Sun, September 19	6:00 PM	Zoom
Time Management	Mon, September 20	2:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Test Preparation	Tues, September 21	3:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Stress Management	Wed, September 22	2:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
<i>Excel</i> : Basics & Intermediate	Thurs, September 23	3:00 & 4:00 PM	Zoom
Interdependence & Emotional Intelligence	Sun, September 26	5:00 PM	Zoom
Memorization Strategies	Mon, September 27	4:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
How to Study	Tues, September 28	5:00 PM	A-LEC 202N

OCT & NOV

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Test Preparation	Mon, October 4	2:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Concentration & Textbook Reading	Wed, October 6	5:00 PM	Zoom
Time Management	Thurs, October 14	3:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Motivation & Goal Setting	Sun, October 17	5:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Adobe Spark	Mon, October 18	3:00 PM	Zoom
Stress Management & Test Anxiety	Tues, October 19	4:00 PM	Zoom
Test Preparation	Sun, October 24	6:00 PM	Zoom
Time Management	Tues, October 26	5:00 PM	Zoom
Apps for Academic Success	Wed, October 27	5:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
Memorization Strategies	Thurs, October 28	4:00 PM	Zoom
Stress Management & Test Anxiety	Mon, November 1	3:00 PM	Zoom

FINALS

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
<i>Plan a Successful Finish: The Last Month</i>	Thurs, November 4	4:00 PM	Zoom
	Sun, November 7	5:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
	Mon, November 8	3:00 PM	Zoom
	Wed, November 10	4:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
<i>Prepare for Finals: The Last Week</i>	Mon, November 29	4:00 PM	A-LEC 202N
	Tues, November 30	2:00 PM	Zoom

Stress Free Zone Open House | Wednesday, December 8th | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | A-LEC 202O
Drop by the A-LEC in the Loyd Center for a relaxing break during Finals Week

