Things to Know

Pack your bags for January Term at SMU-in-Taos! Complete 3 credit hours, plus take Mountain Sports with ski and snowboard instruction at the famous Taos Ski Valley. Accelerate your degree progress while enjoying classes on our beautiful campus in Taos, New Mexico.

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About SMU-in-Taos & January Term

Since 1973, Fort Burgwin has been an educational center of Southern Methodist University. Our beautiful setting in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains - surrounded by the Carson National Forest - provides a unique backdrop for the enrichment of body, mind and spirit.

January Term is designed to provide SMU students with yet another option to pursue their academic goals through a focused learning opportunity. This concentrated term allows motivated students to enroll in one academic course (plus Mountain Sports) and productively use this “down time” prior to the start of the spring semester. You will take classes with exceptional faculty members and be cared for by the wonderful SMU-in-Taos staff.

Our class format allows you and your classmates to delve deeply into the subject matter. Small class sizes and accessible faculty allow you to develop a deeper understanding in your field of study through a highly personalized learning experience.
What Should I Pack?

Suggested Winter Clothing

UGGS ≠ WATERPROOF

All items can be found at stores like REI, etc. Choose synthetic waterproof fabrics; look for brands such as LL Bean, Sorel and North Face. Base Layer: Warm synthetic socks, underwear, long underwear, and long sleeved shirt
Middle Layer: Gore-Tex boot liners, gym pants or jeans, fleece or sweater
Top Layer: Snow boots, pants and coat, beanie, glove liner, gloves or mittens, ear muffs, neck gator, scarf

>> Linens will be provided
(Sheets, pillow & case, bath & hand towels, wash cloth, thermal blanket, and comforter)

Wellness Winter Mountain Sports

Wellness students should pack all items mentioned above, in addition to the following items:

Ski/Boarding Apparel: Ski socks, ski pants, ski goggles, Camelback/small backpack (for keys, phone, snacks)

Ski/Boarding Equipment: is covered by the Mountain Sports course fee. Students may bring their own equipment if they choose.

Mountain Sports course fee covers:
- Ski boots/snowboarding boots
- Skis & poles/snowboard
- Helmet

Students enrolled in Mountain Sports will receive additional detailed course information from the instructor, Anne Weil.

What NOT to Bring

The SMU-in-Taos Campus Policy and Code of Conduct is the same as on the Dallas campus. Students who fail to comply with Campus Policy are subject to fines and may be referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Life.

The following items are NOT permitted at SMU-in-Taos:
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Weapons (including guns & knives)
- Dirt bikes
- ATV’s/Four-wheelers
- Fireworks
- Pets

Things to keep in mind when packing

Climate
Taos has a semi-arid mountain climate. In January, the average temperatures are highs of 40°F and lows of 9°F. Pack for snowy winter temperatures. Dress in layers that you can easily put on and take off as needed.

Altitude
Taos is situated at approximately 7,000 feet above sea level while the Taos Ski Valley is at 12,000 ft. Help your body adjust to the altitude by drinking lots of water throughout the day. Bring a durable water bottle and refill it often! This is especially important for those taking Mountain Sports.

Textbooks & Assignments
Buy all textbooks at the SMU Bookstore (or wherever you prefer) prior to traveling to Taos and pack them. Bring them with you on the first day of class. Be sure to complete all pre-course readings and assignments.

Specialty Items
Taos has a Wal-Mart and Walgreens, but don’t expect to find specialty items in town. If you are particular about certain brand-name products, or regularly require specific items such as prescription medications, bring enough for the duration of your stay.

Money
There are no large banking institutions in Taos, only small, regional banks. Opt for “cash back” at local grocery stores or visit an ATM.

Transportation
Our campus is located 7 miles outside of town and public transportation is very limited. Students who want the flexibility of having a car on campus are encouraged to drive to Taos. Students who choose to fly will have the opportunity to carpool with RA’s on certain days.
Where Will I Be Staying?

SMU-in-Taos features striking native architecture for which New Mexico is known and beautiful mountain scenery, including hiking trails and streams. The campus is comprised of thirty-two structures, including ten adobe dormitories (casitas) which house a total of 108 students. Each casita has a semi-private sleeping area with bunk beds and a closet and drawers for every student. The casitas also include bath and shower facilities and a large common area with a wood-burning fireplace. A linen bag, including a comforter, will be provided to each student.

Campus facilities consist of historic Fort Burgwin, classrooms, the new Miller Campus Center, residential “casitas,” a dining hall, a library, a chapel, outdoor gathering spaces, meeting and conference areas, recreational facilities and hiking trails. The Wendorf Information Commons houses the library and student computer lab. An archaeology lab, studio facilities, auditorium, and Art Barn support the academic life of the campus.

SMU-IN-TAOS
Fort Burgwin Campus

1 Fort Building, Main Office, Classrooms 100-123
2 Commander’s Quarters
3 Officer’s Quarters Apts 1 - 5
4 Archaeology Lab and Artifact Repository
5 Library and Computer Lab (Wendorf IC)
6 Caretaker’s Quarters and Shop
7 Chalet (Faculty Housing)
8 Art Barn
9 Archaeology Camping Area
10 Wendorf Residence
11 Faculty Casita 3A & 3B
12 Faculty Casita 2A & 2B
13 Faculty Casita 1A & 1B
14 Clements Guest House
15 Clements Conference Center
16 Heroy House
17 Pumphouse
18 Laundry Facility
19 Dining Hall and Seminar Rm 2
20 Seminar Rm 2
21 O’Donnell Auditorium
22 Chapel at Fort Burgwin
23 Miller Campus Center
24 Casita Theford
25 Casita Ware
26 Casita Harvey
27 Casita Armstrong
28 Casita Montana
29 Casita Alta
30 Casita Arboleta
31 Casita Media
32 Casita Ultima West
33 Casita Ultima East
34 Casita Clements

ADDRESS:
6580 Highway 518
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557
575-758-8322 (main office)
Should I Drive or Fly?

Driving

The Map and Driving Directions on the next page provide directions from Dallas to Taos. Please make sure to check for current road conditions and construction.

Our campus is 670 miles from Dallas. Once you pass Mile Marker 66 on HWY 518, follow these directions to check in.

**NM Road Advisory** 511 or 1-800-432-4269

**Things to keep in mind if driving:**

- Pay particular attention to the speed limits in the towns between Amarillo and the New Mexico border.
- Students bringing cars should expect to drive under winter conditions and inclimate weather.
- Use of handheld cellular devices is prohibited in New Mexico

**Directions to Check-in (4pm-6pm)**

1. Arriving from Dallas on NM 518, the SMU-in-Taos campus is on the LEFT, marked with low adobe walls.
2. There are two gates. The first gate will be closed. Proceed to the second (main) entrance.
3. Bear left as you enter campus (the Fort Burgwin Office building will be on the right)
4. Veer left at the fork in the gravel road and proceed to the Dining Hall for check-in.
5. Continue on the gravel road. Cross the small wooden bridge, and proceed up a short hill.
6. Near the top of the hill, take the second right. The large adobe structure to the right is the Dining Hall, where check-in is held.

**Should you have car trouble or need assistance:**

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**How do I get to Fort Burgwin from the Taos Plaza?**

1. Travel south on Paseo del Pueblo Sur through town toward Ranchos de Taos
2. Turn left onto New Mexico Highway 518 (across from the Shell)
3. Drive through Talpa on 518 and enter the Carson National Forest
4. Pass Pot Creek (on left), and look for the green ‘Fort Burgwin’ Sign (on right) after Mile Marker 67
5. The fort entrance is on the RIGHT, marked with low adobe walls

Flying

Students have the option of flying into Albuquerque or Santa Fe and taking a shuttle to Taos. There are no direct flights to Taos. We do not recommend booking a flight until you have received an official acceptance email confirming your enrollment in SMU-in-Taos through my.SMU

**Albuquerque (3 hours from Taos)**
Several airlines, including Southwest, have non-stop daily flights from Dallas to Albuquerque.

**Santa Fe (2 hours from Taos)**
American Airline’s American Eagle service is the only airline with non-stop daily flights from Dallas to Santa Fe.

**Things to keep in mind if flying:**
We suggest that you verify the shuttle service before making your airline reservations. Flight plans should be arranged to coincide with shuttle pick-up times.

**Taos Ski Valley Airport Shuttle** (575-776-2291 x2384) provides one-way and round-trip shuttle service from both ABQ and SAF airport directly to the SMU-in-Taos campus. **24 Hours Line:** 800-776-1111. **Email:** shuttle@skitaos.com

**Taos Express Weekend Shuttle** offers Fri-Sat-Sun bus service from Santa Fe Depot to Taos Plaza. Reservations are required. Call 575-751-4459 or reserve online [www.taosexpress.com](http://www.taosexpress.com)

**Campus Physical & Mailing Address:**

SMU-in-Taos Fort Burgwin
6580 Highway 518
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557

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**Students may ship packages clearly labeled “ATTN: Student Name” to campus in advance. Mail can be picked up at the Dining Hall or Main Office.**

**Students are responsible for scheduling return shipping pick-up and payment. Packages may not be left unattended. There are no overnight deliveries to Taos.**
How Do I Get to Taos?

SMU Blvd Dallas, TX to Fort Burgwin SMU-in-Taos, NM (11 hrs/670 miles)

ETD 6:00am CST

1. Head southwest on Exit 3 toward N Central Expy
2. Merge onto N Central Expy
3. Take the ramp on the left onto US-75 S
4. Take exit 1A toward I-35E S/Waco
5. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for St. Paul Street and merge onto TX-366 Spur W
6. Take the exit onto I-35E N toward Denton
7. Keep left to continue on TX-183 W, follow signs for Texas 183/Texas 114/Irving/DFW Airport
8. Keep left to stay on TX-183 W, follow signs for Ft Worth/DFW South Entry
9. Take the exit onto I-820 W
10. Take exit 16A to merge onto I-35W N/U.S. 287 N toward Denton
11. Take exit 60 to merge onto U.S. 287 N/US-81 N toward Decatur Continue to follow U.S. 287 N
12. Continue onto I-44 E/U.S. 287 N
13. Take exit 3A on the left toward US-287 N/Vernon/Amarillo
14. Merge onto U.S. 287 N
15. Take the ramp onto I-40 W/U.S. 287 N Continue to follow I-40 W Entering New Mexico
16. Take exit 256 for US-84 N toward Las Vegas
17. Turn right onto US-84 W
18. Turn right to merge onto I-25 N
19. Take exit 345 for New Mexico 65/New Mexico 104 toward Interstate 25/University Avenue
20. Turn left onto E University
21. Turn right onto Grand Ave
22. Turn left onto Mills Ave
23. Turn right onto NM-518 N/7th St Continue to follow NM-518 N
24. Turn left onto 6580 Highway 518, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557

ETA 4:00pm MST
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When should I arrive?** Please pay close attention to arrival dates! Students enrolled in 4 credits (PRW 2135 and KNW 2199) must arrive early. Late arrival will result in withdrawal from the 1-credit course. All students must attend the Mandatory Orientation on the Regular Arrival Day.

   Early Arrival Day for **PRW 2135 & KNW 2199 ONLY**!
   - **4pm-6pm** Check in at the Dining Hall. Housing will not be available prior to 2pm.
   - **5pm** Dinner is served.
   - **6pm** Mandatory Orientation begins. All students and faculty should attend. Another, different orientation will be held on the Regular Arrival Day, PRW and KNW students must attend both.
   - **7pm** Course Break-Out Sessions. Each professor will meet with his/her class for a brief introduction to distribute syllabi and specify class meeting times & locations. All students must be present.

   Regular Arrival Day
   - **4pm-6pm** Check in at the Dining Hall. Housing will not be available prior to 2pm.
   - **5pm** Dinner is served.
   - **6pm** Mandatory Orientation begins. All students and faculty should attend orientation, including PRW and KNW students who attended the orientation on Early Arrival Day.
   - **7pm** Course Break-Out Sessions. Each professor will meet with his/her class for a brief introduction to distribute syllabi and specify class meeting times & locations. All students must be present.

   First Class Day **8 or 9am** 3-Credit course meetings begin. Faculty will announce their class start time at Orientation.

2. **When is the last day of instruction?** The last two days of each term are as follows:

   - **Last Class Day & Exams** Final exams must be completed by **4pm**. Students are free to depart campus after their course is complete, but are welcome to stay an additional night, until departure day.

   - **Departure Day** All students must be checked out of their lodging by **10am**. We are unable to accommodate late check-outs.

3. **When do classes typically meet in January?**

   - **3-Credit Courses** Mon-Fri, **9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm**

   - **1-Credit Courses (PRW & KNW)** Sat-Sun, **All day**. Only 1-credit classes are allowed to meet on the weekends. Some PRW activities may be scheduled during the week, preference is given to 3 credit courses.

4. **When are meals served?** Students enjoy three hot meals daily, plus unlimited access to snacks and beverages.

   - **BREAKFAST** Mon-Fri 7:30am – **9am**Sat-Sun 7:30am – 10:30am
   - **LUNCH** Mon-Fri 11:30am – 1pmSat-Sun 10:30am – 1pm
   - **DINNER** Mon-Fri 5pm – 6:30pmSat-Sun 5pm – 6:30pm

5. **Is there on-campus cellular and Wi-Fi service?** Yes, our campus houses a Commnet roaming cellular tower. Campus guests will need to enable roaming on their phones in order to receive service while on campus. The on-campus tower supports 2G/3G data only. Those with capabilities to turn OFF their 4G and LTE service should do so while on campus. Virgin Mobile and T-Mobile are not currently supported on campus. Visitors are encouraged to turn on Wi-Fi calling while on campus. SMU-in-Taos provides a secure Wi-Fi network for students, faculty and registered guests. You will receive a personal password & configuration instructions for AdobeNet during check-in. Expect internet and cellphone services to run slower in Taos than in major cities due to limited bandwidth.

6. **Is there on-campus printing?** Yes. Students have access to free printing in the Information Commons during Library hours.

7. **Who do I contact for help with A/V and Tech support?** SMU-in-Taos OIT Specialist, Richard Franks (taos_help@smu.edu) is available Mon-Fri 10am – 5pm to address all questions regarding A/V and Tech Support.

8. **Who do I contact with facility/maintenance requests?** Maintenance request should be reported to your RA as soon as possible.

9. **Who do I contact with campus security questions/concerns?** SMU-in-Taos Security Officers can be reached at their on-call number: **575-317-9434**. In case of an emergency, call **911** first and then notify SMU-in-Taos staff.
Campus Policies & Contacts

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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575-578-9729

TAOS STUDENT AFFAIRS
575-758-7208

TAOS DINING HALL
575-758-7180

TAOS MAIN OFFICE
575-758-8322

DALLAS MAIN OFFICE
214-768-3657

CAMPUS POLICIES
The SMU Student Code of Conduct and SMU Honor Code apply at the SMU-in-Taos Ft. Burgwin Campus. Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a way that will not disturb or interfere with the resident life and academic pursuits of students or cause damage to the campus or its facilities.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS
Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on the Taos campus. Students may be removed from campus and withdrawn from class if they violate this policy or any portion of the SMU Student Code of Conduct. The Dean of Student Life office will hold the conduct file as part of the student’s overall record at SMU, which would be released to third parties upon a properly executed request for the information. SMU may terminate a student's participation at SMU-in-Taos (without refund) at any time for failure to comply with Program requirements.

SANCTIONS, FINES & RESTITUTION
Sanctions are assessed for violations for which students are found responsible. Sanctions can include, but are not limited to, such things as fines, restitution, community service, and referral to other agencies or offices. Students are responsible for the care of their surroundings. Payment to replace or repair any damaged items, i.e. restitution, will be required. If the responsible party(ies) cannot be identified, the charge will be equally divided between the group of students assigned to that living space.

HOUSING
Students are not allowed to move out of their assigned casita and into another without written consent of the Executive Director of the SMU-in-Taos campus. Guests not enrolled in courses at SMU-in-Taos are not allowed to stay overnight on campus.

VEHICLES
Students who want the flexibility of having a car on campus are encouraged to drive to Taos. The speed limit on campus is 10 mph. All cars must be registered with security at orientation. Students will be issued a free parking sticker to be affixed to the windshield on the driver’s side. Stickers must be turned in at check out at the end of the term.

The following are prohibited on campus: ATVs, 4 Wheelers, dirt bikes, pets, fireworks, weapons, alcohol, and drugs.

We look forward to seeing you in Taos this January!

Experience the Possibilities

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