

**Simmons School of Education and Human  
Development**

**Graduate Programs**

**Southern Methodist University**

**2017-2018 Catalog**

# **Catalog Policy and Legal Statement**

## **Bulletin of Southern Methodist University 2017-2018**

### **Vol. CI**

Southern Methodist University publishes a complete bulletin every year. The following catalogs constitute the General Bulletin of the University:

- Undergraduate Catalog
- Cox School of Business Graduate Catalog
- Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences Graduate Catalog
- Dedman School of Law Graduate Catalog
- SMU Guildhall Graduate Catalog
- Lyle School of Engineering Graduate Catalog
- Meadows School of the Arts Graduate Catalog
- Perkins School of Theology Graduate Catalog
- Simmons School of Education and Human Development Graduate Catalog

In addition, certain locations or programs provide their own schedules:

- Continuing Education
- Jan Term
- SMU Abroad
- SMU-in-Plano
- SMU-in-Taos (Fort Burgwin)
- Summer Studies

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Information also is available at [www.smu.edu](http://www.smu.edu).

## **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Southern Methodist University (SMU) will not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, education activity, or admissions on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. SMU's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. The Executive Director for Access and Equity/Title IX\* Coordinator is designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, including the prohibition of sex discrimination under Title IX. The Executive Director/Title IX Coordinator may be reached at the Perkins Administration Building, Room 204, 6425 Boaz Lane, Dallas, TX 75205, 214-768-3601, [accessequity@smu.edu](mailto:accessequity@smu.edu). Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may also be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.

\* Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688.

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# Academic Calendar

## Academic Year 2017-2018

[www.smu.edu/registrar/academic\\_calendar.asp](http://www.smu.edu/registrar/academic_calendar.asp)

This calendar includes a list of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, students should contact the Office of the Chaplain. Graduate programs in the Cox School of Business, the SMU Guildhall, the Perkins School of Theology, the Dedman School of Law, the Department of Dispute Resolution and Counseling within the Simmons School of Education and Human Development, and the Master of Science in Data Science offered as an interdisciplinary program through the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, the Lyle School of Engineering and the Meadows School of the Arts, have different calendars.

## Fall Term 2017

**April 10-28, Monday-Friday:** Enrollment for fall 2017 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.

**May, July, August - TBA:** Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation conferences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. Additional information about AARO is available from New Student Programs, Student Life Office, 214-768-4560, [www.smu.edu/newstudent](http://www.smu.edu/newstudent).

**August 19, Saturday:** Residence halls officially open at 9 a.m.

**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 closed.

**September 6, Wednesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. Also, last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.

**September 22-24, Friday-Sunday:** Family Weekend.

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

**October 4, Wednesday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors for spring 2018 enrollment.

**October 9-10, Monday-Tuesday:** Fall break.

**October 22, Sunday:** Midterm grades due for first-year and sophomore students.

**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 2018 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.

**November 3, Friday:** Last day to drop a course (grade of W).

**November 3-4, Friday-Saturday:** Homecoming Weekend.

**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 should file for May graduation. The last day to file is January 26, 2018.

**November 21, Tuesday:** Last day to withdraw from the University (grade of W).

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

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

**November 29-December 4, Wednesday-Monday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests/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 a.m. for winter break. (December graduates and residential students who need winter break housing should contact the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing.)

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

**December 25-January 1, Monday-Monday:** University closed.

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

## January Interterm 2018

*Note:* Some areas of instruction offer selected courses during the January interterm, December 14-January 18.

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

## Dallas Jan Term 2018

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

**January 9, Tuesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail.

**January 17, Wednesday:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**January 18, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Also, official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

## Jan Term at SMU-in-Taos 2018

**Note:** The following dates are applicable only for SMU-in-Taos. Permission of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.

**January 5, Friday:** Wellness student travel day and arrival, 2-6 p.m.

**January 7, Sunday:** Regular session travel day and arrival, 2-6 p.m.

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

**January 9, Tuesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail.

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

**January 16, Tuesday:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**January 17, Wednesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**January 18, Thursday:** Departure of Students. Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

## Spring Term 2018

**November 6-January 26, Monday-Friday:** Enrollment for spring 2018 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.

**January - TBA:** Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation conferences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. Additional information about AARO is available from New Student Programs, Student Life Office, [www.smu.edu/newstudent](http://www.smu.edu/newstudent), 214-768-4560.

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

**January 12, Friday:** Residence halls officially open at 9 a.m.

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

**January 22, Monday:** First day of classes.

**January 26, 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 May graduation.

**February 2, Friday:** Last day to drop a course without academic record (tuition changes apply). Last day to withdraw from the university without academic record (withdrawal refund schedule applies). See Bursar's website for more information.

**February 6, Tuesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. Also, last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.

**February 26, Monday:** Early intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

**March 6, Tuesday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors for fall 2018 enrollment.

**March 12-18, Monday-Sunday:** Spring break.

**March 27, Tuesday:** Midterm grades due for first-year and sophomore students.

**March 30, Friday:** Good Friday. University closed.

**April 1, Sunday:** Easter Sunday.

**April 4, Wednesday:** 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.

**April 10-27, Tuesday-Friday:** Enrollment for summer 2018 and fall 2018 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.

**April 11, Wednesday:** Last day to drop a course (grade of W).

**April 13, Friday:** 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 16, Monday:** Honors Convocation, 5:30 p.m.

**April 25, Wednesday:** Students should file for August or December graduation. Last day to file for August graduation is June 7. Last day to file for December graduation is the last day to enroll for fall 2018.

**April 27, Friday:** Last day to withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**May 2-7, Wednesday-Monday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests or papers.

**May 3, Thursday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

**May 7, Monday:** Last day of classes; follows a Friday schedule.

**May 8, Tuesday:** Reading day.

**May 9-15, Wednesday-Tuesday:** Examinations. (No examinations scheduled Sunday.)

**May 16, Wednesday:** Residence halls officially close for non-graduating students.

**May 18, Friday:** Baccalaureate.

**May 19, Saturday:** Commencement Convocation. Also, official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**May 20, Sunday:** Residence halls officially close for graduating seniors.

## May Interterm 2018

**Note:** Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the May term, May 17-June 1. Each May term course may have unique start and end dates during May 17-June 1 to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

# Dallas May Term 2018

*Classes meet 4 hours a day, Monday-Friday.*

**May 17, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**May 18, Friday:** Last day to enroll or add courses. Also, last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options.

**May 28, Monday:** Memorial Day. University closed.

**May 29, Tuesday:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**June 1, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Also, official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**June 7, Thursday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

# May Term at SMU-in-Taos 2018

**Note:** The following dates are applicable only for SMU-in-Taos. Permission of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.

**May 16, Wednesday:** Student travel day and arrival, 2-6 p.m.

**May 17, Thursday:** First day of classes.

**May 29, Tuesday:** Last day to drop/withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**June 1, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**June 2, Saturday:** Departure of students.

# Summer Term 2018

Summer term consists of three primary sessions: first session, second session and a full summer session. Each primary session has different deadline dates. There are also shorter and longer sessions to accommodate the particular needs of various instructional units such as SMU Abroad, SMU-in-Taos and the Perkins School of Theology.

## Full Summer Session

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

**May 28, Monday:** Memorial Day. University closed.

**June 4, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 7, Thursday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without a grade record. Also, last day to file for August graduation.

**June 13, Wednesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options.

**July 4, Wednesday:** Independence Day. University closed.

**July 19, 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 26, Thursday:** Last day to drop a course (grade of W).

**August 1, Wednesday:** Last day to withdraw from the University.

**August 7, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

## First Session

*Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday-Friday.*

**May 28, Monday:** Memorial Day. University closed.

**June 4, Monday:** First day of classes.

**June 5, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without a grade record.

**June 7, Thursday:** Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. Last day to file for August graduation.

**June 26, Tuesday:** Last day to drop a course (grade of W).

**June 27, Wednesday:** Last day to withdraw from the University.

**July 3, Tuesday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

## Summer I Session at SMU-in-Taos

**Note:** The following dates are applicable only for SMU-in-Taos. Permission of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.

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

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

**June 26, Tuesday:** Last day to drop/withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**June 29, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**June 30, Saturday:** Departure of students.

## Second Session

*Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday-Friday.*

**June 7, Thursday:** Last day to file for August graduation.

**July 4, Wednesday:** Independence Day. University closed.

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

**July 6, Friday:** Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without a grade record.

**July 10, Tuesday:** Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options.

**July 16, Monday:** 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 26, Thursday:** Last day to drop a course (grade of W).

**July 30, Monday:** Last day to withdraw from the University.

**August 3, Friday:** Last day of classes, including examinations.

**August 7, Tuesday:** Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

## **August Term at SMU-in-Taos 2018**

*Note:* The following dates are applicable only for SMU-in-Taos. Permission of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.

**July 31, Tuesday:** Travel day and arrival of students, 2–6 p.m.

**August 1, Wednesday:** First day of classes.

**August 15, Wednesday:** Last day to drop/withdraw from the University (grade of W).

**August 16, Thursday:** Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

**August 17, Friday:** Departure of students.

## **Major Religious Holidays**

*(August 2017-August 2018)*

The following list of religious holidays is for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

### **Christian**

**Christmas:** December 25, 2017

**Good Friday:** March 30, 2018

**Easter Sunday:** April 1, 2018

**Easter Sunday (Orthodox):** April 8, 2018

## Hindu

**Janmashtami:** August 15, 2017

**Dasera:** September 30, 2017

**Diwali:** October 19, 2017

## Jewish\*

**Rosh Hashanah:** September 21-22, 2017

**Yom Kippur:** September 30, 2017

**Sukkot/Simchat Torah:** October 5/6, 2017 & October 13, 2017

**Purim:** March 1, 2018

**Hanukkah:** December 12-20, 2017

**Pesach (Passover):** March 31-April 7, 2018

**Shavuot:** May 20-21, 2018

## Muslim

**Eid al-Adha:** September 1, 2017

**Islamic New Year:** September 21, 2017

**Ashura:** October 1, 2017

**Mawlid an-Nabi:** December 1, 2017

**Ramadan:** May 16-June 14, 2018

**Eid al-Fitr:** June 15, 2018

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

# **General Information**

## **The Vision of Southern Methodist University**

To create and impart knowledge that will shape citizens who contribute to their communities and lead their professions in a global society.

## **The Mission of Southern Methodist University**

Southern Methodist University will create, expand and impart knowledge through teaching, research and service, shaping world changers who contribute to their communities and excel in their professions in a global society. Among its faculty, students and staff, the University will cultivate principled thought, develop intellectual skills and promote an environment emphasizing individual dignity and worth. SMU affirms its historical commitment to academic freedom and open inquiry, to moral and ethical values, and to its United Methodist heritage.

## **Southern Methodist University**

As a private, comprehensive university enriched by its United Methodist heritage and its partnership with the Dallas Metroplex, Southern Methodist University seeks to enhance the intellectual, cultural, technical, ethical and social development of a diverse student body. SMU offers undergraduate programs centered on the liberal arts; excellent graduate and continuing education programs; and abundant opportunities for access to faculty in small classes, research experience, international study, leadership development, and off-campus service and internships, with the goal of preparing students to be contributing citizens and leaders for our state, the nation and the world.

SMU comprises seven degree-granting schools: Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Edwin L. Cox School of Business, Dedman School of Law, Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering, Meadows School of the Arts, Perkins School of Theology, and Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

Founded in 1911 by what is now the United Methodist Church, SMU is non-sectarian in its teaching and is committed to the values of academic freedom and open inquiry.

At its opening session in 1915, the University had two buildings, 706 students, a 35-member faculty and total assets of \$633,540.

Today, the University has more than 100 buildings, a total enrollment averaging more than 10,000 the past 10 years, a full-time faculty of 748 and assets of \$2.9 billion - including an endowment of \$1.4 billion (market value, May 31, 2016).

Offering only a handful of degree programs at its 1915 opening, the University presently awards over 100 baccalaureate degrees in more than 90 programs, with in five schools. The university also offers a variety of graduate programs in all of its seven schools.

Of the 11,739 students enrolled for the 2016 fall term, 6,521 were undergraduates and 5,218 were graduate students. The full-time equivalent enrollment was 6,406 for undergraduates and 3,825 for graduate students.

Nearly all the students in SMU's first class came from Dallas County, but now more than 50 percent of the University's undergraduate student body comes from outside Texas. In a typical school year, students come to SMU from every state; from more than 100 foreign countries; and from all races, religions and economic levels.

Undergraduate enrollment is 50 percent female. Graduate and professional enrollment is 46 percent female.

A majority of SMU undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. In 2016-2017, 79 percent of first-year students received some form of financial aid, and 29 percent of first-year students received need-based financial aid.

Management of the University is vested in a board of trustees of civic, business and religious leaders - Methodist and non-Methodist. The founders' first charge to SMU was that it become not necessarily a great *Methodist* university, but a great *university*.

## Academic Accreditation

Southern Methodist University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor's, master's, professional and doctoral degrees. Students should contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Methodist University. Note: The commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant noncompliance with a requirement or standard.

Individual academic programs are accredited by appropriate national professional associations.

In Dedman College, the Department of Chemistry undergraduate program is accredited by the American Chemical Society, and the Psychology Department's Ph.D. program in clinical psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association.

The Cox School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The Dedman School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association.

The Guildhall receives its accreditation because SMU is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The Lyle School of Engineering undergraduate programs in civil engineering, computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, environmental engineering and mechanical engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Programs in and/or affiliated with The Meadows School of the Arts receive their accreditation because Southern Methodist University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, of Music, of Dance, and of Theater. The programs recognized under this accredited institutional membership are the art and art history programs, the Dance Division, the Music Division, the music therapy program, and the theater program. (NASM/NASAD/NASD/NAST 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190-5248, Telephone: (703) 437-0700, Facsimile: (703) 437-6312, Email: info@arts-accredit.org).

Perkins School of Theology is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada to award M.Div., M.A.M., M.S.M., M.T.S., Th.M. and D.Min. degrees.

Accredited programs in the Simmons School of Education and Human Development include the teacher education undergraduate and graduate programs, which are accredited by the State Board for Educator Certification of the Texas Education Agency. The SBEC and the TEA also accredits the M.Ed. in Accelerated School Leadership and the M.Ed. Urban Leadership. The M.S. in Counseling meets the licensure standards of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists and the State Board for Educator Certification (TEA) School Counselor All Levels K-12.

# **Simmons School of Education and Human Development**

The Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development comprises research institutes, undergraduate and graduate programs, and community enrichment and service centers that focus on the areas of professional education, school leadership, applied physiology and health management, counseling, dispute resolution, liberal studies, sport management, sport performance leadership, and wellness. The mission of the school is to integrate theory, research and practice of education and human development; to promote academic rigor and interdisciplinary study; to prepare students for initial certification and professional practice; and to nurture collaboration across the academic community.

Undergraduate programs include a major and three minors in applied physiology and sport management and a major and a minor in educational studies. The school offers three doctoral programs, ten master's degrees and a number of graduate professional-preparation programs. Its academic departments include Teaching and Learning, Applied Physiology and Wellness, Dispute Resolution and Counseling, Education Policy and Leadership, and Lifelong Learning.

The school is housed in Annette C. Simmons Hall and Harold C. Simmons Hall, which are two of several LEED-certified buildings on campus. Key features include the Locomotor Performance Laboratory, an integrated physiology laboratory, an applied physiology laboratory equipped with a data acquisition system, an environmental research chamber and teaching pods, a cerebrovascular research lab, a curriculum design lab, and a teaching assessment center.

## **Distinctions**

In an annual awards ceremony, the Simmons School recognizes those students, faculty and staff members who are regarded as leaders among their peers. Awards are given to students who have excelled academically, demonstrated uncommon leadership or engaged in community service in unique and meaningful ways. The faculty and staff members who have distinguished themselves through their research activities and teaching or professional accomplishments are honored. Additionally, a select number of University alumni who have made significant contributions of their time and resources to the school during the year are recognized.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Except where noted, policies and procedures are the same for all of the graduate programs within the Simmons School.

## **Admission Requirements**

Admission requirements differ among programs within the Simmons School. Students should refer to the individual program sections in this catalog for information regarding each program's respective admission procedures.

## **Transfer Policy**

Ordinarily, students will not be allowed to transfer more than six credit hours from other SMU schools or from other institutions. Only courses with grades of *A* or *B* may be transferred, and all are subject to the approval of the academic department. An official record of such work must be on file in the student's department office by the end of the first term of study. All transferred work must be completed within six years prior to entering a graduate program. Any exceptions to

these requirements and policies must have the approval of the dean of the Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

## Degree Requirements

Degree requirements differ among the Simmons School's graduate degree programs. Students should refer to the individual program sections for specific requirements.

## Institutes, Centers and Research

### Center on Research and Evaluation

[www.smu.edu/CORE](http://www.smu.edu/CORE)

Akihito Kamata, **Executive Director**

CORE's mission is to improve the well-being of children, adults and families through knowledge creation and dissemination and through evaluations of programs designed to enhance positive outcomes for individuals and communities. This interaction between knowledge creation and the work of organizations and individuals is essential for these organizations to improve lives and communities. CORE adheres to principles of science to understand how best to improve education and human development and believes the evidence exists to substantially increase the number of individuals who are equipped to make a positive contribution to society. The center supports Simmons' faculty in its research efforts and conducts third-party evaluations for clients such as nonprofits and schools, as well as internal SMU entities. CORE provides undergraduate and graduate students with real-world opportunities to participate in research and evaluation.

### Research in Mathematics Education

[www.smu.edu/RME](http://www.smu.edu/RME)

Leanne Ketterlin Geller, **Director**

RME conducts and disseminates high quality, evidence-based research to improve students' mathematics performance in Texas. Formed in 2011 under the direction of Dr. Leanne Ketterlin Geller, RME is committed to engaging in research and outreach that will make a significant and lasting difference at the student, classroom, school, district, state and national levels. RME's mission is to cultivate positive change by educating and empowering teachers and administrators through the provision of evidence-based practices and systems to support mathematics achievement through academic growth and development of all students. Key focal areas include

- Creating systems of formative assessment to inform teacher decision-making.
- Designing evidence-based interventions for students struggling in mathematics.
- Designing and delivering professional development to support teachers' and administrators' implementation of best practices.
- Offering a dynamic community where researchers and educators can collaborate and share ideas and resources.

RME's externally funded research and development budget has grown beyond \$5 million. Efforts by RME researchers have directly impacted thousands of students across Texas and the nation. Through participation in research activities and conferences, engagement with professional development courses, dissemination of materials through the RME

website, and collaborations with other organizations and publications, RME has impacted more than 25,000 educators since 2011.

RME's director actively collaborates with the Bush Institute's Middle School Matters Initiative and the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk at the University of Texas in Austin, and she was named director of K-12 STEM initiatives for SMU's Caruth Institute for Engineering Education in 2014.

RME faculty members teach in the Simmons School's Department of Education Policy and Leadership as well as the Department of Teaching and Learning. Additionally, faculty members disseminate their research findings locally, nationally and globally.

## **The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education**

[www.smu.edu/CCE](http://www.smu.edu/CCE)

Regina Nippert, **Executive Director**

The mission of The Budd Center is to equip schools and nonprofits with tools and information so they can work together to meet the extraordinary social, emotional and educational needs of children living in poverty. The Budd Center uses the following strategies to accomplish its mission:

- Develops processes to drive collaboration between school systems, nonprofits and SMU.
- Trains teachers and nonprofits to use individualized student information to create curricula and targeted intervention plans.
- Connects SMU faculty and students to meaningful teaching and learning experiences.

## **Center for Child and Community Development**

[www.smu.edu/cccd](http://www.smu.edu/cccd)

The Center for Child and Community Development is dedicated to the cognitive, affective and social, and cultural development of children in ethnically diverse communities.

## **Center for Family Counseling**

[www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling](http://www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling)

The Center for Family Counseling offers a variety of counseling services to members of the community, including adults, adolescents, children, groups, couples, and families struggling with personal, social or career-related issues, while providing SMU graduate counseling students with meaningful training experience via supervised therapeutic interactions.

## **SMU Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services**

[www.smu.edu/ADRservices](http://www.smu.edu/ADRservices)

Mediation, arbitration, facilitation and conflict coaching services are available to parties involved in civil, family and community disputes. Alumni, current students of the Dispute Resolution Program who have completed at least 200 training hours, and other conflict resolution professionals serve as volunteer mediators and arbitrators.

## The Writer's Path

[www.smu.edu/CreativeWriting](http://www.smu.edu/CreativeWriting)

The Writer's Path is a creative writing program that guides individuals in the process of writing for fiction or nonfiction publication. Progressive noncredit courses take students from the development of writing ideas, through the preparation of a draft, to the revisions and then the polish. Qualified students are eligible to participate in a trip to New York where they meet professionals in the publishing industry.

## Institute for Leadership Impact

Eric Bing, **Executive Director**

A growing demand for skilled leaders that create social impact and empower organizations and communities to grow, learn and prosper spurred the development of the Institute for Leadership Impact. The Institute provides educational opportunities that equip emerging and established leaders with the essential skills needed to be more effective in leading organizations and solving real-world problems. Institute offerings focus on training leaders in school districts, independent schools, hospitals, clinics and health-related organizations.

# **Academic Programs**

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

### **Education, Ph.D.**

[www.smu.edu/EducationPhD](http://www.smu.edu/EducationPhD)

The Simmons School offers a research-intensive Ph.D. in education that prepares graduates to work in academic areas; to perform research; and to make significant contributions to research, policy and practice in their fields of interest. The program offers the following:

- Apprenticeships with top scholars across fields of study in education and human development.
- Career mentoring in the professional work of publishing, teaching, presenting and grant writing.
- Courses of study emphasizing strong training in research methodology, with options to tailor courses and experiences to align with individual research interests.
- Opportunities for professional enhancement and experiences collaborating across disciplines and on community-, school- and agency-based projects (Center on Research in Education, Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education, Research in Mathematics Education, Bush Institute and Institute for Evidence-Based Education).

### **Curriculum**

Doctoral students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours during a three-year full-time program prior to the dissertation year. The program is a model in which students complete a core set of courses as a cohort and a unique set of electives and research experiences. The core curriculum includes the following courses:

- EDU 7306 - Historical and Social Foundations of Education
- EDU 7311 - Quantitative Statistics for Education Research (with lab)
- EDU 7312 - Intermediate Quantitative Statistics in Education (with lab)
- EDU 7314 - Advanced Multivariate Statistics
- EDU 7313 - Advanced Assessment Methods
- EDU 7302 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
- EDU 7305 - Introduction to Qualitative Research in Education
- EDU 7119 - Synthesis and Integration of Knowledge and Skills in Education Policy and Leadership
- EDU 7318 - Program Evaluation
- EDU 7321 - Quantitative Research Methods II

### **Admission**

Applications submitted by January 1 receive priority review; applications received after January 15 are reviewed on a rolling basis until admission decisions are complete. The Ph.D. program is designed to augment an existing master's degree or equivalent preparation.

Applications should include the following:

1. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

2. GRE graduate school entry exam scores taken within the last five years, with institution code 7464 (and TOEFL English language proficiency test scores if the student's native language is not English).
3. A statement of professional purpose.
4. An academic writing sample.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. CV or resume.

## Degree Requirements

Students must enroll in a minimum of nine credit hours of coursework per term and be full-time residents in the Dallas area for the first three academic years of the program. In addition to completing coursework, students apprentice on research projects for 20 hours each week during the academic calendar year, for which they typically receive fellowship pay, benefits and waived tuition. Degree requirements include the following milestones:

- A total of 60 credit hours of coursework (up to six credit hours can be transferred).
- Qualifying exams (literature synthesis, research design, & statistics).
- Major area paper.
- Conference presentation.
- Manuscript submission.
- Dissertation with an oral defense.
- Teaching competency.

## Contact Information

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Education**

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# Teaching and Learning

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## Department Information

The Department of Teaching and Learning represents SMU's commitment to the professional development of educators through innovative and research-based undergraduate and graduate programs.

The department's teaching and research practices are grounded in multiple perspectives that encompass behaviorist, cognitive, social-constructivist and sociocultural approaches to scholarship. All programs serve to prepare educators who are scholars and leaders in professionalism, committed to high-quality teaching and practice, and who are leaders in translating research into practice and experts in differentiated instruction.

To facilitate achievement of its objectives, the department launched a Hybrid Learning Initiative in 2012. Hybrid learning refers to the integration of traditional classroom and online learning to enhance the classroom experience and to extend learning through the innovative application of technology. The Teaching and Learning Department offers several courses in a hybrid format as well as courses fully online each term with an emphasis on quality classroom experiences supplemented with online learning to promote collaboration.

The department's undergraduate curriculum prepares students for initial teacher certification. The department's graduate curricula focus on reading, teaching and learning, special education, giftedness, bilingual education, ESL, Montessori, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Two master's degrees are offered: a Master of Bilingual Education (M.B.E.) and a Master of Education (M.Ed.). The M.B.E. includes a special education concentration and a gifted concentration. The M.Ed. is available in four formats: the traditional M.Ed. for which students must select one or two specializations, an M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing, an M.Ed. in special education, and an M.Ed. for educator preparation. The Master of Music with a major in music education is offered through the Meadows School of the Arts in cooperation with the Simmons School. In addition, a variety of enrichment opportunities serve the continuing education needs of practicing educators.

The school promotes high-quality research that combines quantitative and qualitative methodologies, generates new hypotheses and influences pedagogical practices in early childhood (or "EC") through grade-12 schools.

**Note:** Completion of any coursework in the Department of Teaching and Learning will not result in certification. Applicants are advised to visit the Texas Education Agency website at [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us) ("Educator Certification" link) for more information on Texas teacher certification requirements.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Education.** The Ph.D. in education is a schoolwide degree. For more information on this degree, students should see the description of the Ph.D. program in this catalog or online at [www.smu.edu/EducationPhD](http://www.smu.edu/EducationPhD).

## **Master of Bilingual Education, M.B.E.**

[www.smu.edu/MBE](http://www.smu.edu/MBE)

The Master of Bilingual Education program offers a broad interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares specialists in the field of bilingual education. Teachers can choose from either the Master of Bilingual Education or the Master of Bilingual Education with gifted concentration. Designed for practicing teachers, the 36-hour program offers evening classes during the academic year. The program includes coursework in literacy, second-language teaching, linguistics, cultural/multicultural education, behavioral psychology and community-based educational research. The specialization courses, in particular, help participants refine their pedagogical skills and develop both expertise in use of the methods proven effective with limited English proficient students and understanding of current research in the field of bilingual education.

## **Admission Requirements**

Before enrolling in the M.B.E. program, all students must submit the following:

1. An official sealed transcript of academic work that reflects a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 3.000 overall GPA. Transcripts from countries outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official evaluation of the transcript by an SMU-recognized evaluation agency. No copies will be accepted. Applicants not meeting the 3.000 GPA requirement must request an exemption in writing and provide proof of other qualifications, such as long-term experience or expertise in a related specialized field, as a justification for admission.
2. For bilingual education, proficiency in Spanish, which is used in bilingual education programs in Texas.
3. A completed application and a \$35 nonrefundable application fee payable to SMU: Department of Teaching and Learning.
4. For international students applying from countries where English is not the native language, official scores (earned within the previous five years) on the TOEFL English language proficiency test or the IELTS English competency test. The minimum TOEFL score for admission is 550 on a pencil-and-paper test or 92 on the Internet-based test. The IELTS minimum score is 6.5. The M.B.E. program is a part-time program and as such does not qualify as a suitable educational experience for an international student on a student visa. As evidence of financial support, foreign students must provide a Certification of Finance Form/Letter of Financial Backing. (This applies to students who are not awarded a scholarship.) This should represent that sufficient money will be available to the applicant to cover all expenses while at the University. This letter may be signed by a parent or sponsor but **must** be certified by a bank. The document must be notarized and on file before the process for visas and passport can proceed.
5. Letters of recommendation and written essays may be required for admission. Visit the Teaching and Learning website at [www.smu.edu/teacher](http://www.smu.edu/teacher) for more information.

## **Degree Requirements**

Students must complete 36 graduate-level credit hours in one of three degree plans: the traditional plan, the gifted and talented focus concentration or the special education focus concentration.

### **Requirements**

#### **Core Courses**

- EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research
- EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners

- EDU 6322 - Educational and Behavioral Psychology
- EDU 6365 - Technology and Discourse

Total: 12 Credit Hours

### Specialization Courses

- EDU 6312 - Applied Linguistics
- EDU 6319 - Foundations of Bilingualism
- EDU 6321 - Bilingual/Biliteracy: Critical Issues and Practices
- EDU 6339 - Bilingual Content Instruction

Total: 12 Credit Hours

### Electives

Choose one option:

#### Traditional Plan:

- EDU 6317 - Culture and Community in Education
- EDU 6320 - Language Teaching Research, Theory, and Practice  
or
- EDU 6390 - Classroom Instruction and Assessment for Language Learners
- Additional approved graduate-level course
- ESL course

#### Gifted and Talented Concentration:

- EDU 6325 - Educating Talented/Gifted
- EDU 6347 - Creativity: Theories, Models, and Applications
- EDU 6388 - Curriculum Development for the Talented and Gifted
- EDU 6397 - Growth and Development of the Gifted

#### Special Education Concentration:

- EDU 6356 - Foundations of Special Education
- EDU 6357 - Assessment for Special Educators
- EDU 6359 - Collaboration with Families and Colleagues
- EDU 6360 - Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

# **Master of Education**

[www.smu.edu/MEd](http://www.smu.edu/MEd)

The M.Ed. program is offered in four formats--an M.Ed. for which students must specialize in one or two areas, an M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing, an M.Ed. in educator preparation, and an M.Ed. in special education. The admission requirements are the same for all four formats and appear at the end of this M.Ed. section.

## **M.Ed. with Specializations**

The M.Ed. program with an option to specialize is designed to meet the needs of practicing teachers. The program offers maximum flexibility for the educator whose interest lies in broadening both academic preparation and classroom skills. The program can be individualized for teachers at all levels, kindergarten through grade 12.

All students must complete four core courses that focus on the areas of research, differentiation, diversity and psychology. Additional required courses expand or complement the core, specialization or master teaching assignment: either 1) 12 or 14 hours in one specialization module (i.e., bilingual education, ESL, gifted education, mathematics, Montessori, reading, or STEM) and 12 hours of EDU electives, or 2) two specialization modules.

### **Degree Requirements**

Students must complete 36 hours of graduate study within six years of beginning the program.

#### **Requirements for the Degree**

##### **Core Courses**

- EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research
- EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners
- EDU 6322 - Educational and Behavioral Psychology
- EDU 6365 - Technology and Discourse

Total: 12 Credit Hours

##### **Specialization Modules**

Choose one:

###### **Bilingual Education**

12 hours

- EDU 6312 - Applied Linguistics
- EDU 6319 - Foundations of Bilingualism
- EDU 6321 - Bilingual/Biliteracy: Critical Issues and Practices
- EDU 6339 - Bilingual Content Instruction

## **ESL**

12 hours

- EDU 6312 - Applied Linguistics
- EDU 6317 - Culture and Community in Education
- EDU 6320 - Language Teaching Research, Theory, and Practice
- EDU 6390 - Classroom Instruction and Assessment for Language Learners

## **Gifted and Talented**

12 hours

- EDU 6325 - Educating Talented/Gifted
- EDU 6347 - Creativity: Theories, Models, and Applications
- EDU 6388 - Curriculum Development for the Talented and Gifted
- EDU 6397 - Growth and Development of the Gifted

## **Mathematics**

12 hours

- EDU 6379 - Numerical Reasoning: Numbers and Operations
- EDU 6380 - Algebraic Reasoning and Patterns
- EDU 6381 - Geometry and Measurement
- EDU 6382 - Everyday Mathematics: Probability and Data Analysis

## **Montessori**

12 hours of transfer credit

## **Literacy, Grades PK - 3**

12 hours

- EDU 6164 - Reading and Writing I Practicum
- EDU 6167 - Reading and Writing II Practicum
- EDU 6323 - Literacy Assessment
- EDU 6364 - Reading and Writing I
- EDU 6367 - Reading and Writing II
- one Learning Therapy elective

## **Late Literacy, Grades 3 - 9**

12 hours

- EDU 6323 - Literacy Assessment
- EDU 6363 - Late Literacy Development

- EDU 6366 - Reading and Writing in the Content Areas
- EDU 63XX

## STEM

12 hours

- STEM-related EDU courses at the 6000 level or above
- EDU 6349 - The Science of Learning in STEM Education
- EDU 6350 - Designing and Making in STEM Education
- EDU 6351 - Community-Centered STEM Integration
- One additional 6300-level course whose course number has yet to be determined

Total: 12 Credit Hours

## Electives or Second Specialization Module

- EDU courses or other approved courses, or an additional specialization module from the list above

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## **Master of Education, M.Ed., Reading and Writing Concentration**

The M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing is designed to meet the needs of practicing teachers and to prepare teachers for leadership in the implementation of the multtiered model of reading instruction currently being put into effect in schools in Texas and across the country. The program is one of nine university teacher-training programs that have been reviewed and recognized by the International Dyslexia Association for meeting the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading.

Participants enter as members of a cohort and progress in a sequenced manner through the required 36 hours of coursework and field experiences. The program is selective and intense, offering well-qualified and motivated individuals the opportunity to develop a high level of expertise in teaching reading and writing and to prepare for leadership positions in bringing evidence-based practices in reading and writing to their campuses. The structure of the program is designed to accommodate practicing teachers. New cohorts will begin in the fall term.

Students must complete 36 hours of graduate study within six years of beginning the program. All students must take the same sequence of courses, including 12 hours of core and 24 hours of reading and writing courses.

## Requirements for the Concentration

### Core Courses

- EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research

- EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners

Total: 6 Credit Hours

## Content Courses

- EDU 6101 - Clinical Therapy Practicum I
- EDU 6102 - Clinical Therapy Practicum II
- EDU 6164 - Reading and Writing I Practicum
- EDU 6167 - Reading and Writing II Practicum
- EDU 6231 - Introductory Course C: Early Language Development
- EDU 6311 - Literacy Leadership and Consultation
- EDU 6323 - Literacy Assessment
- EDU 6330 - Introductory Course A: Survey of Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders
- EDU 6331 - Introductory Course B: Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language
- EDU 6332 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part I
- EDU 6363 - Late Literacy Development
- EDU 6364 - Reading and Writing I
- EDU 6367 - Reading and Writing II

Total: 30 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## **Master of Education, M.Ed., Educator Preparation**

[www.smu.edu/MasterEdCert](http://www.smu.edu/MasterEdCert)

The M.Ed. in educator preparation allows individuals with baccalaureate degrees to earn a master's degree while completing teacher certification requirements in early childhood through grade six, middle school or high school. Core courses expand participants' understandings of the psychological, social and cultural contexts of education. Individuals are admitted to the program as part of a cohort group; a new cohort begins each summer. Students must complete 36 hours of graduate study.

In Texas, individuals are certified to teach by the State Board for Educator Certification by passing two examinations: one that focuses on content/pedagogy and one that focuses on pedagogy and professional responsibilities. Together, the content exam and PPR exam are called the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards. For early childhood through grade six certification, the content test is the EC–6 Core Subjects Examination; for certification in grades four through eight, the test is the 4–8 Core Subjects Examination.

Students seeking certification in EC through grade six or grades four through eight must take a minimum of 24 credit hours (six hours in each of English, math, science and social studies), all with a grade no lower than C (2.000 out of 4.000) according to the State Board for Educator Certification. All candidates for high school (grades seven through 12) certification must complete at least 24 credit hours in the subject they want to teach with at least half of those credits in upper-division courses. In all certification areas, there can be no final grade lower than a C (2.000) in any content course.

Once an individual has completed certification coursework, completed clinical student teaching or an internship, and passed the appropriate examinations, she or he submits fingerprints, passes a criminal background check and is awarded a standard teaching certificate by SBEC. General information about teacher certification in Texas is available from SBEC at [www.sbec.state.tx.us](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us).

## Requirements for the Concentration

### Content Courses

#### EC - Grade 6

- EDU 6302 - Design and Assessment of Learning
- EDU 6303 - Learning Environment and Professionalism
- EDU 6317 - Culture and Community in Education
- EDU 6326 - Content Area Studies
- EDU 6327 - Learning to Read and Write
- EDU 6329 - EC-6 Math
- EDU 6336 - Reading and Writing to Learn
- EDU 6360 - Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom
- EDU 6390 - Classroom Instruction and Assessment for Language Learners

#### Grades 4 - 8 and 7 - 12

- EDU 6302 - Design and Assessment of Learning
- EDU 6303 - Learning Environment and Professionalism
- EDU 6317 - Culture and Community in Education
- EDU 6324 - Content Methods
- EDU 6360 - Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom
- EDU 6366 - Reading and Writing in the Content Areas
- EDU 6390 - Classroom Instruction and Assessment for Language Learners

### Core Courses

- EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research
- EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners

Total: 27 Credit Hours

### Field Experience Courses

#### EC—Grade 6

- EDU 6121 - Field Experience I: Elementary
- EDU 6122 - Field Experience II: Elementary
- EDU 6123 - Field Experience III: Elementary

#### Grades 4 - 8 and 7 - 12

- EDU 6124 - Field Experience I: Secondary
- EDU 6125 - Field Experience II: Secondary

- EDU 6126 - Field Experience III: Secondary

Total: 3 Credit Hours

### Student Teaching or Internship Courses

#### EC - Grade 6

- EDU 6306 - Elementary Student Teaching  
and
- EDU 6307 - Elementary Student Teaching  
or
- EDU 6376 - Internship I: EC-6  
and
- EDU 6377 - Internship II: EC-6

#### Grades 4 - 8 and 7 - 12

- EDU 6308 - Secondary Student Teaching  
and
- EDU 6309 - Secondary Student Teaching  
or
- EDU 6374 - Internship I: High School and Middle School  
and
- EDU 6375 - Internship II: High School and Middle School

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## **Master of Education in Special Education, M.Ed.**

<http://www.smu.edu/SpecialEd>

The M.Ed. in special education offers a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares currently certified and/or experienced teachers to be special educators and teacher leaders for school-aged students with special needs. Through a combination of rigorous coursework and supported school-based field experiences, the program trains students to use evidence-based practices, monitor response to intervention, individualize intervention based on assessed needs, understand special education law and policy, provide positive-behavior support, and collaborate with colleagues and families.

### Degree Requirements

Students must complete 36 graduate-level credit hours. Courses are taught after traditional school hours and in the summer to offer maximum flexibility. The primary instructional format is conventional face-to-face instructor/student contact, augmented with online delivery of relevant material. The required courses cover foundations of special education, diverse learners, assessment for special educators, and academic and behavioral interventions, and they include three supervised field experiences

conducted in students' school settings. The capstone course, applied research in special education, involves an action research study.

## Requirements for the Major

### Core Courses

- EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research
- EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners

Total: 6 Credit Hours

### Content Courses

- EDU 6134 - Survey of Learning Strategies
- EDU 6164 - Reading and Writing I Practicum
- EDU 6167 - Reading and Writing II Practicum
- EDU 6356 - Foundations of Special Education
- EDU 6357 - Assessment for Special Educators
- EDU 6358 - Instructional Interventions for Math
- EDU 6359 - Collaboration with Families and Colleagues
- EDU 6360 - Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom
- EDU 6361 - Applied Research in Special Education
- EDU 6363 - Late Literacy Development
- EDU 6364 - Reading and Writing I
- EDU 6367 - Reading and Writing II

Total: 30 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

# Admission Requirements

Before enrolling in the M.Ed. program, all students must provide the following:

1. An official sealed transcript of academic work that reflects a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 3.000 overall GPA. Transcripts from countries outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official evaluation of the transcript by an SMU-recognized evaluation agency. No copies will be accepted. Applicants not meeting the 3.000 GPA requirement must request an exemption in writing and provide proof of other qualifications, such as long-term experience or expertise in a related specialized field, as a justification for admission.
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- the applicant to cover all expenses while at the University. This letter may be signed by a parent or sponsor but must be certified by a bank. The document must be notarized and on file before the process for visas and passport can proceed.
3. A completed application and a \$35 nonrefundable application fee payable to SMU: Department of Teaching and Learning.
  4. Letters of recommendation and written essays may be required for admission to particular programs of study. Visit the Teaching and Learning website at [www.smu.edu/teacher](http://www.smu.edu/teacher) for specific admission requirements.

## Master of Music, M.M. in Music Education

[www.smu.edu/Meadows/AreasOfStudy/Music](http://www.smu.edu/Meadows/AreasOfStudy/Music)

With the guidance of a faculty adviser, candidates seeking a Master of Music in music education through the Meadows School of the Arts may use elective choices to build a concentration (requiring at least six credits) in one of four areas: choral conducting, instrumental conducting, general music or piano pedagogy. In certain cases, and subject to departmental approval, up to six credit hours of the Master of Music in music education may be satisfied through involvement in the Music Educators Workshops.

Applicants traditionally enter the program with a background in teacher preparation. However, other candidates may be accepted, including those with undergraduate music degrees in performance, piano pedagogy or sacred music. The wide variety of elective choices allows the construction of individualized degree plans to fill in gaps in previous training.

## Admission and Degree Requirements

Students should contact the Meadows School of the Arts for more information.

**Music Educators Summer Workshop.** Both noncredit and credit workshops are available. Students who elect to earn graduate credit may be able to apply that credit to either SMU's Master of Music in Music Education program or SMU's M.Ed. program. More information is found at [www.smu.edu/Meadows/AreasOfStudy/Music](http://www.smu.edu/Meadows/AreasOfStudy/Music) ("Workshops and Special Programs" link).

## Contact Information

### Music Educators Summer Workshop

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## Graduate Teacher Preparation Programs

### Postbaccalaureate Educator Preparation

[www.smu.edu/TeacherPrep](http://www.smu.edu/TeacherPrep)

Through the Department of Teaching and Learning, postbaccalaureate students may enroll in courses that lead to teaching certification at the elementary and secondary levels. SMU offers courses in all three grade ranges: early childhood-grade six, grade four-grade eight and grade seven-grade 12. For all educator preparation questions, students should contact the Department of Teaching and Learning at [teacher@smu.edu](mailto:teacher@smu.edu) or 214-768-2346.

To become a teacher, students must pass two state examinations: one that covers content and one that covers both instruction/pedagogy and professional responsibilities. The exams are offered periodically throughout the year by the State Board for Educator Certification. Once an individual has completed preparation coursework, completed student teaching or an

internship, and passed the appropriate examinations, she/he submits fingerprints, passes a criminal background check and is awarded a standard teaching certificate by SBEC. General information about educator preparation in Texas is available from the SBEC at [www.sbec.state.tx.us](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us).

An individual who already has a bachelor's degree and wants to attend SMU to become a certified teacher must satisfy most of the same curricular requirements as undergraduates and follow many of the same procedures. SMU's Educator Preparation program requires 21 credit hours of coursework plus nine credit hours of field-work (three hours of early field experience and six hours of either student teaching or internship) for a total of 30 credit hours. Students meet each term with their adviser, who guides the program of study.

The classroom courses and field experiences are based on the Texas standards for beginning teachers and can be completed in three regular terms if attending full time. Throughout the course of study, students are expected to maintain high levels of performance and to develop habits of reflection, as well as acquire knowledge and skills of practice. Professors model learning experiences that are considered best practices for all learners. Within their classes, students are expected to work collaboratively in small groups, complete simulated teacher tasks, pose questions for class inquiry and use multiple resources to answer questions.

- Early Childhood-Grade 6
- Secondary Education (Middle and High School: Grades 4-8 and 7-12)
- All-Level Music, Theatre Arts or World Language

## **Postbaccalaureate Educator Preparation Entrance Requirements**

Before enrolling in the Postbaccalaureate Educator Preparation courses, all students must provide the following:

1. An official transcript showing a bachelor's degree awarded with an overall GPA of 2.500. Transcripts from countries outside the United States must be accompanied by official evaluations by an SMU-recognized evaluation agency.
  - a. Students applying for teacher preparation in EC through grade six and grade four–grade eight must have at least 24 hours of core content comprised of six credit hours in each of the following, with no grade lower than a C (2.000): math, English, science and social studies.
  - b. Students applying for grade seven–grade 12 must have at least 24 credit hours, with 12 hours of advanced courses in an approved teaching field.
2. A letter of reference from an employer or professor.
3. For international students applying from countries where English is not the native language, the TOEFL English language proficiency test must be taken. A minimum score of 92 must be earned on the IBT version of the exam with a minimum score of 26 on the speaking portion of the exam.
4. A written essay that must be completed in the adviser's office; a prompt for the essay is supplied.
5. An official interview with Department of Teaching and Learning advisers.

### **Early Childhood-Grade 6**

The early childhood through grade six curriculum is designed to produce teachers who are knowledgeable about children and how they learn, passionate about teaching, and resourceful in solving problems. The courses are planned to provide a wide range of professional readings, cooperative learning experiences, authentic assignments that simulate the work of classroom teachers and productive field experiences.

**Requirements.** To be highly qualified to teach in Texas, students must pass the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards EC–Grade 6 Core Subjects exam and TExES EC–Grade 12 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities exam. In addition, all requirements – seven classroom-based courses, three field experience courses, satisfactory student-teaching or internship experiences, and passing scores on the appropriate TExES tests – must be fulfilled before the Simmons School will recommend a

student for licensure granted by the Texas Education Agency. Candidates must complete all of the following courses with an overall B average.

## Requirements

### Pedagogy and Content

- EDU 5318 - Formative/Summative Assessment
- EDU 5327 - Integrating Teaching and Learning
- EDU 5331 - Content Area Studies For Elementary School
- EDU 5349 - Learning Environment and Professionalism: EC-12
- EDU 5355 - Teaching Mathematics in Elementary School
- EDU 5357 - Emergent Literacy
- EDU 5358 - Conventional Literacy

Total: 21 Credit Hours

### Field Experience Courses

- EDU 5121 - Field Experience I: Elementary
- EDU 5122 - Field Experience II: Elementary
- EDU 5123 - Field Experience III: Elementary

Total: 3 Credit Hours

### Student Teaching or Internship Courses

- EDU 5363 - Elementary Student Teaching  
and
- EDU 5364 - Elementary Student Teaching  
or
- EDU 5385 - Internship I: EC-6  
and
- EDU 5386 - Internship II: EC-6

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total: 30 Credit Hours

## **Secondary Education (Middle and High School: Grades 4-8 and 7-12)**

The secondary education curriculum is rich in the practical experience and theory that are needed for teaching preadolescents and adolescents. Courses address the unique developmental needs of these students, as well as effective teaching strategies. Each course provides classroom and field experiences to prepare prospective teachers to become effective teachers and lifelong learners.

**Requirements.** Candidates should contact the Department of Teaching and Learning advisers to determine the field(s) that their undergraduate coursework prepares them to teach. To be highly qualified to teach in Texas, students must pass the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities exam and the TExES content (teaching field) test. In addition, all requirements – seven classroom-based courses, three field-experience courses, satisfactory student-teaching or internship experiences, and passing scores on the appropriate TExES tests – must be fulfilled before the Simmons School will recommend a student for licensure granted by the Texas Education Agency. Candidates must complete all of the following courses with an overall *B* average.

## Requirements

### Pedagogy and Content

- EDU 4300 - Foundations of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- EDU 5318 - Formative/Summative Assessment
- EDU 5327 - Integrating Teaching and Learning
- EDU 5348 - Introduction to Diverse Learners
- EDU 5349 - Learning Environment and Professionalism: EC-12
- EDU 5367 - Creating Successful Classrooms
- EDU 5371 - Content Area Methods

Total: 21 Credit Hours

### Field Experience Courses

- EDU 5124 - Field Experience I: Secondary
- EDU 5125 - Field Experience II: Secondary
- EDU 5126 - Field Experience III: Secondary

Total: 3 Credit Hours

### Student Teaching or Internship Courses

- EDU 5373 - Secondary Student Teaching  
and
- EDU 5374 - Secondary Student Teaching  
or
- EDU 5375 - Internship I: High School and Middle School  
and
- EDU 5376 - Internship II: High School and Middle School

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total: 30 Credit Hours

## All-Level Music, Theatre Arts or World Language

In addition to meeting the requirements for a major in music, theatre arts or world language, students must complete a total of 30 hours in education courses, including six hours in student teaching, in order to become a teacher.

### Learning Therapy Preparation

[www.smu.edu/LearningTherapy](http://www.smu.edu/LearningTherapy)

The Learning Therapy Preparation curriculum is designed for individuals interested in working with children or adults who have dyslexia or related written-language learning disorders. Participants are trained in the structures of written English, multisensory teaching methods and sequential procedures for teaching written-language skills and learning strategies. Learning Therapy Preparation requires two years of graduate study, extensive practicum teaching hours, seminars and clinical teaching hours. All of the courses are designed to teach the knowledge and skills prescribed by the national Academic Language Therapy Association and the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, which accredits courses that prepare individuals in the use of multisensory structured language education programs.

Students who would like to complete the M.Ed. degree program while engaged in learning therapy preparation should apply to the Master of Education in Reading and Writing program. Although learning therapy students primarily come from elementary and secondary education, nursing, psychology, speech-language pathology, diagnostics, and counseling, a wide variety of other educational and professional fields may be appropriate backgrounds for the profession.

## Admission Requirements

Before enrolling in Learning Therapy Preparation, all students must provide the following:

1. A formal application with the \$35 nonrefundable application fee.
2. An official transcript from the school that awarded the applicant's baccalaureate degree; the transcript must show both degree status (such as bachelor's degrees completed) and an overall GPA of 3.000 or better.
3. A personal statement of goals that reflects an interest in learning and motivation for becoming an academic language therapist.
4. A written summary of work experience.
5. Admission requirements are periodically updated. Please visit the Teaching and Learning website at [www.smu.edu/teacher](http://www.smu.edu/teacher) for specific admission requirements.

### Requirements

Students must successfully complete introductory coursework as well as a minimum of 120 clinical teaching hours during the first year to continue study as a second-year student. If a student lacks any requirement of first-year study, special permission to continue in the program may be granted after a formal review process by the Clinical Teaching Board.

### First-year Introductory Courses

- EDU 6101 - Clinical Therapy Practicum I
- EDU 6102 - Clinical Therapy Practicum II
- EDU 6231 - Introductory Course C: Early Language Development

- EDU 6330 - Introductory Course A: Survey of Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders
- EDU 6331 - Introductory Course B: Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language

Total: 10 Credit Hours

### Second-year Advanced Courses

- EDU 6103 - Clinical Therapy Practicum III
- EDU 6104 - Clinical Therapy Practicum IV
- EDU 6332 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part I
- EDU 6333 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part II
- EDU 6233 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part III

Total: 10 Credit Hours

### Elective Courses

Two from the following:

- EDU 6105 - Current Issues in Dyslexia: Dyslexia Identification Process, Kindergarten and Beyond
- EDU 6109 - Work Smart
- EDU 6110 - Automaticity and Rate
- EDU 6115 - Early Language Development: Phonological Awareness
- EDU 6116 - Procedures and Measures for Assessing Students for Dyslexia
- EDU 6118 - Characteristics of Dyslexia
- EDU 6134 - Survey of Learning Strategies

Total: 2 Credit Hours

Total: 22 Credit Hours

## Professional Development

The Simmons School has a distinguished history of offering special workshops, lectures and seminars that address issues of social and scholarly import. Most are noncredit, but some offer graduate or undergraduate credit.

### Courses:

#### **EDU 5000 - Tea Data Technology Certification**

*Credits: 0*

Satisfies TEA data technology certification requirement.

## **EDU 5100 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 1*

Students work on a personalized system of instruction. Most of the work in this course is done as an independent study.

## **EDU 5121 - Field Experience I: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings and allows them to observe a functioning classroom. Includes classroom setup, environment, organization, structure, and discipline.

## **EDU 5122 - Field Experience II: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

With a focus on special populations, this course places students in elementary school settings where they observe the teaching techniques used to help children with exceptional needs.

## **EDU 5123 - Field Experience III: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings and to plan and teach lessons. Students shadow a teacher in preparation for student teaching.

## **EDU 5124 - Field Experience I: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings and allows them to observe a functioning classroom. Includes classroom setup, environment, organization, structure, and discipline.

## **EDU 5125 - Field Experience II: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

Places students in elementary school settings where they observe the teaching techniques used to help children with exceptional or special needs.

## **EDU 5126 - Field Experience III: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings and to plan and teach lessons. Students shadow a teacher in preparation for student teaching.

## **EDU 5157 - Practicum for Teaching Early Reading and Writing**

*Credits: 1*

Provides experience applying evidence-based principles of literacy development and learning in young children, early childhood through second grade. Requires tutoring experiences in a local school. Corequisite: EDU 5257.

## **EDU 5200 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 2*

Students work on a personalized system of instruction. Most of the work in this course is done as an independent study.

## **EDU 5257 - Methods for Teaching Early Reading and Writing**

*Credits: 2*

Examines evidence-based principles of literacy development and learning in young children, early childhood through second grade. Focuses on designing, adapting, and evaluating beginning literacy instruction for children. Corequisite: EDU 5157.

## **EDU 5300 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 3*

Students work on a personalized system of instruction. Most of the work in this course is done as an independent study.

## **EDU 5318 - Formative/Summative Assessment**

*Credits: 3*

Explanation and practice of formal and informal assessment strategies, the ways assessment outcomes should inform instruction, and the methods for sharing assessment outcomes with families. All assignments relate to putting assessment skills into practice in the classroom.

## **EDU 5327 - Integrating Teaching and Learning**

*Credits: 3*

Reviews the nature and design of educational activities: theory, research, practice of unit planning, and lesson planning for active learning that meets the needs of individual students.

## **EDU 5330 - Integrated Stem Studies**

*Credits: 3*

Provides elementary- and middle-grades teachers with strategies to integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in their classrooms.

## **EDU 5331 - Content Area Studies For Elementary School**

*Credits: 3*

Explores science, social studies, art, music, drama, and physical education content for students EC-grade six. Also, effective teaching strategies for each content area.

## **EDU 5348 - Introduction to Diverse Learners**

*Credits: 3*

A study of diversity, multicultural concepts, and inclusion. Also, explores issues, policies, and professional practice relevant to teaching.

## **EDU 5349 - Learning Environment and Professionalism: EC-12**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on major issues facing teachers in establishing and maintaining a positive and productive learning environment, as well as the professional roles and responsibilities of teachers.

## **EDU 5355 - Teaching Mathematics in Elementary School**

*Credits: 3*

Evaluates learning materials and teaching methods focusing on knowledge and skills required for students EC-grade six.

## **EDU 5357 - Emergent Literacy**

*Credits: 3*

This course examines principles of literacy learning in young children and predictable stages of oral language, writing, and reading development. All literacy classes require field experiences in local schools.

## **EDU 5358 - Conventional Literacy**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces theories, practices, and materials for teaching reading and/or writing in primary grades. All literacy classes require field experiences in local schools.

## **EDU 5363 - Elementary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

Requires a 15-week assignment in an elementary school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks.

## **EDU 5364 - Elementary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

This course requirement is a 15-week assignment in an elementary school that has a diverse student population. The course includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks. Students are assigned an SMU supervisor who observes in the classroom at least four times a term. A portfolio is required.

## **EDU 5367 - Creating Successful Classrooms**

*Credits: 3*

Students will examine current research that promotes student-centered teaching and constructivist practices. Various teaching and learning strategies of teaching in effective classrooms will be the focus of the course.

## **EDU 5371 - Content Area Methods**

*Credits: 3*

Students refine content knowledge, methods, and strategies specific to their content area and level of certification.

## **EDU 5373 - Secondary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

Requires a 15-week assignment in a middle school and/or high school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks. Students are assigned an SMU supervisor who observes in the classroom at least four times a term. A portfolio is required.

## **EDU 5374 - Secondary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

Requires a 15-week assignment in a middle school and/or high school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks. Students are assigned an SMU supervisor who observes in the classroom at least four times a term. A portfolio is required.

## **EDU 5375 - Internship I: High School and Middle School**

*Credits: 3*

This course requirement is a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 5376 - Internship II: High School and Middle School**

*Credits: 3*

This course requirement is a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 5385 - Internship I: EC-6**

*Credits: 3*

This course requirement is a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 5386 - Internship II: EC-6**

*Credits: 3*

This course requirement is a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Students work independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 6101 - Clinical Therapy Practicum I**

*Credits: 1*

Provides the opportunity for clinical teaching and therapy practices. Clinical teaching reports and therapy demonstrations are required. Each student is assigned an adviser to answer questions and provide support and guidance.

## **EDU 6102 - Clinical Therapy Practicum II**

*Credits: 1*

Provides the opportunity for clinical teaching and therapy practices. Clinical teaching reports and therapy demonstrations are required. Each student is assigned an adviser to answer questions and provide support and guidance.

## **EDU 6103 - Clinical Therapy Practicum III**

*Credits: 1*

Provides the opportunity for clinical teaching and therapy practices. Clinical teaching reports and therapy demonstrations are required. Each student is assigned an adviser to answer questions and provide support and guidance.

## **EDU 6104 - Clinical Therapy Practicum IV**

*Credits: 1*

Provides the opportunity for clinical teaching and therapy practices. Clinical teaching reports and therapy demonstrations are required. Each student is assigned an adviser to answer questions and provide support and guidance. (Learning therapy only)

## **EDU 6105 - Current Issues in Dyslexia: Dyslexia Identification Process, Kindergarten and Beyond**

*Credits: 1*

This course presents an in-depth outline of steps for early identification of dyslexic students. This identification involves more than administering a battery of tests. A team approach, involving individuals with information regarding the students, is integral to the identification process. Central to the team are knowledgeable classroom teachers. The course also discusses early identification as a key to successful remediation, including current research that shows this can be accomplished for children as young as 5 years of age, before they experience real failure.

## **EDU 6109 - Work Smart**

*Credits: 1*

This course explores WorkSmart, a strategy for increasing dyslexic students' self-esteem and advocacy competencies. Is it based on the premise that the biggest problem most people with dyslexia face is not the learning difference itself but the way they cope with it.

## **EDU 6110 - Automaticity and Rate**

*Credits: 1*

This course outlines explicit suggestions for helping students develop proficient decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling) skills to a level of automaticity that does not require conscious thought or effort. It also offers pointers on how students can be taught to understand how different kinds of texts are organized, as well as a repertoire of strategies for understanding these texts.

## **EDU 6115 - Early Language Development: Phonological Awareness**

*Credits: 1*

This course explores current research that confirms that children who have a greater degree of phonological awareness when they enter school are better equipped to learn to read. A more advanced form of phonological awareness is called phoneme awareness, which is the understanding that speech can be broken down into even smaller units called phonemes. Since few preschoolers spontaneously attain phonemic awareness, this course teaches appropriate activities to help build these skills by engaging preschoolers in activities that draw their attention to the existence of phonemes in spoken words.

## **EDU 6116 - Procedures and Measures for Assessing Students for Dyslexia**

*Credits: 1*

This course serves as a guide for developing a referral, assessment, and placement process for identifying the student with dyslexia. Time will be devoted to analyzing all existing information on the student, including formal test results, in order to make an educational identification of dyslexia. In addition, the course focuses on accommodations, modifications, and teaching strategies that may be used for the dyslexic student in the regular classroom.

## **EDU 6118 - Characteristics of Dyslexia**

*Credits: 1*

Students will engage in an in-depth study of dyslexia in this course. Students will examine current research related to dyslexia and topics pertaining to reading intervention and accommodations.

## **EDU 6120 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 1*

Students work on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 6121 - Field Experience I: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

Gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings, and allows them to observe a functioning classroom. Includes classroom setup, environment, organization, structure, and discipline.

## **EDU 6122 - Field Experience II: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

Students are placed in elementary school settings where they observe the teaching techniques used to help children with exceptional needs.

## **EDU 6123 - Field Experience III: Elementary**

*Credits: 1*

Students plan and teach lessons in a school setting while shadowing a teacher in preparation for student teaching.

## **EDU 6124 - Field Experience I: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

Gives students opportunities to work in appropriate school settings and allows them to observe a functioning classroom. Includes classroom setup, environment, organization, structure, and discipline.

## **EDU 6125 - Field Experience II: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

Students are placed in secondary school settings where they observe the teaching techniques used to help children with exceptional or special needs.

## **EDU 6126 - Field Experience III: Secondary**

*Credits: 1*

Students plan and teach lessons in a school setting while shadowing a teacher in preparation for student teaching.

## **EDU 6129 - Practicum for Teaching Early Reading and Writing**

*Credits: 1*

Provides experience applying evidence-based principles of literacy development and learning in young children, early childhood through second grade. Requires students to engage in tutoring experiences in a local school. Corequisite: EDU 6229.

## **EDU 6134 - Survey of Learning Strategies**

*Credits: 1*

This course emphasizes learning styles and processes, as well as organized patterns and cognitive development of the dyslexic student. Survey study skills and learning strategies used in the classroom or in clinical practice are discussed.

## **EDU 6141 - Literacy Practicum I**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities for applying content from EDU 6340 and for using materials and strategies discussed in EDU 6340 in their own school settings. Corequisite: EDU 6340.

## **EDU 6142 - Late Literacy Development Practicum**

*Credits: 1*

This course gives students opportunities for applying content from EDU 6363 and using materials and strategies discussed in EDU 6363 in their own school settings. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6141. Corequisite: EDU 6363.

## **EDU 6145 - Instructional Interventions for Math Practicum**

*Credits: 1*

Students apply in a classroom setting the content modeled during EDU 6358. Corequisite: EDU 6358.

## **EDU 6146 - Applied Research in Special Education Practicum**

*Credits: 1*

Students apply in a classroom setting the content modeled during EDU 6361. Corequisite: EDU 6361.

## **EDU 6150 - Graduate Research**

*Credits: 1*

Includes supervised completion of an independent research project designed in EDU 6304.

## **EDU 6160 - Graduate Research**

*Credits: 1*

Includes supervised completion of an independent research project designed in EDU 6304.

## **EDU 6164 - Reading and Writing I Practicum**

*Credits: 1*

Provides students with supervised opportunities to apply content and skills from their early literacy courses to classroom and tutoring situations. Corequisite: EDU 6364.

## **EDU 6167 - Reading and Writing II Practicum**

*Credits: 1*

Provides students with supervised opportunities to apply content from EDU 6367 in the laboratory of their early literacy classroom and tutoring situations. Corequisite: EDU 6367.

## **EDU 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Students work independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 6225 - Planning and Managing Change**

*Credits: 2*

Topics include the development of planning, management, and communication skills needed by school leaders who help shape the changes in professional practice in order to improve student achievement.

## **EDU 6229 - Methods for Teaching Early Reading and Writing**

*Credits: 2*

Examines evidence-based principles of literacy development and learning in young children, early childhood through second grade. Focuses on designing, adapting, and evaluating beginning literacy instruction for children. Corequisite: EDU 6129.

## **EDU 6231 - Introductory Course C: Early Language Development**

*Credits: 2*

Refines techniques and procedures previously introduced, and discusses systems of record keeping and progress reporting.

## **EDU 6233 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part III**

*Credits: 2*

Students acquire additional sophisticated therapy techniques, including transition and closure, and review record keeping and student progress measurement. Includes discussion of professional dyslexia-related organizations.

## **EDU 6234 - CAS Instructor Level 3**

*Credits: 2*

Instructional assistant in the course entitled Early Language Development.

## **EDU 6235 - CAS Instructor Level 6**

*Credits:* 2

Internship in the course entitled Seminar/Practicum Curriculum Issues.

## **EDU 6280 - Advanced Linguistic Structures of English Part 2**

*Credits:* 2

This course provides teachers with evidence-based practices for teaching children who have dyslexia and related written-language disorders. Building on terminology and concepts in teaching-level and therapist-level courses, this second therapy-level course presents the most advanced linguistic structures of written English related to reading and spelling. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6346. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Dallas cohort only.

## **EDU 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits:* 3

Students work independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 6302 - Design and Assessment of Learning**

*Credits:* 3

Review of research and practice in learning theory, instructional design, and assessment strategies. Students are required to investigate studies supporting best practice in the classroom. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6303 - Learning Environment and Professionalism**

*Credits:* 3

Investigation of student needs that teachers must meet as well as different aspects of professionalism expected of classroom teachers. Students are required to analyze studies supporting best practice in classroom management and professional development. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6326 or EDU 6366. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6304 - Interpreting Educational Research**

*Credits:* 3

Required core course for the M.Ed. degree. The primary focus is on the interpretation of educational research studies in elementary and secondary school settings. Prerequisite: Enrollment in one of the following programs: M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation (plus a 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6305 or EDU 6329), M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing (plus a 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6363), Master in Bilingual Education, or M.Ed. with an unspecified track. M.B.E. students and students who are not in one of the designated tracks for the M.Ed. degree should take this course within their first two terms.

## **EDU 6305 - Differentiated Instruction**

*Credits:* 3

Introduces assessment and curriculum design concepts that facilitate differentiation by studying design principles for assessment and using data to plan and implement differentiation by modifying learning processes and student products. Prerequisite: Enrollment in one of the following programs: M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing (plus a 2.000 or better GPA in

EDU 6304), M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation, Master in Bilingual Education, or M.Ed. with an unspecified track.

### **EDU 6306 - Elementary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

A 15-week assignment in an elementary school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks.

### **EDU 6307 - Elementary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

A 15-week assignment in an elementary school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks.

### **EDU 6308 - Secondary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

A 15-week assignment in a middle school and/or high school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks. Students are assigned an SMU supervisor who observes in the classroom at least four times a term. A portfolio is required.

### **EDU 6309 - Secondary Student Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

A 15-week assignment in a middle school and/or high school that has a diverse student population. Includes a seminar on campus every 2 weeks. Students are assigned an SMU supervisor who observes in the classroom at least four times a term. A portfolio is required.

### **EDU 6310 - Foundations of Education**

*Credits: 3*

Required core course for the Master of Education degree. The primary focus is on historical and philosophical issues of the past in order for teachers to make sense of the present.

### **EDU 6311 - Literacy Leadership and Consultation**

*Credits: 3*

Provides knowledge and skills for master reading teachers in their consultative roles in schools. Prerequisite: 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6323.

### **EDU 6312 - Applied Linguistics**

*Credits: 3*

This course provides an introduction to basic concepts in linguistics and their application in meeting practical educational goals. It includes an emphasis on first and second language learning.

## **EDU 6313 - Spanish for Bilingual Teachers**

*Credits: 3*

This course helps teachers improve their oral and aural skills in Spanish through in-class activities and through projects and assignments. Guest lecturers from the Hispanic community provide opportunities to experience the diversity of Hispanic cultures and language. Course assignments facilitate the acquisition of the social and academic vocabulary necessary to work with students and families whose first language is Spanish. Much of class lecture and discussion will take place in Spanish, and knowledge of Spanish is required.

## **EDU 6315 - Diverse Learners**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces different teaching approaches that help create equal educational opportunities for students from diverse racial, ethnic, social class, and cultural groups. Provides strategies to make teaching more effective in increasingly diverse schools. Some sections of the course require Spanish proficiency. Prerequisite: Enrollment in one of the following programs: M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation (plus a 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6326 or EDU 6366), M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing (plus a 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6305), Master in Bilingual Education, or M.Ed. with an unspecified track.

## **EDU 6317 - Culture and Community in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines relationships among schools, families, and communities from various research perspectives. Focuses on the roles of school and community in delivering culturally appropriate instruction and services to students from diverse backgrounds. Some sections of this course require Spanish proficiency.

## **EDU 6319 - Foundations of Bilingualism**

*Credits: 3*

This course offers an examination of the history and implementation of various bilingual education program models. Particular attention is given to research of bilingual program models and issues related to recruitment, training, and retention of bilingual education teachers.

## **EDU 6320 - Language Teaching Research, Theory, and Practice**

*Credits: 3*

This course introduces the methodology of second language instruction with an emphasis on current research and theory of language acquisition and teaching. ESL program designs are reviewed, and classroom applications and assessments are discussed in the context of specialized ESL classrooms.

## **EDU 6321 - Bilingual/Biliteracy: Critical Issues and Practices**

*Credits: 3*

This course provides an exploration of the theoretical foundations, methods, and materials for literacy instruction in bilingual instructional settings. Special emphasis is placed on language and literacy for students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

## **EDU 6322 - Educational and Behavioral Psychology**

*Credits: 3*

Required core course for the M.Ed. degree. The primary focus is on psychological issues faced by teachers in the classroom setting. Content deals with instructional and behavioral concepts. Students should complete this course within their first two terms.

## **EDU 6323 - Literacy Assessment**

*Credits: 3*

Participants study multiple reading assessments and learn to use them. Prerequisite: 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6363.

## **EDU 6324 - Content Methods**

*Credits: 3*

Study of teaching strategies specific to content areas and levels of certification. Includes the examination of research promoting content instruction. Requires in-depth reading assignments unique to content areas of specialty. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6328. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6325 - Educating Talented/Gifted**

*Credits: 3*

This course includes surveys of the history of the field, basic terminology and definitions, major models and theories, and effective program prototypes for gifted students. Students review characteristics of the gifted and talented and overview identification and assessment procedures for gifted students. Attention is given to analyzing the traits of effective teachers and counselors and to developing models for interaction with gifted students.

## **EDU 6326 - Content Area Studies**

*Credits: 3*

Exploration of science, social studies, art, music, drama, and physical education content for pre-K through grade four students, and effective teaching strategies for each content area. Readings from research journals in the content areas are required, along with the development of research-based instructional strategies. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6327. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6327 - Learning to Read and Write**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces research, practices, and materials for teaching reading and writing in prekindergarten through grade one. All literacy courses require field experiences in local schools. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6329. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6328 - Strategic Teaching**

*Credits: 3*

Examines a variety of instructional strategies proven to engage learners in the middle and high school learning environment. Gives students an opportunity to practice developing skills in communication and facilitating learning. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6305. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6329 - EC-6 Math**

*Credits: 3*

An evaluation of teaching methods in mathematics, focusing on the knowledge and skills required for pre-K through grade six students. Requires study of the research in math concept development. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6330 - Introductory Course A: Survey of Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces language communication concepts and educational activities for teaching individuals with developmental dyslexia and related language learning difficulties. Includes a study of the characteristic symptoms of dyslexia, implications of the disorder, diagnosis, and multisensory and discovery language remediation techniques. Practicum opportunities are included. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Dallas cohort only.

## **EDU 6331 - Introductory Course B: Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on cognitive and linguistic structures of written language and writing and phonetic concepts related to reading and spelling. Examines the historical development of English and its relevance to language disabilities. Prerequisite: EDU 6330.

## **EDU 6332 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part I**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of advanced dyslexia instruction and instruction in the more complex aspects of the English written code. Prerequisite: EDU 6331.

## **EDU 6333 - Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language Part II**

*Credits: 3*

A continuation of EDU 6332. Refines previously developed procedures and techniques, and examines phonetic irregularities and semantic and syntactic structures.

## **EDU 6334 - The Montessori Method: Mathematics**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces Montessori mathematics, which fosters the development of the child's mathematical mind. Math exercises span numeration, operation, memorization, fractions, money, time, measurement, geometry, and problem-solving.

## **EDU 6335 - Foundations of the Montessori Method**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the historical and theoretical foundations of the Montessori method and provides a basic understanding of pedagogical practices grounded in the Montessori method.

## **EDU 6336 - Reading and Writing to Learn**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces research, practices, and materials for teaching reading and writing in grades two through six. Requires field experiences in local schools. Prerequisite: EDU 6229.

## **EDU 6337 - The Montessori Method: Cultural Subjects**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the Montessori method's cultural subjects: history, geography, geometry, biology, and aesthetic development.

## **EDU 6338 - The Montessori Method: Early Childhood Skills and Development**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces practical life and sensorial exercises for the Montessori classroom, which provide children opportunities to explore the world through the refinement of classification, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Students learn how to effectively apply practical life and sensorial exercises in classroom settings.

## **EDU 6339 - Bilingual Content Instruction**

*Credits: 3*

Designed for students who will be teaching in bilingual education classrooms or administering bilingual education programs. Participants review current research in reading in the content areas and strengthen their knowledge in critical content vocabulary and the mechanics of spelling and writing in Spanish. Many lectures and discussions are in Spanish, and knowledge of Spanish is required.

## **EDU 6340 - Literacy Acquisition**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses reading at the primary levels (pre-K through grade three). Corequisite: EDU 6141.

## **EDU 6341 - The Montessori Method: Early Childhood Classroom Management**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the Montessori method's prepared environment. Students learn how to create the physical and psychological spaces of a prepared environment and to maintain positive classroom interactions through conflict resolution strategies and other approaches.

## **EDU 6342 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders: Introductory Course**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the study of literacy instruction for students with dyslexia and related disorders, with a focus on the characteristics of dyslexia and related disorders, definitions, basic terminology, and research-based components of instruction. Provides practical application of the theoretical underpinnings of reading development to inform instructional decisions for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Houston cohort only.

## **EDU 6343 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders: Reading Comprehension**

*Credits: 3*

Provides information about the implementation of research-based vocabulary and reading comprehension instruction for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6342. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Houston cohort only.

## **EDU 6344 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders: Written Expression**

*Credits: 3*

Provides information about the implementation of research-based written expression instruction for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6343. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Houston cohort only.

## **EDU 6345 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders: Advanced Course**

*Credits: 3*

An advanced study of literacy instruction for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Specifically, an in-depth study of the theoretical underpinnings of research-based components of literacy instruction. Provides practical implementation of literacy instruction for tier-three students based on instructional needs. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6344. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in reading and writing. For Houston cohort only.

## **EDU 6347 - Creativity: Theories, Models, and Applications**

*Credits: 3*

Surveys the concept of creativity. Topics include instruments and techniques for identifying creativity, theories and models of creativity, techniques for creativity enhancement, and futuristics and challenges unique to creative persons. Prerequisite: 2.000 or better GPA in EDU 6325.

## **EDU 6348 - Foundations of ESL for Secondary Teachers**

*Credits: 3*

Prepares teachers to teach content to the English language learner. Theory application covers models, informal assessments, and instructional strategies.

## **EDU 6349 - The Science of Learning in STEM Education**

*Credits: 3*

Provides elementary, middle, and high school teachers with a foundation of how research in the learning sciences can inform instruction in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## **EDU 6350 - Designing and Making in STEM Education**

*Credits: 3*

Provides teachers with strategies for developing science, technology, engineering, and math learning environments in which their students generate and revise STEM knowledge by creatively designing and making.

## **EDU 6351 - Community-Centered STEM Integration**

*Credits: 3*

Students complete a Master's Project on STEM education in this practicum-based course. Students work with a community partner and engage in hands-on exercises in order to enhance their knowledge of STEM content for K-12 students.

## **EDU 6352 - CAS Instructor Level I**

*Credits: 3*

Instructional assistant in the course entitled Survey of Dyslexia and Related Disorders.

## **EDU 6353 - CAS Instructor Level 2**

*Credits: 3*

Instructional assistant in the course entitled Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language.

## **EDU 6354 - CAS Instructor Level 4**

*Credits: 3*

Internship in the course entitled Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language, Part I.

## **EDU 6355 - CAS Instructor Level 5**

*Credits: 3*

Internship in the course entitled Advanced Cognitive and Linguistic Structures of Written Language, Part II.

## **EDU 6356 - Foundations of Special Education**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on educational policies, laws, and practices associated with education for individuals with disabilities. Topics cover the range of perspectives underlying school-based delivery of educational services.

## **EDU 6357 - Assessment for Special Educators**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on current educational measurement and assessment practices associated with educational services for school-age individuals with learning-related disabilities. The study of current practices is framed in the context of special education decisions for classroom-based interventions, diagnostic and placement decisions, and school and program accountability. Participants learn measurement technologies and nomenclature necessary for preparing and interpreting technical documents. Prerequisite or corequisite: EDU 6304.

## **EDU 6358 - Instructional Interventions for Math**

*Credits: 3*

Prepares teachers to address the needs of students with exceptionalities in grades K-12 to teach mathematics skills in diverse classroom settings for a variety of learners.

## **EDU 6359 - Collaboration with Families and Colleagues**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the knowledge and skills necessary for effective collaboration with school-based personnel supporting the learning and social needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

## **EDU 6360 - Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom**

*Credits: 3*

Covers the principles of classroom management, both proactive and reactive, within the context of special education.

## **EDU 6361 - Applied Research in Special Education**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on using data to guide individualized and intensive intervention for students receiving special education services due to severe and persistent learning and behavioral difficulties.

## **EDU 6363 - Late Literacy Development**

*Credits: 3*

Builds on EDU 6367 and addresses reading issues in intermediate grades and reading instruction in middle school and high school. Prerequisite: EDU 6367.

## **EDU 6364 - Reading and Writing I**

*Credits: 3*

The first of two courses that provides general education teachers with knowledge essential for effectively teaching literacy to kindergarten through second-grade students with varying needs. Corequisite: EDU 6164.

## **EDU 6365 - Technology and Discourse**

*Credits: 3*

Designed to increase students' familiarity and expertise with graduate-level academic writing genres within the fields of education and human development.

## **EDU 6366 - Reading and Writing in the Content Areas**

*Credits: 3*

Prepares content area teachers to facilitate their students' ability to gain meaning from text and to use text as a tool for content area learning. Provides practical strategies and techniques for accommodating the academic diversity faced by today's teachers. Teachers complete the term with a deeper understanding of how to integrate reading and writing to enhance student learning of content area knowledge. Prerequisite: 2.000 GPA or better in EDU 6328. Reserved for the M.Ed. with a concentration in certification preparation.

## **EDU 6367 - Reading and Writing II**

*Credits: 3*

Provides general education teachers with knowledge essential to teaching literacy to students with varying needs in kindergarten through second grade. Prerequisite: EDU 6364.

## **EDU 6370 - Physical Science: Chemistry**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on developing models of effective instructional strategies designed to promote student learning and understanding of physical concepts and processes. In addition, research is utilized to help practitioners identify misconceptions and develop practical methods to help students accurately conceptualize the physical models. Topics of study include matter and

elements; chemical and physical changes; acids, bases, and solutions; atomic structure; periodic properties; interpretation of chemical formulas and equations; bonding; and behavior of gases.

### **EDU 6371 - Life Sciences**

*Credits: 3*

This course involves participants in activities designed to help them achieve an understanding of - and the decision-making process based on - current research pertaining to concepts in biological science. In addition, students learn methods for communicating and collaborating with colleagues and gain leadership, mentoring, and coaching skills. Topics of study include levels of organization of living organisms, cell structure and function, mechanisms of genetics, evolution and classification, heredity and reproduction, and interdependence within environmental systems.

### **EDU 6372 - Physical Sciences: Physics**

*Credits: 3*

This course highlights the development of practical methods for demonstrating and using models, planning laboratory experiences, managing science equipment, and handling safety concerns. Students focus on processes, tenets, and assumptions of multiple methods of inquiry leading to scientific knowledge. Topics of study include force and motion, wave, light, sound, quantum phenomena, conservation of energy and momentum, and electricity and magnetism.

### **EDU 6373 - Earth and Space Science**

*Credits: 3*

This course involves participants in activities surrounding the structure, function, and history of Earth systems, and the components and characteristics of the solar system and the universe. In addition, models of effective instructional strategies are developed to promote student learning and understanding of Earth/space science concepts and processes. Topics of study include Earth in space and time, Earth structures and composition, rocks, fossils, and Earth systems.

### **EDU 6374 - Internship I: High School and Middle School**

*Credits: 3*

The first of two internships that, together, constitute a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

### **EDU 6375 - Internship II: High School and Middle School**

*Credits: 3*

The second of two internships that, together, constitute a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

### **EDU 6376 - Internship I: EC-6**

*Credits: 3*

The first of two internships that, together, constitute a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 6377 - Internship II: EC-6**

*Credits: 3*

The second of two internships that, together, constitute a full-year assignment as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school. Supervision by SMU faculty is required.

## **EDU 6378 - Supervision of Preservice Teacher Education Programs**

*Credits: 3*

Theory and practice of supervision of student teachers. Designed especially for clinical faculty, students develop supervisory skills through case studies, role-playing, and analysis of teaching.

## **EDU 6379 - Numerical Reasoning: Numbers and Operations**

*Credits: 3*

Covers number systems and their properties: integers, rational numbers, irrational numbers, and complex numbers; real number line; numerical base systems; significant historical developments; decimal representation; axiomatic systems and introductory group theory; set theory; cardinality; recurrence relations; prime numbers; the fundamental theorem of arithmetic; greatest common divisors; least common multiple; division algorithm; Euclidean algorithm; introductory number theory; modular arithmetic; and problem-solving. Topics include advanced mathematical content that informs elementary, middle, and secondary teaching. Discusses practical models for effectively teaching numerical reasoning, number systems, and operations for EC-12 mathematics. Also, components for developing effective mentoring relationships.

## **EDU 6380 - Algebraic Reasoning and Patterns**

*Credits: 3*

Covers functional relationships and their properties: patterns, variable expressions, definitions and properties of functions, graphs, one-to-one, invertibility, and compositions. Also, various linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic models. Includes the fundamental theory of algebra, algebraic applications of functions in everyday life, modeling, significant historical developments, rates of change, calculus, introductory analysis, and problem-solving. Topics include advanced mathematical content that informs elementary, middle, and secondary teaching. Discusses practical models for effectively teaching students about patterns, variables, and functional relationships for EC-12 mathematics, as well as components for developing effective mentoring relationships. Prerequisite or corequisite: EDU 6379.

## **EDU 6381 - Geometry and Measurement**

*Credits: 3*

Delves into Euclidean geometry and proof: axiomatic systems; definitions, theorems, postulates, and proofs; similarity; proportional reasoning; constructions; measurement; spatial reasoning; plane isometries, translations, rotations, and reflections; dilations; trigonometric functions; inductive and/or deductive reasoning; mathematical induction; symbolic logic, proofs, and invalid arguments; significant historical developments; introductory topology; coordinate geometry; vectors; matrices; and problem-solving. Introduces the two non-Euclidean geometries, elliptic and hyperbolic. Topics include advanced mathematical content that informs elementary, middle, and secondary teaching. Discusses practical models and available technological tools for effectively teaching students about geometry, measurement, and proof for EC-12 mathematics. Also, components for developing effective mentoring relationships. Prerequisite or corequisite: EDU 6379.

## **EDU 6382 - Everyday Mathematics: Probability and Data Analysis**

*Credits: 3*

Covers advanced mathematical content that informs elementary, middle, and secondary teaching, and focuses on methods of representing and analyzing data: measures of central tendency and measures of dispersion; introductory combinatorics; discrete

and continuous random variables; expected value; statistical foundations; inference; random samples; properties of binomial, geometric, and normal distributions; law of large numbers; central limit theorem; significant historical developments; stochastic matrices; regression; and problem-solving. Discusses practical models and available technological tools for effectively teaching probability and statistics and for overcoming common student misconceptions in EC-12 mathematics. Examines components for developing effective mentoring relationships. Prerequisite or corequisite: EDU 6379.

### **EDU 6384 - Teaching and Learning with Technology**

*Credits: 3*

Includes models of instructional design and development; the fundamentals of technology, hardware, software, and networks; technology-based instructional tools; audio assistive technologies; blogging and other social media; laws and issues related to equity and access; and copyright, fair use, patent, trademarks, and the use of and respect for intellectual property. Students utilize a variety of software applications to create classroom-related projects.

### **EDU 6385 - Technology-Related Instructional Assessment**

*Credits: 3*

Includes instructional assessment models and strategies, rubrics, technology-based formative and summative assessments, portfolios, Web 2.0 assessments, gaming, performance-based graphic organizers, and instructional planning. Projects include designing performance-based assessments, formative and summative assessments, rubrics, and games. Students utilize data for instructional planning and improvement, and create technology-based assessments to plan for differentiation. This is the second or third course in the master technology teacher specialization, and it is a prerequisite for EDU 6387. Prerequisite: EDU 6384.

### **EDU 6386 - Multimedia Design and Development for Educators**

*Credits: 3*

Includes the design, development, and use of interactive media and multimedia in the classroom. Media explored includes audio, video, still images, animated GIFs, photo manipulation, photography, animation, graphics, and stop motion video. Students assume the role of instructional designers in order to create multimedia productions for use in their classrooms.

### **EDU 6387 - Research and Professional Development in the Information Age**

*Credits: 3*

Includes current issues and trends in technology-related instruction; the TPACK model; and the fundamentals of mentoring, coaching, and leadership as they pertain to professional development, communication and facilitation strategies, collaborative pedagogy in technology instruction, and new Web 2.0 technologies. Students design and present a professional development workshop, demonstrating cumulative knowledge of all of the classes in the specialization. This is the final course in the master technology teacher specialization. Prerequisites: EDU 6384, and EDU 6385 or EDU 6386.

### **EDU 6388 - Curriculum Development for the Talented and Gifted**

*Credits: 3*

Builds the foundation for development of differentiated curricula for the gifted. Students study effective teaching strategies, learn how to adapt curriculum for individual differences, study the organization of curriculum and instruction for the gifted (scope and sequence, issues related to integrated and interdisciplinary curriculum, and grouping issues.) Emphasis is placed on the teaching of higher-level cognitive skills within the disciplines.

### **EDU 6389 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 3*

This course allows students to work independently with an instructor on a targeted topic. The course may be repeated.

## **EDU 6390 - Classroom Instruction and Assessment for Language Learners**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on classroom applications of ESL teaching and learning. Students will examine factors that influence English language and literacy development and will develop instructional approaches and pedagogical materials that meet the needs of English language learners.

## **EDU 6397 - Growth and Development of the Gifted**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the differentiated affective characteristics and needs of the gifted, including a review of general counseling theories, effective communication with the gifted, and the assessment of affective needs. Students develop strategies for assisting the gifted; also, developing social and interpersonal skills. Reviews issues surrounding the potential of the gifted to achieve and make significant contributions to society as a whole.

## **EDU 6398 - Teach for America Practicum 1**

*Credits: 3*

The first in a series of two courses focusing on classroom application of evidence-based concepts and strategies from the Teach for America Professional Development Institute. Prerequisite: Restricted to members of Teach for America who are enrolled in the M.Ed. program.

## **EDU 6399 - Teach for America Practicum 2**

*Credits: 3*

The second in a series of two courses focusing on classroom application of evidence-based concepts and strategies from Teach for America. Prerequisite: Restricted to members of Teach for America who are enrolled in the M.Ed. program.

## **EDU 7100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Students work independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 7111 - Lab for Quantitative Statistics**

*Credits: 1*

Facilitates the technical aspects of working with statistical software packages and applies concepts from the accompanying statistics lecture course, EDU 7311. Corequisite: EDU 7311.

## **EDU 7112 - Lab for Intermediate Quantitative Statistics in Education**

*Credits: 1*

Designed to facilitate the technical aspects of working with statistical software packages and to apply concepts in the statistics lecture course, EDU 7312, which is recommended as a corequisite course. Prerequisites: EDU 7111, EDU 7311.

## **EDU 7119 - Synthesis and Integration of Knowledge and Skills in Education Policy and Leadership**

*Credits: 1*

Offered each term in years one and two. Designed to integrate learning experiences and domains across courses, cognates, and internship experiences to allow students to develop facility analyzing multidimensional facets of complex systems.

## **EDU 7300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Students work independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EDU 7302 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods**

*Credits: 3*

Doctoral professional seminar emphasizing research designs in education including experimental, quasi-experimental, single-case, evaluation, survey, and other designs. Although statistical methods are discussed for various designs, the emphasis is on concepts, procedures, and internal and external validity issues. Applications to the review of research and writing of methods sections for grants and dissertations.

## **EDU 7303 - Mixed Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Research**

*Credits: 3*

Research designs and statistical methods for studies that combine quantitative analysis with qualitative inquiry. Also, review of literature employing mixed methods and computer methods of analysis.

## **EDU 7305 - Introduction to Qualitative Research in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the historical and theoretical foundations of qualitative research and provides a basic understanding of design, application, and analysis using qualitative methods.

## **EDU 7306 - Historical and Social Foundations of Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the historical, social, philosophical, and economic forces that have shaped the contemporary educational landscape, from the common school movement to the market-based reforms of the 21st century.

## **EDU 7309 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 3*

This course allows students to work independently with an instructor on a targeted topic.

## **EDU 7311 - Quantitative Statistics for Education Research**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces statistical techniques for educational research, and promotes the ability to interpret statistical concepts. Techniques covered include analysis of variance, multiple comparisons, nonparametric statistics, simple linear regression, and multiple correlations.

## **EDU 7312 - Intermediate Quantitative Statistics in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Doctoral seminar that continues EDU 7311. Statistical methods including analysis of variance, basic regression, and other intermediate statistical methods.

## **EDU 7313 - Advanced Assessment Methods**

*Credits: 3*

Covers advanced topics in educational and psychological assessment, including terminology, concepts, and methods in reliability. Also, validity, fairness, and IRT, as well as interpreting tests of ability, achievement, personality, and behavior.

## **EDU 7314 - Advanced Multivariate Statistics**

*Credits: 3*

This course is designed to broaden and enrich the student's knowledge and understanding of statistical methodology as it pertains to the study of multivariate techniques used in the behavioral sciences with specific application to education.

## **EDU 7315 - Designing Learning Environments**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on examining causal instruments that impact student achievement and seek explanatory mechanisms that can be affected by implementing, sustaining, scaling, and evaluating evidence-based instructional practices.

## **EDU 7316 - Organizational Theory**

*Credits: 3*

Familiarizes students with theories of organizational behavior and their application to schools: how they work, how people and groups behave within them, why they change, and why they often fail to change. Major topics include leadership theory, organizational structure, power and politics, and culture.

## **EDU 7317 - Policy Analysis**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on examining education policy at federal, state, and local levels to articulate and evaluate essential factors that enhance or impede implementation of policy directives in complex environments.

## **EDU 7318 - Program Evaluation**

*Credits: 3*

This course focuses on developing proficiency using research design principles and integrating analytic techniques to examine and evaluate the effectiveness of programs for improving student achievement.

## **EDU 7319 - Synthesis: Integrating Domains and Areas of Emphasis**

*Credits: 3*

This course is designed to integrate learning experiences and domains across courses, cognates, and internship experiences to allow students to develop facility analyzing multidimensional facets of complex systems.

## **EDU 7320 - Advanced Assessment Methods II**

*Credits: 3*

Emphasizes statistical modeling procedures for estimating measurement reliability and scaling. Prerequisites: EDU 7313, EDU 7311 or equivalent.

## **EDU 7321 - Quantitative Research Methods II**

*Credits: 3*

A study of methods that make possible the treatment of nonexperimental and/or correlational data for supporting causal inferences, with emphasis on internal, external, construct, and statistical conclusion validity. The course is not a study of statistics. Students use statistical computing software (e.g., R, SAS, SPSS, Mplus) for analyzing quantitative data and estimating statistical models. Also, discussions of equations used, focusing carefully on notation and varying degrees of model complexity. Prerequisites: EDU 7302, EDU 7311 or equivalents.

## **EDU 7323 - Structural Equation Modeling**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the basic theory of structural equation modeling, which is a system of regression models with observed and unobserved variables. The course focuses on behavioral and social science applications. Prerequisite: EDU 7320.

## **EDU 7324 - Advanced Structural Equation Modeling**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces advanced quantitative-method topics related to structural equation modeling (SEM) for behavioral and social science applications.

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## Department Information

The Department of Education Policy and Leadership cultivates and supports leaders and researchers who seek to improve educational outcomes and the cultures of learning in schools, colleges and educational systems through leadership development, scholarship and service.

Coursework and systematic applications of knowledge are designed to ensure that the education leaders of tomorrow acquire expertise in developing and supporting effective teachers and other education service providers; selecting and implementing effective curricula and instructional programs; and identifying, implementing and sustaining effective organizational practices to ensure high levels of student learning and achievement. In service to this mission, the department offers an M.Ed. with a major in educational leadership and an Ed.D. with a specialization in educational leadership. The M.Ed. in educational leadership includes three specializations: accelerated school leadership, urban school leadership and higher education. The Ed.D. is available with a focus on either higher education or pre-K to grade 12 leadership. The department is also dedicated to the preparation and continued education of education policy leaders. The department seeks to improve the quality and rigor of education policy research and education policy development and analysis, and to encourage and facilitate the translation of research into policy and practice at local, state, national and international levels.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Education.** The Ph.D. in education is a schoolwide degree. For more information on this degree, students should see the description of the Ph.D. program in this catalog or online at [www.smu.edu/EducationPhD](http://www.smu.edu/EducationPhD).

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# **Education Leadership, M.Ed., EC-Grade 12 Accelerated School Leadership Specialization**

## **Includes Preparation for Principal Certification**

This master's degree in educational leadership is designed to prepare educators for leadership positions in early childhood through grade 12 schools, including public, charter, private, secular and religious schools. Through study and research in the areas of organizational leadership, academic leadership and teacher effectiveness, graduates of the program are well prepared to develop and support effective teachers; to select and implement effective curricula and instructional programs; and to identify, implement and sustain effective organizational practices. The M.Ed. in educational leadership curriculum is designed in accordance with certification requirements established by the state of Texas and is consistent with national standards and empirical evidence on effective school leadership knowledge and skills.

To this end, the program has the following unique features: a comprehensive academic leadership component that comprises five courses focused on the core domains of instruction (including mathematics, literacy, science, social studies and world languages) as well as special programs such as fine arts and special education, field-based projects (internship experiences) integrated throughout the program, courses and projects that mirror the cycle of a typical school year, a quarter system that enables students to complete the M.Ed. program in 14 months as part of a cohort model, and attention given to ensuring that all graduates have the knowledge and skills to evaluate the effectiveness of their leadership on the schools in which they serve. A significant emphasis is placed on preparing students to assess the evidentiary basis of different organizational and management models, education reform models, instructional programs and tools being considered for their respective schools, and implementation models and strategies to determine known or potential impact on student learning and achievement. Each course provides a context for the integration of this knowledge with the academic content of the course.

## **Degree Requirements**

This 40-credit-hour program is designed for working professionals and can be completed within 14 months. Students begin the program in the summer as part of a cohort, taking courses in a prescribed sequence that includes three courses offered during the initial summer, followed by two seven-week modules offered during the fall, two seven-week modules offered during the spring and one four-week module offered during the final summer. Candidates for Principal Certification in the state of Texas must take and pass the TExES Principal Certification Exam and required state training that is delivered via EPL 6140 - Instructional Leadership Development.

While applicants may request consideration for transfer of up to six hours of graduate credit, students should note that this is a cohort program with a tightly structured and integrated design, and it is not likely that traditional three-hour courses will be accepted for transfer. Requests for transfer credit are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Students need to submit a transfer request as soon as they are accepted into the program in order to be considered. Only courses with a grade of *B* or above can be transferred. Generally, no credit is allowed toward the master's degree for courses taken more than six years before acceptance into the program.

## **Requirements for the Major**

### **Core Content Courses**

- EPL 6140 - Instructional Leadership Development
- EPL 6240 - Legal and Ethical Aspects of Leadership
- EPL 6241 - Organizational Behavior
- EPL 6242 - Academic Leadership: Literacy and Language Arts
- EPL 6244 - Organizational Leadership
- EPL 6245 - Leading Organizational Change

- EPL 6246 - Academic Leadership: Mathematics and Science
- EPL 6248 - Academic Leadership: World Languages and Social Studies
- EPL 6249 - Academic Leadership: Fine Arts/PE/Cate
- EPL 6250 - Leadership Development Coaching
- EPL 6252 - Academic Leadership: Special Populations and Student Success
- EPL 6253 - Personal and Professional Development
- EPL 6254 - Student Culture and Support
- EPL 6375 - Leading with Values
- EPL 6391 - Collaborative Leadership

Total: 31 Credit Hours

### Field Courses and Portfolio

- EPL 6243 - Field Studies 1
- EPL 6247 - Field Studies 2
- EPL 6251 - Field Studies 3
- EPL 6393 - Capstone Experience

Total: 9 Credit Hours

Total: 40 Credit Hours

## **Education Leadership, M.Ed., EC-Grade 12 Urban School Leadership Specialization**

### **Includes Preparation for Principal Certification**

The M.Ed. with a specialization in urban school leadership is designed to prepare candidates for leadership positions in urban schools. The program is designed to take a competency and experiential approach to educational leadership that emphasizes the unique and complex challenges leaders face in urban schools. This highly selective program seeks candidates who are committed to increasing social equity through public education.

Benefits of the program include preparation for Texas Principal Certification, practical experience with an emphasis on action learning, a second-year residency on an urban campus, mentoring supported by a successful school principal and an emphasis on organizational leadership featuring experienced practitioners. Substantial scholarship support for virtually all students ensures the affordability of this program. Because scholarship availability is significant, a contract of commitment to work a specified amount of time in select urban school districts is required of candidates for acceptance into the program.

**Program Structure.** This 36-hour degree program is designed for working professionals and can be completed in two years (including two summer sessions). Students take courses in a prescribed sequence through two seven-week modules in the fall, two seven-week modules in the spring, and a four-week module during the first summer of enrollment and a two-week module during the second summer of enrollment. During the fall and spring academic terms, classes usually meet Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. **Note:** Some classes meet all day in the summer sessions. Summer session classes meet four or six days per week, with the exception of residency and preresidency classes, which meet on an as-needed basis. Candidates for Principal Certification in the state of Texas must take and pass the state Principal Certification exam as well as required training that is delivered via EPL 6140 - Instructional Leadership Development.

The Urban School Leadership Specialization is a cohort program with a tightly structured and integrated design. Courses taken outside the degree are generally not accepted for transfer.

The second year is a campus-based residency (12 credit hours) in which candidates are paired with a mentor principal and a clinical faculty member. Candidates gain experience and apply their skills in an urban setting, while receiving support, coaching and feedback that prepares them for a principal position.

## Requirements for the Specialization

### Core Content Courses

- EPL 6140 - Instructional Leadership Development
- EPL 6240 - Legal and Ethical Aspects of Leadership
- EPL 6241 - Organizational Behavior
- EPL 6252 - Academic Leadership: Special Populations and Student Success
- EPL 6254 - Student Culture and Support
- EPL 6266 - Performance Standards and Goals
- EPL 6267 - Instructional Leadership 1
- EPL 6270 - Instructional Leadership 2
- EPL 6272 - Strategic Management of Human Capital
- EPL 6375 - Leading with Values
- EPL 6281 - Planning and Managing Change

Total: 22 Credit Hours

### Field Courses

- EPL 6255 - Field Studies 4
- EPL 6395 - Urban School Residency (four times)

Total: 14 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## **Education Leadership, M.Ed., Higher Education Specialization**

The M.Ed. with a specialization in higher education prepares students for leadership positions in colleges and universities. The curriculum is comprised of 12 three-credit-hour courses that are offered in various terms throughout the year. Candidates have the option of pursuing the degree on a full-time basis to complete in two years or a part-time schedule to complete in no more than five years. A final comprehensive examination is offered each spring term prior to May graduation.

**Program Structure.** The M.Ed. with a specialization in higher education is a 36-hour degree program that can be completed in one of two plans: a two-year full-time plan or a part-time plan. Generally, no transfer credit is allowed toward the master's degree. Any exceptions to the requirements and policies stated above must have the approval of the academic adviser and department chair.

## Requirements for the Specialization

### Core Courses

- EPL 6356 - Legal Issues in Higher Education
- EPL 6358 - Equity and Access in Higher Education
- EPL 6360 - The College Student
- EPL 6363 - Faculty and Academic Governance
- EPL 6373 - Special Topics
- EPL 6374 - Interpreting Educational Research
- EPL 6376 - Public Policy and Higher Education
- EPL 6379 - Student Affairs Administration
- EPL 6392 - History of Higher Education
- EPL 6394 - Emerging Issues in Higher Education
- EPL 6396 - Higher Education Finance

Total: 33 Credit Hours

Select one of two options:

- EPL 6001 - Comprehensive Program Exam  
and
- EPL 6373 - Special Topics  
or
- EPL 6347 - Capstone Project

Total: 3 Credit Hours

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements

Admission is based on the following criteria; any exceptions to these requirements must have the approval of the academic adviser and department chair:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
2. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale). Applicants not meeting this requirement must provide proof of other qualifications, such as long-term experience or expertise in a related specialized field, as justification for consideration for admission.
3. For applicants from countries where the predominant language is not English, official scores on the TOEFL English language proficiency test administered by the Educational Testing Service. The minimum verbal score for admission is 26.
4. *GRE Requirements:*
  - **ASLP specialization:** The GRE graduate school entry exam is required for students who have an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.000. If needed, scores from the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections of the GRE, taken within the last five years. The institution code is 7464 for the Simmons School. For the GRE taken prior to August 1, 2011, preferred scores are 500 or higher for the quantitative reasoning

section, 500 or higher for the verbal reasoning section, and 4.5 or higher for the analytical writing section. For the GRE taken after August 1, 2011, preferred scores are 144 or higher for the quantitative reasoning section, 153 or higher for the verbal reasoning section, and 4.5 or higher for the analytical writing section.

- **Urban Leadership specialization:** The GRE graduate school entry exam is required for students with a GPA lower than 3.000. In such cases, the GRE must have been taken within the previous five years and the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing scores must be submitted. The institution code is 7464 for the Simmons School. Alternative graduate testing may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - **Higher Education specialization:** Scores from the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections of the GRE graduate school entry exam, taken within the last five years. The institution code is 7464 for the Simmons School. For the GRE taken prior to August 1, 2011, preferred scores are 500 or higher for the Quantitative Reasoning section, 500 or higher for the Verbal Reasoning section, and 4.0 or higher for the Analytical Writing section. For the GRE taken after August 1, 2011, preferred scores are 151 or higher for the Quantitative Reasoning section, 151 or higher for the Verbal Reasoning section, and 4.0 or higher for the Analytical Writing section.
5. *Teaching Certification Requirements:*
    - **ASLP specialization:** A valid Texas teacher certification, if interested in principal certification.
    - **Urban Leadership specialization:** A valid Texas teacher certification, if interested in principal certification.
  6. *Teaching Experience Requirements:*
    - **ASLP and Urban Leadership specializations:** Two years of teaching experience in an accredited public, private or charter school.
  7. *Recommendation Requirements:*
    - **ASLP and Urban Leadership specializations:** Recommendations and evidence of a high degree of support from the school of employment.
    - **Higher Education specialization:** Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references.
  8. *Application Requirements:*
    - **ASLP and Urban Leadership specializations:** Evidence of leadership capacity and demonstration of leadership in the applicant's school.
    - **Higher Education specialization:** An essay and writing sample.
    - **Urban Leadership specialization:** Finalists for the Urban Leadership program must participate in in-depth screening interviews and situational problem-solving activities with the Teaching Trust, SMU's nonprofit partner in this program, prior to final admission decisions. A contract of commitment with the Teaching Trust to work a specified period of time in select urban school districts is required of candidates for acceptance into the program.

## Higher Education, Ed.D.

The Ed.D. in higher education is designed to prepare midcareer professionals from a variety of postsecondary institutional types and settings. These include public and private institutions; community colleges; and state, regional and national governance systems and organizations. Students are engaged with program faculty and their cohort in all course content, which includes the individual development and execution of a problem-based dissertation. Program activities benefit the students in their roles as postsecondary leaders, as well as the organizations they serve.

## Degree Requirements

The Ed.D. curriculum is delivered in a three-year executive-style format in which students meet 10 weekends each year in addition to summer intensive sessions. The schedule is designed for midcareer professionals to further their education while continuing to work. Students remain in a cohort as they progress through the program. Some online assignments are given between weekend sessions. Five cross-cutting themes infuse courses and other learning opportunities:

- Academic leadership.

- Strategic and organizational leadership.
- Policy and political leadership.
- Evidence-based leadership.
- Personal and ethical leadership.

An applied dissertation that serves as a capstone experience is designed for students to build upon and demonstrate leadership competencies through engaging in a multifaceted inquiry project based on a problem of practice.

## Requirements for the Major

### Core Courses

- EPL 7350 - Systematic Inquiry 1
- EPL 7351 - Systematic Inquiry 2
- EPL 7352 - Systematic Inquiry 3
- EPL 7353 - Systematic Inquiry 4
- EPL 7354 - Pre-K to 16 Comparative International Policy
- EPL 7355 - Applied Dissertation (twice)

Total: 21 Credit Hours

### Content Courses

- EPL 7380 - History of Higher Education
- EPL 7381 - Academic Leadership in Higher Education
- EPL 7382 - Contemporary Issues in Higher Education
- EPL 7383 - Financial Strategy and Management in Higher Education
- EPL 7384 - Legal Issues in Higher Education
- EPL 7385 - The College Student
- EPL 7386 - Leading Student Affairs
- EPL 7387 - Leading Diverse Campuses and Systems of Postsecondary Education
- EPL 7388 - Leading Organizational Change in Higher Education
- EPL 7389 - Strategic Enrollment Planning and Management
- EPL 7390 - Public Policy in Higher Education
- EPL 7391 - Public Policy Analysis in Higher Education
- EPL 7392 - Special Topics in Higher Education Policy

Total: 39 Credit Hours

Total: 60 Credit Hours

## **Educational Leadership, Ed.D.**

### **Includes Preparation for Superintendent Certification**

The Ed.D. in educational leadership (pre-K to grade 12) is designed to prepare mid-career professionals for a variety of leadership roles in school districts, independent schools, charter management organizations, public agencies and nonprofit organizations. Students are engaged with program faculty members and their cohort in all course content, which includes the individual development and execution of a problem-based dissertation. Program activities benefit the students in their roles as system-level leaders or policy professionals, as well as the organizations they serve. The program is designed to allow individuals to continue working as they complete this three-year doctoral program.

**Program Structure.** The Ed.D. curriculum is delivered in a three-year executive-style format in which students meet 10 weekends each year in addition to summer intensive sessions. The schedule is designed for midcareer professionals to further their education while continuing to work. Students remain together in a cohort as they progress through the program. Some online assignments are given between weekend sessions. Five cross-cutting themes infuse courses and other learning opportunities:

- Academic leadership.
- Strategic and organizational leadership.
- Policy and political leadership.
- Evidence-based leadership.
- Personal and ethical leadership.

An applied dissertation that serves as a capstone experience is designed for students to build upon and demonstrate leadership competencies through engaging in a multifaceted inquiry project based on a problem of practice.

## **Requirements for the Major**

### **Core Courses**

- EPL 7350 - Systematic Inquiry 1
- EPL 7351 - Systematic Inquiry 2
- EPL 7352 - Systematic Inquiry 3
- EPL 7353 - Systematic Inquiry 4
- EPL 7355 - Applied Dissertation (twice)

Total: 18 Credit Hours

### **Content Courses**

- EPL 7358 - Ethical and Moral Leadership
- EPL 7359 - Leading Organizations
- EPL 7360 - Strategic Management of Change
- EPL 7361 - Academic Leadership 1: Research on Teaching and Learning
- EPL 7362 - Academic Leadership 2: Improving Student and Adult Learning At Scale
- EPL 7363 - Policymaking and Politics in Education
- EPL 7365 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Education
- EPL 7366 - Education Budgeting and Finance

- EPL 7368 - Strategic Talent Management
- EPL 7369 - Governance, Partnerships, and Community Engagement
- EPL 7370 - Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Innovation in Education and
- EPL 7364 - Contemporary Education Policy (for students pursuing superintendent certification) or
- EPL 7372 - Leadership Practicum (for students who are not pursuing superintendent certification)

Total: 36 Credit Hours

## Electives

- EPL 7354 - Pre-K to 16 Comparative International Policy
- EPL 7364 - Contemporary Education Policy or
- EPL 7371 - Superintendent Internship (twice, for superintendent certification only)

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total: 60 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements

1. The online SMU application.
2. A master's or postbaccalaureate degree in education or a related field.
3. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts with a minimum GPA of 3.000 for both degrees.
4. GRE graduate entry exam scores taken within the last five years, with the institution code 7464 (and TOEFL English language proficiency test scores if the student's native language is not English).
5. A statement of professional purpose.
6. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the candidate's academic and professional skills and potential. One letter should be from a direct supervisor in the candidate's organization.
7. A résumé/curriculum vita.
8. A letter from the candidate's organization indicating agreement for the student to miss work to attend classes (for time on Fridays and summer terms).
9. Candidates applying for the preparation for superintendent certification program only:
  - a. A letter of agreement from the superintendent or other system-level administrator indicating that the school district will provide internship activities and a district mentor for the candidate.
  - b. A copy of the candidate's Texas Principal Certificate and service records.

Promising applicants may be invited to engage in an interview and additional selection processes.

## Courses:

### **Education Leadership**

#### **EPL 6001 - Comprehensive Program Exam**

*Credits: 0*

All students in the M.Ed. Higher Education program are required to select and complete either the zero-credit Comprehensive Program Exam or a 3-credit Capstone Project.

#### **EPL 6140 - Instructional Leadership Development**

*Credits: 1*

Required training for the Texas principal certification. The seminar is conducted by certified trainers from the SMU faculty.

#### **EPL 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

The student works independently on a personalized system of instruction.

#### **EPL 6240 - Legal and Ethical Aspects of Leadership**

*Credits: 2*

Focuses on the legal and policy issues critical to effective educational leadership. Topics include compliance, equity, and the code of ethics, as well as the development, communication, and implementation of effective policy.

#### **EPL 6241 - Organizational Behavior**

*Credits: 2*

An examination of behavior in educational organizations. Topics include organizational culture and climate, motivation, and decision-making.

#### **EPL 6242 - Academic Leadership: Literacy and Language Arts**

*Credits: 2*

Addresses trends and issues impacting instructional programs in literacy and language arts. Topics include program development, evaluation, and compliance issues, as well as implications for budget, facilities, and staffing.

#### **EPL 6243 - Field Studies 1**

*Credits: 2*

Internship activities directly aligned to the coursework in each module of the program. Field studies projects are part of a summative portfolio assessment.

## **EPL 6244 - Organizational Leadership**

*Credits: 2*

Focuses on leadership for campus planning and resource allocation, including budget, facilities, and scheduling.

## **EPL 6245 - Leading Organizational Change**

*Credits: 2*

Focuses on practical frameworks and strategies for change that leaders use to enhance the effectiveness of their organizations. Topics include effective approaches and potential barriers to change.

## **EPL 6246 - Academic Leadership: Mathematics and Science**

*Credits: 2*

Addresses trends and issues impacting instructional programs in math and science. Topics include program development, evaluation, and compliance issues, as well as implications for budget, facilities, and staffing.

## **EPL 6247 - Field Studies 2**

*Credits: 2*

Internship activities directly aligned to the coursework in each module of the program. Field studies projects are part of a summative portfolio assessment.

## **EPL 6248 - Academic Leadership: World Languages and Social Studies**

*Credits: 2*

Addresses trends and issues impacting instructional programs in world languages and social studies. Topics include program development, evaluation, and compliance issues, as well as implications for budget, facilities, and staffing.

## **EPL 6249 - Academic Leadership: Fine Arts/PE/Cate**

*Credits: 2*

Addresses trends and issues affecting instructional programs for fine arts, physical education, and career and technology education. Topics include program development, evaluation, and compliance issues, as well as implications for budget, facilities, and staffing.

## **EPL 6250 - Leadership Development Coaching**

*Credits: 2*

Provides experience in using collaborative tools to build self-awareness, clarify goals, and formulate action plans with accountability.

## **EPL 6251 - Field Studies 3**

*Credits: 2*

Internship activities directly aligned to the coursework in each module of the program. Field studies projects are part of a summative portfolio assessment.

## **EPL 6252 - Academic Leadership: Special Populations and Student Success**

*Credits:* 2

Addresses trends and issues affecting student success for special populations. Topics include program development, evaluation, and compliance issues, as well as implications for budget, facilities, and staffing.

## **EPL 6253 - Personal and Professional Development**

*Credits:* 2

Covers the selection, development, supervision, and retention of effective teachers. Topics include effective professional development models, teacher leadership roles, and equitable personnel policies and procedures.

## **EPL 6254 - Student Culture and Support**

*Credits:* 2

Examines how discipline, safety, and crisis management support a positive learning environment. Data from support services such as counseling, social, and health services are analyzed as contributing factors.

## **EPL 6255 - Field Studies 4**

*Credits:* 2

Internship activities directly aligned to the coursework in each module of the program. Field studies projects are part of a summative portfolio assessment.

## **EPL 6266 - Performance Standards and Goals**

*Credits:* 2

Candidates learn to utilize meaningful systems and measurements for embedding a culture of achievement, to set performance goals and benchmark against them, and to prioritize actions that produce results.

## **EPL 6267 - Instructional Leadership 1**

*Credits:* 2

Examines instructional leadership through effective instruction, standards-based planning, and other skills needed to lead data-driven instruction and professional development.

## **EPL 6270 - Instructional Leadership 2**

*Credits:* 2

This course examines school improvement planning, the strategic use of data, the use of assessments to measure and support student achievement, continuous school improvement, and observation and feedback.

## **EPL 6272 - Strategic Management of Human Capital**

*Credits:* 2

Focuses on high-leverage practices and policies for building the school and staff capacity required to ensure student achievement: recruiting, selecting, developing, evaluating, rewarding, and retaining talent and teams through the support of core competencies.

## **EPL 6281 - Planning and Managing Change**

*Credits: 2*

Focuses on practical models and change tactics that leaders can use to make their organizations more effective. Students learn to develop, communicate, and effectively implement change through clear and strategic action plans aligned with the priorities and goals of their schools and districts.

## **EPL 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

The student works independently on a personalized system of instruction.

## **EPL 6343 - Field Studies 1**

*Credits: 3*

Internship activities directly aligned to the coursework in each module of the program. Field studies projects are part of a summative portfolio assessment.

## **EPL 6347 - Capstone Project**

*Credits: 3*

Substantive capstone thesis or initiative project, under the supervision of a faculty member, which integrates learning and knowledge from across the courses in the program.

## **EPL 6356 - Legal Issues in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses the legal process as well as the legal rights, duties, and limitations of persons in the higher education community.

## **EPL 6358 - Equity and Access in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Explores strategies for restructuring institutions of higher education with the goal of improving student support and achievement among diverse and historically marginalized groups.

## **EPL 6360 - The College Student**

*Credits: 3*

Offers a contemporary overview and understanding of college students and provides an overview of student development and learning in contemporary postsecondary educational institutions.

## **EPL 6363 - Faculty and Academic Governance**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of academic and faculty governance of colleges and universities in the U.S., with an emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of institutional stakeholders.

## **EPL 6373 - Special Topics**

*Credits: 3*

Elective courses that address a current topic or specialized content in higher education.

## **EPL 6374 - Interpreting Educational Research**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on basic quantitative research methods used in higher education administration and research. Students become familiar with a variety of statistical techniques and learn to apply them to real-world problems.

## **EPL 6375 - Leading with Values**

*Credits: 3*

Enables participants to examine their identity as a leader and the ways their decisions and actions impact values-driven behavior, organizational resilience, adaptability, and an achievement-based culture.

## **EPL 6376 - Public Policy and Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on the antecedents and consequences of public policy for higher education at the state and federal levels of American government.

## **EPL 6379 - Student Affairs Administration**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of student affairs administration and leadership in contemporary postsecondary educational institutions.

## **EPL 6391 - Collaborative Leadership**

*Credits: 3*

Strategies to engage families and communities in campus improvement. Candidates review how governmental entities and business partners can promote student achievement.

## **EPL 6392 - History of Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

An examination of the purposes of higher education based on the historical influences on the development of colleges and universities.

## **EPL 6393 - Capstone Experience**

*Credits: 3*

After completing a campus-improvement initiative, students synthesize the project's components, analyze the final data, and make recommendations for improvements.

## **EPL 6394 - Emerging Issues in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses emerging issues, trends, and debates in higher education.

## **EPL 6395 - Urban School Residency**

*Credits: 3*

During residency, candidates have authentic opportunities to lead adults, make mistakes, and grow through meaningful assessments, ongoing coaching and feedback, and identification of candidates' strengths and weaknesses.

## **EPL 6396 - Higher Education Finance**

*Credits: 3*

Considers the critical components of higher education finance and economics, including the key theories, issues, challenges, and structures of financing colleges and universities.

## **EPL 7350 - Systematic Inquiry 1**

*Credits: 3*

Explores different research designs, including case study, program evaluation, policy analysis, and survey. Students develop research questions for applied dissertation.

## **EPL 7351 - Systematic Inquiry 2**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates quantitative research methods, including descriptive and inferential statistics. Students apply quantitative procedures to real-world data.

## **EPL 7352 - Systematic Inquiry 3**

*Credits: 3*

Explores qualitative research methods, including data collection and analysis in real-world contexts.

## **EPL 7353 - Systematic Inquiry 4**

*Credits: 3*

Examines advanced quantitative and qualitative research methods as needed for applied dissertation.

## **EPL 7354 - Pre-K to 16 Comparative International Policy**

*Credits: 3*

Explores policies and practices in schools and universities internationally, with a focus on identifying implications for education in the U.S.

## **EPL 7355 - Applied Dissertation**

*Credits: 3*

Supports the completion of the applied dissertation through advising and accountability processes.

## **EPL 7358 - Ethical and Moral Leadership**

*Credits: 3*

Examines historical, philosophical, and ethical perspectives to inform crafting personal and organizational visions as well as strategies to enact these visions in practice.

## **EPL 7359 - Leading Organizations**

*Credits: 3*

Explores and analyzes theories, frameworks, and critical attributes of leadership and organizational behavior and their impact on an organization's success.

## **EPL 7360 - Strategic Management of Change**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates theories of organizational change and implications for leaders' skills in initiating and sustaining change efforts.

## **EPL 7361 - Academic Leadership 1: Research on Teaching and Learning**

*Credits: 3*

Explores research on how students learn and on effective teaching strategies for different content areas and student subgroups.

## **EPL 7362 - Academic Leadership 2: Improving Student and Adult Learning At Scale**

*Credits: 3*

Integrates adult learning theory and systems theory in exploring central-office theories of action to support development of capacity at all levels of the organization.

## **EPL 7363 - Policymaking and Politics in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Explores theories of policy enactment and implementation as well as the process of policy analysis at local, regional, state, and national levels.

## **EPL 7364 - Contemporary Education Policy**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of current issues in K-12 education policy with a focused examination of some policy issues.

## **EPL 7365 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines critical legal topics for leaders of school systems and explores the relationship between law, public policy, and current issues in education.

## **EPL 7366 - Education Budgeting and Finance**

*Credits: 3*

Examines public education finance, district budgeting processes and policies (including strategic allocation, stakeholder engagement, monitoring, containment, and bonds), and emerging issues.

## **EPL 7368 - Strategic Talent Management**

*Credits: 3*

Examines systems for recruiting, selecting, developing, evaluating, retaining, and compensating talent. Various coaching models are explored.

## **EPL 7369 - Governance, Partnerships, and Community Engagement**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the roles of the various constituencies in education, with a focus on building effective board relationships, developing strategic partnerships, and leveraging and managing community assets.

## **EPL 7370 - Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Innovation in Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines entrepreneurship in the education sector, the cultivation of innovation in organizations, and recent trends related to the use of technology.

## **EPL 7371 - Superintendent Internship**

*Credits: 3*

Required of candidates for the Texas Superintendent Certificate. This course includes a minimum of 160 hours of supervised internship activities aligned to the state standards for certification.

## **EPL 7372 - Leadership Practicum**

*Credits: 3*

Students engage in deep reflection on their leadership practice through the design of experiences aligned with program competencies and professional interests.

## **EPL 7380 - History of Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the purposes of higher education based on the historical influences on the development of colleges and universities.

## **EPL 7381 - Academic Leadership in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the major tenets of academic decision-making, faculty norms and motivations, and the unique academic missions of higher education institutions.

## **EPL 7382 - Contemporary Issues in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses emerging issues, trends, research, and debates in higher education.

## **EPL 7383 - Financial Strategy and Management in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines principles and practices in higher education finance and promotes the assessment and improvement of financial management of postsecondary institutions.

## **EPL 7384 - Legal Issues in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines critical legal topics for leaders of postsecondary institutions and explores the relationship between law, public policy, and current issues in education.

## **EPL 7385 - The College Student**

*Credits: 3*

Examines students in all types of postsecondary settings, specifically their academic and cocurricular experiences.

## **EPL 7386 - Leading Student Affairs**

*Credits: 3*

Provides an overview of student affairs administration and leadership in contemporary postsecondary educational institutions.

## **EPL 7387 - Leading Diverse Campuses and Systems of Postsecondary Education**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the sociohistorical, legal, political, and institutional contexts impacting equity and access in higher education.

## **EPL 7388 - Leading Organizational Change in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates theories of organizational change and implications for leaders' skills in initiating and sustaining change efforts.

## **EPL 7389 - Strategic Enrollment Planning and Management**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the interconnected strategies and approaches for enrollment management, ranging from recruitment, to admissions, to student success.

## **EPL 7390 - Public Policy in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the evolution and formation of public policy for higher education in the U.S. Also, the impacts of changes in public policy on students and postsecondary institutions.

## **EPL 7391 - Public Policy Analysis in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Provides strategies to evaluate, interpret, design, and conduct policy analysis.

## **EPL 7392 - Special Topics in Higher Education Policy**

*Credits: 3*

Identifies current trends and issues in local, state, and federal education policy. Historical and contemporary policies and their impact on postsecondary institutions are compared.

## **EPL 7393 - Organizational Theory in Higher Education**

*Credits: 3*

Provides a general understanding of organizational theory with specific application to problems and issues in higher education.

## **EPL 7394 - The American Community College**

*Credits: 3*

Provides an overview of how various types of two-year, postsecondary American institutions have evolved and function.

## **EPL 7395 - Leading for Equity and Diversity**

*Credits: 3*

Provides students with the research, theory, and practical guidance to lead "socially just" schools and organizations.

# **Department of Dispute Resolution and Counseling**

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**Clinical Professor** B. Harold Barkley, Jr., **Department Chair**

**Clinical Professors:** B. Harold Barkley, Jr., Thomas Hartsell, Gay McAlister

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**Lecturer:** Robert Barner

## **Department Information**

The Department of Dispute Resolution and Counseling comprises programs that share a focus on the resolution of problems, from personal conflicts that could benefit from the guidance of professional counselors to interpersonal conflicts that require the intervention of professional mediators. These programs – which include a Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution, a graduate certificate in dispute resolution and a Master of Science in Counseling – offer the education and tools that allow practitioners to resolve problems. Dispute resolution and counseling classes are delivered over 10-week terms offered during the fall and spring and a five-week term offered during the summer. Typically, as well, several study abroad programs are offered.

### **Dispute Resolution, M.A.D.R.**

**Betty Gilmore, Director**

During the spring of 2006, SMU became the first university in the Southwest to offer an interdisciplinary master's degree in dispute resolution. The M.A.D.R. degree emphasizes the development of skills vital to the resolution of disputes in business, domestic, education, public policy, religious, legal and healthcare settings. The program's quality and uniqueness stem, in significant measure, from its multidisciplinary approach to conflict management and its commitment to integrating ethics throughout the curriculum. Rooted in the social and behavioral sciences, the faculty and curriculum integrate such diverse fields as psychology, law, sociology, public policy and economics.

The master's curriculum provides a greater depth of study than the certificate program in dispute resolution, as described below. It also offers additional specialization of skills and a level of professional scholarship that allow graduates to contribute to as well as practice in the profession. Students are able to practice and refine their resolution skill sets through fieldwork in the program's Mediation Clinic (described in the Client Services section below). Corporate internships, offered in some of the Dallas-Fort Worth area's largest companies, also provide opportunity for professional practice.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants to the M.A.D.R. program must submit the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. Official undergraduate transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
3. Three letters of recommendation.
4. A 250-word essay explaining why the applicant wants to study dispute resolution.

5. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.750 (on a 4.000 scale). If the GPA is lower than 3.000, the applicant must submit acceptable GRE graduate school exam, LSAT law school aptitude test or GMAT scores and interview with the center director or associate director.
6. If applying to the master's program after completing the graduate certificate program in dispute resolution, a 3.500 GPA from the certificate program and evidence of compliance *with all other admission requirements*.

## Degree Requirements

The M.A.D.R. program requires the completion of 42 credit hours in human development dispute resolution, 18 of which are required and 24 of which are electives chosen from the entire pool of HDDR courses.

### Requirements for the Degree

#### Required Courses

- HDDR 6302 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6303 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6305 - Foundations of the American Legal System  
or
- HDDR 6315 - Communication and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6310 - Research Methods
- HDDR 6307 - Practicum I  
or
- HDDR 6322 - Independent Study
- HDDR 6319 - Psychology of Conflict

Total: 18 Credit Hours

#### Electives by Area:

##### General Application

- HDDR 6304 - Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6306
- HDDR 6311 - Techniques and Skills in Mediation
- HDDR 6312 - Advanced Negotiation
- HDDR 6313 - Advanced Mediation
- HDDR 6315 - Communication and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6316 - Decision Theory
- HDDR 6317 - Online Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6318 - Finance and Property
- HDDR 6320 - Selected Topics in Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6323 - Engaging in Conflict

- HDDR 6324 - Engaging in Conflict: Advanced Studies Using Current Events

## Legal Concentration

- HDDR 6330 - Criminal Justice and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6331 - Domestic Relations
- HDDR 6334 - Personal Injury
- HDDR 6336 - Selected Dispute Resolution Topics
- HDDR 6341 - Employment Law

## Organizational Concentration

- HDDR 6340 - Commercial Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6342 - Human Resource Management
- HDDR 6344 - Organizational Change Management
- HDDR 6345 - Integrating Conflict Resolution Theory
- HDDR 6346 - Organizational Consulting Skills
- HDDR 6347 - Systems Design in Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6348 - Team-Building Theory and Practice
- HDDR 6349 - The Role of the Ombudsman in Organizational Conflict
- HDDR 6350 - International Organizational Consulting and Collaboration
- HDDR 6351 - Workplace Conflict
- HDDR 6352 - Selected Organizational Topics
- HDDR 6353 - Generational Conflict
- HDDR 6354 - Managing Conflict in Traditional and Social Media
- HDDR 6370 - Assessment and Interviewing
- HDDR 6371 - Transitional and Developmental Coaching
- HDDR 6372 - Performance Coaching

## Social Service Concentration

- HDDR 6360 - Counseling and Interviewing
- HDDR 6361 - Cross-Cultural and Gender Negotiation
- HDDR 6362 - Education and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6363 - Health Care and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6364 - International Conflict Management
- HDDR 6365 - Public Policy and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6366 - Religion and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6367 - Selected Social Service Topics

## Field and Clinical Experiences

- HDDR 6108 - Practicum II
- HDDR 6121 - Independent Study
- HDDR 6122 - Professional Seminar I
- HDDR 6123 - Professional Seminar II

- HDDR 6124 - Professional Seminar III
- HDDR 6221
- HDDR 6222 - Independent Study
- HDDR 6223
- HDDR 6307 - Practicum I
- HDDR 6322 - Independent Study

Total: 24 Credit Hours

Total: 42 Credit Hours

## **Dispute Resolution, Graduate Certificate**

SMU's 21-credit-hour Dispute Resolution Graduate Certificate program offers classroom instruction in the practical application of principles and techniques under the guidance of a master instructor. Through interdisciplinary study, students learn formal conflict management skills in negotiation, mediation, domestic relations and dispute resolution to achieve improved relationships among individuals and organizations.

Students gain theoretical and practical knowledge that is applicable in both social and psychological environments. They learn the art of negotiation, problem-solving, mediation, arbitration, systems design, team building, executive coaching and many other applications of dispute resolution. The program incorporates active role-playing from varied aspects of human relationships in order to engage students in class participation and also provides the skill and training necessary to become adept at the art of conflict resolution.

Completion of HDDR 6303 satisfies the Texas statutory requirement for being a court-connected mediator. Some courses are also approved for continuing education unit credits. SMU provides the necessary documentation upon request.

### **Admission Requirements**

Before enrolling in the Dispute Resolution Graduate Certificate Program, all students must provide the following:

1. A completed application.
2. Proof of the completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
3. An official undergraduate transcript.

### **Requirements for the Certificate**

#### **Core Courses**

- HDDR 6302 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6303 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- HDDR 6319 - Psychology of Conflict

Total: 9 Credit Hours

## **Electives**

- offer focused study in subspecialties of dispute resolution and include descriptive readings, observations, simulated exercises and discussion

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Total: 21 Credit Hours

## **Study Abroad**

During the five-week summer term, students may earn credit toward the certificate or master's program by completing coursework at off-site venues such as Italy, Dublin, Geneva and Croatia.

## **Client Services: SMU-in-Plano Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services**

[www.smu.edu/ADRservices](http://www.smu.edu/ADRservices)

Mediation and arbitration services are available to parties involved in a dispute. Dispute Resolution Program alumni, faculty, current students with at least 200 hours of training, as well as alternative dispute resolution professionals within the community serve as volunteer mediators.

Parties may use SMU conflict resolution services whether or not a lawsuit is filed, either by contacting SMU directly or in compliance with an order from the court. Mediation is a process that helps disputants resolve a problem and reach a solution that is mutually agreeable. Those in dispute remain in control of the outcome by crafting an agreement with the help of a mediator. In arbitration, the disputants control the process by presenting their case informally under rules of procedure they determine, but the arbitrator determines the outcome. Both mediation and arbitration are confidential.

## **Contact Information**

### **Dispute Resolution, Master's Degree and Graduate Certificate**

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Plano TX 75024  
972-473-3435  
[www.smu.edu/resolution](http://www.smu.edu/resolution)

### **SMU-in-Plano Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services**

5228 Tennyson Pkwy., Suite 213  
Plano TX 75024  
972-473-3486  
[www.smu.edu/adrservices](http://www.smu.edu/adrservices)

## **Counseling, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, M.S.CNS**

**Gay McAlister, Director**

The Master of Science in counseling program prepares students for the counseling profession, which involves the application of the developmental and social sciences in assisting children and adults with psychological growth and social adjustment problems. Counselors work in schools, community agencies, churches, hospitals, industry and private practice.

Students acquire knowledge in the disciplines that underlie counseling, including education, psychology, human development, sociology, learning and social change. They develop basic skills in therapy and assessment and become familiar with the legal, ethical and clinical considerations confronting practitioners. Repeated practice and role-playing with feedback and strategic modification are critical to mastery of the skills and are, consequently, an essential part of the program.

Successful graduates are able to pursue state licensure as licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and/or licensed chemical dependency counselors, as well as certification as school counselors.

In addition to the three major tracks that a student can follow, other areas of specialization that a student may pursue are play therapy; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender counseling; court-ordered social studies; and expressive arts therapy.

### **Requirements for the Degree**

These 42 credit hours plus 18 additional elective hours meet or exceed state requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists.

#### **Core Courses**

Applicable to all Concentrations and Certifications

- HDCN 6320 - Life Span Human Development: Individual and Family
- HDCN 6330 - Psychopathology: Adult
- HDCN 6349 - Research Design and Statistics
- HDCN 6340 - Assessment of Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6304 - Counseling Diverse Communities
- HDCN 6318 - Ethics and Mental Health I
- HDCN 6395 - Supervised Clinical Practicum
- HDCN 6398 - Internship I
- HDCN 6399 - Internship II

Total: 27 Credit Hours

#### **Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist Concentration Courses**

- HDCN 6310 - Family Systems
- HDCN 6311 - Couples Therapy: Theories and Treatment
- HDCN 6312 - Introduction to Family Therapy
- HDCN 6316 - Family Therapy I: Intergenerational Models and Treatment
- HDCN 6314 - Sexual Counseling and Therapy

Total: 15 Credit Hours

## **LMFT Elective Courses**

At least six from HDCN

- HDCN 6301 - Counseling Theories: Individual and Systemic Perspectives
- HDCN 6302 - Basic Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6303 - Counseling Methods: Group
- HDCN 6305 - Advanced Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6321 - Lifestyle and Career Development: Individual and Systemic Perspectives
- HDCN 6308 - Counseling: Elementary School  
or
- HDCN 6309 - Counseling: Secondary School
- HDCN 6342 - Cognitive, Career, and Educational Assessment
- HDCN 6306 - Advanced Counseling Methods: Group
- HDCN 6307 - Geriatric Counseling
- HDCN 6323 - Pre-Adolescent and Adolescent Counseling: Play Therapy
- HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting
- HDCN 6331 - Psychopathology: Child and Adolescent
- HDCN 6343 - Child Counseling: Play Therapy
- HDCN 6344 - Expressive Arts Therapy: Creative and Therapeutic Processes
- HDCN 6347 - Mindfulness-Based Expressive Art Therapy
- HDCN 6348 - Embodied Expressive Therapies
- HDCN 6351 - Psychopharmacology and Substance Misuse
- HDCN 6352 - Psychology of Addictions
- HDCN 6353 - Treatment Management
- HDCN 6355 - Affirmative Therapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients
- HDCN 6356 - Affirmative Therapy with Transgender Clients
- HDCN 6357 - Affirmative Therapy with LGBT Couples and Families
- HDCN 6370 - Crisis Intervention
- HDCN 6372 - Gender Issues
- HDCN 6382 - Psychology of Conflict
- HDCN 6383 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- HDCN 6384 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- HDCN 6386 - Family Law
- HDCN 6387 - Domestic Relations
- HDCN 6391 - Selected Topics: Counseling
- HDCN 6392 - Selected Topics: Marriage and Family
- HDCN 6393 - Selected Topics: School Counseling

Total: 15-18 Credit Hours

Total: 42 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements

Students applying to the master's program must attend a personal interview. Program applicants must also submit the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
3. Three letters of recommendation.
4. A 250-word essay explaining why the applicant wants to study counseling.
5. An acceptable GRE graduate school entry exam score for an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale).

## Degree Requirements

The M.S. in counseling degree requires the completion of 60 credit hours (20 courses.) A full-time student with a flexible schedule can complete the program in three years, but students are required to complete the program in six years or less. Courses are delivered on a modified quarter system. For specific requirements for licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and school counselor tracks, students should visit [www.smu.edu/mastercounseling](http://www.smu.edu/mastercounseling).

### **Counseling, Licensed Professional Counselor, M.S.CNS**

**Gay McAlister, Director**

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Students acquire knowledge in the disciplines that underlie counseling, including education, psychology, human development, sociology, learning and social change. They develop basic skills in therapy and assessment and become familiar with the legal, ethical and clinical considerations confronting practitioners. Repeated practice and role-playing with feedback and strategic modification are critical to mastery of the skills and are, consequently, an essential part of the program.

Successful graduates are able to pursue state licensure as licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and/or licensed chemical dependency counselors, as well as certification as school counselors.

In addition to the three major tracks that a student can follow, other areas of specialization that a student may pursue are play therapy; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender counseling; court-ordered social studies; and expressive arts therapy.

## Requirements for the Degree

These 42 credit hours plus 18 additional elective hours meet or exceed the state requirements for licensed professional counselors.

## Core Courses

Applicable to all Concentrations and Certifications

- HDCN 6304 - Counseling Diverse Communities
- HDCN 6320 - Life Span Human Development: Individual and Family
- HDCN 6330 - Psychopathology: Adult
- HDCN 6340 - Assessment of Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6349 - Research Design and Statistics

- HDCN 6318 - Ethics and Mental Health I
- HDCN 6395 - Supervised Clinical Practicum
- HDCN 6398 - Internship I
- HDCN 6399 - Internship II

Total: 27 Credit Hours

### Licensed Professional Counselor Concentration Courses

- HDCN 6301 - Counseling Theories: Individual and Systemic Perspectives
- HDCN 6302 - Basic Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6303 - Counseling Methods: Group
- HDCN 6305 - Advanced Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6321 - Lifestyle and Career Development: Individual and Systemic Perspectives

Total: 15 Credit Hours

### LPC Elective Courses

At least six from HDCN

- HDCN 6310 - Family Systems
- HDCN 6311 - Couples Therapy: Theories and Treatment
- HDCN 6312 - Introduction to Family Therapy
- HDCN 6316 - Family Therapy I: Intergenerational Models and Treatment
- HDCN 6314 - Sexual Counseling and Therapy
- HDCN 6308 - Counseling: Elementary School  
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- HDCN 6342 - Cognitive, Career, and Educational Assessment
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- HDCN 6351 - Psychopharmacology and Substance Misuse
- HDCN 6352 - Psychology of Addictions
- HDCN 6353 - Treatment Management
- HDCN 6355 - Affirmative Therapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients
- HDCN 6356 - Affirmative Therapy with Transgender Clients
- HDCN 6357 - Affirmative Therapy with LGBT Couples and Families

- HDCN 6370 - Crisis Intervention
- HDCN 6372 - Gender Issues
- HDCN 6382 - Psychology of Conflict
- HDCN 6383 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- HDCN 6384 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- HDCN 6386 - Family Law
- HDCN 6387 - Domestic Relations
- HDCN 6391 - Selected Topics: Counseling
- HDCN 6392 - Selected Topics: Marriage and Family
- HDCN 6393 - Selected Topics: School Counseling

Total: 15-18 Credit Hours

Total: 42 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements

Students applying to the master's program must attend a personal interview. Program applicants must also submit the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
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## Degree Requirements

The M.S. in counseling degree requires the completion of 60 credit hours (20 courses.) A full-time student with a flexible schedule can complete the program in three years, but students are required to complete the program in six years or less. Courses are delivered on a modified quarter system. For specific requirements for licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and school counselor tracks, students should visit [www.smu.edu/mastercounseling](http://www.smu.edu/mastercounseling).

## Counseling, School Counselor Certification, M.S.

**Gay McAlister, Director**

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Successful graduates are able to pursue state licensure as licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and/or licensed chemical dependency counselors, as well as certification as school counselors.

In addition to the three major tracks that a student can follow, other areas of specialization that a student may pursue are play therapy; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender counseling; court-ordered social studies; and expressive arts therapy.

## Requirements for the Degree

These 48 credit hours plus 12 additional elective credit hours meet or exceed the state requirements for school counselors.

### Core Courses

Applicable to all Concentrations and Certifications

- HDCN 6304 - Counseling Diverse Communities
- HDCN 6320 - Life Span Human Development: Individual and Family
- HDCN 6330 - Psychopathology: Adult
- HDCN 6349 - Research Design and Statistics
- HDCN 6340 - Assessment of Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6318 - Ethics and Mental Health I
- HDCN 6395 - Supervised Clinical Practicum
- HDCN 6398 - Internship I
- HDCN 6399 - Internship II

Total: 27 Credit Hours

### School Counselor Certification

- HDCN 6301 - Counseling Theories: Individual and Systemic Perspectives
- HDCN 6302 - Basic Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6303 - Counseling Methods: Group
- HDCN 6305 - Advanced Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families
- HDCN 6321 - Lifestyle and Career Development: Individual and Systemic Perspectives
- HDCN 6342 - Cognitive, Career, and Educational Assessment
- HDCN 6308 - Counseling: Elementary School  
or
- HDCN 6309 - Counseling: Secondary School

Total: 21 Credit Hours

### School Counselor Elective Courses

At least four from HDCN

- HDCN 6310 - Family Systems
- HDCN 6311 - Couples Therapy: Theories and Treatment
- HDCN 6312 - Introduction to Family Therapy
- HDCN 6316 - Family Therapy I: Intergenerational Models and Treatment
- HDCN 6314 - Sexual Counseling and Therapy

- HDCN 6306 - Advanced Counseling Methods: Group
- HDCN 6307 - Geriatric Counseling
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Total: 9-12 Credit Hours

Total: 48 Credit Hours

## **Study Abroad**

During the five-week summer term, students may earn credit toward the master's degree program by completing coursework at off-site venues such as Italy and Croatia. The University's campus in Taos, New Mexico, is also used in this manner.

## **Admission Requirements**

Students applying to the master's program must attend a personal interview. Program applicants must also submit the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
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4. A 250-word essay explaining why the applicant wants to study counseling.
5. An acceptable GRE graduate school entry exam score for an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale).

## Degree Requirements

The M.S. in counseling degree requires the completion of 60 credit hours (20 courses.) A full-time student with a flexible schedule can complete the program in three years, but students are required to complete the program in six years or less. Courses are delivered on a modified quarter system. For specific requirements for licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and school counselor tracks, students should visit [www.smu.edu/mastercounseling](http://www.smu.edu/mastercounseling).

## Healthcare Collaboration and Conflict Engagement, Graduate Certificate

SMU's Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Collaboration and Conflict Engagement is a three-course, nine-credit-hour cohort program designed for physicians, nurses, administrative professionals, human resource professionals or those who see healthcare leadership roles in their future. The program allows students to challenge their thinking in a constructive environment surrounded by peers and colleagues and under the guidance of dispute resolution instructors with healthcare backgrounds. While there are a number of ways to consider healthcare leadership in this climate of change, our program focuses upon evidence-based social science, engagement and collaborative skills, fundamentals of neuroscience, emotional and social intelligence, as well as an understanding of the fundamental concepts of conflict and how it escalates and de-escalates.

Students gain theoretical and practical knowledge that is specific to the conflict and upheaval found in the healthcare setting. The program incorporates active role-playing in order to engage students in class participation and teaches the skills necessary to resolve conflicts in healthcare settings.

## Admission Requirements

Before enrolling in the Healthcare Collaboration and Conflict Engagement Graduate Certificate Program, all students must provide the following:

1. A completed application.
2. Proof of the completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
3. An official undergraduate transcript.

## Requirements for the Certificate

### Core Courses

- HDDR 6380 - Introduction to Conflict in Health Care Settings
- HDDR 6381 - Engaging in Conflict in the Health Care Workplace
- HDDR 6382 - The New Role of the Health Care Leader: Managing Change, Culture, and Conflict

Total: 9 Credit Hours

## Client Services: Center for Family Counseling

[www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling](http://www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling)

The Center for Family Counseling offers a variety of counseling services to individuals (e.g., geriatric/adult, adolescents and children); groups; couples; and families struggling with personal, social or career-related issues, while providing SMU graduate counseling students with meaningful training experiences via supervised therapeutic interactions. Some of the general issues that counseling can address include (but are not limited to) grief and loss, depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, self-concept, relationships, stress, trauma, parent education and career exploration. The clinic

offers counseling services that are tailored to the developmental needs of clients, such as play therapy for children ages 2–8 and activity therapy for children ages 9–12. The clinic also has a satellite branch housed in the Resource Center that offers both personal and group counseling, specializing in the lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender community. A second satellite branch housed within the nearby Frisco Independent School District offers counseling services to students in the school system and to their parents.

## Contact Information

### Counseling, Master's Degree Program Office

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### Counseling, Professional Workshops

5228 Tennyson Pkwy., Suite 234

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[www.smu.edu/LP](http://www.smu.edu/LP)

### Center for Family Counseling

5228 Tennyson Pkwy., Suite 102

Plano TX 75024

972-473-3456

[www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling](http://www.smu.edu/FamilyCounseling)

### Resource Center

5750 Cedar Springs Rd.

Dallas TX 75235

214-528-0144

[www.rcdallas.org](http://www.rcdallas.org)

## Courses:

### Counseling

#### HDCN 6049 - Graduate Full-Time Status

*Credits: 0*

Allows full-time status for graduate students without credit.

#### HDCN 6301 - Counseling Theories: Individual and Systemic Perspectives

*Credits: 3*

An advanced study of the major theories in the field of counseling and an exploration of the historical perspectives and philosophies upon which they are based.

## **HDCN 6302 - Basic Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the major methods and techniques used in counseling, with a focus on applicability to different client needs in a variety of settings. Assesses the relationship between specific theories and their counseling applications.

## **HDCN 6303 - Counseling Methods: Group**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the dynamics and major approaches to group counseling, with a focus on starting a counseling group, leading groups effectively, and evaluating results. Reviews group processes, leadership, and membership; support and self-help groups, special populations, and ethical issues pertaining to groups; and program planning and development in agencies, schools, higher education, and private practice. Students are expected to arrange and facilitate outside of class a series of group counseling sessions during the term, and to attend their own personal growth group. Prerequisite: HDCN 6301.

## **HDCN 6304 - Counseling Diverse Communities**

*Credits: 3*

Students become familiar with culturally competent, socially just counseling practices through an examination of contexts including culture, class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, and differing life styles.

## **HDCN 6305 - Advanced Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on polishing the skills learned in HDCN 6302 and on amplifying the techniques applicable to different client needs in a variety of settings. Prerequisite: HDCN 6302.

## **HDCN 6306 - Advanced Counseling Methods: Group**

*Credits: 3*

Builds on the foundational skills learned in HDCN 6303, and expands and enhances techniques applicable to different types of groups in a variety of settings. Prerequisite: HDCN 6303.

## **HDCN 6307 - Geriatric Counseling**

*Credits: 3*

Students study geriatric counseling in preparation for working with the elderly population, which is growing faster than any other age group. Focuses on helping individuals and families deal with issues related to the aging process such as loss of friends and family, physical impairments, worsening of overall health, and loss of independence and dignity. Includes diagnosis and treatment of complex issues such as mental illness, substance abuse, differentiating grief from depression, and normal cognitive changes from dementia.

## **HDCN 6308 - Counseling: Elementary School**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating an elementary developmental guidance program in accordance with the Texas model, applicable state law, and the American School Counselor Association model. Required for the elementary school counseling track.

## **HDCN 6309 - Counseling: Secondary School**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating the secondary developmental guidance program in accordance with the Texas model, applicable state law, and the American School Counselor Association model. Required for the secondary school counseling track.

## **HDCN 6310 - Family Systems**

*Credits: 3*

Students apply systemic clinical models to the practice of family therapy. Emphasis is placed on the clinical skills and knowledge needed to prepare students for the practicum experience. Prerequisite: HDCN 6312.

## **HDCN 6311 - Couples Therapy: Theories and Treatment**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses the principles and techniques of effective therapy with couples, primarily utilizing the approach of John Gottman. Explores various other models, with a focus on applicability to different client needs in a variety of settings.

## **HDCN 6312 - Introduction to Family Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

Overview of the field of family therapy, with a focus on the precursors of the family therapy movement, the major models of family intervention, counseling skills and theoretical techniques, and the application of counseling principles to the family setting.

## **HDCN 6314 - Sexual Counseling and Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

A study of sexual issues, positive sexual functioning, sexual problems, and sexual disorders that confront the counselor or therapist, with a focus on sexual experiences as a part of life experiences. Also, the development of the skills and tools necessary to strengthen within a therapeutic setting a client's positive relational and sexual functioning.

## **HDCN 6316 - Family Therapy I: Intergenerational Models and Treatment**

*Credits: 3*

Provides a theoretical and clinical foundation that employs systemic, relational, and contextual perspectives for counseling individuals, couples, families, and other groups. Examines foundational models of family therapy (FT), the history and development of family therapy models, and the application of these models to clinical situations. Emphasizes traditional FT models that focus on family of origin functioning and intergenerational dynamics. Promotes recognition of the family as an emotional unit, understanding of the individual client within the context of his or her family of origin, and strategies for applying this knowledge in a clinical setting.

## **HDCN 6317 - Family Therapy II: Contemporary Models and Treatment**

*Credits: 3*

Offers continued theoretical and clinical foundations for counseling with individuals, couples, families, and other groups from the perspective of contemporary systemic models. Examines models influenced by social constructionist and postmodern philosophies, the history and development of contemporary models, and the application of all of these models to clinical situations. Prerequisite: HDCN 6316.

## **HDCN 6318 - Ethics and Mental Health I**

*Credits: 3*

Presents fundamental ethical principles and their application to legal and related professional issues in the field of counseling. Reviews ethical rules, standards of conduct, and the law. Examines ethical canons and guidelines promulgated by the American Counseling Association, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American School Counselor Association, Texas Ethics Commission, Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Texas State Chemical Dependency Counselors Program, and Texas State Board of Education.

## **HDCN 6319 - Ethics and Mental Health II**

*Credits: 3*

Prepares students for Texas state licensure or certification and practice consistent with federal and Texas rules and laws. Designed to meet the content requirements for the second ethics class required for licensure by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. Prerequisite: HDCN 6318.

## **HDCN 6320 - Life Span Human Development: Individual and Family**

*Credits: 3*

Examines physical, cognitive, communicative and linguistic, and social and emotional development processes through the life span. Topics are addressed within the context of the major theories of development, with a focus on chronological and developmental age and cultural and socioeconomic diversity. Students learn appropriate developmental practices useful in employing interventions across the life span.

## **HDCN 6321 - Lifestyle and Career Development: Individual and Systemic Perspectives**

*Credits: 3*

The major theories of vocational choice, career decision-making, and lifestyle development are examined with sources of occupational and educational information and career decision-making processes.

## **HDCN 6323 - Pre-Adolescent and Adolescent Counseling: Play Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

Theoretical and practical approaches specifically for adolescents are presented.

## **HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting**

*Credits: 3*

Students actively engage parents as partners in the play therapeutic process in working with minors in a counseling setting. Explores a variety of parenting approaches, with emphasis on Landreth's "Child Parent Relationship Therapy (CPRT): A 10 Session Filial Therapy Model." Reviews current literature on how brain development can be enhanced by caretakers of children and teenagers. Also, various parenting issues, including developmental concerns, DSM diagnoses, resistance, and external circumstances affecting the parent-child relationship.

## **HDCN 6326 - Advanced Sexuality/Counseling Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the theoretical, clinical, and interpersonal skills required of therapists and the importance of a counselor's sexual health-informed identity. Examines the six fundamental principles of sexual health with a focus on physiology, psychology, sociology of

sexual health, and sexual trauma. Examines the cultural influences that inform clients' understandings of their sexual attitudes, values, and behaviors. Reviews the language and terms of sexual health and provides opportunities for students to apply this knowledge in classroom activities. Clinical experiential role plays followed by group processing are included in every class session.

### **HDCN 6330 - Psychopathology: Adult**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the principles of understanding dysfunction in human behavior, with an emphasis on the criteria of psychiatric diagnosis using the current "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" and empirical theories of psychopathology.

### **HDCN 6331 - Psychopathology: Child and Adolescent**

*Credits: 3*

Abnormal behavior in children and adolescents is examined.

### **HDCN 6340 - Assessment of Individuals, Couples, and Families**

*Credits: 3*

A comprehensive overview of the essentials of assessment principles, concepts, ethics, standards, statistical concepts, instruments, and systemic appraisal of an individual's attitudes, aptitudes, achievements, interests, and personal characteristics using both formal and informal approaches frequently used by counselors. Prerequisite: HDCN 6349.

### **HDCN 6342 - Cognitive, Career, and Educational Assessment**

*Credits: 3*

Career, intelligence, and academic assessment for school-age population (K-12) presented for application in school settings. Prerequisite: HDCN 6340.

### **HDCN 6343 - Child Counseling: Play Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

Designed to promote self-exploration and self-understanding and to help students 1) learn the clinical importance of relating to and working with children through play, 2) understand the major theories of play therapy, 3) develop an awareness of the child's world as viewed by the child, 4) increase their understanding of children and their behavior, 5) engender their facility in working with caregivers of child clients, and 6) develop an effective philosophy of and approach to play therapy.

### **HDCN 6344 - Expressive Arts Therapy: Creative and Therapeutic Processes**

*Credits: 3*

Explores theories and techniques for fostering creativity and therapeutic change in the counseling process through the use of expressive arts, particularly visual art forms and expressive writing.

### **HDCN 6347 - Mindfulness-Based Expressive Art Therapy**

*Credits: 3*

Examines expressive arts therapies that cultivate mindfulness and the ways mindfulness benefits mental health and well-being, with a particular focus on evidence-based therapies and the neurobiological mechanisms of such approaches.

## **HDCN 6348 - Embodied Expressive Therapies**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates expressive therapies that highlight the mind-body connection through body awareness, movement and/or dance, drama, physiological processes, and physical action. Instruction emphasizes evidence-based methods and neurobiological research supporting these practices.

## **HDCN 6349 - Research Design and Statistics**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the methods and types of research design and statistics commonly used in human development, education, and counseling research, with an emphasis on the process, ethics, and steps required to conduct and read research critically.

## **HDCN 6351 - Psychopharmacology and Substance Misuse**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the pharmacological, psychological, and sociological impact of drug-taking behavior; introduces each major drug category; explores major theories of addiction with application to the process of misuse, dependency, and recovery; and identifies the continuum of care and various treatment approaches utilized in the field with people who present with substance misuse and their families.

## **HDCN 6352 - Psychology of Addictions**

*Credits: 3*

Covers the origins and trends of addictive behavior, including addiction to substances, gambling, the Internet, and relationships. Explores the origins of addictions, treatment options, and barriers to treatment. Also, addiction comorbidity with mental health issues and addictive patterns in minority and culturally diverse communities.

## **HDCN 6353 - Treatment Management**

*Credits: 3*

This course prepares the counseling student to take the state licensing exam as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor. Substance abuse assessment, case management, documentation, legal concerns, practice management, and treatment options will be addressed.

## **HDCN 6355 - Affirmative Therapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on the development of professional competency in behavioral health assessment and affirmative intervention with sexual minorities. Examines cultural context and practice implications of heteronormativity in therapists and clients. Addresses the external and internal factors and processes that can affect the lives and mental health of LGB persons. Reviews current understandings of microaggression and minority stress. Explores implications of intersecting identities of race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, and religion on the development of sexual orientation and identity integration. Also, affirming and culturally responsive strategies for addressing co-occurring diagnoses of major mental health, substance misuse, and major physical health issues such as HIV and AIDS.

## **HDCN 6356 - Affirmative Therapy with Transgender Clients**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on affirmative counseling practices for transgender individuals, including how to support a person through a gender transition and concomitant adjustment to cultural, social, familial, biological, and psychological responses.

## **HDCN 6357 - Affirmative Therapy with LGBT Couples and Families**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on developing affirmative therapy skills in working with LGBT couples and families.

## **HDCN 6370 - Crisis Intervention**

*Credits: 3*

Examines crisis intervention for individuals, couples, families, and groups through an in-depth analysis of diverse client experiences such as population trends, lifestyle changes, individual and/or family challenges, barriers to services, and unique needs. Also, intervention for specific topics such as court-ordered services, homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, bullying, self-harming behaviors, suicidal and homicidal ideation and/or intention, and school shootings. Counselors learn clinical skills in professional responsibility and plan of action such as reporting abuse or no-harm contract usage, as well as practical resource inventories for clients in crisis. All strategies are centered on best practices and evidence-based practices, including the empirically founded solution-focused approach.

## **HDCN 6372 - Gender Issues**

*Credits: 3*

Feminist theory taught within the historical context of society and culture, individuals, couples, and family counseling.

## **HDCN 6382 - Psychology of Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

The focus of this course is on the psychological context of negotiation, the personal and social influences on the parties in negotiation, and the impact of these conditions and behaviors on the outcome.

## **HDCN 6383 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces contemporary theories of negotiation. Students develop practical skills through simulated exercises.

## **HDCN 6384 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Examines mediation in which a neutral third party facilitates in solving disputes through lectures, role-playing, and videotape to meet the state of Texas requirement for mediators.

## **HDCN 6385 - Advanced General Psychology**

*Credits: 3*

Overview of basic psychology for counseling students with no psychology background.

## **HDCN 6386 - Family Law**

*Credits: 3*

The Texas family code and other legal issues pertaining to family relations are presented.

## **HDCN 6387 - Domestic Relations**

*Credits: 3*

Presents mediation techniques for divorcing couples.

## **HDCN 6391 - Selected Topics: Counseling**

*Credits: 3*

Varied counseling topics taught for application with specific populations.

## **HDCN 6392 - Selected Topics: Marriage and Family**

*Credits: 3*

Various topics in marriage and family therapy are selected for advanced study.

## **HDCN 6393 - Selected Topics: School Counseling**

*Credits: 3*

Various topics in school psychology are selected for advanced study.

## **HDCN 6395 - Supervised Clinical Practicum**

*Credits: 3*

Builds the counselor's knowledge and skills in an applied clinic setting while under the direct supervision of a fully licensed SMU instructor. Counselors gain experience with actual clients, develop the ability to handle a variety of clinical issues and responsibilities, evaluate practice, observe others in a constructive manner, develop a healthy embracing and mastery of ethical practice, and begin to establish professional relationships with fellow practicum students, clients, supervisors, and other professionals in the field. Prerequisites: 42 credit hours; permission of a cooperating professor and the chair of the department.

## **HDCN 6398 - Internship I**

*Credits: 3*

Refines counseling skills in real-world settings under close supervision. Qualified supervisors at the student-selected internship site provide direct supervision. Types of direct and indirect service hours vary according to LPC, LMFT, LCDC, and school counseling requirements and populations served at the internship site. The curriculum is focused on group supervision and professional development. Prerequisite: HDCN 6395.

## **HDCN 6399 - Internship II**

*Credits: 3*

Refines counseling skills in real-world settings under close supervision. Qualified supervisors at the student-selected internship site provide direct supervision. Types of direct and indirect service hours vary according to LPC, LMFT, LCDC, and school

counseling requirements and populations served at the internship site. The curriculum is focused on group supervision and professional development. Prerequisite: HDCN 6398.

## **Dispute Resolution**

### **HDDR 6108 - Practicum II**

*Credits: 1*

Continued exposure to actual court-annexed mediation referrals from area courts. Students will do a minimum of two mediations.

### **HDDR 6109 - Practicum III**

*Credits: 1*

Continued exposure to actual court-annexed mediation referrals from area courts. Students will do a minimum of two mediations.

### **HDDR 6121 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Faculty-guided research or experiential work that expands on the dispute resolution curriculum.

### **HDDR 6122 - Professional Seminar I**

*Credits: 1*

Credit work on a special topic.

### **HDDR 6123 - Professional Seminar II**

*Credits: 1*

Credit work on a special topic.

### **HDDR 6124 - Professional Seminar III**

*Credits: 1*

Credit work on a special topic.

### **HDDR 6222 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Faculty-guided research or experiential work that expands on the dispute resolution curriculum.

### **HDDR 6302 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces contemporary theories of negotiation. Students develop practical skills through simulation exercises.

## **HDDR 6303 - Mediation and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the function, process, and theory of mediation, in which a neutral third party facilitates the resolution of disputes. Participants gain a functional knowledge of the practice of mediation through lecture, discussion, video simulations, interactive exercises, and role-playing. Satisfies the Texas statutory requirement for mediators. Prerequisite: HDDR 6302 is recommended but not required.

## **HDDR 6304 - Arbitration and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Covers the arbitration process and the discipline necessary to hear and render decisions. Arbitration is intended to avoid the formalities, delay, expense, and uncertainty involved in litigation.

## **HDDR 6305 - Foundations of the American Legal System**

*Credits: 3*

The structure and procedures of the U.S. court system, with a focus on the ways alternative dispute resolution methods augment, coordinate, and sometimes clash with the goals of traditional litigation. Students learn legal concepts and terminology essential to successfully working within the field of dispute resolution. Introduction to basic legal skills, including legal reasoning and interpretation of case law, statutes, and administrative codes, and a primer on research materials and tools used by judges and lawyers to evaluate the merits of a legal dispute.

## **HDDR 6307 - Practicum I**

*Credits: 3*

This course combines advanced classroom instruction in mediation with observations of courtroom proceedings and mediation, culminating with students participating in joint mediation of real conflicts. Prerequisites: HDDR 6302, HDDR 6303, HDDR 6305, HDDR 6310, HDDR 6319.

## **HDDR 6310 - Research Methods**

*Credits: 3*

This course provides students with a fundamental understanding of research methods, allowing them to be discerning consumers of literature in the dispute resolution field and empowering them to judge for themselves the value, validity, and reliability of studies they read. Students learn sound research design, inference from data to conclusions, and the assumptions underlying various methods.

## **HDDR 6311 - Techniques and Skills in Mediation**

*Credits: 3*

Expansion of HDDR 6303, with particular emphasis on advancing mediation skills and providing in-depth exploration and analysis into alternate, often advanced, techniques for dispute resolution professionals.

## **HDDR 6312 - Advanced Negotiation**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the dynamics, constraints, and skills needed in the negotiation process. Studies current literature on the theories of negotiation and uses simulated exercises to teach specific techniques. Participants develop the skills needed to negotiate

effectively for their vital interests and to choose among a range of procedural options. Course content is drawn from the fields of law, psychology, business, and communication. Prerequisites: HDDR 6302, HDDR 6319.

### **HDDR 6313 - Advanced Mediation**

*Credits: 3*

Continuation of HDDR 6303, in which students gained a basic understanding of the most prominent dispute resolution process - mediation. This course provides an in-depth examination of important issues in mediation practice, such as convening, multiparty mediation, mediator bias, mediator ethics, and mediator qualifications. Highly interactive, the course moves far beyond introductory lectures and simple role-playing. Prerequisites: HDDR 6302, HDDR 6303.

### **HDDR 6315 - Communication and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on human communication in the context of conflict. Addresses the challenges of effective communication and its role in resolving conflict. Attention is paid to the most effective methods of communication used in dealing with differences, particularly methods used by dispute resolution professionals in the processes of negotiation and mediation.

### **HDDR 6316 - Decision Theory**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the use of psychology, neuroscience, behavioral economics, game theory, and statistical analysis in the resolution of disputes by settlement rather than impasse. Participants learn to recognize cognitive biases and to identify factors that correlate significantly with poor quality decisions; participants also learn advanced methods to improve decision-making and problem-solving skills.

### **HDDR 6317 - Online Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Due to challenges of costs, speed, and jurisdiction, courts are not the best choice to handle online disputes. Rapidly expanding e-commerce, the growth in cross-boundary transactions, and the inability of traditional legal processes to deal with disputes arising over the Web have created a need for redress options. ODR connects capable neutrals with parties in ways that bring efficiencies to inefficient online marketplaces. Students examine the development of ODR and the new challenges it poses to neutrals and systems designers. Also, the major providers, administrative agencies, and international organizations currently involved. Includes a series of simulations with state-of-the-art ODR technologies.

### **HDDR 6318 - Finance and Property**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of the financial issues involved in dispute resolution. The current and historical structure of financial relationships and the financial interests among disputing parties are major issues in the dispute resolution areas. Attention is given to understanding various financial factors and developing the skills and tools needed to assess, analyze, design, and facilitate resolutions. This interactive course is designed to be both theoretical and practical, enabling students to apply knowledge and skills directly.

### **HDDR 6319 - Psychology of Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

What happens when one party in a conflict wants something that another party resists doing or giving? Conflict can arise in groups, between individuals, and in many different settings. Students study the psychological context of negotiation, personal and social influences on the parties in negotiation, and the impact of these conditions and behaviors on the outcome.

## **HDDR 6320 - Selected Topics in Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

With variable course content, students will explore topics of interest as related to the general application of dispute resolution.

## **HDDR 6322 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Off-site corporate internship opportunities for the practical application of dispute resolution training.

## **HDDR 6323 - Engaging in Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

A challenge for conflict specialists is to address people and situations as they are experienced realistically by the people involved and to subsequently help them deal with each other in a constructive manner. This course prepares students to identify constructive and destructive conflict, to skillfully engage conflict, and to use specific methods to work toward conflict resolution. The course offers advanced techniques and improved abilities to students who find engagement in conflict to be intriguing and rewarding. Students who find engagement in conflict to be frightening gain insight that could help them find the strength to challenge their fears and to face conflict when it arises. Numerous case examples are used to highlight and expand on the readings.

## **HDDR 6324 - Engaging in Conflict: Advanced Studies Using Current Events**

*Credits: 3*

Conflict is an unavoidable and essential part of existence in this complex world. This course uses essential models of conflict applied specifically to current events that are timely and coincident with or overlapping time spent in the classroom. Students develop skills and techniques to understand and to learn how they might engage in conflict in a more meaningful manner. They also try to predict what will happen next in the conflicts studied and to learn from whatever occurs as it actually unfolds and is reported in the media. Prerequisites: HDDR 6302, HDDR 6303, HDDR 6319. Recommended: HDDR 6367.

## **HDDR 6325 - Neuroscience: The Role of the Brain in Emotion, Collaboration, and Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

Provides insight into the critical role that neuroscience plays in conflict, collaboration, and emotion. Explores ways the brain processes decision-making, cognition, compassion, empathy, problem-solving, behavior, and risk. Students learn how instinctual responses can be tempered by connecting these important elements with strategies that utilize various conflict resolution processes.

## **HDDR 6326 - Family Conflict: The 21st Century Family**

*Credits: 3*

Provides the theoretical knowledge of "family dynamics" and the practical skills necessary to manage family conflict. Instructs students how to dissect conflict, analyze family resilience, determine successful strategies for dealing with emotions, apply golden rules for conflict, and employ basic intervention skills in dealing with family matters. Involves lecture, videos, exercises, role plays, and guest speakers.

## **HDDR 6327 - Conflict Coaching**

*Credits: 3*

Teaches a seven-stage structured approach for preventing or managing disputes and enhancing a coachee's conflict management skills. The approach, which is based on the CINERGY® Conflict Management Coaching model, can be used in organizational contexts and to coach individuals to participate in mediation, negotiation, and relational conflicts. Students are expected to bring examples of real, interpersonal conflict situations, which they in turn use to coach and be coached in this highly experiential course. Students who successfully complete this course receive a basic level CINERGY® Certificate of Completion with 28 hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEU) from the International Coach Federation. Those who wish to be accredited as a CINERGY® Conflict Management Coaches can do so within 9 months by completing an additional 2-hour competency assessment process.

## **HDDR 6330 - Criminal Justice and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Covers the techniques and procedures of conflict resolution as applied to the criminal justice system.

## **HDDR 6331 - Domestic Relations**

*Credits: 3*

Delves into the many disputes arising from divorce, child custody, and family violence. This course meets the state requirement to practice divorce mediation in Texas.

## **HDDR 6332 - Family Law**

*Credits: 3*

A survey of the Texas Family Code with particular emphasis on adoption, divorce, modifications, paternity, custody, support, and child care.

## **HDDR 6334 - Personal Injury**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes the application of dispute resolution to the wrongs or damages done to another, whether to his/her person, rights, reputation, or property.

## **HDDR 6336 - Selected Dispute Resolution Topics**

*Credits: 3*

Students explore various topics of interest concerning the dispute resolution field.

## **HDDR 6340 - Commercial Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on business and corporate transactions for the use of varied dispute resolution procedures. Special attention is given to multiparty negotiation, contract disputes, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaints.

## **HDDR 6341 - Employment Law**

*Credits: 3*

The employer-employee relationship drives the economic engine of society. In this relationship that engages so many significant interests, it is no surprise that serious conflicts occur. Through employment law, legislatures and judges attempt to regulate the complex competing interests of employers and employees. This course covers the most significant statutes and cases that apply to the employment life cycle from recruitment through termination, with an emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of employers and individual employees. Includes at will employment, fair labor standards and pay, discrimination, work conditions, and disability and illness. Collective bargaining is not included.

## **HDDR 6342 - Human Resource Management**

*Credits: 3*

A growing specialty is the designation within organizations of a dispute resolution consultant capable of diagnosing and applying conflict resolution approaches. Dispute resolution in the workplace helps to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation. Students examine the major functions typically entrusted to a human resources organization within a business environment, including proper applicant sourcing, knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity laws and obligations, wage and salary administration, management of employee performance, the disciplinary process, proper investigation of complaints, involuntary terminations, and postseparation activities. Focuses on developing a course of action to identify causes of disputes through model best practices and to resolve such disputes through legally compliant practices.

## **HDDR 6344 - Organizational Change Management**

*Credits: 3*

Provides a model for organizational change and change management. Students learn the sources of conflict and disruption that accompany traumatic organizational transitions. Includes how the facilitation skills employed in micro-interventions (the facilitation of single teams) must be adapted to meet the facilitation needs of large-scale organizational change projects. Contrasts more traditional problem-solving approaches to change management with those represented by the social constructionist perspective and the use of appreciative inquiry.

## **HDDR 6345 - Integrating Conflict Resolution Theory**

*Credits: 3*

Capstone course for dispute resolution students that covers ways to integrate multiple approaches, stakeholders, and methods into practical conflict analysis and resolution work. Includes a consideration of the nature of the third party in conflict intervention, the basic goals involved in conflict intervention, and the essential framework in which conflict system design occurs. Discussions and work are structured around the roles interveners can play, goals interveners have for their work, and proposals for concrete action.

## **HDDR 6346 - Organizational Consulting Skills**

*Credits: 3*

Students apply dispute resolution skills as either external consultants or internal consultants and business partners. The course introduces the basic core elements of organizational consulting, including establishing trust with clients, establishing expectations of the consulting problems, planning a consulting intervention, and managing a consulting intervention.

## **HDDR 6347 - Systems Design in Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Executives in the new millennium are facing an ever-increasing number of organizational disputes in the form of customer complaints, employee grievances, charges of discrimination, contractual disagreements, lawsuits, and unhealthy competition

within and between work groups. Organizations often handle these conflicts on a case-by-case basis or with adversarial approaches that can escalate the situation and result in expensive solutions later on. Effective dispute resolution systems offer a constructive approach to managing a wide range of organizational conflicts, and provide an integrative and comprehensive way to minimize conflict and resolve disputes when they arise.

### **HDDR 6348 - Team-Building Theory and Practice**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces team performance models and explores research regarding the structural and interpersonal factors that impact teams. Students diagnose team performance issues and dysfunctional dynamics through application of a five-step model and address challenges within work teams.

### **HDDR 6349 - The Role of the Ombudsman in Organizational Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

Organizations implement ombuds programs to address workplace conflict. This course explores ombuds programs as essential components of an integrated dispute resolution system. It covers the history and development of the ombuds profession, theoretical and practical concepts, professional standards of practice, ethics, legal, and regulatory considerations, while acknowledging individual, group, and systemic issues that contribute to conflict. Students learn practical skills and strategies that are unique to the ombuds practice and review conflict management skills. Through lecture, discussion, interactive exercises, role-playing, and case studies, participants gain a functional knowledge of the ombuds practice and profession.

### **HDDR 6350 - International Organizational Consulting and Collaboration**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces the processes and approaches that have been successfully used by both U.S. and international consultants and organizations to build and sustain organizational collaboration. While many national cultures share a common interest in building collaborative work environments, the approaches and techniques used vary greatly by country and national culture. What works for U.S. domestic organizations is not always applicable to international organizations or those based in other countries. Provides students with maximum exposure to international best practices.

### **HDDR 6351 - Workplace Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

This course provides an introduction to the sources and causes of conflict within business organizations, and explains some of the implementation issues, such as working with multiple and often polarized senior stakeholders that must be addressed when implementing mediation and conflict resolution services within business settings. Exercises and case studies are used to help students assess workplace conflicts, and to determine the most effective processes for applying dispute resolution support to business clients.

### **HDDR 6352 - Selected Organizational Topics**

*Credits: 3*

With variable course content, students will explore topics of interest as related to the organizational concentration of dispute resolution.

### **HDDR 6353 - Generational Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

An extensive study of the concepts of conflict management directly addressing generationally generated conflict. Pays particular attention to generational theory and systems theory, applying dispute resolution skills and principles to these common problems.

Introduces the culture of conflict in the workplace that develops between employees from different generations, as well as the process approaches for managing these difficult moments in order to establish a collaborative environment.

## **HDDR 6354 - Managing Conflict in Traditional and Social Media**

*Credits: 3*

Examines how the media can create, contribute to, magnify, worsen, and conversely, alleviate conflict within communities and organizations. The decline in traditional media such as newspapers and radio is changing how individuals and organizations receive new information and/or distribute it to internal and external audiences. The recent rise of mass self-communication through new media such as email, blogs, texting, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube has created dangerous risks for conflicts to go viral even before they can be fully understood by community or organization leaders. Explores how new media presents interesting, nontraditional opportunities for conflict resolution. Students engage in structured practice in conflict resolution techniques and message creation under media deadline pressure. Examples of media-driven conflict and misunderstanding are explored along with action planning to mitigate conflict.

## **HDDR 6360 - Counseling and Interviewing**

*Credits: 3*

Students study the function of alternative dispute resolution professionals and the skills necessary for effective interviewing and counseling, with a focus on methods of inquiry and fact-finding. Also, preventive law and client-centered planning. The course draws from the fields of communication, psychology, and law. Includes simulation exercises, case studies, and discussions.

## **HDDR 6361 - Cross-Cultural and Gender Negotiation**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the relationship of identity, gender, culture, and ethnicity to conflict dynamics in the negotiation process, with a focus on increasing students' sensitivity to and awareness of negotiation issues. Compares individual- and collective-oriented cultures, and explores the use of body language and physical spacing in negotiation. Includes discussions on the use of language, narratives, and metaphors. Also, how the concept of apology and forgiveness is a culture- and gender-dependent issue. Students practice the skills needed to be more effective in resolving conflicts.

## **HDDR 6362 - Education and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the uses of dispute resolution techniques from kindergarten to college. Attention is given to multiparty disputes between students, faculty, administrators, and the educational community. Students learn the skills for diagnosis, management, and resolution through a combination of didactic and role simulations.

## **HDDR 6363 - Health Care and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

A survey of situations and issues in the health care field where conflict commonly develops within its unique culture and systems. Includes a focus on quality review standards, malpractice, and bioethical disputes.

## **HDDR 6364 - International Conflict Management**

*Credits: 3*

Discusses the provocative topic of international relations and dispute resolution. The world is rapidly changing, and these changes are opening the door for the application of negotiation and mediation as well as other dispute resolution mechanisms. Students probe national and international human rights in the coming global and politically realigned world.

## **HDDR 6365 - Public Policy and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

An intensive study of the application of dispute resolution techniques to environmental disputes and the wider areas of public policy. Specific areas of study include complex multiparty litigation, participation of multiple stakeholders and citizen groups, adversarial negotiations with governmental entities, reparation of settlement documents, and the field of negotiated rule-making.

## **HDDR 6366 - Religion and Dispute Resolution**

*Credits: 3*

When the usually peaceful ambiance of a church becomes embroiled in conflict and controversy involving parishioners, constituent groups, employees, governing bodies, or even outside organizations, conflict resolution and mediation become the focus. The course emphasizes the skills needed for mediating interpersonal and group conflict in churches, employing a transformational model of mediation placed within the context of family systems theory. Includes hands-on skills training and role-playing based on the types of conflict typically found in churches, although the skills learned are directly transferable to other settings. Satisfies the Texas state requirement for basic mediation training.

## **HDDR 6367 - Selected Social Service Topics**

*Credits: 3*

With variable course content, students will explore topics of interest as related to the social service concentration of dispute resolution.

## **HDDR 6370 - Assessment and Interviewing**

*Credits: 3*

This course serves as the foundation for the three-course executive coaching series and certification program in executive coaching. Includes the basics of coaching, including its purpose, applications, and comparison to counseling or mediation. Covers how to make certain that all parties (coachee, coachee's manager, and sponsoring organization) share the same expectations of the coaching process, and how to conduct in-depth assessment interviews with coachees and with other organizational stakeholders. Introduces 360 degree feedback tools, and shows how to integrate 360 degree and interview data into a consolidated assessment report. Also, developing a coaching contract and conducting an initial postcontracting interview.

## **HDDR 6371 - Transitional and Developmental Coaching**

*Credits: 3*

This is the second course in the executive coaching series. Focuses on coaching leaders who are making transitions into new work settings (transitional coaching), or who are preparing to take on broader organizational roles (developmental coaching). Students learn to identify underlying organizational and leadership factors that could contribute to a transitional leader's success or failure in a new work setting. Also, assessing leadership style, experience, and communication factors associated with a leader's potential to succeed within high-level job assignments. Involves comparing and contrasting development hurdles leaders must overcome as they prepare for different organizational levels, and identifying the behaviors and learning approaches demonstrated by leaders who perform well.

## **HDDR 6372 - Performance Coaching**

*Credits: 3*

This is the third course in the executive coaching series, which leads to the Certificate in Executive Coaching. Performance coaching helps managers address significant behavioral problems or leadership style issues that adversely impact their work performance. Introduces research on interpersonal and leadership style issues that play key roles in leadership success or failure,

and research related to leadership derailment and failure patterns observed in managers previously assessed as high-potential leaders. Covers the most common performance coaching challenges encountered in performance coaching and ways to address resistance to coaching. Also, the intricacies of client contracting, with a focus on establishing clear and detailed expectations for performance improvement. Students practice conducting performance coaching sessions.

### **HDDR 6380 - Introduction to Conflict in Health Care Settings**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of three models appropriate for engaging and managing conflict in health care settings: prevent model, resolve model, and contain model. Participants apply their understanding of conflict and consider the constructive and destructive conflict models. Provides engagement through simulated exercises, role-playing, and class discussion. Using these methods for diagnostic thinking, participants learn treatment strategies and tactics appropriate to the circumstances. Focuses on the roles of the patient, provider, and organization, with a special emphasis on the patient.

### **HDDR 6381 - Engaging in Conflict in the Health Care Workplace**

*Credits: 3*

The health care industry's struggle with provider-administration trust, physician-nurse relations, and patient satisfaction comprises the backdrop of this course. Explores challenging, high-stakes relationships that affect all health care stakeholders. Focuses on the complex and potentially adversarial interactions among patients, providers, and organizations, with an emphasis on provider contributions. Addresses problems such as bullying, burnout, disruptive behavior, nonproductive communication, and resistance to change. Students develop and practice skills drawn from negotiation, mediation, facilitation, and executive coaching to address these and other critical health care conflict issues. Assigned readings are augmented with class exercises and pertinent case studies.

### **HDDR 6382 - The New Role of the Health Care Leader: Managing Change, Culture, and Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on the importance of managing culture change in the health care industry. Using case studies, readings, assessments, and skills practice, students build on previous courses and focus on increasing self-awareness, identifying ways to successfully interact with others, dealing with resistance to change, and adapting one's managerial style to the situation and individual. Participants learn how human resources offices can facilitate change and align culture. The ability to lead in health care organizations is a developed skill that requires self-awareness and training. Considers the patient as well as the providers, but focuses largely on the organizational challenges of the changing health care landscape. Specific role-plays and exercises designed from a human resources perspective allow participants to learn to adapt the organizational culture and dynamic to address the health care workplace.

# **Department of Lifelong Learning**

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## **Department Information**

The Department of Lifelong Learning promotes personal enrichment and achievement of potential through a broad interdisciplinary curriculum. Its credit and non-credit offerings broaden students' perspectives, insights and understandings of the world. At the heart of the Lifelong Learning programs – which include the Doctor of Liberal Studies, the Master of Liberal Studies and a noncredit creative writing program – is the belief that people can continue to grow personally and professionally throughout their lives.

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The D.L.S. program is designed for part-time or full-time adult learners with a master's degree who are interested in rigorous advanced study. Under the guidance of senior faculty members, students engage in focused scholarly reading and research on an interdisciplinary topic or issue, culminating in a doctoral thesis that demonstrates interdisciplinary analysis, synthesis and interpretation.

## **Curriculum**

Doctoral students must complete 36 credit hours of coursework, 18 hours of which are required core courses and 18 hours of which are chosen based on the student's declared focal area of study. Following the coursework, students must complete a comprehensive exam, a thesis (totaling 9 credit hours), and an oral defense. Completion of the 45 credit hour program typically requires 5 years of study. A full-time track is available for international students or those wishing to pursue their studies at an accelerated pace. Students enroll in the required courses listed below for their first two years each fall, spring and following fall.

D.L.S. courses are taught in lecture and seminar format and are in many cases available for enrollment to both D.L.S. and M.L.S. students. In these instances, D.L.S. students are given additional reading and writing assignments and an experiential learning component. Students are allowed to engage in as many as nine credit hours of directed reading/tutorial study.

Up to nine hours of transfer credit or advanced standing may be awarded, as determined by the Simmons School dean. Such credits must derive from graduate-level academic work earned at SMU or another accredited university.

## Core Courses

- HUMN 7391 - To Be Human: Perspectives on Common Historical Experience
- HUMN 7392 - To Be Human: The Transformation of the Psyche
- HUMN 7393 - To Be Human: The Art of Creativity and Expression
- HUMN 7394 - To Be Human: East Meets West - Intelligence, History, Culture, and Society
- HUMN 7395 - To Be Human: The Struggle for Human Rights
- HUMN 7396 - To Be Human: Science and Society

## Admission Requirements

Students enroll in cohort groups, and cohorts begin in the fall only. Applications submitted by March 1 receive priority review; applications received after March 1 are reviewed on a rolling basis until the fall class is full. To maintain the high degree of individualized attention expected in doctoral programs, admission is limited to approximately 15-20 students per cohort.

Applications can be submitted online at [www.smu.edu/dls](http://www.smu.edu/dls) or emailed to [smudls@smu.edu](mailto:smudls@smu.edu). Applications are accepted for fall term only. Admission requirements include the following:

1. Completion of the D.L.S. application.
2. An application fee.
3. Official undergraduate transcripts with a GPA of 3.000 or higher and graduate transcripts with a GPA of 3.500 or higher (preferred).
4. A letter of purpose clearly and specifically outlining the focal area to be explored by the doctoral thesis.
5. An academic writing sample.
6. Three letters of recommendation, including one from a professor from a prior graduate program who can attest to the applicant's academic proficiency to participate in a doctoral program and one from a direct supervisor in the candidate's organization.
7. A résumé/curriculum vita.
8. An interview with the program director or faculty chair (mandatory).

## Degree Requirements

Students must enroll in a minimum of six credit hours of coursework per term for the first three terms to complete foundational seminars (18 credit hours). Thereafter, students must enroll in at least three credit hours per term. Maintenance of good standing requires a 3.000 average GPA. Degree requirements include the following:

- A total of 36 credit hours of traditional graduate coursework (up to nine hours can be transferred).
- Comprehensive exams.
- An additional nine credit hours of doctoral thesis research and writing. The doctoral thesis will have an oral defense.
- A D.L.S. doctoral thesis is expected to demonstrate a level of mastery and academic rigor in interdisciplinary studies comparable to, though distinct from, the equivalent level of mastery and rigor expected of a Ph.D. dissertation in a disciplinary field.

## **Liberal Studies, M.L.S.**

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Michele Mrak, **Executive Director**

The M.L.S. program is an interdisciplinary program designed to offer participants freedom and flexibility in planning a course of study. Its coursework encourages critical and imaginative thinking on intellectual, social, political, historical, literary and artistic issues within a broad humanistic perspective. Seminar-style courses are taught by professors noted for teaching excellence.

The M.L.S. program requires 36 credit hours of graduate study to be completed within six years, although most students complete their study in three to four years. The course of study is very flexible and allows students to design individual programs that best reflect their needs and interests. M.L.S. program classes meet in the evenings. Spring and fall classes meet one night a week; summer session courses meet three times weekly.

The curriculum includes courses in the behavioral sciences, fine arts, humanities, science and culture, and social sciences. With 18 credit hours or six classes in a specific curricular field, students can concentrate in the following areas: humanities; human rights and social justice; the arts and cultural traditions; global studies; gender studies; American studies; creative writing; organizational dynamics; environmental sustainability; and communication, media and technology.

### **Curriculum**

**Behavioral Sciences.** Behavioral sciences courses examine the individual and his or her behavior in various environmental settings such as family and the workplace. Courses blend psychology, sociology, organizational behavior and anthropology to introduce students to issues in human behavior as it is influenced by cultural values and expectations.

**Fine Arts.** Fine arts courses offer a variety of perspectives on artistic expression throughout history and across cultures. The variety of courses encourages students to study Western and non-Western visual arts, dramatic arts, and music within a broad socio-historical context.

**Humanities.** Humanities courses offer the broadest possible treatments of literature, philosophy, religion and communications. By connecting the history of human ideas as presented and disseminated through poetry and imaginative literature and the development of religious and philosophical thought, humanities courses provide insight into the nature and development of humankind.

**Science and Culture.** Science and culture courses present issues pertaining to health, the environment, the understanding of the natural world and the implications of technological advancement as approached by professors of chemistry, geology, physics and biology.

**Social Science.** Social science courses provide a blend of history, economics and political science in the study of wealth, power and status. Courses explore the nature of citizenship as it has evolved over time.

## Admission Requirements

The M.L.S. program seeks to enroll motivated and enthusiastic students prepared for and interested in graduate-level study. All applicants must have the following:

1. A bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
2. An official transcript from the school that awarded the degree.
3. A completed application form and application fee.
4. A critical analysis essay.
5. A personal statement that reflects an interest in the M.L.S. program.
6. Two letters of recommendation (preferably one academic and one professional).
7. Optional: personal interview and résumé.

Applications online are considered on a rolling basis for the fall, summer and spring terms. Applications for M.L.S. program admission must be completed and on file in the M.L.S. Office at least two weeks before the beginning of the term. A student must receive official acceptance into the program before enrolling in classes. In some cases, a provisional acceptance may be tendered for one term while awaiting the arrival of an official transcript or in other situations in which it is deemed appropriate by the dean of the Simmons School.

The GRE graduate school entry exam is not required for admission. Admission decisions are based on the applicant's previous academic record, the level of writing ability demonstrated in the essay and possibly an interview with the dean regarding the applicant's academic goals and expectations.

## Degree Requirements

Thirty-six credit hours of approved graduate study are normally completed within six years after beginning the program.

1. Students must take two foundational courses within the first 12 hours of their coursework: HUMN 6316 (three credits) and a designated three-credit writing-intensive course. These courses may not be waived.
2. Students must complete their coursework with at least a B (3.000 GPA) average. All courses attempted for credit on a student's graduate program must average B (3.000) or better, with no grade less than C (2.000) applying toward the degree.
3. Within the 36 hours, students may include up to six hours of transfer graduate credit from another accredited institution or another academic department at SMU (explained below).
4. Within the 36 hours, students may also include up to six hours of independent study (explained below).
5. Students may not take more than three one-credit-hour classes unless special permission is given by the dean.
6. Students must conclude their degree program with a capstone course or thesis during the last year of the program.
7. Students may elect to specialize or concentrate in a particular curricular area through the course of the degree. If a student elects to concentrate or specialize in a specific curricular area, she or he must complete the following requirements:
  - a. Three credit hours for the required introductory course, HUMN 6316.
  - b. Three credit hours for a designated writing-intensive course.
  - c. Eighteen credit hours of approved courses from the chosen area of concentration, selected in consultation with the director for academic advisement.
  - d. Three credit hours for the required capstone course/experience.
  - e. Nine elective credit hours.

Once the student satisfies the requirements for a given concentration, the concentration area will appear on the student's final transcripts. Double concentrations may be possible upon consultation with the director and/or dean.

In addition to a self-designed concentration, the curricular concentrations include the humanities, the arts and cultural traditions, global studies, human rights and social justice, gender studies, creative writing, American studies, organizational dynamics, communication, media and technology, and environmental sustainability.

## **Transfer Credit**

The student must file with the M.L.S. Office a Petition for Transfer Credit, accompanied by a course description and official transcript. Transfer credit is accepted by the dean under the following requirements:

1. The course is compatible with the overall curriculum of liberal studies.
2. The course is graduate level (6000 or above).
3. The student has earned a grade of *A* or *B* in the course.
4. The course has not been used in attaining a previous degree.
5. The course has been taken within the past six years.

Courses taken prior to matriculation must be approved within one year of beginning the M.L.S. program. Transfer credit for study by correspondence or online study is considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **Independent Study**

Students may earn up to six credit hours through independent study in a subject area relevant to the M.L.S. program curriculum. Students must first complete the two required courses and must be in good academic standing to be eligible to undertake an independent study. To enroll in an independent study, students must work with an M.L.S. program faculty member to define specific course requirements and complete an Independent Study Contract subject to the approval of the dean. Independent study courses may be taken for one, two or three credit hours. The deadline to submit proposals to the M.L.S. Office is at least two weeks before the beginning of the term for which the study is requested. The form is available online in the M.L.S. Forms Library.

## **Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study**

The purpose of the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study program is to provide adults the opportunity to pursue advanced studies in the liberal arts in a focused and disciplined manner. The certificate program encourages in-depth study of a core topic while drawing upon various disciplines to provide a broad understanding of the subject.

The certificate program is an 18-hour course of study beyond the master's degree. With the guidance of an adviser, students select a topic and design a program of study consisting of courses from the M.L.S. program curriculum, departmentally based graduate courses and independent study under the guidance of the adviser. A student's course of study will conclude with a research paper or creative project.

# **Academic Requirements**

The course of study as detailed in this catalog must be completed within four years, and students must maintain a 3.000 GPA throughout the program. A core curriculum of 18 credit hours is drawn from

- The M.L.S. program course offerings.
- A maximum of six credit hours in approved departmentally based graduate courses.
- Three credit hours of independent study.
- A capstone seminar (three credit hours) in which students complete and present their final paper, project or creative work.

## Admission Requirements

This program is designed primarily for M.L.S. program graduates who wish to pursue advanced graduate work. Other applicants must have a master's degree in the arts, fine arts, humanities or social sciences, with a GPA of 3.500 (preferred). The completed online application for admission must be accompanied by

1. A 750-word draft proposal that identifies the student's interest area, purposes for advanced study, previous study or background knowledge of the topic, and a tentative course of study. This document is used by the dean to determine whether the student's study proposal is appropriate for the program.
2. Official transcripts from SMU's M.L.S. program or another graduate program.
3. The nonrefundable application fee.

## Courses:

### Behavioral Sciences

#### **BHSC 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Research and writing in behavioral sciences on special topics at the forefront of current intellectual interest.

#### **BHSC 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Research and writing in behavioral sciences on special topics at the forefront of current intellectual interest.

#### **BHSC 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Research and writing in behavioral sciences on special topics at the forefront of current intellectual interest.

#### **BHSC 6302 - The Art of Public Speaking**

*Credits: 3*

Provides training in speech performance and speech evaluation skills in order to improve students' public-speaking skills and skills as discerning consumers of public communication. Covers historical speeches and theory and practical applications related to the formulation, presentation, and evaluation of public speeches. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

#### **BHSC 6303 - Intimate Partnerships, Marriage, and Family**

*Credits: 3*

Debates about the future of families and family values continue to occupy a central place in economic, political, and religious discussions about Western society's aspirations and future prospects. The course equips students to enter the discussions and the debates knowledgeably and with an eye toward influencing their quality and outcome. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; humanities.

## **BHSC 6304 - The Transformative Power of Narratives: What's the Story?**

*Credits: 3*

"What's the Story?" Our narratives, the stories that we tell ourselves and others, are the means for us to create order and meaning out of our life experiences. The major focus of this course is to build foundational understanding of "narratives" across three areas. In "form and formation," students explore the breadth of narrative forms (i.e., story, myth, metaphor) and influences of formation. In "meaningful," students delve into the human experiences of narrative interpretations. In "transform," students examine how individual transformations occur through the power of narratives. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology; humanities.

## **BHSC 6308 - Living Systems: Understanding Organizational Dynamics**

*Credits: 3*

An introductory exploration into the domain of organizational dynamics, which is based on the premises that "organization" is a human collective (two or more people, including families, communities, and businesses) and that "dynamics" are the human connections, actions, and changes that are occurring within and between collectives. Examines organizational dynamics as living systems of human interrelationships. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; humanities; communication, media, and technology.

## **BHSC 6311 - Exploring Human Potential**

*Credits: 3*

Broadens the student's understanding of how basic assumptions and perceived limitations about learning and development are influenced by perceptions, experiences, collectives and organizations, and culture. Introduces cutting-edge perspectives and research from the fields of brain science, cognitive and social psychology, and cultural anthropology. Students apply the knowledge and experience from this course to their personal learning and development journey within the program, their organizations, and beyond. May apply to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; humanities.

## **BHSC 6315 - The Lively Mind: Creative and Critical Thinking**

*Credits: 3*

Explores ways to develop intellectual powers through an examination of the biological and historical evolution of the human mind, and the development of perception, memory, imagination, and judgment. May be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **BHSC 6319 - Professional Ethics and Organizational Responsibility**

*Credits: 3*

Students study ethical issues connected with organizational management to develop their capacity to recognize and reason through ethical dilemmas. Cases and readings integrate ethical reflection and decision-making. Materials are selected based on topical relevance to contemporary managers, curricular relevance to liberal studies, and conceptual relevance to applied ethics. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; humanities; global studies; American studies; communication, media, and technology.

## **BHSC 6320 - Organizational Leadership**

*Credits: 3*

Describes and analyzes a wide variety of different theoretical approaches to leadership, with a focus on how each theory can be, or has been, employed in real-world situations. Special application is made through the readings of contemporary leadership

books, classic cases, and great films. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; humanities; communication, media, and technology.

## **BHSC 6322 - Abnormal Psychology of Mind, Body, and Health**

*Credits: 3*

This course explores the relationship between emotions and illness and the role of psychological factors in health and illness. Methods of coping with and treating illness are discussed as an introduction to major concepts and issues of abnormal health psychology.

## **BHSC 6331 - The Psychology of Hate**

*Credits: 3*

Reviews and specifically details the leading and most recent theories of hate and examines the depth of hate-related utility and its futility. Covers topics such as in-group and/or out-group bias, aggression and its origins, physiology of aggression, history of hate groups and hate crimes, hate on the Internet and in the media, pop culture's representations of hate, hate speech, implications for victims of hate crimes, and motivations of perpetrators of hate-motivated crimes. Also, the relationship among aggression, hate, and violence; the pros and cons of group distinctions; the distinctions in hate crime and hate speech; the pros and cons of enhanced penalty legislation for hate crimes; the justifications for "isms;" and the brain chemistry and physiology behind aggression and anger. Students debate controversial topics in the areas of race, sexual orientation, gender, identity or expression, and religion. In addition, students develop personal ways to combat hate and violence. This course may be applied to the following concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

## **BHSC 6355 - Psychology: The Discovery of Self**

*Credits: 3*

This course examines the nature of personality development and explores the contributing factors of heredity vs. environment relative to birth order, intelligence, family, and cultural forces. Students have the opportunity to learn and reflect on their own personalities using the Keirsey-Bates Temperament Sorter and Survey. The course explores the many aspects of the personality through learning, behavioral changes, human interactions, and personal growth. The course also offers multiple perspectives with which to view and understand the characteristic changes in personality that make life so interesting. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **BHSC 6363 - The Immigrant Experience**

*Credits: 3*

An interdisciplinary approach to immigration in the U.S. that explores the historical, ethical, social, cultural, legal, and political dimensions of the immigrant experience, as well as America's ambivalent and changing attitudes toward the immigrant. Topics include the peopling of America before the Civil War, current waves of immigration, the causes of migration, the growth of ethnic communities, the role of women, bilingual education, illegal immigration, and America as a multicultural society. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; American studies; human rights and social justice; humanities; organizational dynamics; gender studies.

## **BHSC 7330 - Psychology of Sport**

*Credits: 3*

Explores psychological theories and research related to sport and exercise behavior in the context of motivation, team building and leadership, psychological skills training, and current issues and trends in sport psychology. Students learn how the application of sport psychology can improve human performance. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics.

## **BHSC 7340 - Unlocking Human Behavior and Personality**

*Credits: 3*

Explores traditional and contemporary personality theories and related research. Examines why and how personality issues affect social dynamics and decision making and how they manifest in other ways in contemporary life. Discusses how understanding personality theories helps students better understand themselves, others, and their social milieu. The course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **BHSC 7341 - Coaching for Educational and Organizational Leaders**

*Credits: 3*

Builds on BHSC 7368 and BHSC 7369 by refining the practice of coaching and leadership, as well as deepening an understanding of how individual and organizational change happens. Pays special attention to the role of the coach leader and how those serving in leadership roles can positively impact performance at the individual and organizational level by effectively using the coaching mindset and skillset. Fully explores the power of questions, not only to spur individual growth but also to create cultures of learning and innovation. Finally, continues to investigate the theoretical bases of coaching, which together comprise the intellectual frame for the practice. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology; humanities.

## **BHSC 7349 - Organizational Change**

*Credits: 3*

With a focus on the challenges and management of organizational change, this course explores the link between research and change methodology as well as the application of change theories and methodologies to a variety of work settings. Topics include the large-scale trends that drive organizational change; ways to assess the potential impact of an organization's change on constituents, work teams, and units; different models of change; the processes and consulting tools that facilitate change management; and the role of third-party facilitators in helping organizations navigate change. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology.

## **BHSC 7350 - Special Topics in Behavioral Science**

*Credits: 3*

Covers special topics in the status of behavioral science.

## **BHSC 7357 - The Moral and Spiritual Landscape of Childhood and Adolescence**

*Credits: 3*

This course offers for discussion and critical reflection a developmental perspective on moral reasoning and religious experience in childhood and adolescence, in light especially of the theories of Jean Piaget, Erik Erikson, Lawrence Kohlberg, and James Fowler. These theories are supplemented by a close look at the research of psychoanalyst Ana-Maria Rizzuto on the God-ideas of early childhood. A particular focus of the course is on how moral and religious development can be impeded by impositions of adult teaching on children and adolescents before their cognitive development is sufficient to permit assimilation and independent assessment of them. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **BHSC 7358 - Conflict and Communication**

*Credits: 3*

Examines psychological dynamics associated with the process and consequences of interpersonal conflict. Students learn how people understand, explain, and respond to the various conflicts that comprise their reality: internal, interpersonal, and intergroup struggles. Cognitive, affective, and motivational processes are presented and discussed in the context of different philosophical

and scientific explanations. The course explores the moral, political, and cultural dimensions of conflict as they shape the identity of individuals and groups. Emphasizes didactic and experiential learning. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; communication, media, and technology; organizational dynamics.

### **BHSC 7361 - Gender and Psychopathology Across Cultures**

*Credits: 3*

Explores how people experience psychological distress and what its varied manifestations (psychiatric symptoms, somatic complaints, spirit afflictions, relational disruptions) reveal about the social and cultural construction of psychopathology. While the suffering of psychological illnesses is an excruciating reality in the lives of many people, its amelioration necessitates an understanding of how the conception and experience of psychopathology are shaped by local values and conditions. This advanced course draws upon the fields of anthropology, psychology, psychiatry, history, religion, and gender and sexuality studies to explore the interrelationships among culture, gender, and the conceptualization of madness in North America and other parts of the world. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; gender studies; arts and cultural traditions; humanities.

### **BHSC 7362 - Understanding Strategy: Government, Business, and Social Movements**

*Credits: 3*

Explores concepts of military, business, and social strategies through the ages. Provides an in-depth examination of the strategy of two case studies each in the military, business, and social movements. Students learn how to think more strategically. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; global studies; humanities; communication, media, and technology.

### **BHSC 7365 - The Power of Negotiation: Mastering Negotiation for Personal and Professional Success**

*Credits: 3*

Presents a step-by-step process for successful transactional behaviors. Students learn how to prepare for negotiation by maximizing resources, enhancing their powers in negotiation, and sharpening their creative thinking, with an emphasis on developing an appropriate negotiating style. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; communications, media, and technology; humanities.

### **BHSC 7366 - Adolescent Psychology**

*Credits: 3*

Explores adolescent growth and development as a period of self-discovery. Students reflect back and develop a new understanding of their past and present selves. Fosters critical and incisive thinking about issues that have a significant impact on adolescent development in the 21st century. Provides perspectives on adolescents and what they think about the world around them by examining how different experiences shape adolescent growth across diverse cultures. Examines the modern transitional stage of emerging adulthood, where the end of adolescence and the preparation for adult roles are postponed. May be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

### **BHSC 7368 - Educational Coaching: Ensuring Success for All Learners**

*Credits: 3*

Enhances the leadership and coaching styles of educational professionals in management positions through self-reflection and interactive and experiential learning focused on educational effectiveness, innovation, and success. Explores concepts such as the mind and skill sets needed to facilitate transformation within individuals and systems to ensure high-quality teaching and learning for all students, including English language learners. May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology; humanities.

## **BHSC 7369 - Potential and Performance: Coaching for Individual and Organizational Effectiveness**

*Credits: 3*

Builds on BHSC 7368 in a continued investigation of the theory and practice of coaching in an effort to develop and deepen students' coaching mindset and skillset. Students gain practice and feedback as they use coaching tools and implement, analyze, and synthesize the coaching model, as well as the coaching relationship and the role of coaching in facilitating organizational transformation. Emphasizes coaching that closes the gaps between potential and performance. Also, the transformation coaches experience in that one must change in profound ways ("get bigger") to move to higher levels of effectiveness. In addition to becoming masterful coaches, students work to increase their capacity for systems thinking and leading organizational change. May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or applied to the following curricular field concentrations: organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology; humanities.

## **BHSC 7370 - Death, Dying, and Grief**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the development of attitudes toward death throughout the life cycle and the ways variables such as gender, occupation, religion, social class, and culture affect these attitudes. Provides an overview of the stages of the dying process typically experienced by the terminally ill individual. Addresses the importance of grief and the process of grieving. Examines ethical issues related to death and dying in contemporary society. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; and communication, media, and technology.

## **Fine Arts**

### **FNAR 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Directed study.

### **FNAR 6115 - Classic Works and Texts in the Fine Arts**

*Credits: 1*

This course focuses on a single, seminal text or work of art in music, drama, or the visual arts through close, directed reading and seminar discussion. Topics can vary each term. One study begins with the premise that there is more than one way to read a painting by considering a variety of different scholarly interpretations of Manet's last major painting, "Bar at the Folies-Bergere." Critical readings are supplemented by background lectures on Manet's significant place in the movements of realism and impressionism. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions, and others based on the topic chosen.

### **FNAR 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Directed study.

### **FNAR 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study.

## **FNAR 6301 - Action! Dramatic Screenwriting**

*Credits: 3*

Hands-on writing course for beginners and for those already writing screenplays or plays. Focuses on basic requirements for dramatic writing (film, theatre, and solo performance): action, dialogue, and narrative. Includes a series of in-class exercises and writing assignments on how to create a new work or rewrite a work in progress. Scenes from classic plays are studied and emulated. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; creative writing; humanities.

## **FNAR 6305 - From Sunrise to Psycho: Form and Meaning in the Cinema**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the evolution of cinematic methods of expression, from the end of the silent era, through the transition to sound and the subsequent development of the movie industry, to 1960. Students screen and closely examine sequences from 14 masterpieces of world cinema, beginning with F.W. Murnau's great silent film "Sunrise" (1927) and concluding with Jean-Luc Godard's "A Bout de Souffle (Breathless)" and Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" (1960). Selected readings and screenings of short sequences from other relevant films explore the economic, social, and cultural context for these major artistic achievements. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; communication, media, and technology; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6306 - Reading to Write: Learning From the Masters**

*Credits: 3*

Good writing is never imitative, but good writers always learn from other writers. Whether analyzing the successful techniques of a classic work by Hemingway, Warren, Munro, or the latest best-seller, writers of fiction and nonfiction benefit from the study of others' storytelling. Through literary analysis and application of techniques studied, writers enhance their creative projects. This course is a combination of close reading and creative writing. The course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: creative writing or humanities.

## **FNAR 6307 - Chemistry and Technology in Art: From Antiquity to the Industrial Revolution**

*Credits: 3*

Students become acquainted with the major developments in science and technology through the ages and learn how these developments influenced materials and techniques used in art. Includes discussions on various artists' materials such as dyes and pigments, clays, metals and alloys, glasses, and coatings and adhesives. The major art forms that employ these materials include painting, dyeing of textiles, manuscript illumination, glass and metalwork, and ceramics. Original sources from antiquity, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and more modern periods are used to learn how various materials were prepared and applied in art. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6308 - Creating Truths**

*Credits: 3*

Narratives explore the margins of humanity, and they are a means of expressing, celebrating, and instructing others. Students explore factual and fictional stories and how they work, how people read and appropriate what they read, and how narratives are important to everyday life. Conducted in a workshop setting, the course focuses on the analysis and creation of stories, with in-seminar writing exercises. Interchanges between two genres (short fiction and creative nonfiction) assist in the crafting of stories in either or both genres. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; creative writing; humanities.

## **FNAR 6309 - Art of the Renaissance in Italy**

*Credits: 3*

Explores painting, architecture, and sculpture during the Italian Renaissance, from its beginning in the early 14th century through the High Renaissance in the 16th century. Major artists and their works are discussed within their cultural contexts, and focus is given to technique, stylistic influence, and iconographical developments. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6313 - Approaching Contemporary Art, Facing the Millennium: 1980-2010**

*Credits: 3*

This course encompasses the 30 years of contemporary art straddling the turn of the century, 1980-2010. The art combines materials, methods, concepts, and subjects that challenge traditional boundaries and defy easy definition. Students witness ever-growing, new ideas developed by adventurous, mostly young artists worldwide. Contemporary art is the art of today produced by artists living in the 21st century. It is a window on contemporary society that helps people understand the world and themselves. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6315 - Creating the Memoir**

*Credits: 3*

The memoir, a subgenre of creative nonfiction, explores the methodologies for writing about the self. Through analysis of existing memoirs, suggested strategies for such writing, and a hands-on workshop setting, this seminar enables students to tell their stories. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; creative writing; humanities. Repeatable for credit.

## **FNAR 6316 - History, Humanity, and Humor: Physical Comedy and Beyond**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the roots of comedy and asks why comedy has historically made people laugh. After researching comedies in historical dramatic literature, masks of the commedia dell' arte, comic scenarios, and comedic problem-solving, students recreate classical physical comedy and investigate their own personal clown. Examines the ways man's humanity is revealed through humor and the similarities between centuries-old humor, physical comedy, and that of popular culture today. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6317 - The Art of the Baroque**

*Credits: 3*

This course examines European painting, sculpture, and architecture of the 17th century, beginning with the foundation of the Baroque in Italy and traveling to France, Spain, and the Netherlands. Students study masterpieces by Bernini, Caravaggio, Poussin, Velazquez, Rubens, Rembrandt, and their contemporaries, explaining their significant contributions in terms of style and subject matter. For full interpretation, the works are discussed within their historical context, paying particular attention to patronage, the religious milieu, and the social position of the artist. Topics include the Counter-Reformation and Protestantism; the status of women artists; the emergence of the art market; and the increase in genre painting, the still life, and the landscape. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6320 - Temples, Tombs, and Mummies: Egyptian Art and Archaeology**

*Credits: 3*

Explores pharaonic Egypt, including the Great Pyramids at Giza, Akhenaten's heretical Amarna, Tutankhamun's fabulous tomb, and Rameses II's monumental rock-cut temple at Abu Simbel. Provides an understanding of this powerful and influential civilization's vast material culture, from finely woven textiles and leather chariot fittings to carved wall reliefs and colorful tomb

paintings. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: art and cultural traditions; global studies (non-Western); humanities.

### **FNAR 6322 - Modern Movements in European and American Painting**

*Credits: 3*

Beginning with realism and impressionism, this course traces the development of the avant-garde through such modern styles as expressionism, cubism, futurism, Dadaism, surrealism, abstract expressionism, pop and op art, and photo-realism. Readings about the works of representative artists and critics are stressed. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies; American studies.

### **FNAR 6323 - Modern European Paintings in France**

*Credits: 3*

(held off-campus) This course takes students in an art history tour to France. The tour explores modern French painting and the significant contributions of realism, impressionism, postimpressionism, fauvism, cubism, and the nonobjective. All lectures are delivered on-site, explaining the works of Courbet, Manet, Renoir, Degas, Pissaro, Cezanne, Ganguin, van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso, Kandinsky, Mondrian, and other artists. Highlights include special visits to artists' studios and residences. A research paper is required to receive credit for the course. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies.

### **FNAR 6333 - Approaching Contemporary Art: Post-World War II, 1950-1980**

*Credits: 3*

Presents art from the end of World War II to the close of the 20th century and sets the stage for students to explore new art. Students become familiar with artists, their signature styles, and their effect on the course of art history. Students also develop confidence looking at new art, enhancing their own aesthetic judgment, and enriching their lives culturally. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies; American studies.

### **FNAR 6336 - Renaissance and Baroque Art in Italy**

*Credits: 3*

(held off-campus) Presents a special opportunity to study in person many of the world's most important works of art: those produced in Italy during the Renaissance and Baroque periods c. 1300-1700. Explores the works of the Early Renaissance in Pisa, Padua, and Siena; the full flowering of the Renaissance in Florence and Venice; and the grandeur of the Baroque era in Rome. Students study masterpieces in painting, sculpture, and architecture by such creative geniuses as Giotto, Masaccio, Brunelleschi, Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo, Titian, Bernini, Caravaggio, and Borromini. Defines the significant contributions made by these artists in terms of style and subject matter and, for full interpretation, discusses the works within their historical context, paying particular attention to patronage, the religious milieu, and the social position of the artist. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies.

### **FNAR 6387 - Inspiring Creative Minds Through Original Art**

*Credits: 3*

Most encounters with works of art are limited to learning objective information about them - when, where, why, and by whom they were created. Seldom are visitors invited to spend thoughtful time with the works and explore their complexities, and rarely are they encouraged to discover personal connections and construct their own meanings. This course invites students to consider works of art in a variety of contexts, to learn through them, and to be inspired to think and respond creatively to them. May be applied to the following curricular field concentration: arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6394 - Creating Poetry**

*Credits: 3*

In this workshop, students read and interpret a wide variety of poems, craft poetry using different poetic forms, and critique and evaluate their classmates' poems. Repeatable for credit. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: creative writing; arts and cultural traditions; humanities.

## **FNAR 6395 - The Spectacle of Theatre**

*Credits: 3*

The origins, developments, and purpose of theatre. The playwright, director, actors, and designers all collaborate to shape how the audience interprets the performed word. Supporting the spoken word is an elaborate environment created by the design team in the areas of costume, scenery, sound, and lighting design. Whether the ancient Greek gore wagon or the flying rig in Spiderman, design though the eras shares many of the same traits and approaches. The course traces the origins of theatre from Greece to modern time, focusing on key moments in history to analyze the development of design and spectacle. Students get a sense of how theatre is made through the use of lecture, video, and interaction with local theatre performances. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 6396 - Time Past, Time Present: Storytelling with a Backdrop of History**

*Credits: 3*

All writing reflects a backdrop of history, and storytelling in fiction and nonfiction becomes richer, more dramatic, and closer to the "truth" when a writer researches, explores, and incorporates historical context. By mining the past for stories waiting to be told, writers spark their creativity and enhance the richness of their creations. When writers attempt to capture the significance of historical events, often the more dramatic approach is the most personal - a momentous event through the eyes of a single individual just living daily life in interesting times and struggling with personal challenges and demons. Whether an author uses fiction or nonfiction to capture that experience, dramatic storytelling can be the best way to explore time past, time present. The course combines creative writing with literary analysis and historical research to reflect the benefits of close reading, learning from the masters, exploring the "presentness" of the past, and enhancing the creative process. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: creative writing; humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7340 - From Constantine to Charlemagne: The Art, Archaeology, and Architecture of Late Antiquity**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the Late Antiquity, a time of transition and transformation between the Classical art and architecture of the Greek and Roman world, the Romanesque and Gothic art of the Middle Ages in the West, and the Islamic art in the East. Begins with the rule of the Roman emperor Constantine, continues to the coronation of Charlemagne as head of the Holy Roman Empire, and ends with the spread of Islam into the Byzantine world and beyond. Late Antiquity is a period rich in cultural and artistic shifts, changes, challenges, and developments. It sees the spread of monumental and lavish Christian art and architecture throughout Europe, the growing influence of northern Germanic cultures and traditions, the artistic and architectural differentiation of the art of the Byzantine Empire, and the subsequent sharing and borrowing of artistic traditions with the spreading Islamic culture. This transformational period, also known as the Dark Ages, creates the separate worlds, artistic traditions, and cultures of West and East in the Mediterranean and ultimately leads to what we know as modern Europe and the Middle East. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; gender studies; global studies; humanities.

## **FNAR 7350 - Special Topics in Fine Arts**

*Credits: 3*

Covers special topics in the status of the fine arts.

## **FNAR 7360 - Creating the Short Story**

*Credits: 3*

Students explore and create the short, short story (or flash fiction) and the longer short story. Conducted as a workshop, participants read and interpret a wide variety of short stories, craft short stories, and critique the stories written by their colleagues. The goal of the course is to move student work toward potential publication. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: creative writing; arts and cultural traditions; humanities. (This course may be repeated for credit.)

## **FNAR 7361 - Creating Compelling Narrative**

*Credits: 3*

Writers of thrillers, literary novels, and memoirs face a common challenge: compelling readers to continue reading. Powerful narrative results from an intriguing combination of what happens, who is involved, and why the characters act as they do. Students explore how narrative techniques like conflict, suspense, character motivation, plot complications, and resolution combine to engage readers, whether used in prominent ways as in a mystery or with more subtlety as in literary fiction. Through examination of classic fiction and current best sellers, students analyze effective storytelling and create compelling narratives, scene by scene. May be applied for the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; creative writing; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7365 - Creating the Novel**

*Credits: 3*

The craft of writing a novel is explored through workshops that focus on writing exercises and the analysis of novels relative to structure, characterization, theme, and the development of plotline. Students write the beginning 45-60 pages of a novel, with the primary intention of writing toward the completion of a novel. Significant reading and writing are essential to successful achievement in this seminar. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; creative writing; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7366 - Creating the Stage Play**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on analyzing and writing one-act plays and explores a variety of stage play types, including tragedy, comedic tragedy, comedy, and one-person monologue. Seriously examines drama of all types other than the musical. Special attention is given to character, story lines, theatricality, and theme. Conducted as a workshop that includes in-seminar and out-of-seminar writing exercises, with colleague critiques geared toward the goal of developing a tightly organized one-act play. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; creative writing; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7367 - The Writer's Voice**

*Credits: 3*

A writer's voice begins with silence, grows into sound, expands to tone, and resonates throughout narrative and style. It reflects the core identity of the writer and demonstrates an author's facility with language and storytelling. Through close reading of contemporary literary "voices" and extensive writing, students create fiction or nonfiction projects and concentrate on honing the cluster of writing features that result in unique "voices." May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; creative writing; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7368 - Science on the Stage**

*Credits: 3*

Science and theatre (or, more generally art) are often seen as two disparate and incompatible products of the human mind, even though both depict and study - and are inspired by - the wonders and majesty of nature, other surroundings, and the universe. To see science as merely analytical and art as merely creative is to rather simplistically stereotype the scientist ("unemotional" etc.) and the artist ("unserious" etc.). The course demonstrates the ways stage works have made various scientific discoveries accessible, entertaining, and inspiring. Includes lectures, student projects, and discussion of theatre-worthy scientists and scientific or pseudoscientific ideas/acts ranging from great and dignified to despicable. Students analyze plays and play excerpts (texts or video). This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7369 - Cities, Sanctuaries, and Temples: Greek Art and Archeology**

*Credits: 3*

Greek art and archaeology have inspired Western civilization for millennia, with artistic and architectural achievements that have influenced art, architecture, and culture up to the present. This course analyzes the material culture of the Greek world from the earliest Cycladic figurines, through Minoan and Mycenaean cultures, and into the period of Archaic art and the earliest temples. The great classical period of Greek art in the 5th and 4th centuries BCE is reviewed as well as the influence of Alexander the Great's conquests on the transformation of Greek art into the more inclusive culture of the Hellenistic world. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions, global studies, and humanities.

## **FNAR 7371 - Ethical Issues in Fashion Media: From Catwalks to Sweatshops**

*Credits: 3*

Examines fashion as a representation of modern material culture. What people choose to wear on a daily basis - both in person and in private - expresses something about who they are as individuals. Students use an ethical framework to examine the multibillion-dollar fashion industry and the relationship between fashion, ethics, and the media. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; arts and cultural traditions; communication, media, and technology; global studies; American studies.

## **FNAR 7372 - Citizens, Monuments, and Empire: Roman Art and Archaeology**

*Credits: 3*

Students engage with the full spectrum of Roman art and archaeology, from its earliest beginnings to its latest manifestations. They explore cultural artifacts, city plans, military and urban building, temples, sculptures, coins, ceramics, and sanctuaries from the earliest habitations in Rome to Roman conquests and construction throughout the Mediterranean and Europe. They also study objects, sites, and buildings to understand the cultural and social worlds that these material remains embody. Reveals how the Romans shaped their material world to reflect their cultural and social perspectives, and how the material achievement of Rome contributes to human achievement and resonates in the world today. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; humanities; gender studies.

## **FNAR 7373 - Lone Star Art Stars: Contemporary Texas Artists**

*Credits: 3*

Presents contemporary art by Texas artists, beginning with the Lone Star regionalists in the 1930s and continuing with artists of the 21st century. Students explore regional art (this area has the third-largest artist population in the U.S.) in local galleries, museums, art spaces, and private collections. They become familiar with Texas artists, their signature styles, and their continuing maturity. Looking at new art, students enhance their aesthetic judgment and gain confidence in their own personal collecting. The course seeks to expand students' awareness of how the North Texas environment impacts artists and collectors. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; arts and cultural traditions; humanities.

## **FNAR 7374 - Mythic Image in Pop Music and Technology**

*Credits: 3*

An in-depth analysis of myth, pop music, and contemporary music technology that includes an examination of the evolution of pop music to its current status in which it mimics and sometimes replaces the traditional functions of the culturally informing myth. Focuses on technology from 1877 to the present, addresses issues of myth's presence and viability in a modern world, and investigates the means by which pop icons such as Lady Gaga, Rush, and Ice-T affect local and global communities of listeners. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; communication, media, and technology; global studies; humanities.

## **FNAR 7375 - Religion and Theatre**

*Credits: 3*

Born in homage to divinity, theatre in the Western world has told the stories and reflected the beliefs, practices, questions, and conflicts within and among individuals, institutions, and societies for five recorded millennia. From the Osiris Passion Plays in ancient Egypt to "Angels in America" on Broadway, this course surveys great plays and the societies they reflected. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **FNAR 7376 - Prophets, Ziggurats, Kings, and Cuneiform: Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes the material culture (monuments, art, and other artifacts) of the ancient Near East from the earliest settlements in the Fertile Crescent around the Tigris-Euphrates River Valley; to the emergence of the city-states and territorial states of Gilgamesh, Sargon, Hammurabi, and the Israelites; to the great regional empires of the Assyrians, Medes, Babylonians, and Persians. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western), arts and cultural traditions, and humanities.

## **FNAR 7377 - Representing the Real: Form and Meaning in Documentary Film**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the documentary film tradition as it has developed from the silent period to the present. Features American films as diverse in their approach as "Nanook of the North" (1922), "Salesman" (1969), "Harlan County, USA" (1976), and "The Thin Blue Line" (1988), as well as important documentary film from France, Spain, Germany, and Japan, etc. May be applied to the following curricular field areas: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; communications, media, and technology.

## **FNAR 7379 - Gods, Heroes, Monsters, and Mysteries: The Art and Archaeology of Classical Mythology**

*Credits: 3*

Covers the deities of Classical mythology through the material culture of Greece and Rome. Considers the art and archaeology of mythical deities, as well as their stories and the cultural and religious contexts of their appearances, rituals, and appeal. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, arts and cultural traditions, and global studies.

## **FNAR 7380 - Dallas: Exploring Its Arts and Culture in the 21st Century**

*Credits: 3*

Students observe, interpret, and discuss how the diversity and increasingly "global" profile of Dallas contributes to its unique social, cultural, and artistic landscape. They also employ observation, critical analysis, and qualitative research methodologies to investigate Dallas' diverse cultures and populations - social, racial, artistic, historical, and political - and how they deepen and

broaden the understanding of culture as performance. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, arts and cultural traditions, global studies, American studies, and human rights and social justice.

### **FNAR 7381 - Writers on Writing: 21st-Century Storytelling**

*Credits: 3*

Explores guidance from authors who encourage writers to recognize that "out-of-category" artistically written books can be a path to successful authorship in the 21st century. Students select books published since 2000, write reviews, and analyze storytelling and writing style to glean support for their creative projects of fiction, creative nonfiction, and memoir. Close reading and extensive writing are the mainstays of this course. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions, creative writing, and humanities.

### **FNAR 7382 - From Jerusalem to Rome: Early Christian Art and Archeology**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the wealth of art and archeological findings that tell the story of the earliest Christians, including Jesus and his disciples in the Holy Land; the followers of an outlawed religion that rapidly spread throughout the Mediterranean; and Emperor Constantine and his successors who ruled during a period of legitimacy and magnificence for Christianity in the Roman Empire. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions, global studies, and humanities.

### **FNAR 7383 - The Art and Culture of Spain**

*Credits: 3*

Reviews the history of Spain, the sociopolitical and economic struggles that led to the Spanish Civil War, the subsequent 36-year authoritarian government of Francisco Franco (1892-1975), Spain's modern connections to centuries-old values and customs, and Spain's associations with ideologies outside of the country. Examines critic Julius Meier-Graefe, author Camilo José Cela, and modern painter El Greco. Focuses on what constitutes the Spanish identity and what defines modernity in the context of Spanish culture and art. Examines two painters who are relatively unknown outside of Spanish art historical circles: Ignacio Zuloaga (1870-1945) from the Basque Country and Santiago Rusiñol (1861-1931) from Catalonia. Students explore art and architecture from across centuries and use their own aesthetic awareness and critical skills in expressing their opinions based primarily on the visual (versus art historical) and affective aspects of objects and space. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; global studies; humanities.

## **Humanities**

### **HUMN 6049 - Graduate Full-Time Status**

*Credits: 0*

Allows full-time status for graduate students without credit.

### **HUMN 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Directed study.

### **HUMN 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

A directed study proposed by the student, under the guidance of a faculty member.

## **HUMN 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study.

## **HUMN 6303 - Thesis**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study toward thesis.

## **HUMN 6308 - Women's Lives and Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Examines American and British classic texts in the women's literary tradition, with a focus on how they reflect ideals and conflicts in their portrayal of women's lives from childhood to old age. Introduces selected modes of literary theory as a context for reading women's literature. Authors include Alcott, Morrison, Austen, Bronte, and Eliot. This course fulfills the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; gender studies; arts and cultural traditions; American studies; human rights and social justice.

## **HUMN 6311 - Objectivity and Bias in the News**

*Credits: 3*

This course identifies the various forces that critics say bias the news media and looks for evidence of these biases in media products. Students explicate the terms "bias" and "objectivity" and examine the different forms of alleged media bias, from the frequently cited partisan or ideological bias to the structural bias that often occurs as a result of the way newsrooms operate. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; humanities; American studies.

## **HUMN 6316 - The Human Experience: An Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies**

*Credits: 3*

Introductory course for the M.L.S. program that is required of all degree-seeking M.L.S. students. Examines issues of human existence using interdisciplinary perspectives, primary readings, large-group presentations, and discussion groups. Students learn the various disciplines of human thought and problems, and they contribute to the overall knowledge of the many ways in which humans try to understand themselves and the world around them. Also, what it means to be human, including a consideration of the nature of products of human activity and the world in which humans find themselves. Includes a close look at the human condition and human creations such as social institutions, art, literature, and science.

## **HUMN 6317 - Literature and Identity, 1530-1680**

*Credits: 3*

A study of the interplay of religion, politics, and culture in the works of major English writers, from Shakespeare to Milton. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions.

## **HUMN 6319 - Ethics and Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Examines literary works that evoke questions about individual responsibility, free will, the nature of evil, and the resolution of

conflicting moral claims. This course may be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; global studies.

## **HUMN 6321 - International Humanitarian Aid**

*Credits: 3*

Examines modern-day international responses to the emergency needs of people affected by major natural disasters and by inter- and intra-state conflicts that have occurred since the end of the Cold War. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); American studies; human rights and social justice; humanities.

## **HUMN 6323 - Creativity and Dreams**

*Credits: 3*

Do dreams contain important insights, and even messages, about living more creatively both for ourselves and for others? Can dreaming play an important role not only in the regulation of sleep but in the generation of great visions for our own and humanity's future? This course explores these questions and offers methods for applying dream interpretation to the strengthening of one's own creative aspirations and powers. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **HUMN 6326 - Indigenous Peoples' Rights in a Global Economy**

*Credits: 3*

Provides a critical overview of present-day issues facing indigenous peoples and how they have been categorized in relation to ethnic groups, colonization, and the international system of states. Examines the current debates within the United Nations about indigenous peoples and human rights, and looks at the law and economics of colonization and emerging issues of international trade and globalization. The course also explores the relationship between jurisprudence and tribal customs in literature, history, and anthropology. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; global studies (non-Western); humanities; gender studies.

## **HUMN 6328 - Love and Transformation**

*Credits: 3*

The transforming and transformative power of love has generated great literature throughout history. Students study a number of works, including plays, poetry, novels, and philosophical texts from the ancient Greek world to modern American literature. The goal is to analyze and understand how authors in different times, cultures, and places use the concept of love to inspire, motivate, and reconfigure their characters' lives and the worlds they live in. May be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **HUMN 6330 - Wit and Humor in African-American Literature**

*Credits: 3*

The goals of this course are to reach a better understanding of the aesthetics, cultural and historical experiences, and literary conventions of African-American writers. The focus is on traditional wit and humor in the selected works. Authors include traditional writers such as Hurston and Hughes, and contemporary writers such as Toni Morrison, J. California Cooper, and Ishmael Reed. Since African-American literature is based on oral tradition, students are expected to present individual readings and/or performances. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; humanities; American studies.

## **HUMN 6336 - Paradigms of Humanity in Science Fiction**

*Credits: 3*

Examines works in the genre of science fiction using a variety of novels, films, and short stories to question what it means to be human in relation to the alien other and the alien machine. May be applied to fulfill the writing intensive requirement for the M.L.S. program or toward the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **HUMN 6338 - The Fire of Transformation: Exploring the Mystical Life**

*Credits: 3*

Explores how certain individuals throughout the world and during different periods of history came to have powerful and transformative spiritual experiences. Students carefully examine the ways in which different religious traditions understand mysticism. They investigate a variety of spiritual techniques designed to catalyze, deepen, and stabilize these alternate levels of consciousness. Students delve into philosophical and social-scientific analyses of the dynamics of mystical states of awareness, and they probe the metaphysical, ethical, and psychological implications of mysticism in the modern world. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western).

## **HUMN 6341 - The Ethical Implications of Children's Literature**

*Credits: 3*

The course examines a wide range of children's literature, both historical and current, with an emphasis on building an adult understanding of the moral and cultural themes in these works. Issues of colonialism, race, ethnicity, gender, and class are confronted. Students become acquainted with different approaches to children's literature by reviewing a variety of literary criticism. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; gender studies.

## **HUMN 6350 - The Art of African-American Storytelling**

*Credits: 3*

Explains the traditional roots of African-American storytelling from Africa through the diaspora and examines the survival, uses, and importance of verbal arts in the African-American culture. The course also explores the cultural clashes between African-American descendants whose experiences are disparate: one group dominated by respect for the oral tradition and the other dominated by reliance on authorized written texts. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; American studies; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

## **HUMN 6351 - Interpretation and Performance of African-American Poetry**

*Credits: 3*

Extends the student's knowledge and awareness of African-American literary, aesthetic, and folk traditions through an examination of early- to contemporary-period poetry that reveals historical, political, and sociological influences. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; American studies; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

## **HUMN 6352 - Interpretation of Folklore in African-American Fiction**

*Credits: 3*

This course examines selected African-American novelists whose works are strongly influenced by the legacy of the African oral tradition. Students utilize selected readings to engage in lively discourse and demonstrate basic performance skills. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; American studies.

## **HUMN 6354 - Remembering the 1960s: Culture and Change**

*Credits: 3*

Examines eyewitness accounts, participants' recollections, and fictional and film representations from one of the nation's most controversial decades to discover how mass media influenced cultural perceptions and how later commentators on this era have constructed nostalgic or demonized versions (e.g., it was the decade that America came unraveled or it was the dawning of the Age of Aquarius) as ammunition in continuing contests over values. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; communication, media, and technology; arts and cultural traditions; global studies; American studies; human rights and social justice.

## **HUMN 6356 - Oral Interpretation of Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Explores how to give professional presentations in a public-speaking venue, with a focus on talks about written content such as literature and poetry. The spoken art form that originated in the ancient oral tradition is reappearing more significantly in today's world. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; humanities.

## **HUMN 6358 - Trances and Dances: Investigations Into Indigenous Religious Life**

*Credits: 3*

Introduces students to the religious beliefs and practices of several non-Western (or pre-Western) indigenous cultures such as the Australian aborigines, African tribal peoples, and native North and South Americans. Through readings, videos, lectures, classroom discussions, and in-class activities, students examine such phenomena as spirit possession, sacrifice, masks, shamanism, out-of-body experiences, spiritual healing, visions, and pilgrimages. Students delve into the psychological and social functions of trance, exorcism, and magic and explore the problems and possibilities of cross-cultural religious contact. They also seek out the hidden meanings of myths and dreams. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); American studies.

## **HUMN 6364 - The Many Forms of Love in Literature: From Pre-Classical to Modern Times**

*Credits: 3*

Examines chronologically the concepts and forms of human love in different cultures as portrayed in fiction, drama, poetry, and philosophy. Emphasis is on the dynamics of love relationships, how they evolve, and how they reflect larger movements in society. Fulfills the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **HUMN 6370 - The Literate Mind At Work**

*Credits: 3*

Students enhance their reading, research, analysis, and written argument skills. Activities include the analysis of literature as a record of human experiences, the refinement of writing skills through personal responses, argumentation, and presentation of research. In group and individual projects, students explore the literature of the Southwest and classic short stories as literary responses to clashes of cultures, social and human justice, and challenges to morality and values. This writing-intensive course clarifies basic research techniques, styles of documentation, and academic integrity. May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; human rights and social justice; gender studies; humanities.

## **HUMN 6374 - Writing and the Search for Self**

*Credits: 3*

What are the defining moments of students' lives, and how do students incorporate the insights gained from these critical experiences into the stories they tell about themselves? Examining memoirs and autobiographies, and offering practical advice on

keeping a journal and overcoming writer's block, this course is for students interested in developing a strong individual voice, one that can address issues of personal concern with the authority that comes from experience. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; creative writing.

### **HUMN 6376 - Our Stories, Ourselves**

*Credits: 3*

How people see themselves and how others see them are not just a matter of looking in the mirror. For better or for worse, self-image is embedded in the stories people tell about themselves, both internally and in their dealings with others. Students use journal writing as a means of bringing their life stories into focus and as a tool for change, growth, and understanding, with the goal of living a more effective and happier life. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; creative writing.

### **HUMN 6395 - News in the Digital Age: From Traditional Media to Citizen Media**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the impact of digital technology on news and the free flow of information in a democratic society. Reviews the evolution of American journalism from its founding to its current-day forms. Also, the standards and practices of journalism for traditional media (print, radio, and television) and new media (online reporting, blogging, video and/or audio podcasts, live streaming, and Web-feed formats such as RSS feeds). Students discover how the different technological methods of news distribution affect who does the coverage, what is covered, who is reached, and why these are important. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; humanities; American studies.

### **HUMN 6396 - Literature and the Culture of Disability**

*Credits: 3*

Explores issues of disability from literary, cultural, and philosophical perspectives. Students study current debates surrounding disability studies within a variety of contexts. This course fulfills the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

### **HUMN 6397 - Troubled Youth in America**

*Credits: 3*

Examines, from an array of perspectives (history, literature, film, sociology, music, media, etc.), the transcultural and historical categories of youth, adolescence, and young adulthood. Students focus on issues of historical change, family systems, gender roles, sexuality, rebellion, and generational conflict. May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

### **HUMN 7300 - Thesis**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study toward thesis.

### **HUMN 7302 - Transnational Traditions**

*Credits: 3*

This comparative course, which focuses on the 20th- and 21st-century novel in the U.S. and Latin America, offers students the opportunity to think about the literary traditions of the Americas from a transnational perspective. Chosen novels address issues or themes central to the experiences of many different nations in the Americas and highlight the movements of their protagonists between one American nation and another. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; American studies; global studies.

## **HUMN 7303 - The Cultural Politics of Pop, Rock, and Rap**

*Credits: 3*

The prehistory and history of rock and roll serves as the context in which American and transnational histories are explored. Topics include the black diaspora, minstrelsy, the Great Migration, the Black Atlantic, youth culture, the sexual revolution, student uprisings, the civil rights movement, consumerism, and rock as oppositional in culture. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; American studies; global studies; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

## **HUMN 7311 - Capstone: Liberal Studies**

*Credits: 3*

The capstone course is required of all M.L.S. students not undertaking a thesis. Conducted as an independent directed study, it is the last course of a student's program for the M.L.S. degree. Students earning a concentration must pursue a capstone project related to the curricular field area of their concentration. One month in advance of their last term, students must choose a faculty member with whom to work and - in consultation with that faculty member - propose to the M.L.S. director and Simmons School dean their topic and/or project. Students have a choice among the following capstone options to satisfactorily complete their degree program and to prepare for further graduate work: the portfolio project, the graduate project, an internship and/or service experience, or a creative project.

## **HUMN 7312 - Islam in State and Society**

*Credits: 3*

The emergence of "political Islam" as a movement to reform dominantly Muslim societies and to transform those societies' relationships to non-Muslim nations has had a growing impact on American impressions of Islam and on U.S. foreign policy toward Muslim countries. Topics include the emergence of contemporary Islamic movements as they relate to the evolution of Muslim states and societies, the historical rise of Islamic states and societies, the classical Islamic legal reasoning that justifies and shapes those states and societies, and the emergence of contemporary Muslim discussions about the relationship of Islam to state and society in the modern context. Students explore issues that surround Muslim minorities in non-Muslim states and societies as well as the rights of non-Muslims in dominantly Muslim states and societies. Important to this exploration is an understanding of human rights, gender, democracy, and economic structures in contemporary Islamic thought. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); gender studies; human rights and social justice.

## **HUMN 7315 - Religions of Asia**

*Credits: 3*

Since the first encounters of Europeans with India, China, and Southeast Asia, Westerners have been challenged by the philosophies, religions, and worldviews of Asia. Over the centuries, those ideas have often transmuted into new ways of thinking about the meaning of being human and new understandings of the world. This course surveys Hinduism, Buddhism, and Chinese religions. Students are offered the opportunity to understand more fully the worldviews of traditional Asian societies, the ways in which their religions have met the spiritual and social needs of their adherents, and the present growth and relevance of those religions outside Asia. Through lectures and readings, students journey through these worldviews, learn the stories and rituals in which they are expressed, and discover the ways in which they function in individual lives and the societies as a whole. Includes visits to Hindu and Buddhist religious communities in the Dallas area, as well as meetings and discussions with their members and leaders. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); humanities; human rights and social justice.

## **HUMN 7316 - Female Sanctity in the Middle Ages**

*Credits: 3*

Studies female sanctity in the Middle Ages, from the virgin martyrs of antiquity to the heretic/saint Joan of Arc. Through classroom discussions and presentations based on careful readings of primary texts, students consider such topics as how women negotiated and renegotiated their position relative to men throughout the centuries, how women represented themselves in self-authored texts compared to how male authors represented women in texts, and how religious women addressed the anxiety of church and society regarding their status. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; gender studies; global studies.

## **HUMN 7320 - Lesbian and Gay Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on the manifold ways that same-sex love and desire have been represented in literature from ancient times through the present. Tracing the persistence of classical and biblical views and the rise of modern models of sexuality, the course follows ideas from Plato, the Bible, medieval poetry, Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, and Freud that frame the work of gay and lesbian writers today. May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: gender studies; human rights and social justice; humanities.

## **HUMN 7330 - Law and Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Examines literary works that have been selected for their artistic merit as well as their subject matter, including universal jurisprudential and philosophical problems such as the conflict of natural law with the development of positive law, revenge and penal theory, justice and injustice, ethical conduct and corruption, individual and public perception of the legal process, and the significance of narrative. May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; communication, media and technology.

## **HUMN 7331 - Getting Organized: Personhood in the Age of Corporate Enterprise**

*Credits: 3*

Examines historical, sociological, and artistic responses to capitalism and the organizational structures that developed within it. Explores capitalism as it emerged in the 19th century and disrupted ideas of personhood, citizenship, and social belonging. Discusses the forms of individual, social, and workplace reorganization that emerged as a consequence of capitalism. Exposes students to the relations between economic and technological change within the workplace and beyond. May be used to meet the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; communication, media and technology.

## **HUMN 7335 - The Myths of Our Time: Introduction to Media Literacy**

*Credits: 3*

Explores strategies for interpreting a variety of verbal and nonverbal languages and texts - from print ads and commercials to cable news, from political spots and game shows to church bulletins and alumni magazines, and from dress codes to supermarket displays. Students identify and analyze some of the most fundamental myths the culture employs to frame and interpret reality: myths of competition, celebrity, and happiness; the myth of fun (life as entertainment); myths of money, shopping, and the (transcendent) market; and myths of patriotism and the American dream. Students pay particular attention to the representation, in word and image, of gender, race, old age, economic class, childhood, etc. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communication, media, and technology; humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; American studies.

## **HUMN 7336 - Creativity: Historical and Personal**

*Credits: 3*

Students analyze aspects of two periods of history (i.e., the modern era and a specific historical age that varies by term), which are bound together in unique ways by creativity, in order to explore methods for advancing their own personal creativity. Materials for consideration are highly interdisciplinary. This course may be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; creative writing; arts and cultural traditions.

## **HUMN 7350 - Special Topics in Humanities**

*Credits: 3*

Covers special topics in the status of the humanities.

## **HUMN 7351 - War and Literature: Soldiers' Tales**

*Credits: 3*

Explores how warfare has been represented in fiction and nonfiction, with a special emphasis on recent and contemporary wars. This course may be applied as a writing intensive course or to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; American studies; global studies.

## **HUMN 7356 - Darwin in His Time and Ours**

*Credits: 3*

Charles Darwin was not merely a great naturalist; he was also a compelling writer. After closely reading parts of Darwin's key works, students explore the scientific and philosophical currents that surrounded Darwin when he formulated his theory of evolution by means of natural selection. Also, reaction to his theory within the scientific community and the Victorian general public, the (sometimes questionable) application of his ideas to fields like economics and sociology, his impact on popular art and literature, and the revival of his ideas in the modern synthesis that has energized and unified biology in the last several decades. This course may fulfill the writing intensive requirement or be applied to the following curricular field concentration: humanities.

## **HUMN 7357 - Intercultural Communication**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of how differing worldviews, values, attitudes, and behaviors can affect the professional communication process as well as individual and organizational success. Students gain the skills (practical knowledge) and understanding (theoretical knowledge) needed to succeed in an increasingly international environment. Through a series of readings, reading responses, activities, class discussion, and formal papers, students experiment with and apply different concepts related to the intercultural communication process. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentration: communication, media, and technology.

## **HUMN 7359 - Just Between Sisters: Relationships of Mixed-Race Women and Girls**

*Credits: 3*

A focus on intersectional and relational questions of first-generation African/African diasporic (black) and European (white) mixed-race women and girls through the use of novels, memoirs, and film. The intersectional questions refer to Kimberlé Crenshaw's concept of intersectionality: the ways in which race and gender interact to shape the multiple dimensions of black women's lives. Crenshaw argues that the intersection of racism and sexism operate in black women's lives in ways that a single-dimensional analysis fails to reveal. The course builds on Crenshaw's concept to explore the various ways race, gender, class, and sexuality intersect in shaping the identity of mixed-race women and girls and their relationships with other women and girls. This

course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; gender studies; human rights and social justice; humanities.

### **HUMN 7360 - Sex, Death, and Identity in Modern China**

*Credits: 3*

Explores some of the major social problems faced by China since the post-1978 economic reforms and examines their implications for China's future. Topics include crime, drug abuse, prostitution, HIV and AIDS, nationalist conflict, corruption, family breakdown, juvenile delinquency, and environmental pollution. The course employs materials and methods from many scholarly disciplines and traditions: anthropology, sociology, history, political science, literature, economics, and cultural studies. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies.

### **HUMN 7361 - Spiritual and Mystical Paths of Today: A Multifaith Exploration**

*Credits: 3*

Explores spiritual and mystical writings from different religious traditions, seeking resources that may shed light on the contemporary quest for meaning and for ways of healing a wounded Earth. Examines the lives and writings of notable figures since the last century and reflects on the contents and features of their spiritual praxis and vision and how these relate to personal and global healing. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western).

### **HUMN 7362 - The Art of Persuasive Writing: From Cicero to Churchill to Tweets**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the power of the written word to persuade in speeches, essays, newspaper columns, and new media. Students trace and discuss the development of commentaries that have had an impact on public culture. Includes classic compositions from Roman and Greek orators, the Founding Fathers, Winston Churchill, H.L. Mencken, Martin Luther King, broadcasters Edward R. Murrow and Andy Rooney, contemporary columnists such as Maureen Dowd and Peggy Noonan, and critic/essayists such as Christopher Hitchens and David Foster Wallace, as well as recent White House speechwriters such as Karen Hughes and Jon Favreau. Students explore the structure of effective exhortations, the importance of "voice" in a memorable argument, the use of facts versus emotion, the use of humor to disarm, the value of metaphors, and the elements involved in effectively closing an argument. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; communication, media, and technology.

### **HUMN 7367 - Women and Minorities in the Media**

*Credits: 3*

Explores women, minorities, and the media with a critical eye and with an approach toward media criticism that incorporates feminist theory as well as a broader critical/cultural perspective that focuses on gender, race, class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Analyzing the content produced by a handful of powerful conglomerates that today comprise the mainstream media, students look below the surface of the media used for entertainment and/or information to explore what it says about the political economy, norms and values, and society. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; communication, media, and technology; humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies.

### **HUMN 7369 - Business and the American Dream in Literature**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the evolution of the American dream in literature from the 18th century to the present. Themes include the achievement and meaning of material success in America and the impact of business and technology on character development and human values. Seeks to identify leadership qualities that enhance the realization of the American dream and the types of organizational structure and culture that support or obstruct it. Covers how the American dream is defined, delivered, and

distorted. Students study forms of literature, including autobiographies, novels, plays, essays, poetry, and films. Emphasis is placed on forms of writing such as the response paper, the literary analysis, and the research paper. This course may be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; humanities; organizational dynamics.

### **HUMN 7375 - The African Diaspora: Literature and Culture of Black Liberation**

*Credits: 3*

Throughout the African diaspora, struggles for African independence in the mid-20th century had their roots in cultural awakenings such as Pan-Africanism, the Harlem renaissance, negritude, African humanism, and the black arts movement. Drawing on an interdisciplinary framework and resources, students examine the slave trade and its impact, historical figures and their thoughts, and creative expressions on evolving notions of African diasporic identity. Primary texts are supplemented by film, music, historical essays, cultural criticism, and theories from the growing field of diaspora studies. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; American studies; global studies; gender studies; human rights and social justice; arts and cultural traditions.

### **HUMN 7376 - Latin American Literature and Culture: Revolution, Feminine Writing, Dictatorship, and Immigration**

*Credits: 3*

Literature has been used as a revolutionary tool by cultures on every continent, and it has often been a catalyst for social change and political action. This course examines the relationships between writing and politics and art and politics: How does one understand what a revolution is, specifically in the context of Latin America? How has revolution been fictionalized in Latin America? What roles have the arts played in the emergence of the imaginary in the Caribbean and Latin America? How were national consolidation and social heterogeneity reconciled in the literary discourses? Students explore poetry, novels, essays, and short stories from Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina to understand how different authors articulate their perspective about cultural, social, and political dynamics prevalent in their particular contexts. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies; human rights and social justice; gender studies; American studies.

### **HUMN 7379 - Plants of the Gods: Religion and Psychedelics**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the religious use of entheogens (psychedelic substances such as peyote, psilocybin mushrooms, and ayahuasca) throughout history to catalyze powerful visionary and mystical experiences and commune with sacred beings. Explores the sometimes forceful rejection within Western culture of these natural substances and their man-made psychedelic (e.g., mescaline, DMT, and LSD) and investigates the scientific study of these substances from the 1950s through the early 1970s and then from the 1990s into the 21st century. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western).

### **HUMN 7380 - Waking Up: The Philosophy of Yoga and the Practice of Meditation**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the philosophical and psychological foundation assumptions of the rich (and often controversial) Hindu traditions of yoga and tantra. Emphasizes theory, experience, and practice as it relates to yogic and tantric vision, energy centers, breathing techniques, modes of meditation, and gods and goddesses. Promotes understanding of the nature of selfhood and consciousness, the sacralization of sexuality and daily life, and the goal of full awakening to one's divine nature. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies; arts and cultural traditions; gender studies.

## **HUMN 7381 - Organizational Communications**

*Credits: 3*

Provides an in-depth exploration of the theory and research underlying the discipline of organizational communication. Particular emphasis is given to the communicative approaches and processes that exist within many past and present organizational environments. The approaches and processes include classical management theory, human relations and human resources approaches, organizational systems, organizational culture, ethics and critical theory, organizational socialization, decision-making, conflict management, organizational change, leadership, emotion in the workplace, organizational diversity, and technology in the workplace. Students explore relevant communication theory, research, and practice through lecture, discussion, and application. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: communications; media and technology; organizational dynamics; humanities.

## **HUMN 7382 - Cultures of Displacement: The Writing of Race, Migration, and Diaspora**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates race and ethnicity within the histories of migrations, diaspora, colonialism, postcolonialism, globalization, and gentrification. Includes historical, literary, sociological, and other disciplinary perspectives. Focuses on individual and collective identity as self-selected and imposed, fixed and flexible, located and displaced, and local and global. Provides a knowledgebase for framing and discussing political and popular culture issues. This course fulfills the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field areas: humanities; gender studies; human rights and social justice; American studies; global studies.

## **HUMN 7385 - Transforming Our Educational DNA**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the historical, political, and organizational structure and culture of U.S. schools from the early 20th century to the present. Explores the forces that have shaped the current educational environment, and investigates the reflective and relational lives of teachers, students, and educational leaders. As part of the work of transforming their educational DNA, students engage in self-discovery to gain clarity about themselves as learners and teachers. Includes how to create an educational system that engages all learners and meets the challenges of the 21st century. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; global studies; American studies; and communication, media, and technology.

## **HUMN 7391 - To Be Human: Perspectives on Common Historical Experience**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational D.L.S. course that is required of all degree-seeking D.L.S. students. Provides interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives on the continuing development of cognitive and behavioral tendencies as well as the forms of sociocultural organization that have defined the nature of humanness at different stages of evolutionary history.

## **HUMN 7392 - To Be Human: The Transformation of the Psyche**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational D.L.S. course that is required of all degree-seeking D.L.S. students. Examines the soul from the viewpoint of ancient wisdom. Explores, in contemporary terms, the process of applying insight and energy from the unconscious psyche to the human yearning for a sense of hope, meaning, and wholeness. Includes readings, presentations, and discussions that consider the soul from the perspectives of philosophy, religion, and psychology.

## **HUMN 7393 - To Be Human: The Art of Creativity and Expression**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational D.L.S. course that is required of all degree-seeking D.L.S. students. Explores human creativity and artistic

expression through engaged learning experiences that challenge the advanced student to examine art through diverse perspectives and contexts, including the original contexts in which the art was created. Students visit galleries to interact directly with original objects of art that represent a variety of cultures, beliefs, and creative expression.

## **HUMN 7394 - To Be Human: East Meets West - Intelligence, History, Culture, and Society**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational course for the D.L.S. program that is required of all degree-seeking D.L.S. students. Provides a foundation for understanding culture as a key concept in the humanities and an important lens through which individuals, societies, and their behavior and artifacts can be understood.

## **HUMN 7395 - To Be Human: The Struggle for Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational course for the D.L.S. program that is required of all degree seeking D.L.S. students. A study of human rights from a multidisciplinary perspective that provides a cultural, intellectual, and moral framework to understand the world. Uses selections from leading historical and contemporary theorists on various aspects of human rights for the context and commentary needed to comprehend challenging rights concepts. Includes an overview of the global history and evolution of human rights, an intellectual map of the origins of human rights, a comparative global context of human rights, and the ongoing assaults on rights, with a focus on the struggle for human rights in the United States.

## **HUMN 7396 - To Be Human: Science and Society**

*Credits: 3*

Foundational D.L.S. course that is required of all degree-seeking D.L.S. students. Examines the behaviors humans use to observe, explore, and analyze themselves and their surroundings as a factor in the survival and prosperity of the species. Traces the development of science from a collection of observations and lessons learned, through progress in the fields of reasoning and logic, to the birth of the scientific method. Connections are made between the historical, political, and cultural events that characterize a given period and the development of knowledge and science. Combines history, philosophy, and science and examines the numerous and complex interactions between science and all aspects of human experience, including well-being and suffering.

## **HUMN 7397 - Under the Influence: Discourses of Intoxication, Addiction, and Recovery**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the emergent field of addiction studies through historical, literary, sociological, psychological, biological, cultural, and media approaches. Focuses on the ways in which mind-altering substances have been understood over the expanse of transatlantic and global histories. Students study cultural and personal encounters with various substances (e.g., alcohol, cocaine, opium, designer drugs, and pharmaceuticals) and examine the history of stimulants and intoxicants entangled with issues of colonization, class formation, gender identity, subjectivity, immigration, religion, consumerism, and social conformity. Also, cultural resistances to intoxicants and the emergence of therapeutic recovery cultures in the context of contemporary human rights discourse. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; gender studies; American studies; global studies; humanities.

## **HUMN 7399 - The Literature of Atrocity: Literary Representations of the Struggle for Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

Investigates literary representations of some of modern history's more horrific events such as slavery in 19th-century America, the Holocaust, colonialism in Africa, Latin American dictatorships, the Vietnam War as soldiers experienced it, Cambodia's Khmer Rouge, Mugabe's Zimbabwe, and the lingering effects of South African apartheid. Examines novels in their own right as

distinctive literary creations, but also considers how they deepen human understanding of the historical events they portray and how they can contribute to the ongoing struggle for human understanding and social justice. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice, gender studies, American studies, humanities, and global studies.

## **Science and Culture**

### **SCCL 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Directed study.

### **SCCL 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Directed study.

### **SCCL 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study.

### **SCCL 6303 - Bioethics and Public Policy**

*Credits: 3*

A study of the ethical dilemmas caused by rapidly changing medical technology. Issues include in vitro fertilization, reproductive medicine, stem cell research, genetic screening and manipulation, abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, use of human subjects in research, organ transplants, euthanasia, end-of-life care, and public policy issues related to the allocation of medical resources. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; global studies; humanities; gender studies; organizational dynamics; communication, media and technology.

### **SCCL 6312 - Energy and Economy**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the role of energy and economics in the development of a sustainable worldview. Surveys the fundamental sources of energy, the processes used to harness energy, and the prospects of an industrial economy dominated by fossil fuels. Also, how energy systems are woven into economic systems and how industrial capitalism began and evolved. Discusses the fundamental concepts behind sustainability (physical, philosophical, and political), with an eye to synthesizing information about the field of energetics and economic behavior in an environmentally challenged world. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; environmental sustainability; American studies.

### **SCCL 6319 - Water, Climate, and Environmental Change**

*Credits: 3*

An overview of how our finite supply of water moves through the Earth's biosphere, followed by an examination of climate change and climate extremes and how these changes and extremes are expected to affect our water supply. Emphasizes human water needs and water use. Analyzes the water requirements of the aquatic ecosystem and the ways human activities alter and affect life forms in water. Examines select Texas water basins, including the Trinity River and the Rio Grande, and reviews environmental justice in terms of water supply and distribution. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability, human rights and social justice; American studies; humanities; global studies.

## **SCCL 6389 - The Origin and Evolution of Life**

*Credits: 3*

Students study the biological aspects of the origin of life on Earth, the history of the subsequent evolution of animal and plant life, and the environmental and geological settings throughout the ages. Also, the mechanisms of evolution and man as an evolving biological species. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; global studies; humanities; human rights and social justice.

## **SCCL 6397 - Earth Matters: An Introduction to Global Environmental Quality**

*Credits: 3*

A focus on the environment and how people interact with it. This course explores 1) environmental quality indicators for air, water, land, and climate (while introducing the pros and cons of environmental issues); 2) anthropogenic activities, impacts, and societal drivers; and 3) various measures for environmental performance and sustainability. Includes a student research project on a country or region. Students learn through readings, research, case studies, presentations, class and group discussions, guest lecturers, and/or videos. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; global studies.

## **SCCL 7302 - Culture and the Environment: Humans in the Natural World**

*Credits: 3*

Uses the philosophy and science of ecology as a guide to examine the evolving relationship between the environment and human culture. Explores the definition of "nature" and whether human beings are in some way separate from the natural world, with a focus on free will, human consciousness, and humanity's responsibilities in the biosphere. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; humanities; global studies; American studies.

## **SCCL 7303 - Climate Change and Society**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the science of climate change, human activities and greenhouse gas emissions, the history of carbon and climate, carbon pollution and its worldwide effects, and possible ways to adapt to and/or mitigate the effects of climate change. Focuses on global activities and climate change strategies such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Peoples' Sustainability treaties. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; global studies; human rights and social justice; humanities; organizational dynamics; American studies.

## **SCCL 7304 - The Human Ecology of Food: Sustenance and Sustainability**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes the complexities of modern food production and consumption from ecological, biogeographical, historical, cultural, and sociopolitical perspectives. Reviews the diverse viewpoints regarding the issue of feeding a growing human population in an increasingly urbanized modern world. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, environmental sustainability, human rights and social justice, and global studies.

## **SCCL 7330 - Science, Technology, and Society**

*Credits: 3*

Examines modern science's distinctive modes of inquiry, the nature of technology and the emergence of a technological order, and the character of the relationship between modern science and modern technology. Students consider the interrelationship between scientific modes of inquiry, the manner in which society is imagined, and the impact of technology on ways of life and culture. Examines the science and technology of power and light in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the interaction between

modern technology and biotechnology in the 20th and early 21st centuries, and movements such as transhumanism, the possibilities of artificial intelligence, and the implications of developments in robotics. May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities; organizational dynamics; communication, media and technology.

### **SCCL 7350 - Special Topics in Science and Culture**

*Credits: 3*

Covers special topics in the status of science and culture.

### **SCCL 7351 - Macrocosmos Microcosmos: Big Bang Theory and Beyond**

*Credits: 3*

Focuses on big physics concepts, including the Big Bang, time travel, the Higgs boson, and Schrodinger's cat. In a non-mathematical framework, students explore modern physics ideas that influence aspects of the world around them. Students consider questions, such as the origin of the universe; the nature of space, time and matter; the role of un/certainty and evidence shaping world views; ethical responsibilities of scientists to society in light of new technology; and specific impacts of the ideas in the humanities and arts. Lectures, reading, films, and discussions combine to make the cosmos more accessible and inspiring. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: environmental sustainability; humanities; global studies; American studies; gender studies; arts and cultural traditions.

## **Social Science**

### **SOSC 6100 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 1*

Directed study.

### **SOSC 6200 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 2*

Directed study.

### **SOSC 6300 - Independent Study**

*Credits: 3*

Directed study.

### **SOSC 6301 - Terrorism, Torture, and International Law**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes the crimes of terror and torture from the perspective of international law, government, literature, culture, and philosophy. Examines the origins and development of terror and torture in literature; the legal status of rights under U.S. domestic law and international law; and the tensions between universal and culturally specific definitions of rights, state sovereignty, and humanitarian intervention. Looks at regulating terrorism and torture in international law in the future. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); gender studies; human rights and social justice; American studies.

## **SOSC 6309 - The Struggle for Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

Examines certain violations of human rights within their historical context. Attention is given to the evolution of civil and human rights as entities within global political thought and practice. Students learn to recognize the use of propaganda to justify or deny violations of human rights, from torture to terrorism and from slavery to genocide. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; global studies; American studies.

## **SOSC 6314 - Living Through the American Revolution**

*Credits: 3*

This course explores the social history of the American Revolution and its meaning for the many different people who experienced it. Focusing on one stage in the historical process of becoming American, the course shows how these people took part in a set of large-scale transforming events that changed the course of history and themselves. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; American studies.

## **SOSC 6329 - The American Presidency**

*Credits: 3*

Examines issues concerning the modern or postwar presidency, an institution at the center of the political system that is fascinating, perplexing, and in many senses paradoxical. Looks at a variety of perspectives and methods that can be employed to analyze the institution, and the decisions and effectiveness of specific presidential administrations. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; American studies.

## **SOSC 6330 - Politics and Film**

*Credits: 3*

Designed to use film as a vehicle for enhancing students' understanding of real-world politics and culture in the U.S., the course considers political ambition, electoral politics, the nature of political leadership, theories of decision-making, and the role of the media in politics. Also, the two faces of film: a portrayal (accurate or not) of politics, and a political act in itself. From the 1940s to the present, films have had the potential to deepen people's understanding of political change but have also raised questions as to the political agenda of their makers, the use or misuse of history, and the extent to which filmmaking is motivated by the profit incentive and the cultural norms that govern the industry. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies; communication, media, and technology; American studies; arts and cultural traditions.

## **SOSC 6331 - Presidential Elections and American Politics**

*Credits: 3*

Students study presidential elections in the U.S. Topics include the modern history of presidential elections, the methods used to study these contests, the conclusions of the research community that analyzes these elections, the nomination phase, and the general election campaign. Provides the intellectual background necessary to follow and to understand modern presidential election campaigns and American politics generally and looks specifically at the most recent presidential campaign or election process. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; American studies; gender studies.

## **SOSC 6332 - Ideas Shaping the American Character I: 1607-1876**

*Credits: 3*

Through the biographies and writings of key early Americans, students explore the political, economic, religious, social, intellectual, and artistic ideas that have shaped the American character. Specific attention is given to the free enterprise system and democracy as twin pillars upholding the edifice of the republic. Key figures include John Winthrop, Anne Hutchinson, and John Edwards. Also, the founding members of the republic; 18th-century figures such as Tecumseh, Emerson, Thoreau, and

Frederick Douglass; feminists Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Susan B. Anthony; and Civil War figures Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; American studies; gender studies. Qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

### **SOSC 6333 - Ideas Shaping the American Character II: 1877-Present**

*Credits: 3*

Through the biographies and writings of key early Americans, students explore the political, economic, religious, social, intellectual, and artistic ideas that have shaped the American character. Specific attention is given to the free enterprise system and democracy as twin pillars upholding the edifice of the republic. Key figures include Frederick Jackson Turner, Willa Cather, Eugene Debs, W.E.B. Dubois, Carrie Chapman Carr, Frank Lloyd Wright, Bob Dylan, Ronald Reagan, and Madeleine Albright. Note: SOSC 6332 is not a prerequisite for this course. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; American studies; gender studies. Qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

### **SOSC 6342 - America's Defining Moment: The American Civil War and Reconstruction**

*Credits: 3*

The modern South has yet to shake the tragedy of the War Between the States. Students examine the origins of this struggle and the reasons it continues to fascinate Americans. Also, the battles, the reasons for the North's victory, and the effect on today's South. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; American studies.

### **SOSC 6344 - Contemporary Economics**

*Credits: 3*

Economics topics are subject to intense political, philosophical, and moral debate. How should society care for the poor? Is the current distribution of wealth and income fair? Should Americans allow jobs to be outsourced? What is the role of government in restricting or promoting business objectives? Through a combination of lectures, readings, and class discussions, students examine the theoretical basis of capitalism and its variations as a means of organizing and allocating resources as well as "the market" in the context of efficiency, fairness, and moral justifications. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; humanities; American studies. It also qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

### **SOSC 6353 - Women in U.S. History**

*Credits: 3*

Surveys the history of women in the U.S. from the Colonial era to the present. Includes the diverse historical experiences of Native American women, African-American women, immigrants, workers, girls, wives, mothers, reformers, feminists, and other women. Examines the changes and continuities over time in women's roles, status, private and public experiences, and sense of self and identity, with a focus on the ways in which gender - as a conceptual category and a system of power relations - shaped and was shaped by larger currents of social, economic, cultural, intellectual, and political change during the course of U.S. history. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; gender studies; human rights and social justice; American studies. It also qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

### **SOSC 6355 - America Enraged: From Integration to Watergate, 1954-1974**

*Credits: 3*

The 20-year era spanning 1954-1974 witnessed social turbulence unseen in the earlier part of the century. In this era, Americans for the first time took to the streets by the thousands, sometimes by the tens of thousands, to resolve disputes once left to the

established governmental processes. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; American studies; gender studies.

### **SOSC 6356 - The Politics and Legacies of the Civil Rights Movement**

*Credits: 3*

Students spend a week off-campus to focus on the history and politics of the movement that destroyed the system of racial segregation, dissolved barriers to political participation by African Americans, and influenced the culture and politics of the United States. Combines readings and classroom discussion with an extended trip over spring break to historical civil rights venues. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; American studies.

### **SOSC 6367 - Comparative Revolutions: A Historical Perspective**

*Credits: 3*

What is the nature of modern political revolutions? What are the conditions that tend to produce a revolutionary explosion? What are the characteristics of revolutionary leaders? Why do people follow them? By considering these and other related questions, this course provides interdisciplinary perspectives on a topic of special interest in this age of monumental upheaval and rapid societal change. While highlighting the unique or distinctive characteristics of particular revolutions, it utilizes comparative analysis to underscore the common denominators of the modern revolutionary experience. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; humanities; human rights and social justice.

### **SOSC 6368 - Silk Roads and Silicon Superhighways: Religion, Conquest, and Trade**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the complex interactions among religion, politics, economics, and ecosystems from a global comparative historical perspective. Students learn about the present wave of globalization in the context of earlier waves of globalization and, specifically, the emergence of the Silk Road trade network in the period circa 200 BCE. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies.

### **SOSC 6376 - Cultural and Intellectual History of Modern Europe: Renaissance to Enlightenment**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes predominant themes in the literature, philosophy, art, and music of European civilization, from the Italian Renaissance through the French Enlightenment. Emphasizes those aspects of the European heritage that have been of primary importance in shaping Western culture in the 20th century. Part one of a two-part series, but the two courses need not be taken sequentially. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies.

### **SOSC 6377 - Cultural and Intellectual History of Modern Europe: Romanticism to the Present**

*Credits: 3*

Explores major trends in the development of European literature, philosophy, art, and music in the 19th and 20th centuries. Primary attention is devoted to the role of arts and ideas in the shaping of the contemporary world. Part two of a two-part series; part one is not a prerequisite. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; global studies.

### **SOSC 6378 - Mobilization and Movements in Nondemocracies**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the reasons and ways by which people engage in collective action in regimes that are not democratic and are typically characterized by the absence of open public institutions. Students study the many forms of mobilization and the power of mass

action, explore how various movements interact with the state and the state's responses, and consider the types of popular change that may result in the state and in civil society. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies; humanities.

## **SOSC 6382 - Women in American History, 1865 to the Present**

*Credits: 3*

Surveys the history of American women from 1865 to the present and introduces the major themes, questions, and problems organizing this period of U.S. women's history. Explores the diverse experiences of women in the past, including those of Native American women, African-American women, Asian-American women, Latinas, female workers of many kinds, female immigrants, girls, mothers, reformers, suffragists, and feminists. Examines changes and continuity in women's sense of self and identity, their private and public experiences, and their power and status in American society. Attention is given to the ways in which gender - as a conceptual category and a system of power relations - shapes and has been shaped by social, cultural, intellectual, and political life. Also, how gender came to be configured and experienced in relation to other forms of social differences, most notably race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, and age. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; American studies; gender studies; human rights and social justice; global studies. It also qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

## **SOSC 7305 - Special Topics in Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

The study of human rights requires a sense of history and moral courage, for no nation or society in human history has been totally innocent of human rights abuses. Examines certain violations of human rights within their historical context, and focuses on America's human rights record with regard to its own policies and its relationship to human rights violations in other countries. Attention is given to the evolution of both civil and human rights as entities within global political thought and practice. Students are encouraged to rely on reasonable evidence and critical thinking when studying these historical controversies, rather than on biased accounts or emotional arguments. Discusses special topics in the status of human rights in the world today, from torture to terrorism and from slavery to genocide. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; global studies.

## **SOSC 7313 - Athens and Democracy: The Great Experiment**

*Credits: 3*

Covers one of the great stories of Western civilization, from its beginnings with the reforms of Draco, to its height under Pericles, to its fall and restoration at the end of the Peloponnesian War. This riveting story is explored through primary readings and other texts, slide presentations, and ongoing discussions about the form and nature of ancient democracy and its modern counterparts. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; humanities.

## **SOSC 7314 - Sex, Slavery, and Society, Ancient and Modern**

*Credits: 3*

Explores slavery within human societies since ancient times. Studies and analyzes ancient Greek and Roman slavery and considers these earlier slave societies in the context of an examination of American slavery, slave life, and plantation culture. Considers all aspects of slavery, from the acquisition of slaves through conquest, coercion, or trade, to the occupations and treatment of slaves, to the lives of freed slaves in their masters' societies. Uses archaeological evidence and artifacts to enhance the visual and historical record of slave society. Draws on diaries and other historical documents to bring to life a critical aspect of human history. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies; human rights and social justice; American studies; arts and cultural traditions; gender studies; humanities.

## **SOSC 7324 - The Impact of the Arab Spring on Israel and the Middle East**

*Credits: 3*

Analyzes the impact of the Arab Spring on the Islamic legal system, the Muslim religion and social order, Israel, the West, and international law. Students explore numerous areas of Islamic and Israeli law, international law, culture, crimes and punishments, economic developments, fundamentalism, and moderation. Focuses on human rights in the Islamic legal tradition and in all countries of the Middle East and North Africa in light of international human rights standards and examines the Arab Spring in light of historical and present Islamic thought. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; global studies (non-Western); humanities; gender studies.

## **SOSC 7330 - Modernity and Crises of Identity: The Reorientation of Western Culture 1872-1917**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the fifty years prior to World War I in which modern civilization reached a great turning point, when the pervasive problems of the preceding century abruptly coalesced, bringing fundamental alterations to virtually every facet of the human experience. Explores responses to the unforeseen disruptions of established worldviews by innovative painters, poets, musicians, dramatists, philosophers, and scientists who challenged prevailing assumptions and experimented with radically new modes of thought and taste. Explains how the contemporary world is best understood in the context of late 19th and early 20th century cultural innovations whose dynamics reveal much about "our humanness." May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities, global studies.

## **SOSC 7331 - Warfare in the Modern World**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the nature, origins, and evolution of modern total war, starting with developments in late medieval and Renaissance Europe and running through the democratic and industrial revolutions of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the American civil war, and the two world wars of the 20th century. Emphasizes issues of military doctrine and theory; organization and command; tactics and strategy; political and socio-economic factors; and the scientific, technological, and psychological dimensions of recent armed conflict and its impact on cultural patterns. Treats modern total war as an evolving phenomenon shaped by a complex set of interrelated trends unfolding during an extended period of more than half a millennium. May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities; global studies; organizational dynamics; communication, media and technology.

## **SOSC 7332 - Making Waves: History and Politics of the International Art Cinema**

*Credits: 3*

Explores key movements in art cinema from the postwar period to the emergence of global cinema at the turn of the 21st century. Students gain a critical understanding and appreciation of art cinema based on its historical, political, and social contexts as expressed through film narrative, visual style, setting, sound, and acting--in other words, the poetics of a cinema as opposed to mass marketing. Covers film movements, including Italian NeoRealism, the French New Wave, Spanish Surrealism, British Free Cinema, German New Cinema, Danish Naked Realism, Iranian Cinema, and Hollywood Cinema. May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; humanities; global studies; communication, media and technology; American studies.

## **SOSC 7333 - The Legacy of Slavery in American Cinema**

*Credits: 3*

Provides insight into representations of the South in popular American cinema from The Birth of a Nation (1915) to Selma (2014). Students explore how films set in the South wrestle with the legacy of slavery along with contemporary anxieties about social change as it pertains to race, class and gender. Philosophically, students consider cinema as a stylistic representation of deep-seated power and economic structures rooted cognitively, enacted behaviorally, and reinforced socially. May be applied to

the following curricular concentrations: arts and cultural traditions; humanities; communication, media and technology; American studies.

### **SOSC 7334 - Bollywood/Hollywood: Cinema in India and the West**

*Credits: 3*

Examines both the construction of national identity through Indian cinema and Western depictions of India in American/European cinema. These films provide a comparative structure for understanding imaginings of India in Hollywood and Bollywood. Bollywood/Hollywood is divided into two parts. Part I focuses on Indian films and their role in imagining an Indian nation. Part II, Exoticizing the East, focuses on Western depictions of India. Adopts a historical perspective beginning with some of the earliest talkie films in the 1930s and ending with contemporary cinema. May be applied to the following curricular concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); gender studies; arts and cultural traditions; communication, media and technology.

### **SOSC 7335 - Wrestling With God: The Triumph and Tragedy of Zionism in Israel**

*Credits: 3*

Explores Israeli politics, society, institutions, and political practice from the distinctive perspective of the development of Israeli national identity and sub-group identities. Traces the construction of Israeli identity starting from the early times of Zionism and explores direct connection between Zionist constituting ideologies, the nature of Israel's institutions and society, and the split soul of Israeli identity. Examines the main political junctures in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and connects them to their reincarnations in contemporary times to include analysis and study of the politics, the popular culture, and the daily life of Israelis and Palestinians living in Israel/Palestine. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; global studies (non-Western); humanities.

### **SOSC 7350 - Special Topics in Social Science**

*Credits: 3*

Covers special topics in the status of social science.

### **SOSC 7354 - The Intellectual History of Capitalism**

*Credits: 3*

Explores capitalism as the defining economic system of the modern era and reviews its intellectual history. Topics include the origins of classical liberalism vis-a-vis Adam Smith and his predecessors, the French debate on limited government and virtuous materialism, capitalism's critics (Karl Marx or Leo XIII), capitalism's skeptics (Thorstein Veblen and J.A. Hobson or Joseph Schumpeter), the Austrian school and its dual legacy, the neoliberalism of F.A. Hayek, and the economic democracy of Karl Polanyi. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies; American studies. It also qualifies as a course within the Free Enterprise Institute Scholarship program.

### **SOSC 7358 - Refugees and Displaced People: Victims of War, Genocide, and Ethnic Conflict**

*Credits: 3*

An estimated 43.7 million people are currently displaced worldwide. Of the total, 15.4 million are refugees; 10.55 million refugees are under the care of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and 4.82 million are registered with the United Nations as Palestinian refugees. Some 27.5 million people are displaced internally by conflict, and 837,500 are asylum-seekers. This course focuses on the causes of the massive displacement of ordinary people; the actions of those responsible for aiding them; the modern history of forced displacement; and the legal, charitable, and political structures that deal with the problem. It examines the various governments, international organizations, and private religious and secular charities that provide help to the displaced. Students gain an understanding of this little-known humanitarian crisis and the people

involved. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; global studies (non-Western); gender studies.

### **SOSC 7359 - International Human Rights Tribunals and Courts Post-Nuremburg**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the fairness, effectiveness, and overall merit of the various international court and tribunal models used in internal, regional, and global conflicts since World War II. Also looks at the ways different tribunals and courts function, the interaction among the current international tribunals and courts, and the applicable law in each (including due process rights and litigation). May be used to fulfill the writing intensive requirement or may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; global studies; gender studies; humanities.

### **SOSC 7360 - Human Trafficking: Global and Public Policy Perspectives**

*Credits: 3*

Explores works by Hobbes, Locke, and Paine on the concepts of human trafficking as an infringement against natural law and human rights, which are the fundamental philosophies behind the development and existence of human rights law and laws on human trafficking (sex trafficking, forced labor, and trafficking for organ removal). Using global case studies, students examine the human trafficking network and the operation of its financial empire, instruments created to combat international and domestic human trafficking, international law, and domestic human trafficking and the role of regional and nongovernmental organizations. Also, statistics and economic theory in a supply and demand concept, and conflict theory in relation to the market system of human trafficking crimes. Students propose initiatives to correct or adjust public policy based on their analysis of current U.S. trafficking laws, public policy, and new and old initiatives for remedies. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, human rights and social justice, gender studies, global studies, and American studies.

### **SOSC 7361 - Literature and Capitalism**

*Credits: 3*

Explores how the transformation of the traditional moral economy into a modern market economy remade Western societies in the 18th and 19th centuries and then transformed the economies of the late 20th and early 21st centuries into a global society. This transformation was celebrated in classical economics and condemned in Marxian economics. It motivated the rise of human sciences, and it has been a central preoccupation of modern philosophy and theology. Less noticed, but no less significant, has been the literary exploration of the meaning of markets. The course considers several of the more significant contributions to what is an extensive literature of capitalism. Readings include Daniel Defoe's "Moll Flanders" and extracts from the "Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin," Elizabeth Gaskell's "Mary Barton," Emile Zola's "Woman's Paradise," Thomas Mann's "Buddenbrooks," and Mohsin Hamid's "How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia." These readings are supplemented by a number of short stories, poetry (in particular, from the English Romantic poets), short plays (in particular, by David Mamet and Caryl Churchill), and possibly, a short film. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies; arts and cultural traditions; organizational dynamics. It also qualifies for the Free Enterprise Scholarship designated for teachers.

### **SOSC 7362 - Global Sport and Nationalism**

*Credits: 3*

Examines nationalism from the perspective of international sports competitions, including the Olympic Games, the Asian Games, and the World Cup. Beginning with a study of nationalism and identity theories in anthropology and the social sciences, theoretical approaches are applied to the study of how countries foster and manipulate their nationalist discourse within the context of modern international sports competitions. Employs materials and methods from scholarly disciplines and traditions such as anthropology (principally), sociology, history, political science, literature, economics, and cultural studies. Students write a final paper on the topic of nationalism and sport in one particular country or region. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); arts and cultural traditions; humanities.

## **SOSC 7363 - The Historian's Craft and the Novelist's Art: Race in Early America**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the achievements of historical-fiction writers versus working historians in dealing with race in Colonial and Revolutionary America. Explores whether and how novels, which are an inherently Western literary form, can express the concerns of people whose cultural roots lie outside the framework of Western culture. May be applied to the following curricular field areas: humanities; arts and cultural traditions; American studies; creative writing.

## **SOSC 7364 - Communication to Reduce Human Injustice: Genocide**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the communication practices that contribute to the prevalence of genocide worldwide and how communication can play a role in solving this and other problems of severe human injustice. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; human rights and social justice; gender studies; organizational dynamics; communication, media, and technology; global studies.

## **SOSC 7366 - Contemporary Jihad in A Globalizing World: Isis, Al-Qaeda, and the Taliban**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and ISIS and their rising threat to the world. After the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks of 2001, the U.S. and its allies embarked on a war on terror whose objective was to destroy al-Qaeda and Osama bin-Laden's terrorist base in Afghanistan; to crush Afghanistan's Taliban regime; and to remove Saddam Hussein as leader of Iraq, a country proclaimed by President George W. Bush to be a member of "the axis of evil." The ultimate intention of the U.S. was to foster democratic governments that could serve as models for the undemocratic and military regimes in the Middle East. When the recent Arab Spring led to a power vacuum in several Middle Eastern countries, critics blamed the lack of a unified global response and a failure of American leadership for the birth of ISIS. ISIS has become the most powerful jihadi militant group the contemporary world has ever seen, and has declared its intention to establish itself as the leader of a worldwide terrorist Islamic movement and to restore the Islamic Caliphate that was first established in the year 632 in the Arabian Peninsula. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: American studies; global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies; humanities.

## **SOSC 7367 - Global and Transnational Feminism: The Struggle for Global Justice**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the meaning of feminism from diverse cultural, political, and economic perspectives and circumstances. Students examine how feminism takes on new forms of resistance in global contexts. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice, gender studies, American studies, and global studies (non-Western).

## **SOSC 7368 - Education, Equality, and Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the intersection of race, gender, and class in U.S. education. Topics include the racial and gender stratification of the educational system and various issues of access and equity. Students study race-based epistemological, methodological, and pedagogical approaches to an understanding of everyday inequalities in P-20 education. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; American studies; gender studies; humanities; global studies.

## **SOSC 7369 - India Today: Religion, Environment, and Culture**

*Credits: 3*

Addresses some of the most pressing social, political, and environmental concerns of India, using an interdisciplinary approach

and focusing on history, gender, and cinema. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); humanities; gender studies; environmental sustainability; human rights and social justice.

## **SOSC 7370 - Religion and Politics in 20th-Century India**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the factors that gave rise in India to religious riots and sectarian conflicts in the 20th century, the partition of India in 1947, the communal riots in Bombay during 1992-1993, and the 2002 pogroms against Muslims in Gujarat. Topics include British colonial attitudes toward religious differences, the histories of Hindu and Muslim political parties, the use of religion in film before and after independence, the partition of the subcontinent into India and Pakistan, gender and religious politics, and the revival of Hindu nationalism in postcolonial India. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies.

## **SOSC 7371 - The Languages of Advertising**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the structure and mechanisms of contemporary consumer culture through the history of print advertising. Using student-based presentations and theoretical readings, students analyze the way in which advertising produces a manipulative world that privileges certain readings over others in order to attract potential spectator-buyers. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; communication, media, and technology; gender studies; and American studies.

## **SOSC 7375 - The Ethics of Human Rights in Islamic Legal Theory**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the principles surrounding the ethics of human rights in Islam legal theory and the ways the discourse of change in the law and context affects the ethics. Explores the principles governing human rights theories in the classical Islamic legal reasoning, the justifications for the various scholarly views, and the historical conditions that shaped them. Reviews the emergence of contemporary Muslim discussions about epistemological, methodological, and philosophical underpinnings that drive Muslim scholastic thinking on this issue and examines the reasons for the break of the modern condition from the scholastic tradition, followed by attempts to reformulate a new theory of human rights. Important to this exploration is an understanding of how violations in the preservation of human rights, gender justice, democracy, and economic structures by extremists represent a gulf between the theoretical ethical framework of Islam and its practice. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; gender studies; global studies (non-Western); American studies; humanities.

## **SOSC 7376 - Islamic Law: Premodernity to Modernity**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the spectrum of Islamic law, with an analysis of the genealogy of the Sharia from the rise of the caliphate and the postformative period of Islamic law in the 7th century (premodernity), through the rise of the Islamic colleges and schools of law in the formative period (throughout the Middle Ages), to the transformations and destruction of the Sharia system resulting from the advent of colonial modernity. The reformist and extremist attempts at revival are examined as well. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities; global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies; and American studies.

## **SOSC 7377 - Slavery and the American Republic**

*Credits: 3*

Explores hemisphere-spanning slavery involving Africans and Native Americans; the rise of slavery as a major part of the Colonial order; and the many ways the unresolved problem of slavery underpinned, permeated, and nearly destroyed the American Republic. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, American studies, global studies, human rights and social justice, and gender studies.

## **SOSC 7378 - Religion and Politics: Intersections in the U.S. and the Muslim World**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the interrelationship between religion and politics, with a focus on religion and politics in the U.S. Explores a wide range of issues, including the effects of religion and American political culture on one another; the origination and consequent development of church-state separation and its effect on religious communities; the ways religion motivates political action and shapes public opinion; and the role religion has played in political debates about race, ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ issues, climate change, and education. Covers the rise of radical Islamism as a religious response to global political dynamics and the history of religion-state relations in the Islamic tradition, as well as responses by moderate Muslims to radical Islamism. May be applied to one of the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, American studies, and global studies.

## **SOSC 7379 - Ethics and Human Rights**

*Credits: 3*

Portrays the intersection of ethics and human rights as a balance point for the creation and continuation of just and healthy relationships. Specifically, the five types of relationships are explored: relationships with self, community, other, place, and career. Special emphasis is placed on the cultural perspectives of historically oppressed groups across the globe. Irrespective of the students' vocational paths, this course challenges them to recognize their inherited ethical biases in order to become more personally aware, contextually sensitive, and socially critical in the pursuit of human rights. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: humanities, human rights and social justice, global studies, gender studies, and organizational dynamics.

## **SOSC 7380 - The Islamic Civilization**

*Credits: 3*

A survey of Islamic civilization. Through the mediums of film, fiction, prose, poetry, and a field trip, students discover the diverse, complex, and profound aspects of Islam and the civilization it produced for over a thousand years. Each medium serves as a lens to aid the students in discovering the Islamic civilization while simultaneously functioning as a tool to eliminate the blind spots inherent in the use of a single medium for knowledge. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: global studies (non-Western); human rights and social justice; gender studies; American studies; arts and cultural traditions; humanities.

## **SOSC 7381 - The Black Struggle for Freedom**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the African-American experience in the United States from slavery to the hip-hop generation. Prominent themes include: slavery, the Civil War and the beginning of Reconstruction, African-American urbanization experiences, the development of the modern civil rights movement, the thought and leadership of Ida B. Wells and W.E.B. Du Bois, and the Black Lives Matter movement. This course may be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice, humanities, American studies, gender studies, and global studies.

## **SOSC 7382 - Modern Islamic Movements**

*Credits: 3*

Explores modern Islamic movements in light of dilemmas experienced by Muslims around the world today. Each of these movements have different goals and underpinnings. Examines the reasons for these movements, their popularity, and their unique hierarchical structures. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice, global studies (non-Western), American studies, humanities.

## **SOSC 7383 - Islam and the American Civil Rights Movement**

*Credits: 3*

Examines Islam and important Muslim figures that helped shape the Civil Rights Movement. Includes discussion about orthodox Islam, the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X, H. Rap Brown, and other Muslims who played an important role in crafting both the theory and practice of black activism. Explores the current role of Islam and Muslims in the discussion of black empowerment. May be applied to the following curricular field concentrations: human rights and social justice; humanities; American studies.

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**Senior Lecturers:** Caitlin Anderson, Brian Fennig, Donna Gober

**Lecturers:** Peter Carlton, Piotr Chelstowski, Courtney Gedney, Ueline Newmon, Laura Robinson-Doyle, Kelyn Rola, Mark

Rudich, Bradley Warren

**Research Professor:** Eric Bing

## **Department Information**

The Department of Applied Physiology and Wellness offers both undergraduate and graduate programs. Its undergraduate programs include a major and four minors in applied physiology and sport management. Its graduate programs include a Master of Science in Health Promotion Management, a Master of Science in Sport Management, and a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis in applied physiology. The department also offers personal responsibility and wellness (PRW) courses, two of which are required of all undergraduate students as part of the University Curriculum, and a large selection of sports and fitness activity courses available as electives. The undergraduate and graduate programs have access to the department's laboratories, which include an integrated physiology laboratory, an applied physiology laboratory equipped with a data acquisition system, an environmental research chamber with teaching pods, and a cerebrovascular research lab. The Locomotor Performance Laboratory specializes in terrestrial locomotion and in relating muscle function to metabolic energy expenditure and performance.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Education.** The Ph.D. in education is a schoolwide degree. Currently three areas of emphasis are available within this degree: teaching and learning, education policy and leadership, and applied physiology. For more information on this degree, students should see the description of the Ph.D. program at [www.smu.edu/EducationPhD](http://www.smu.edu/EducationPhD) or in this catalog.

## **Health Promotion Management, M.S.H.P.M.**

SMU's Master of Science in Health Promotion Management (M.S.H.P.M.) degree provides a multidisciplinary, evidence-based program for those seeking leadership positions within the field of Health Promotion. The M.S.H.P.M. program is offered jointly by the Simmons School of Education and Human Development and the Cox School of Business and provides a highly-focused theoretical and pragmatic education in understanding the health management industry, including population health, behavior theory and program development along with the business and technological acumen required of these professionals.

The program is led by Simmons School academic leaders in health and behavior theory, corporate wellness professionals with extensive experience in the health management industry, and distinguished faculty from the Cox School. It is a 2-year, 38-credit-hour program with evening classes located in the heart of Dallas, a city with outstanding and burgeoning health management marketplace opportunities.

The capstone course is a 150-hour internship at a health management department or company, chosen by the student based on his/her aspiring area of interest. Prospective students include graduates of business, exercise physiology, kinesiology, community

health and wellness, and biology programs as well as professionals working in the health management or business industries seeking to enhance their skill sets.

## Curriculum and Term Sequencing

Due to the hybrid nature of the M.S.H.P.M. program, courses are offered in two formats. Courses taken within the Simmons school are traditional 3-credit-hour courses offered once per week for the 16-week term. Courses taken within the Cox School follow an abbreviated academic term, 2-credit-hour courses offered once per week for eight weeks. Module A courses are offered in the first 8 weeks of a term, and Module B courses are offered in the second 8 weeks of a term. Most semesters include both course-offering formats.

Students are admitted to the program during the fall term only. Students complete a combination of Simmons and Cox courses each semester. The course sequence requires that students enroll in 9-10 credit hours per semester. A student must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours to have full-time academic status.

**Note:** Course sequencing for fall and spring modules is subject to change.

## Admission Requirements

The admissions process is highly selective and follows the admissions standards of the Cox M.B.A. program. The admissions committee is seeking a diverse group of candidates with significant professional and life experiences; strong academic capabilities and leadership potential; interpersonal and communication skills; and personal qualities such as maturity, integrity, self-confidence, and motivation. Preferred candidates typically have full-time work experience, a strong undergraduate record, and competitive scores on the GRE and/or GMAT graduate school admissions tests.

Application deadlines are in the spring, and students are admitted to the program during the fall term only. Applicants are required to submit a completed application form ([www.smu.edu/MSHPM](http://www.smu.edu/MSHPM)), a cover letter and résumé, an essay, an official GRE or GMAT score report, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation.

Contact Information:

Master of Science in Health Promotion Management  
PO Box 750382  
Dallas, TX 75275-0382  
[www.smu.edu/MSHPM](http://www.smu.edu/MSHPM)  
214-768-2776

## Requirements for the Degree

### Year 1 - Fall Term

- HPM 6301 - Health Promotion in the Workplace
- HPM 6302 - Epidemiology and Current Issues in Health
- ACCT 6201 - Financial Accounting I (Module A, Cox School)
- MNO 6201 - Organizational Behavior: Managing and Leading People (Module B, Cox School)

### Year 1 - Spring Term

- HPM 6303 - Behavior Theory in Health Promotion
- HPM 6321 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation I

- MNO 6212 - Introduction to Consulting (Module A, Cox School)
- FINA 6201 - Managerial Finance (Module B, Cox School)

## Year 2 - Fall Term

- HPM 6310 - Research Methods and Biostatistics
- HPM 6322 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation II
- HPM 6331 - Communication in Business and Health

## Year 2 - Spring Term

- HPM 6332 - The U.S. Healthcare System
- HPM 6430 - Internship
- MNO 6218 - Organizational Leadership (Module A, Cox School)

**Total: 38 Credit Hours**

## Sport Management, M.S.S.M.

SMU's M.S.S.M. degree is designed for individuals who have a passion for the business of sport and aspire to hold senior management positions in the billion-dollar sports industry. Developed collaboratively by the Cox School of Business and the Simmons School of Education and Human Development, the full-time, one-year program is led and taught by professionals with extensive experience in a variety of sport segments, including professional leagues and teams, media and broadcasting, marketing and sponsorship, facilities, and sports equipment and apparel. The primary student audience includes business graduates, graduates of sport management programs and professionals working in the world of sport who seek to increase their skills.

The program's unique features address the needs of working professionals.

- Students enter as part of a cohort in the fall term of an academic year.
- All classes are taught in the evening and on Saturdays.
- Students are trained in evidence-based practices associated with sport management.
- The curriculum includes 17 sequenced courses and one internship that are taught in four eight-week modules over a 12-month period that begins in the fall and concludes with a summer-long internship.
  - Eight of the courses are part of the top-ranking Cox School of Business' M.B.A. curriculum.
  - Nine of the courses are taught through the Simmons School of Education and Human Development.
  - The 200-hour summer internship serves as a capstone to the program.

## Curriculum and Term Sequencing

Because the M.S.S.M. program has an abbreviated academic term (eight weeks rather than the traditional 16 weeks) and because nearly half of the program's classes are offered through the Cox School of Business, the credit hour load requirements for the M.S.S.M. program are different from those of other Simmons School programs.

The M.S.S.M. program has two eight-week modules in each of the fall and spring terms, and two credit hours are earned by 24 classroom contact hours in each eight-week module. Each classroom contact hour generally requires a minimum of two to three hours of advance preparation time on the part of the student. The M.S.S.M. course sequence requires that students enroll in 16

credit hours in the fall term (comprising two modules) and 17 credit hours in the spring term (two modules); a student must be enrolled in at least 10 credit hours in a spring or fall term to have full-time academic status. M.S.S.M. students are allowed to transfer up to four credit hours (equivalent to two M.S.S.M. courses) from other institutions. The following provisions apply: (1) the institution must be accredited by AACSB International, (2) course grades must be B- or better, (3) the course(s) must have been completed within the three years prior to matriculation to Simmons, and (4) the course(s) were not credited toward a previous degree.

A maximum of 44 credits may be applied toward the academic requirements of the degree. Additional courses are limited to two Cox electives and one Simmons elective.

**Note:** Course sequencing for fall and spring modules is subject to change.

## Requirements for the Degree

### Fall Module A

- ACCT 6201 - Financial Accounting I
- BUSE 6202 - Managerial Economics
- SPRT 6220 - Sport Organizational Design
- SPRT 6227 - Sports Facility Management

Total: 8 Credit Hours

### Fall Module B

- MAST 6201 - Managerial Statistics
- MNO 6201 - Organizational Behavior: Managing and Leading People
- SPRT 6221 - Sports Law
- SPRT 6223 - Sports Sponsorship

Total: 8 Credit Hours

### Spring Module A

- MNGT 6103 - Business Presentation Techniques
- MNO 6215 - Master Negotiation
- SPRT 6224 - Case Studies in Sports Sponsorship
- SPRT 6225 - Advanced Sport Communication
- STRA 6201 - Strategic Management

Total: 9 Credit Hours

### Spring Module B

- FINA 6201 - Managerial Finance
- SPRT 6222 - Case Studies in Sports Law
- SPRT 6226 - Research Design in Sport Management

- SPRT 6228 - Ethics in Sport

Total: 8 Credit Hours

## Summer

- SPRT 6430 - Master of Science in Sport Management Internship (200 contact hours)

Total: 4 Credit Hours

Total: 37 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to the M.S.S.M. program during the fall term only. The highly selective process follows the admission standards of the Cox School of Business M.B.A. program. The M.S.S.M. admissions committee seeks a diverse group of candidates demonstrating the following attributes:

- Significant professional and life experiences.
- Strong academic capabilities, leadership potential, and interpersonal and communication skills.
- Personal qualities such as maturity, integrity, self-confidence and motivation.
- A strong commitment to learning and achievement.

Preferred applicants typically have full-time work experience, a strong undergraduate record, and competitive scores on the GMAT or GRE graduate school admission tests. Applicants are required to submit the following items for admission consideration:

1. A completed application form ([www.smu.edu/MSSportManagement](http://www.smu.edu/MSSportManagement)) and fee.
2. A cover letter and résumé.
3. An essay.
4. An official GMAT or GRE score report.
5. Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
6. A maximum of two letters of recommendation (optional).

Although the Simmons School and the Cox School are not obligated to accept any transfer credit, in certain cases coursework may be transferred when entering the program, thereby reducing the number of credit hours that must be taken at SMU for the M.S.S.M. degree. Transferable hours and up to two equivalent courses (one sport management and one business) can be considered. For complete details, students should contact the M.S.S.M. office.

## Contact Information

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## Courses:

### Applied Physiology and Sport Management

#### APSM 7301 - Biomechanics Research Tutorial

*Credits: 3*

This doctoral level, seminar-style course introduces the practice of research in biomechanics, beginning with the scientific method as practiced in modern experimental biology and basic knowledge in musculoskeletal biology. Most individual classes involve students reading and critiquing original papers in the field of biomechanics to understand 1) how knowledge is acquired through experimentation and 2) how the body of working knowledge in biomechanics has been brought about by the practice of the scientific method. An emphasis is placed on the integration of knowledge across levels of biological organization and the wide array of experimental techniques that has contributed to knowledge in the field.

#### APSM 7302 - Physiology Research Tutorial

*Credits: 3*

This doctoral-level, seminar-style course introduces the practice of research in physiology, beginning with hypothesis testing as practiced in modern experimental physiology and basic knowledge in systems physiology of the cardiorespiratory, nervous, and musculoskeletal systems. Most individual classes involve students reading and critiquing original papers in the field of physiology to understand 1) how knowledge is acquired through experimentation and 2) how the body of working knowledge in physiology has been brought about by the practice of the scientific method. An emphasis is placed on the integration of knowledge across levels of physiological organization and the wide array of experimental techniques that has contributed to knowledge in the field.

### Health Promotion Management

#### HPM 6301 - Health Promotion in the Workplace

*Credits: 3*

An introduction to corporate and community health promotion though an examination of the impact of wellbeing and health management on organizational culture. Explores the larger scale implications of successful workplace programs and provides an understanding of how evidence-based programs can positively impact business and reduce healthcare costs.

#### HPM 6302 - Epidemiology and Current Issues in Health

*Credits: 3*

Examines the patterns, causes, and effects of health and disease in defined populations. Course topics include evidence-based practice for identifying risk factors for disease and targets for preventative healthcare.

#### HPM 6303 - Behavior Theory in Health Promotion

*Credits: 3*

A comprehensive study of health behavior theories that are the foundation of health promotion programs. Introduces the practical application of theory and approaches to health promotion research and practice that are essential to understanding the relationship between human behavior and health.

## **HPM 6310 - Research Methods and Biostatistics**

*Credits: 3*

Provides an understanding of basic research methods, quantitative research design, and statistical analysis used in health promotion program design. Focuses on the development of the scientific method, data analysis and interpretation, and graphic representation of data.

## **HPM 6321 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation I**

*Credits: 3*

Teaches the skills required to plan, design and implement health management programs in a corporate environment. Course topics include needs assessment, goal and objective formulation, instructional methods and materials, program implementation, and evaluation. Introduces current technological methods used to assess and implement health promotion programs. Provides the skills necessary to establish program models based on the culture and needs of the environment. Prerequisite: HPM 6301.

## **HPM 6322 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation II**

*Credits: 3*

Provides the tools and skills needed to effectively assess and evaluate programs and interventions that assist individuals and groups in maintaining and improving their health. Topics include engagement metrics, satisfaction metrics, health behavior change, biometric health and clinical impacts, population-level health risk reduction, productivity impacts, health care cost impacts, and return on investment. Prerequisites: HPM 6301, HPM 6321.

## **HPM 6331 - Communication in Business and Health**

*Credits: 3*

Explores the importance of a people-centered and participatory approach to health communication interventions. Introduces students to corporate language and effective communication techniques. Examines key social determinants of health such as: health equity, new media and technology platforms, strategic partnerships, policy communication and public advocacy, cultural competence, and health literacy.

## **HPM 6332 - The U.S. Healthcare System**

*Credits: 3*

Examines the structure, financing, and operation of the American healthcare system, specifically covering the impact of health management programs on the cost of providing healthcare to employees in small, medium, and large companies.

## **HPM 6430 - Internship**

*Credits: 4*

Students apply what they've learned through an internship experience at an agency or institution involved in the planning and/or evaluation of a health promotion program.

# **Sport Management**

## **SPRT 6049 - Graduate Full-Time Status**

*Credits: 0*

Allows graduate students full-time status without credit.

## **SPRT 6220 - Sport Organizational Design**

*Credits: 2*

Covers sport organizational design alternatives and their relationships to corporate objectives, with a focus on theoretical models of organization and their efficacy in meeting the needs of modern sport organizations. Examines contemporary issues and their impact on organizations.

## **SPRT 6221 - Sports Law**

*Credits: 2*

Enables students to expand their knowledge of some of the laws, rules, and regulations that apply to the sport industry and affect the work-setting of sport organizations. Covers sports law issues in professional and amateur sports, including tort and contract law, Title IX, drug testing, NCAA compliance, and the role of amateurism and agents.

## **SPRT 6222 - Case Studies in Sports Law**

*Credits: 2*

Addresses the often unique manner in which substantive law applies to the business of sports, with a focus on case law such as antitrust law, constitutional law, contract law, intellectual property law, Title IX, and tort law.

## **SPRT 6223 - Sports Sponsorship**

*Credits: 2*

Students gain an understanding of sports sponsorship, sponsor prospecting, sponsor needs, and the financial implications of sponsorship decisions. Includes an overview of various sports marketing strategies used in meeting the needs of consumers and the ways sport is used in the marketing of sport-related products.

## **SPRT 6224 - Case Studies in Sports Sponsorship**

*Credits: 2*

Covers the process and rationale of corporate sponsorship, sponsor needs, and the financial implications of sponsorship decisions. Evaluates the use of various sponsorship techniques that allow corporations to most effectively utilize sponsorship as part of their integrated marketing and communications strategy.

## **SPRT 6225 - Advanced Sport Communication**

*Credits: 2*

Recognition and insightful resolution of ethical dilemmas confronting modern sport organizations. Students apply public relations and sport communication theory in a community-based project where they serve as public relations consultants.

## **SPRT 6226 - Research Design in Sport Management**

*Credits: 2*

Concepts and skills needed to effectively read and apply research in sport management to real-world problems.

## **SPRT 6227 - Sports Facility Management**

*Credits: 2*

Concepts of sports facility planning, organizational development, and operations management. Provides an advanced overview and dissemination of the sport facility management industry. Topics include strategic planning, budgeting, staff management, marketing, revenue development, and operations.

## **SPRT 6228 - Ethics in Sport**

*Credits: 2*

Recognition and insightful resolution of ethical dilemmas confronting modern sport organizations.

## **SPRT 6430 - Master of Science in Sport Management Internship**

*Credits: 4*

This 200-hour internship provides an experiential learning opportunity in the sports industry and the ability to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world settings.

# Tuition, Fees and Living Expenses

A catalog supplement, the Financial Information Bulletin, is issued each academic year. It provides the general authority and reference for SMU financial regulations and obligations, as well as detailed information concerning tuition, fees and living expenses. The supplement can be accessed at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Policies and Forms" link).

Continuing students registering must ensure that payment for the full amount of charges is posted to their account by the payment due date showing on their bill. The due dates are also published on the Bursar website.

Billing notifications are sent to the student's SMU email address and to the designated authorized payer(s) email address when a bill is generated. The billing notification will provide instructions on how to view the bill online through SMUpay. If notification is not received two weeks prior to the due date, the student and/or designated authorized payer(s) should contact the Office of the University Bursar.

Payments made in person or mailed must be received by the Office of the University Bursar, located on the first floor of the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building, no later than 4 p.m. on the payment due date. Payments made online via electronic check or credit card must be posted no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on the payment due date. Students and/or those paying on behalf of students who pay online automatically receive an electronic confirmation of payment; students and/or designated authorized payer(s) paying through other methods can also verify receipt of payment online.

Students enrolling after the payment due date must pay at the time of enrollment. Students whose accounts are not cleared by the payment due date or at the time of enrollment are subject to a late payment fee of \$50 for balances between \$250 and \$999.99, and \$150 for balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Balances more than \$5,000 are charged 3 percent of the outstanding balance, not to exceed \$750. Also, after the monthly payment due date has passed, a 1.5 percent past due fee will be assessed on the unpaid student and/or miscellaneous account each month until the balance is paid. The enrollment of students whose accounts remain unpaid after the payment due date may be canceled at the discretion of the University. Students are individually responsible for their financial obligations to the University.

All refunds except federal parent PLUS loans, prepayment accounts, the SMU Monthly TuitionPay Payment Plan and international wires will be made payable to the student. A credit card payment will only be refunded to the student if federal student loans have been applied to their account. International wires will be refunded by wire to the originating wire account less a \$35 wire-processing fee. The PLUS loan borrower can request the refund to be processed to the student by submitting a Parent PLUS Release form, located on the Bursar website. If the refund is issued by check, the student may request, in writing, that the refund be sent to another party.

Any outstanding debts to the University will be deducted from the credit balance prior to issuing a refund. Any outstanding debts to the University that include Title IV funds must have an Authorization to Credit Account form and/or an Authorization to Credit Account Parent form on file in order to transfer funds to cover current award year debts. Students need to sign the ACA form and the federal parent PLUS loan borrower needs to sign the ACAP form.

Any outstanding debts to the University that do not include Title IV funds will be deducted from the credit balance prior to issuing a refund. All other debts should be paid directly by the student.

A student whose University account is overdue or who in any other manner has an unpaid financial obligation to the University will be denied the recording and certification services of the Office of the Registrar, including the issuance of a transcript or diploma, and may be denied readmission until all obligations are fulfilled. The Division of Enrollment Services may stop the registration, or may cancel the completed registration, of a student who has a delinquent account or debt, and may assess all attorney's fees and other reasonable collection costs (up to 50 percent) and charges necessary for the collection of any amount not paid when due. Matriculation in the University constitutes an agreement by the student to comply with all University rules, regulations and policies.

Arrangements for financial assistance from SMU must be made in advance of registration and in accordance with the application schedule of the Division of Enrollment Services, Financial Aid. A student should not expect such assistance to settle delinquent accounts.

During the registration process, students will be prompted to read and agree to the Student Rights and Responsibilities, which provides information regarding financial rights and obligations, SMU's Honor Code, the Code of Conduct, and the student appeals and complaints process.

Students who elect to register for courses outside of their school of record will pay the tuition rate of their school of record.

## Refunds for Withdrawal from the University

**Note:** No refunds are made without an official withdrawal. Policies for official withdrawal, including medical and mandatory administrative withdrawal, are found under Withdrawal From the University in the Academic Records and General and Enrollment Standards section of this catalog.

Reduction of tuition and fees is determined by the effective date of the withdrawal and is based on the schedule listed in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Policies and Forms" link).

**Note:** For students receiving financial aid (scholarships, grants or loans), when the withdrawal date qualifies for reduction of tuition and fees charges, the refund typically will be used to repay the student aid programs first and go to the student/ family last. Further, government regulations may require that SMU return aid funds whether or not the University must reduce its tuition and fees (based on the *Financial Information Bulletin*); hence, a student whose account was paid in full prior to withdrawal may owe a significant amount at withdrawal due to the required return of student aid. Therefore, students who receive any financial aid should discuss, prior to withdrawal, the financial implications of the withdrawal with the Financial Aid Advising Office.

Medical withdrawals and mandatory administrative withdrawals allow a prorated refund of tuition and fees.

## Payment Plan Options

### SMU Monthly Payment Plan

The SMU TuitionPay Payment Plan administered by Higher One allows term charges to be paid in monthly installments. Students can enroll in a payment plan at [www.tuitionpaymentplan.com/smu](http://www.tuitionpaymentplan.com/smu). Higher One consultants are available at 877-279-6092 to answer questions or help with the online enrollment process.

Annual payment plans are available in 12-month, 10-month and eight-month formats. Term payment plans are available in four-month, five-month and six-month formats. The summer payment plan is three months. Payment plan options are not available for intersession terms including JanTerm, MayTerm and August terms.

### SMU Prepayment Plan

The SMU Prepayment Plan (a single payment up front for all terms) allows families to avoid the effects of tuition and fee increases by paying for two, three or four years in one single payment at the current rate of tuition and fees. Questions should be addressed to the Division of Enrollment Services, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750181, Dallas TX 75275-0181; phone 214-768-2799.

## **Graduate and Professional Student Aid**

Grants and loans for Texas residents, private and federal loans, and employment programs may be available by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA may be completed online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The SMU Title IV school code number is 003613.

In order to qualify for financial aid, a graduate student must meet the requirements of halftime to full-time status as determined by the University. A student who is ineligible for financial aid should contact a student account adviser in the Bursar's Office for payment plan options: [www.smu.edu/bursar/paymentplans.asp](http://www.smu.edu/bursar/paymentplans.asp).

More information is available online at [www.smu.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.smu.edu/financial_aid).

While University-based grants, scholarships, fellowships and assistantships are not available to students in Simmons School, the Simmons School does offer tuition scholarships and assistantships. It is worth noting, as well, that the tuition rates for all of the master's degree programs in the Simmons School are substantially lower than regular SMU tuition. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar).

# **Enrollment and Academic Records**

The standards herein are applicable to all students at the University and constitute the basic authority and reference for matters pertaining to University academic regulations and records management. Enrollment in the University is a declaration of acceptance of all University rules and regulations. A complete *University Policy Manual* is available at [www.smu.edu/policy](http://www.smu.edu/policy). Additional information regarding rules and regulations of the University can be found in this catalog. Undergraduate students must follow the University-wide requirements that are in effect for the academic year of matriculation to SMU. The applicable requirements of majors and minors are those in effect during the academic year of matriculation to SMU or those of a subsequent academic year. Students may not follow a catalog for an academic year in effect prior to their matriculation term. Students who are not enrolled for three or more years will return to SMU under the current catalog.

## **General Policies**

### **Confidentiality of Education Records**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law that grants students the right to inspect, obtain copies of, challenge, and, to a degree, control the release of information contained in their education records. The act and regulations are very lengthy, and for that reason, SMU has issued its own FERPA-based guidelines that are available at the University Registrar's Office FERPA website [www.smu.edu/FERPA](http://www.smu.edu/FERPA). Policy 1.18 of the *University Policy Manual* also discusses this law.

In general, no personally identifiable information from a student's education record will be disclosed to any third party without written consent from the student. Several exceptions exist, including these selected examples: 1) information defined by SMU as directory information may be released unless the student requests through my.SMU Self-Service that it be withheld, 2) information authorized by the student through my.SMU Self-Service may be released to those individuals designated by the student and 3) information may be released to a parent or guardian if the student is declared financially dependent upon the parent or guardian as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code. Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA](http://www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA).

### **Student File Number**

The University assigns each student an eight-digit SMU identification number, which is used to verify each student's identity and is provided without additional charges. The student should furnish the SMU ID number on all forms when requested, as this number is the primary means the University has to verify the identity for each student's academic records and transactions related to the records.

### **Name Change**

A student who has a change in name must provide to the University Registrar's Office his or her Social Security card or the form issued by the Social Security Administration. A valid passport may also be used to complete a name change. Enrollment or records services for the student under a name different from the last enrollment cannot be accomplished without one of the above documents. All transcripts and diplomas are issued only under a person's legal name as recorded by the University Registrar's Office.

# Email and Mailing Addresses, Telephone, and Emergency Contact

Each student must provide the University Registrar's Office with both a home and local (mailing) address, both a home and local telephone number and contact information of a designated emergency contact. Students enrolling at SMU authorize the University to notify their emergency contacts in the event of a situation affecting their health, safety, or physical or mental well-being, and to provide these contacts with information related to the situation.

International students are required to provide a residence address (physical street address where they are currently living) as their mailing (local) address. International students will be prevented from enrolling if a U.S. address is not provided.

Students are expected to keep current all their addresses and telephone numbers, including emergency contact details, through my.SMU, the University's Web-based self-service system. Students may be prevented from enrolling if their information is insufficient or outdated. Changes to parent information should be reported by contacting records@smu.edu, and the email should include the student's full name and SMU student ID number.

The University issues all students an email address. Students may have other email addresses, but the University-assigned email address is the official address for University electronic correspondence, including related communications with faculty members and academic units.

Official University correspondence may be sent to students' mailing addresses or SMU email addresses on file. It is the responsibility of students to keep all their addresses current and to regularly check communications sent to them since they are responsible for complying with requests, deadlines and other requirements sent to any of their mailing addresses on file or to their SMU email.

## Cell Phones

The University requests that students provide mobile/cell telephone numbers, as they are one means of communicating with students during an emergency. Mobile/cell telephone numbers may also be used by University officials conducting routine business. Students who do not have a mobile/cell telephone or do not wish to report the numbers should provide this information to the University through my.SMU Self-Service. Students may be prevented from enrolling if their mobile/cell telephone numbers are not on file or if they have not declared "no cell" or "prefer not to report" in my.SMU.

## Ethnicity

SMU requires that a valid ethnic group category be on file for all students. SMU's policies and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 protect the confidentiality and privacy of this information. A student's ethnic group category can be viewed in my.SMU, Self-Service Student Center.

**U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents.** Ethnicity is self-determined. Students of multiple ethnic backgrounds may select multiple ethnic group categories. If the ethnic group value is incorrect, the student should go to the University Registrar's Office in the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building and complete an Ethnic/Racial Category Update Form.

**International Students Living in the U.S. While Attending School.** Selecting an ethnic group category is not required unless the student becomes a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

## Transcript Service

A transcript is an official document of the permanent academic record maintained by the University Registrar's Office. The permanent academic record includes all SMU courses attempted, all grades assigned, degrees received and a summary of transfer hours accepted. Official transcripts and certifications of student academic records are issued by the University Registrar's Office for all students. Copies of high school records and transfer transcripts from other schools must be requested from the institutions where the coursework was taken.

Transcripts are \$12.25 per copy. Additional copies in the same request mailed to the same address are \$3.50. Additional copies mailed to different addresses are \$12.25 a copy. PDF transcripts are \$16.00 per email address and are available only for students who attended after summer 1996.

**Note:** No incomplete or partial transcripts, including only certain courses or grades, are issued.

Transcripts cannot be released unless the student has satisfied all financial and other obligations to the University. Instructions for requesting a transcript to be mailed or picked up on campus are available at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Transcript Requests" link). A student may request his or her official transcript through the online my.SMU Student Center. Requests are processed through the National Student Clearinghouse. Telephone and email requests are not accepted. Students or their specified third party can pick up their transcripts at the University Registrar's Office, 101 Blanton Student Services Building.

Transcripts may be released to a third party as specified by the student on the Student's Consent for SMU to Release Information to Student's Specified Third Party form accessible at [www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Forms](http://www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Forms).

**Note:** Chapter 675, S.B. 302. Acts of the 61st Texas Legislature, 1969 Regular Session, provides as follows: *Section I.* No person may buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain; or attempt to buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain a diploma, certificate, academic record, certificate of enrollment or other instrument which purports to signify merit or achievement conferred by an institution of education in this state with the intent to use fraudulently such document or to allow the fraudulent use of such document. *Section II.* A person who violates this act or who aids another in violating this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year.

## Veterans

The University Registrar's Office certifies veterans each term for their benefits under federal programs, including the Yellow Ribbon Program. Most academic programs at SMU qualify for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, making an SMU education accessible and affordable. Veterans are required to provide specific documents before they can be certified with the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration. Specific information regarding the certification process is available from the University Registrar's Office at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Veterans Affairs" link).

## Final Examinations

Final course examinations shall be given in all courses where they are appropriate, must be administered as specified on the official examination schedule and shall not be administered during the last week of classes. Exceptions to the examination schedule may be made only upon written recommendation of the program director or the chair of the department sponsoring the course and with the concurrence of the dean of that school, who will allow exceptions only in accordance with guidelines from the Office of the Provost.

The examination schedule for the Master of Science in Sport Management is published at the start of each term. Students should note that an exam may be held on a day and/or at a time different from the regular class time.

# Complaint Procedures for Students With Disabilities

The complaint procedures for students with disabilities are available in the Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies office and online at [www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS](http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS).

## Credit Hour Loads

The unit of measure for the valuation of courses is the credit hour. Based upon the federal definition of a credit hour, each credit hour requires one hour of direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of preparation on the part of students per week, for approximately 15 weeks a semester. Most courses are valued for three credit hours, i.e., three contact hours per week and at least six hours of preparation. For three credit hour courses deployed via different course types, modes of delivery, or calendars, total number of direct contact hours should be equal to or greater than 45 hours with the total of out of class work total equal to or greater than 90 hours. Courses that deviate from this standard must provide documentation illustrating how the number of contact hours and/or work outside the course equate to this standard within the term in which the course is offered.

Enrollment for nine hours of coursework per term is recognized as a full load for students engaged in graduate studies. Individuals who enroll for fewer than these minimum hours are designated as part-time students.

The Master of Science in Sport Management has an abbreviated eight-week term, which necessitates a few exceptions to the School's standard rules; students should refer to the Master of Science in Sport Management for exceptions regarding M.S.S.M. credit-hour loads.

A graduate student

- working on the completion of a thesis, dissertation or performance recital requirement on a full-time or part-time basis;
- enrolled in an internship or co-op program;
- enrolled as a third-year theatre major working on the completion of required production projects;
- or having an instructor appointment as part of a teaching fellowship, but not enrolled for the required number of hours;

may be certified as a full-time or part-time student if the student

- is enrolled officially for at least one course and
- is recognized by his or her director or academic dean or the dean for the Office of Research and Graduate Studies as working on the completion of the thesis, dissertation or internship requirement on a full-time or part-time basis.

In other special situations, a student not enrolled for the required number of hours may be certified as a full-time or part-time student if the student is officially enrolled for at least one course and is recognized by the academic dean or director as a full-time or part-time student, and if such recognition is approved by the provost.

**Cautionary Note:** Federal financial aid agencies and some other agencies require a minimum number of hours of enrollment for full-time status and do not make exceptions for internship, co-op or student-teaching enrollments. Students on financial aid should consult a Financial Aid Office adviser regarding minimum enrollment requirements for their situation.

**Minimum and Maximum Course Loads.** Minimum and maximum course loads allowed are based on the school of record.

## **Stop Enrollment/Administrative Withdrawal**

Insufficient or improper information given by the student on any admission or enrollment form – or academic deficiencies, disciplinary actions and financial obligations to the University – can constitute cause for the student to be determined ineligible to enroll or to be administratively withdrawn.

## **Transfer Courses From Other Institutions**

Official college transcripts are required for all college-level work attempted, regardless of transferability. Military transcripts are also required for students receiving VA benefits; more information is available at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Veterans Affairs" link). Students are responsible for making sure a transcript of all transfer work attempted is sent to the University Registrar's Office immediately following completion of the work.

With the possible exception of the Master of Science in Sport Management program, the following rules apply to all graduate Simmons programs; students should refer to the M.S.S.M. section of this catalog for that program's exceptions. The student must file with the degree program a Transfer Evaluation accompanied by course syllabi, official transcripts(s), and an Internal Transfer Credit form or Other Credit form. Transfer credit is accepted by the program and approved by the dean in accordance with the following: 1) the course is compatible with the overall curriculum of the program, 2) the course is graduate level (6000 or above), 3) the student earned a grade of *A* or *B* in the course, 4) the course has not been used in attaining a previous degree and 5) the course has been taken within the past six years. Courses taken prior to matriculation must be approved within one year of beginning the program. Transfer credit for study by correspondence or online study is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Once students have matriculated at SMU, they may transfer no more than six hours to SMU from accredited colleges and universities or from other schools at SMU. Students may transfer up to 14 hours from other Simmons programs; credit may be denied for educational reasons, including the application of those credits toward a previously earned degree. Students who wish to take courses at another institution after admission to a Simmons graduate program must obtain prior approval; permission may be denied for educational reasons.

## **Enrollment Policies**

### **Course Scheduling and Enrollment Cycles**

When students enter their school of record and into a specific degree program, they are assigned an academic adviser. Students should consult with the adviser for course scheduling, schedule changes, petitions, degree requirements and other such academic concerns. Advisers normally will have established office hours. The school's records office monitors progress and maintains official degree plans for all students in a school. Students should schedule conferences with their academic advisers and the school's records office upon admission to a school and prior to their final term to ensure that they are meeting all University and graduation requirements.

Each fall, spring and summer term has an enrollment period during which the formal process of enrollment in the University is completed. Prior to each enrollment period, the University Registrar's Office will publish enrollment instructions.

Some Simmons programs, most particularly those that observe an abbreviated term, offer more than three enrollment periods per year.

Each student is personally responsible for complying with enrollment procedures and for ensuring the accuracy of his or her enrollment. Students are expected to confirm the accuracy of their enrollment each term. Students who discover a

discrepancy in their enrollment records after the close of enrollment for the term should immediately complete a Petition for Enrollment Policy Exception. Petitions are to be submitted to the appropriate records office within six months of the term in which the discrepancy appeared; contact information for submitting a Petition for Enrollment Policy Exception can be viewed on the University Registrar's Office website at [www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/Registrar/Enrollment/EnrollmentPolicyException](http://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/Registrar/Enrollment/EnrollmentPolicyException). Petitions submitted later than six months after the discrepancy may not be considered.

## Schedule Changes

The deadline for adding courses, dropping courses without grade record and changing sections for each enrollment period is listed on the Official University Calendar ([www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar)). Students are encouraged to seek assistance from their advisers when considering whether to add or drop a course. A student may drop a course with a grade of *W* (Withdrew) through approximately midterm by using the my.SMU Self-Service Student Center. The specific deadline is listed on the Official University Calendar. **Note:** Some programs in the Simmons School of Education and Human Development have unique calendars, admission requirements and add/drop dates. Students should consult a program's Web page for calendar information. After the deadline date on the Official University Calendar, the student may not drop a class. All schedule changes must be processed by the deadline date specified on the Official University Calendar. **Note:** Schedule changes are not complete for official University record purposes unless finalized in the University Registrar's Office.

**Student-Athletes.** Students must consult with the Athletic Compliance Office prior to dropping a course. In the consultation, the student will review the effects the drop might have on his or her athletic participation and financial aid. After the consultation, the Athletic Compliance Office will update my.SMU to allow the student to process the drop, if necessary. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment. For assistance regarding scholarships or other aspects of being a student-athlete, students should contact the Office of the Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development.

**International Students.** Students must consult with the International Student & Scholar Services office prior to dropping a course. If dropping a course will cause the student to be enrolled in fewer than the required number of hours to remain a full-time student, the student's immigration status could be affected. After the consultation, the International Student & Scholar Services office will update my.SMU to allow the student to process the drop, if necessary. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment.

**Students on Merit or Need-based Financial Aid.** Students should consult with their financial aid adviser prior to dropping a course. If dropping a course will cause the student to be enrolled in fewer than the required number of hours to remain a full-time student, the student's financial aid status may be affected. After the consultation, the student may drop a course through my.SMU Self-Service. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment. Questions regarding this procedure or financial aid should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid.

## Withdrawal From the University

Policies on refunds for withdrawal from the University are found in the Financial Information section of this catalog and in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Policies and Forms" link). No refunds are made without an official withdrawal.

Students should be aware of the difference between a drop and a *withdrawal* and remember that they have different deadlines and separate financial policies. The deadlines for each are posted each term on the Official University Calendar at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar). A *drop* occurs when a student removes one or more courses from his or her schedule and remains enrolled in at least one credit hour for the term. A *withdrawal* occurs when removing the course or courses will result in the student being enrolled in **zero** hours for the term.

If a student removes all courses from his or her schedule **prior to the first day of the term**, the transaction is considered a *cancellation* and does not result in financial penalty or impact the student's transcript.

**Note:** Due to the specialized cohort nature of the Master of Science in Sport Management program, continuing progression through the M.S.S.M. course sequence can be seriously affected by withdrawal. M.S.S.M. students should always contact the program director prior to initiating this transaction.

A student who wishes to withdraw (resign) from the University before the end of a term or session must initiate a Student Petition for Withdrawal form and secure approval from his/her school's records office. The records office will then submit the form to the Office of the University Registrar. The effective date of the withdrawal is the date on which the Student Petition for Withdrawal is processed in the University Registrar's Office. Discontinuance of class attendance or notification to the instructors of intention to withdraw does not constitute an official withdrawal.

The enrollment of students who withdraw on or before the tenth class day of the fall or spring semester as listed on the Official University Calendar will be canceled. Courses and grades are not recorded for canceled enrollments; however, the student will owe a portion of his/her tuition and fees. Additional information is available in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Policies and Forms" link). A student who withdraws after the tenth class day of the fall or spring semester will receive the grade of *W* in each course in which he or she enrolled.

Medical withdrawals and mandatory administrative withdrawals allow a prorated refund of tuition and fees and have conditions that must be met prior to re-enrollment at SMU. Medical withdrawals can only be authorized by a licensed physician or psychologist counselor in the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center. Mandatory administrative withdrawals can be authorized only by the vice president for student affairs. As a matter of University policy, and in compliance with federal regulations, retroactive medical withdrawals cannot be granted. The last day for a medical withdrawal is the last day of class instruction for the term from which the student is withdrawing.

Withdrawing students living in SMU housing must check out of the residence halls with the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing per established procedures.

## Audit Enrollment (Course Visitor)

Individuals desiring to audit (visit) a class, including those concurrently enrolled for regular coursework, are required to process an Audit Permit form. Audit Permit forms must be completed, approved and received in the University Registrar's Office no later than the last day to enroll for the term. Forms are available at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Forms Library" link). Space must be available in the class. The following regulations are applicable:

1. Individuals may not audit courses in the Simmons master's program in counseling because a criminal background check is required of class participants.
2. Classroom recitation and participation are restricted; availability of course handouts, tests and other materials is restricted; no grade is assigned and no credit is recorded; no laboratory privileges are included.
3. The individual's name does not appear on class rosters or grade rosters.
4. Regular admission and enrollment procedures are not conducted for auditors.
5. The audit fee is nonrefundable.
6. If credit is desired, the course must be enrolled for and repeated as a regular course, and the regular tuition must be paid.

## No-Credit Enrollment

Enrollment for no credit is accomplished in the conventional manner of enrollment, with regular admission and enrollment procedures being required. The student pays the regular tuition and fees, participates in class activities, and

receives the grade of *NC* upon completion of the coursework. The student must indicate in writing no later than the 12th day of classes (the fourth day of classes in summer sessions; the second day of classes in intersession terms) that he or she wishes to take a course for no credit. Permission of the instructor or department is required for this type of enrollment, and the student is listed on class rolls. This enrollment is different from audit enrollments, for which no enrollment or grade is recorded.

## Class Attendance

Regular class attendance is required. At the beginning of the course, the instructor announces policies regarding the effect of class attendance on the student's standing in the course. These policies may include dropping a student from the course for nonattendance after a certain number of absences. All reasons for absence should be submitted at once to the instructor.

The satisfactory explanation of absence may release a student from disciplinary action but does not relieve a student from responsibility for the work of the course during his or her absence. A student who misses an announced test, examination or laboratory period in a regular course of study and has the permission of the instructor may be given an opportunity to make up the work at the instructor's convenience. The instructor determines in all instances the extent to which absences and tardiness affect each student's grade.

Students may be dropped by a course instructor or academic dean for nonattendance or tardiness with a grade of *W* until the calendar deadline to drop. After the deadline, students must remain enrolled in the course.

Students may also be dropped by a course instructor for inappropriate classroom behavior. The instructor must submit the request by the University deadline to drop. After the deadline, the student must remain enrolled in the class and receive a final grade of *F*.

A student who has a passing grade in a course at the time of the final examination, but who misses the examination and satisfies the dean that the absence was unavoidable, may secure from the dean permission to take the examination at a time convenient for the instructor.

## Absence Due to Illness

The Dr. Bob Smith Health Center does not provide documentation for granting excused absences from class. If students are absent for illness, they should talk to their professors about how they might catch up with the material missed. If students are seriously ill and require hospitalization or an extended absence, students should talk to their professors and the Office of Student Life to decide how to deal with the interruption in their studies. To facilitate communication with their professors about their absence, students may submit the Absence from Class Form available at [www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter).

## Interpretation of Course Numbers

Each SMU course has a four-digit course number. The first number indicates the general level of the course.

1000–1999	First-year
2000–2999	Sophomore
3000–3999	Junior
4000–4999	Senior

5000-5999 Senior or Graduate  
6000-9999 Graduate

The second digit specifies the number of credit hours; exceptions are noted below.

<i>Digit</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
0	0,.5 or 10-15
1	1 or 1.5

The third and fourth digits are used to make the course number unique within the department.

# Grade Policies

A student's grades are available to him or her through my.SMU Student Center.

While there are some variations between the Simmons graduate programs with respect to grading standards, the following information applies to most Simmons programs. Regardless, some exceptions exist:

1. The Master of Liberal Studies program maintains a special policy regarding the grade of C-, which is not considered a passing grade within the M.L.S. program.
  2. No course with a grade of C or lower will apply toward the M.S. in counseling program degree. If a grade of C or lower is earned in a course required for the degree that course must be retaken.
  3. Students who earn a grade below C- in any Master of Science in Sport Management course must retake the course. Any M.S.S.M. course completed with a grade below C- will not be applied toward fulfillment of the M.S.S.M. degree.
  4. Students in the Department of Teaching and Learning or Department of Education Policy and Leadership must maintain a 3.000 GPA.

In addition, there are differences between the Simmons programs concerning the number of Incomplete grades a student may carry at any one time. For reasons such as these, students are encouraged to consult their academic advisers and/or graduate program handbooks when questions arise.

## Grade Scale

The grade of a student in any course is determined by the instructor of the course. The following grades are authorized for recording on the student's official graduate academic record maintained by the University Registrar's Office.

Grades	Description	Grade Points per Term Hour
A	Excellent Scholarship	4.000
A-	Excellent Scholarship	3.700
B+	Good Scholarship	3.300
B	Good Scholarship	3.000
B-	Good Scholarship	2.700
C+	Fair Scholarship	2.300

C	Fair Scholarship	2.000
C-	Fair Scholarship	1.700
D+	Poor Scholarship	1.300
D	Poor Scholarship	1.000
D-	Poor Scholarship	0.700
F	Fail	0.000
P, CR	Pass, Credit	*
I	Incomplete	*
NC	No Credit Received	*
X	No Grade Received in Registrar's Office	*
WP/W	Withdrawal Passing/Withdrew	*

**Note:** Asterisks denote grades not included in a student's GPA.

## Grade of F, D, W, and Missing/Blank

Failing is graded *F*. If the student's work is incomplete, poor quality and not acceptable, a grade of *F* will be given. After such a grade, credit may be obtained only by repeating the course.

The grade of *D* represents performance below average expectations. Students receiving a *D* in a course that is a prerequisite to another course should consult with their advisers about repeating the course so that they will be adequately prepared for work in the following course. Courses passed with a grade of *D*, *D-* or *D+* will generally not count toward major or minor requirements.

The grade of *W* cannot be recorded unless completion of the official drop or withdrawal process has occurred by the applicable deadline *during the term of enrollment*. Only the grade of *W* may be recorded if the student has officially dropped courses from the schedule or withdrawn (resigned) from the University for the term. The grade of *W* may not be revoked or changed to another grade because the act of officially dropping/withdrawing is irrevocable.

The grade of *X* is a temporary administrative grade used when an official grade has not been received from the instructor. The grade of *X* will be changed to *F* if a grade is not received within 60 days of the end of the term. Graduation candidates must clear all *X*'s prior to the deadline on the Official University Calendar, which may allow less time than 60 days. Failure to do so can result in removal from the degree candidacy list and/or conversion of the grade of *X* to the grade of *F*.

A missing or blank grade also indicates an official grade has not been received from the instructor. Graduation candidates must receive a grade for all course enrollments prior to the deadline on the Official University Calendar. Failure to do so can result in removal from the degree candidacy list and/or the assignment of a grade of *F*.

## Grade of Incomplete

A student may temporarily receive a grade of Incomplete (*I*) if a substantial portion of the course requirements have been completed with passing grades (for the Master of Science in Sport Management program, 90 percent of the course

requirements completed with passing grades), but for some justifiable reason acceptable to the instructor, the student has been unable to complete the full requirements of the course.

The Department of Teaching and Learning explains in its student handbook the detailed procedure for obtaining an Incomplete grade.

The grade of *I* is normally changed to a final grade within one year but no later than the time of graduation.

At the time a grade of *I* is given, the instructor must stipulate in my.SMU the requirements and completion date that are to be met and the final grade that will be given if the requirements are not met by the completion date.

The maximum period of time allowed to clear the Incomplete is 12 months. If the Incomplete grade is not cleared by the date set by the instructor or by the end of the 12-month deadline, whichever is earlier, the grade of *I* will be changed to the grade provided by the instructor at the time the Incomplete was assigned or to a grade of *F* if no alternate grade was provided.

The grade of *I* is not given in lieu of a grade of *F* or *W*, or other grade, each of which is prescribed for other specific circumstances.

The grade of *I* in a course does not authorize a student to attend or enroll in the course during a later term. Graduation candidates must clear all Incompletes prior to the deadline on the Official University Calendar. Failure to do so can result in removal from the degree candidacy list and/or conversion of the grade of *I* to the grade indicated by the instructor at the time the grade of *I* was given.

A maximum of two (six hours) concurrently held Incomplete grades in courses other than thesis is allowed. If this maximum is reached, the student will be allowed to take only one three-hour course per term until the Incomplete grade total is reduced. Students who accumulate three Incomplete grades in courses other than thesis will be put on probation and will not be allowed to enroll further until the total of Incomplete grades is reduced to two.

## **Grade Point Average**

A student's grade point average (cumulative GPA) is computed by multiplying the credit hours of each course attempted by the grade points earned in the particular course and then dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of hours attempted, excluding those hours for which grades are shown with an asterisk on the grade chart. The GPA is truncated, not rounded, at three decimal places.

## **Grade Changes**

Changes of grades, including change of the grade of *I*, are initiated by the course instructor and authorized by the academic chair and by the academic dean of the school in which the course was offered. If a student requests a grade change, the instructor may ask the student to provide the request as a written petition, which may become an official part of any further process at the instructor's discretion. Changes of grades may be made only for the following authorized reasons: to clear a grade of *I*, to correct a processing error or to reflect a re-evaluation of the student's original work. A change of grade will not be based on additional work options beyond those originally made available to the entire class.

Changes of grades of *I* should be processed within a calendar year of the original grade assignment unless the grade is for thesis work. Other changes of grades must be processed by the end of the next regular term. No grade will be changed after 12 months or after a student's graduation, except in cases where a grade is successfully appealed – provided that written notice of appeal is given within six months following graduation – and in extenuating circumstances authorized by the academic dean and approved by the University Registrar's Office.

## **Grades for Repeated Courses**

Students will be allowed to repeat courses according to the following rules: Both the initial and the second grades will be recorded on the student's permanent academic record (transcript). Both grades will be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA and in the determination of academic probation, suspension, dismissal, honors and graduation. Only the repeated course and not the initial credit hours count toward the number of hours needed for graduation.

## **Pass/Fail Option**

Students should consult with their advisers before declaring the pass/fail option for any course, as some courses may not be taken pass/fail.

## **Grade Appeals**

A student who feels that an assigned grade is other than the grade earned must first discuss the matter with the course instructor to determine if the discrepancy is caused by error or misunderstanding. At the time of the initial discussion, the student may be asked to provide a written petition requesting the change of grade.

A student who is not satisfied by the instructor's decision on a request for a grade change, and who maintains that the original grade was capriciously or unfairly determined, may appeal to the chair of the department in which the course was offered (or, in the case of a nondepartmental course, to a faculty agent designated by the dean of the school offering the course). After discussing the matter with the student, and bearing in mind that the final authority in matters of academic judgment in the determination of a grade rests with the course instructor, the chair (or faculty agent) will consult with the course instructor, who will subsequently report to the student the disposition of the appeal.

A student who is not satisfied by the disposition of the appeal may appeal the decision to the dean of the school offering the course. The dean will take action as he or she deems appropriate. A student may appeal the dean's decision to the provost. In their actions, the dean and the provost must respect the principle that the determination of a grade rests with the course instructor.

## **Academic Advising and Satisfactory Progress Policies**

### **Academic Advising**

Academic advising is an important process for each graduate student at SMU. Each student must meet with his or her assigned academic adviser prior to enrolling for an academic term. At this meeting, the adviser will assist the student in planning majors and minors and a program of study, understanding the Degree Progress Report, and scheduling courses that will count toward graduation requirements. After the initial required advising session, the student is encouraged to seek assistance from the adviser when considering whether to add or drop courses.

For an effective advising relationship, the student must be prepared when meeting with the adviser. The student must initiate the advising appointment. The adviser will give assistance to the student, but the student has the final responsibility for the accuracy of the enrollment, the applicability of courses toward the degree requirements, and his or her academic performance.

Students are assigned an academic adviser by their academic dean's office, records office or major department. A student who enrolls without first meeting with his or her assigned academic adviser may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, cancellation of the term enrollment and restriction from the self-service enrollment functions.

## Leave of Absence

A leave of absence is a temporary leave from the University – a kind of "timeout" – that may be necessary during an academic career. Students may elect to take leaves of absence for a variety of reasons, including 1) medical reasons due to accident or illness, 2) family crises or other personal situation that requires an extended absence from school, 3) financial issues that may take time to resolve, and 4) academic difficulties that may best be handled by taking time to refocus on college work.

Typically, a leave of absence is for one term or one academic year. A student may extend a leave of absence by contacting his or her academic department representative. The process to return to SMU after a leave-of-absence period can be an easy one, especially if the student has gone through the steps to file for a leave of absence and planned ahead for the return. Following SMU's leave-of-absence guidelines helps 1) assure that the degree requirements per the catalog of record when the student initially matriculated at SMU still apply upon return, 2) assist with financial aid processing, and 3) provide the support needed to return to SMU and successfully finish the degree.

The SMU Leave of Absence Policy provides students with a formal process to "stop out" of SMU for either voluntary or involuntary reasons. Typically, a leave of absence is for a temporary departure from the institution; however, *intended permanent withdrawals* from SMU will also be processed under the Leave of Absence Policy. The first step to effect a leave of absence is for the student to arrange an appointment to meet with his or her academic adviser, who will then assist the student with the process.

## Academic Progress

Failure to meet established minimum acceptable standards of academic or disciplinary performance can result in probation, suspension or dismissal. Information regarding disciplinary action can be found under Code of Conduct in the Student Affairs section of this catalog.

Graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.000. If in any term the student falls below this cumulative GPA, the student will be placed on probation for one regular term. If at the end of the term of probation the cumulative GPA is not up to 3.000, the student may be removed from the program at the discretion of the dean's office or records office.

## Definitions: Academic Probation, Academic Suspension, Academic Reinstatement and Academic Dismissal

**Academic Probation.** Academic probation is a serious warning that the student is not making satisfactory academic progress. A student on academic probation is still eligible to enroll and is considered in good standing for enrolling in classes and for certification purposes. Academic probation is not noted on the permanent academic record; however, a student on academic probation may be subject to certain conditions during the period of probation and will be subject to academic suspension if he or she does not clear academic probation.

**Academic Suspension.** Academic suspension is an involuntary separation of the student from SMU. Academic suspension is for at least one regular term. The term of suspension might be for a longer period depending on the policy of the school of record or the terms of the individual student's suspension. Students suspended from one school are suspended from the University.

The status of academic suspension is recorded on a student's permanent academic record. While on academic suspension, a student is not in good academic standing for certification purposes and is not eligible to enroll at SMU. Students who have served their suspension and who are eligible to return may not enroll for any intersession terms without permission from their school of record.

Credits earned at another college or university during a term of suspension may not be applied toward an SMU degree. A grade point deficiency must be made up through enrollment at SMU.

**Academic Reinstatement.** A student who has been on academic suspension once may apply for reinstatement to SMU. If reinstated, the student may enroll in classes, and he or she is considered in good academic standing for purposes of certification. A student who is reinstated remains on academic probation until the conditions of academic probation are satisfied.

**Academic Dismissal.** A second suspension results in an academic dismissal from the University. Academic dismissal is final, with no possibility of reinstatement or readmission to the University. Academic dismissal is recorded on the student's permanent academic record.

## Academic Petitions and Waivers

Petitions and/or requests for waivers concerning University requirements, graduation requirements and the evaluation of transfer work should be submitted to the student's school of record office.

## Transfer Coursework

Policies for transfer coursework are found under Transfer Courses From Other Institutions in the General Policies section of this Catalog. Graduation Policies

## Apply to Graduate

Students must file an Application for Candidacy to Graduate with their school's records office no later than the last day of the first week of the term in which they will complete all degree requirements. Applications are filed through my.SMU Self-Service Student Center by the deadline date on the Official University Calendar.

Students who file an application after the published deadline may be required to pay a nonrefundable late fee. Late applications may be denied after the start of the next term, and the Application for Candidacy to Graduate applied to the next conferral date. Students taking coursework at another institution and transferring the course(s) back to SMU are responsible for ensuring that the University Registrar's Office receives their official transcript in order for their degree to be conferred for the anticipated graduation term.

SMU has three degree conferral periods for most programs: fall (December), spring (May) and summer (August). In addition, students who complete their degree requirements during a Jan Term (January), May term or August term will have their degrees conferred at the conclusion of the intersessions. **Note:** Some Simmons graduate programs confer five times per year. Prior to approving a Master of Science in Sport Management student for degree conferral, M.S.S.M. faculty and administration will consider any documented judicial or disciplinary complaints on record and audit the student's academic standing, including satisfactory completion of the required but noncredit-bearing aspects of the M.S.S.M. program.

## **Commencement Participation**

An All-University Commencement Convocation is held in May for students enrolled and on schedule to complete degree requirements during the spring term. Students enrolled and on schedule to complete all degree requirements during the following summer session may also participate in the University Commencement Convocation, although their degrees will not be conferred until August. Students may also participate in departmental or school ceremonies according to the policies of the departments or schools.

An All-University December Commencement Convocation is held each year for students completing degree requirements during the fall term. Students who completed degree requirements during the previous summer session may also participate. Students on schedule and enrolled to complete all degree requirements during the following Jan Term (January) intersession may also participate in the December ceremony, although their degrees will be conferred in January.

Students in some of the Simmons programs that offer abbreviated terms may participate in the ceremony closest to their conferral date.

A student may participate once in either the All-University Commencement Convocation in May or the All-University December Commencement Convocation for a given degree, but not both.

To participate in a ceremony, a student must apply online and file with their school's records office an Application for Candidacy to Graduate or Intent to Participate Form.

## **Statute of Limitations for Degree Plans**

A student who has been readmitted to the University following an absence of more than three years will be expected to meet all requirements for graduation current at the time of readmission.

# **Educational Facilities and Services**

## **SMU Libraries**

[www.smu.edu/libraries](http://www.smu.edu/libraries)

SMU libraries are one of the greatest assets of the University. The SMU libraries comprise the largest private research library in Texas and rank third in the state with over four million volumes. Service to Southern Methodist University students, faculty and staff is the primary goal of all libraries at SMU. The University's library system is divided into a number of different units

1. Central University Libraries
2. Underwood Law Library
3. Bridwell Library
4. Business Library

## **Laboratories and Research Facilities**

The University provides laboratories and equipment for courses in accounting, advertising, anthropology, art, biology, chemistry, chemistry, communication studies, creative computation, languages, Earth sciences, film and media studies, journalism, psychology, physics, health and physical education, dance, music, theatre, and statistics, as well as civil, computer, electrical, environmental and mechanical engineering. The University is also home to a number of centers and institutes.

## **Museum**

**The Meadows Museum**, founded by the late philanthropist Algur H. Meadows and located at 5900 Bishop Boulevard, houses one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of Spanish art in the world, as well as selected masterpieces of modern European sculpture, from Rodin and Maillol to David Smith and Claes Oldenburg. The holdings of the museum number more than 3,500 objects including paintings, sculpture, decorative arts and works on paper from the Middle Ages to the present. Artists represented include El Greco, Velázquez, Ribera, Zurbarán, Murillo, Goya, Picasso, Dalí, and Miró. The Meadows Museum hosts a regular program of loan exhibitions each year in its temporary exhibition galleries and sponsors an active program of public lectures, tours, films, concerts and symposia, as well as children's art programs and family days throughout the year. Museum collections are often used by SMU faculty in their courses. The museum membership program includes exhibition previews, tours of private collections and opportunities for travel. Docent tours of the collection are available to school, University and adult groups. The Meadows Museum, in addition to its collection, houses a museum shop and special event rooms. Additional information is available at [www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org](http://www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org).

## **Office of Information Technology**

The Office of Information Technology provides computing, information processing, and communications resources to satisfy the needs of faculty, students, and staff. These services include an SMU email account, access to enrollment and financial data online, Internet access, telephone services, Web-based services, technical support, and a variety of software and hardware discounts.

SMU offers high-speed network connections throughout campus. Students can take advantage of both wired and wireless connections throughout all areas of the residence halls. Wireless coverage also extends throughout the campus in most classrooms, libraries, common areas, and several outdoor locations. In addition to on-campus Internet connections, OIT provides off-campus access to resources via a virtual private network connection and access to other research institutions Wi-Fi networks through eduroam.

All students receive an SMU email account, which will remain active after graduation. The email account may be accessed online via Office 365 ([office365.smu.edu](http://office365.smu.edu)). Students also have access to a variety of Web-based services such as my.SMU, personal blog space ([people.smu.edu](http://people.smu.edu)), unlimited cloud storage space ([smu.edu/box](http://smu.edu/box)), and the Canvas Learning Management System ([smu.edu/canvas](http://smu.edu/canvas)). Academic information, including grade history, financial information, and class registration, is available through the my.SMU system.

OIT also provides complimentary on-campus IT support. Located in Fondren Library West, the IT Help Desk provides technical assistance for most computing issues Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the regular semester. Times will vary for breaks and summer. Phone or in-house support is available for on- and off-campus connectivity issues. The IT Help Desk also offers phone support for the Microsoft Office Suite and other common applications. The OIT website ([smu.edu/oit](http://smu.edu/oit)) provides information, step-by-step instructions, and answers to many frequently asked questions. Training On-Demand is also available through lyndaCampus ([smu.edu/lynda](http://smu.edu/lynda)) for additional software.

Although most students have a personal laptop, SMU provides a number of public computer labs. Typically, the labs contain both Mac and PC workstations and support a variety of applications. Printing is also available through our PaperCut Pay-for-Print System ([smu.edu/printing](http://smu.edu/printing)). If needing to purchase a personal copy of the software, discounts on software and computer hardware purchases are available throughout the year. More information can be found on the OIT website at [smu.edu/oit](http://smu.edu/oit).

For additional information on services provided by IT, students should visit [www.smu.edu/oit](http://www.smu.edu/oit) or call the Help Desk (214-768-HELP or 214-768-4357). SMU related technology news and updates are available on Twitter (@smuoit) and the IT Connect blog ([blog.smu.edu/itconnect](http://blog.smu.edu/itconnect)).

# Educational Programs

## English as a Second Language Program

[www.smu.edu/esl](http://www.smu.edu/esl)

Students whose first language is not English may encounter special challenges as they strive to function efficiently in the unfamiliar language and culture of an American university setting. Dedman College offers the following ESL resources to students from all schools and departments of SMU. Students may apply on the ESL website.

More information about the ESL Program is available on the website or from the director, John E. Wheeler (jwheeler@smu.edu).

### The Courses (ESL)

**ESL 1001 (0). ESL COMMUNICATION SKILLS.** The goal of this course is to improve ESL students' oral and aural interactive skills in speaking, giving presentations, pronunciation, listening, and American idiomatic usage so that they may become more participatory in their classes and integrate more readily with their native English-speaking peers. It is designed to meet the needs of undergraduate and graduate students who may be fully competent in their field of study yet require specialized training to effectively communicate in an American class-room setting. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 1002 (0). ESL COMMUNICATION SKILLS II.** Building on skills developed in ESL 1001, students make use of their knowledge and practice to explore various aspects of American studies. In addition to speaking and presentation skills, reading and writing are also exploited as a means for students to gain a deeper understanding of American culture, customs, attitudes, and idiomatic use of the language. The course is noncredit and no-fee, and is transcribed as pass or fail. ESL 1001 is recommended as a precursor but is not a prerequisite. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 20XX (0). INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM.** All 2000-level ESL courses are exclusive to the Intensive English Program. This multilevel, yearlong program is designed to prepare students and professionals for academic success at the university level. The course of study consists of English for academic purposes, TOEFL-related skills, and American culture. It is open to currently enrolled and newly incoming students, as well as to those not affiliated with SMU. On-campus housing and meals are available during the 6-week summer term. This is a noncredit, nontranscribed program, and separate tuition fees are charged. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 3001 (0). ADVANCED GRAMMAR FOR WRITERS.** This course helps students develop their grammar and writing skills within the context of academic readings. Problem areas of English grammar and style are explored through periodic assignments, research documentation methods, and a final research project. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 3002 (0). ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING.** Building on principles of grammar and style covered in ESL 3001, this course helps students further improve the writing skills needed for their particular academic careers, using academic texts as a basis for out-of-class writing assignments and a final research project. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 4001 (0). ESL PRONUNCIATION SKILLS.** Students improve their pronunciation by focusing on sentence stress, rhythm, intonation, and body language while learning to mimic American speech patterns. With the instructor's assistance and extensive individual feedback, students develop personal strategies and exercises to become more aware of their own weaknesses. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 6001, 6002 (0). SEMINAR FOR INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS.** Graduate students who speak English as a second language prepare for their teaching responsibilities with undergraduate students taking University Curriculum courses. The main components include language skills needed as international teaching assistants, ITA-related teaching methodology, cross-cultural communication within the American classroom, and presentation skills. Also, examination of case studies, microteaching demonstrations, and periodic out-of-class individual consultations on the student's language and pedagogical skills. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

## Conversation Buddy Program

At the beginning of each term, all students are notified via campus email of the opportunity to practice their language skills in an informal, one-on-one setting outside the classroom for one to two hours a week.

## ESL Self-Study Lab

A collection of materials is available for self-study use at the Fondren Library Information Commons. Students will find materials to help them improve their pronunciation, listening, vocabulary and grammar skills.

## SMU-in-Plano

[www.smu.edu/plano](http://www.smu.edu/plano)

SMU's campus in Plano's Legacy Business Park extends SMU's resources to meet the educational needs of residents in Collin County and beyond, and makes enrollment in graduate-level programs more convenient for working professionals in North Texas. The campus collaborates with area businesses by offering programs to serve the training needs of their employees and by providing corporate meeting space.

Conveniently located about 1 mile south of the intersection of state Highway 121 and the Dallas North Toll Road, SMU-in-Plano features 16 landscaped acres and four buildings with nearly 200,000 square feet of classroom space.

SMU-in-Plano serves more than 800 adult students each year through several full-time, evening and weekend programs leading to master's degrees and/or professional certificates in counseling, dispute resolution and video game technology (SMU Guildhall). In addition, numerous noncredit certificates and professional development programs are offered in Plano, including paralegal studies, certified financial planner, social media and digital communications, best practices in supervision, and project management.

During the summer, more than 2,000 children participate in a variety of programs designed to enhance their academic skills. The campus also provides important outreach services to the surrounding Collin County communities; these services include the Mediation and Arbitration Center and the Center for Family Counseling.

More information is available online or through the SMU-in-Plano office: 5236 Tennyson Parkway, Building 4, Plano, TX 75024, 972-473-3400.

# Continuing and Professional Education

The Office of Continuing and Professional Education provides noncredit courses that address different cultural, scholarly, personal and professional topics for the community, a practice that has been part of the SMU tradition since 1957. CAPE offers a selection of courses for open enrollment each fall, spring and summer term. Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/cape](http://www.smu.edu/cape).

**Personal Enrichment.** CAPE classes are generally short sessions on topics for enjoyment and reflection. Courses offered for personal enrichment include several major areas of exploration: personal finance and life planning, communication and workplace skills, history, literature and film, culture and travel, and the fine arts (e.g., studio art, music, architecture, photography and art history). CAPE also offers noncredit language conversation courses, including Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language.

**Test Preparation.** Study courses for the SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT and LSAT are offered throughout the year. Information is available at [www.smu.edu/testprep](http://www.smu.edu/testprep).

**Professional Development.** For those who are seeking professional achievement or a new career direction but who are not interested in a traditional undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, CAPE offers noncredit courses to enhance workplace skills and noncredit **certificate programs**, including special certificates offered in partnership with Meadows School of the Arts, the National Criminal Justice Training Center and the Center for Nonprofit Management.

Students complete certificates by taking a series of classes over weeks or months, depending on the specialization and the student's schedule. Cohort and independent options are available, with some classes being offered online. Upon completion of the series, students receive a noncredit transcript documenting completion from Continuing and Professional Education at SMU.

Additional information and a full listing of current opportunities are available at [www.smu.edu/cape/professionaldevelopment](http://www.smu.edu/cape/professionaldevelopment).

**SMU's Summer Youth Program** offers one-week, special-interest enrichment workshops throughout the summer for those entering grades K-12. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/CAPE/SummerYouth](http://www.smu.edu/CAPE/SummerYouth)

**Online Learning.** CAPE partners with national leaders in online teaching and learning to offer self-paced, practical, career-enhancing courses. Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/capeonline](http://www.smu.edu/capeonline).

# **Student Life and Housing**

## **Student Affairs**

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs ([www.smu.edu/studentaffairs](http://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs)) is to develop, with others in the University, opportunities for students to become productive citizens through the creation of challenging environments that contribute to students' intellectual, spiritual, physical, social, cultural, moral and emotional growth, and, in so doing, engage them with the widest range of persons within the University and beyond. The vice president for student affairs oversees programs, services and activities that complement students' academic pursuits and promote their development, success and co-curricular learning.

Concern for and realization of the full development of each student in and out of the classroom constitutes one of the major goals of the University. Consequently, the division's programs are designed to support and supplement SMU's formal academic work. Many departments exist to provide services for the benefit and convenience of SMU students. The Division of Student Affairs encompasses a broad range of programs and services dealing with housing and residential matters, physical and mental wellness, personal and career counseling and testing, recreational sports and intramurals, religious affairs, multicultural student programs, as well as student conduct and community standard matters, new student orientation, leadership programs, volunteer opportunities and women's programs.

## **Academic Integrity and Code of Conduct**

### **The Honor Code of Southern Methodist University**

Intellectual integrity and academic honesty are fundamental to the processes of learning and of evaluating academic performance, and maintaining them is the responsibility of all members of an educational institution. The inculcation of personal standards of honesty and integrity is a goal of education in all the disciplines of the University.

The faculty has the responsibility of encouraging and maintaining an atmosphere of academic honesty by being certain that students are aware of the value of it, understand the regulations defining it and know the penalties for departing from it. The faculty should, as far as is reasonably possible, assist students in avoiding the temptation to cheat. Faculty members must be aware that permitting dishonesty is not open to personal choice. A professor or instructor who is unwilling to act upon offenses is an accessory with the student offender in deteriorating the integrity of the University.

Students must share the responsibility for creating and maintaining an atmosphere of honesty and integrity. Students should be aware that personal experience in completing assigned work is essential to learning. Permitting others to prepare their work, using published or unpublished summaries as a substitute for studying required material, or giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in the preparation of work to be submitted are directly contrary to the honest process of learning. Students who are aware that others in a course are cheating or otherwise acting dishonestly have the responsibility to inform the professor and/or bring an accusation to the Honor Council.

Students and faculty members must share the knowledge that any dishonest practices permitted will make it more difficult for the honest students to be evaluated and graded fairly and will damage the integrity of the whole University. Students should recognize that their own interests and their integrity as individuals would suffer if they condone dishonesty in others.

# **The Honor System**

In support of the Honor Code, the Honor Council has the responsibility to maintain and promote academic integrity. The Honor Council is composed of a minimum of 27 members selected through an application and interview process organized by the Honor Council Executive Board.

Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism, cheating, academic sabotage, facilitating academic dishonesty and fabrication. Plagiarism is prohibited in all papers, projects, take-home exams or any other assignments in which the student submits another's work as being his or her own. Cheating is defined as intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise. Academic sabotage is defined as intentionally taking any action that negatively affects the academic work of another student. Facilitating academic dishonesty is defined as intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of the Honor Code. Fabrication is defined as intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.

# **Code of Conduct**

The following are University procedures and standards with which every student must become familiar. The University considers matriculation at SMU an implicit covenant and a declaration of acceptance on the part of the student of all University regulations.

Standards of conduct are established through faculty, student and administrative efforts and are under continuous evaluation by the entire University community in order to assure reasonable and fair limits. At SMU, the student is assumed to have a high degree of loyalty and responsibility to the University and its well-being, as well as to himself or herself in personal, social and intellectual pursuits; the student's behavior both on and off campus is evidence of this.

Students at SMU will discover that they are encouraged to exercise a great amount of personal freedom as well as accompanying responsibilities. Through their personal capacities for intelligent thought and action, mature students understand that there are situations in which certain behavior must be modified for the benefit of others. The University stands firm in its commitments to the rights and freedoms of students, expecting in return the same respect and concern.

Due respect for the entire University community, faculty, staff and one's fellow students is always expected. The University expects all students to be responsible citizens and to abide by all federal, state and local laws. The University Code of Conduct applies to students both on and off campus. It is the University's expectation that students will avoid behaviors such as, but not limited to, the misuse of drugs and alcohol, dishonesty, gambling, hazing, or behavior that endangers or threatens to endanger the health and safety of any person.

Students are required to identify themselves when asked by a properly identified faculty or staff member, or by another student serving as a University staff member. Persons who are not members of the University community and without business on campus may be asked to leave.

# **Conduct Review Process**

Clear disciplinary procedures are an important part of the mission of SMU as an educational institution. The intent of the system of due process at SMU is to be educational and not merely punitive for students. The goal continues to be to produce quality citizens. The purpose of the conduct review process is to encourage personal responsibility.

Depending on the degree of misconduct, a student may be subject to sanctions ranging from an informal warning to expulsion from the University. In addition, a student may be assigned educational sanctions designed to promote personal growth and development. Should a student be asked to leave the University, he or she should do so in an expeditious and peaceful manner. The student should remain off campus until he or she receives written permission from the Office of

Student Conduct & Community Standards to return to campus. In the event of such separation, a student is still responsible for University financial obligations.

Having voluntarily enrolled as students at Southern Methodist University and assumed a place in the University community, all students are presumed to be knowledgeable of, and have agreed to abide by, the rules and regulations set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

## Housing

The Department of Residence Life and Student Housing supports the goals of the University by creating residential communities that empower residents to value learning, citizenship and leadership in comfortable, well-maintained facilities. The department is responsible for the campus residential community, including all residence halls, SMU-owned apartments and SMU-owned Greek chapter houses.

## Hegi Family Career Development Center

[www.smu.edu/career](http://www.smu.edu/career)

The Hegi Family Career Development Center at SMU is dedicated to serving the needs of SMU students and alumni and assisting employers in reaching qualified candidates from SMU. The Career Development Center staff guides and encourages students and alumni in the development of skills necessary for lifelong career management and offers opportunities for employers to recruit students through campus events and online resources. At Hegi, the staff cares about helping students develop into well-rounded individuals, and is dedicated to values of consistency, authenticity and commitment to excellence.

**Career Express Drop-in Hours.** The Career Center offers 15-minute sessions to drop-ins on a first-come, first-served, basis. In these sessions, students can discuss career options or get help editing a resume. Additional information is available on our website at [www.smu.edu/career](http://www.smu.edu/career).

**Counseling Appointments.** The Career Center also provides opportunities for counseling appointments with a staff member. These longer sessions can help students navigate the more complex issues of career development including, self-understanding, goal creation and career strategies.

**Peer Mentors.** Peer Mentors are highly trained student leaders who help fellow students navigate the career development process, including assisting with drop-ins, editing cover letters and resumes, and representing Hegi at campus events.

**Career Development Ambassadors.** CDA is a student organization designed to provide career development opportunities on the SMU Campus. CDAs organize events for the SMU community, which inspire engagement in the career development process, develop students' career tools, and provide networking opportunities.

**Experiential Learning.** Want to learn more about an industry, company or specific job? Experiential learning is the best way to do so. Below are some easy ways to get connected:

- **Coffee Chats:** Meet an employer in an informal setting to learn about their career journey.
- **Mentors:** Connect and develop a relationship with an SMU alum who is in a career you are interested in.
- **Externship:** Shadow an SMU alum for the day and learn about their career path and what they do on a daily basis. The SMU Connection program is a partnership with Alumni Relations, which provides students exposure to today's competitive and ever-changing job market.
- **Informational Interview:** Have a conversation with an alum and/or employer for an hour to learn out their education and career path.

**Employer Events.** Our Office cultivates meaningful relationships with organizations and employers who are invested in networking with dynamic, talented and skilled students across SMU's liberal and communication arts communities. Throughout the year, the Career Center hosts 2-4 Career and Internship Fairs, along with a host of Employer Industry Panels, Company Information Sessions and Industry Training and Development Workshops. These events offer students an opportunity to work with employers and alumni and to learn the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.

## Student Life

The Office of the Dean of Student Life ([www.smu.edu/studentlife](http://www.smu.edu/studentlife)) educates students and the SMU community by providing purposeful opportunities for learning, growing, clarifying values, and developing decision-making and other skills that promote responsible citizenship and well-being. Located in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, the office is a resource for students to consult when they need general information and assistance. The dean serves as a primary liaison for students and parents who have concerns about any aspect of their SMU experience.

## Student Activities

[www.smu.edu/orgs](http://www.smu.edu/orgs)

The mission of the Department of Student Activities is to advise and support student organizations and to encourage student development through involvement. Involvement outside the classroom is a tradition at SMU. Research shows that students who get involved outside the classroom tend to be more successful during their college experience. The department supports more than 200 extracurricular opportunities for SMU students through academic and professional associations, campus programming councils, community service coalitions, fraternities and sororities, governing boards, nine honor societies, multicultural organizations, political clubs, club sports, religious organizations, and special-interest groups. Higher-education professionals advise and support specific areas of involvement, including diversity, programming and governance, and are available to answer student's day-to-day questions about getting involved.

The Student Activities Office is located on the third floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 314. Additionally, Suite 300 is the hub of activity and resources for several SMU student organizations. Many out-of-class programs planned and implemented by students are considered co-curricular in that they are designed to complement a student's educational experience. These student groups and their committees provide many opportunities for students to become involved as leaders or participants.

Additional information is available online, including organization interests or type, membership requirements, contact information and event calendars. The department can also assist students in forming a new organization.

**Eligibility Requirements.** Campus activities and organizations are an integral part of the developmental experience for SMU students. Leadership skills and interpersonal, social and cultural enhancement are some of the benefits associated with out-of-class participation. Students who hold office in a student organization or represent the University as a member of a sponsored campus group (Mustang Band, University Choir, etc.) must be matriculated in a University degree-granting program and may not be on academic probation.

## Student Government

Through SMU's system of representative governance, students participate with faculty and administration in the University's decision-making process. The primary voice of students in this process is the student-elected Student Senate. The Student Code of Conduct in the *SMU Student Handbook* is reviewed and updated annually in conjunction with the Student Senate and contains the student code of rights and responsibilities.

## **Student Center**

[www.smu.edu/htrigg](http://www.smu.edu/htrigg)

The Hughes-Trigg Student Center supports the University's mission by serving as the hub of student life and student activities. The Student Center serves as the "living room" of the university and provides services, conveniences, amenities and programming designed to enhance the student experience on campus. The Student Center staff strives to provide a safe and communal environment to meet the diverse needs of all individuals. Our building includes a 6400 square foot ballroom, a tiered, amphitheater-style forum classroom, a 500-person capacity auditorium, two dining areas, a post office, an art gallery, office and meeting space for student organizations, several lounging and quiet areas, in which to study, and six meeting rooms.

## **Student Media**

The student media experience at SMU is one that offers aspiring media professionals the opportunity to work and learn in a fully converged news operation that combines print, online and broadcast platforms. Editors, writers and photographers of the *SMU Campus Weekly*, SMU's independent newspaper, work together with directors and videographers of SMU-TV, the student-run broadcast journalism program, to share content and produce timely and compelling packages for a shared news website at [www.smudailycampus.com](http://www.smudailycampus.com). SMU student media opportunities also include the student yearbook, *Rotunda* ([www.smurotunda.com](http://www.smurotunda.com)), which has chronicled the life and times on The Hilltop since 1915.

## **Veterans Services**

The Division of Student Affairs provides a coordinator of veteran support and services through the Office of the Dean of Student Life and Well-Being. The coordinator helps veterans navigate the campus community and connect with available resources on campus and in the greater Dallas community. A chartered student organization, U.S. Military Veterans of SMU (SMU MilVets), meets regularly to provide support to fellow veterans and to participate in fundraisers, care package drives, tailgating on the Boulevard during football games and other activities during the school year. The Veterans Center, in Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 323, provides coffee, a refrigerator and microwave, printing, meeting and study space, and a relaxed setting for interacting with fellow veterans. The University Registrar's Office certifies veterans each term for their benefits under federal programs and the Office of Financial Aid works to provide individual aid packages. More information regarding services and benefits for veterans is available at [www.smu.edu/veterans](http://www.smu.edu/veterans).

## **Women & LGBT Center**

[www.smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter](http://www.smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter)

The Women & LGBT Center empowers students within the university to increase awareness and understanding of gender equity issues by eliminating barriers, diminishing prejudices and creating a supportive climate and space for all. Through advocacy, information, referral services and leadership experiences, the center provides a safe haven for students passionate about issues of injustice and oppression. Student organizations advised here include the Women's Interest Network; Intersect; Campus YWCA; Women in Science and Engineering; and Spectrum, a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and ally organization. Also housed in the center is the SMU Women's Symposium ([www.smu.edu/womsym](http://www.smu.edu/womsym)), which is part of the Education of Women for Social and Political Leadership series, established in 1966. The center provides an informal, homelike atmosphere where members of the SMU community can meet.

# Health Services

[www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)

The Dr. Bob Smith Health Center provides SMU students with comprehensive outpatient services, including primary medical care, counseling services, health education and laboratory, radiology and pharmacy services. The new 33,000-square-foot state-of-the-art clinic facility is centrally located on campus at 6211 Bishop Boulevard. The Health Center is certified by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) for meeting rigorous nationally recognized standards and committing to delivering the highest quality of care.

**Outpatient Medical Services.** The Dr. Bob Smith Health Center provides a wide range of health services allowing students to receive quality outpatient care on campus. Services available include the treatment of acute illnesses, care of injuries, minor medical procedures, physical exams, STD testing, immunizations, allergy injections, laboratory testing and x-rays. The clinic is staffed by physicians, registered nurses and medical assistants. Physicians are available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For appointments and health information, students may call 214-768-2141 or visit [studenthealth.smu.edu](http://studenthealth.smu.edu).

**Acute/After Hours Care.** Students should call 911 for immediate response to life-threatening injuries or illnesses. For other urgent concerns after clinic hours, students should seek a local hospital or urgent care center. A listing of several hospital emergency rooms and after-hours urgent care facilities is provided for general reference on the Health Center website ([smu.edu/healthcenter](http://smu.edu/healthcenter))

**Costs.** The Health Services Fee, which is included in general student fees, covers routine medical visits and counseling appointments at the Health Center. Charges are assessed separately for lab services, x-rays, immunizations, medical supplies, pharmacy and specialty care. Claims are filed for students participating in the SMU Student Health Insurance Plan. Students with other insurance plans may request an itemized receipt for insurance reimbursement.

**Mandatory Health Insurance Policy.** SMU students are required to maintain insurance coverage as a condition of their enrollment. The University offers the SMU Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), which is administered by the Health Center's Student Insurance Office. The plan provides extensive coverage at a reasonable cost for most on- and off-campus medical care. Information is available at [smu.edu/healthinsurance](http://smu.edu/healthinsurance).

Domestic students taking nine or more credit hours and international students taking one credit hour or more are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) each semester unless they expressly waive coverage in my.SMU.edu. Domestic students' waiver submittal deadline is available online at [smu.edu/healthinsurance](http://smu.edu/healthinsurance).

**Pharmacy.** A full service pharmacy is conveniently located in the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center to meet students' prescription needs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The pharmacy is in network with most insurance plans. Prescriptions and refills may be transmitted directly to the pharmacy from the physician.

**Immunizations.** All students (undergraduate, graduate, part-time and full-time, to include international and IEP/ESL students) are required to have an SMU medical history form on file in the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center before registration. To comply with SMU policy, all students must also submit to the Health Center immunization records that provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps and rubella. These MMR immunizations must be documented by a physician, public health record, military health record or school health record. Students will not be allowed to register without immunization compliance.

Texas state law requires all new students entering an institution of higher education under the age of 22 to provide proof of immunization for bacterial meningitis. The meningitis vaccine or a booster dose must have been received during the five-year period prior to enrollment and at least ten days before the start of classes. Students seeking exemption from this requirement due to health risk or conscience, including religious belief, should see the second page of the SMU medical history health form. More information is found under Final Matriculation to the University in the Admission to the University section of this catalog.

Students are encouraged to check their my.SMU account for immunization status. Immunizations are available at the Health Center. Health history forms are available on the Health Center's website ([www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)).

**Class Absence Due to Illness.** The Health Center does not issue excuses from classes for illness. Please refer to [www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter) for the Class Excuse Policy.

**Confidentiality and Privacy.** Confidentiality and privacy of student health information is of paramount importance at the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center. The Health Center follows all applicable state and federal laws related to the disclosure of medical and mental health information, and applies to the highest professional standards of care and privacy. All student-patient health service records information is confidential. No information about a student can be released to any third party without the student's written permission.

**Release of Medical Information.** A copy of medical records may be released to a physician only with a written release by the student. A patient may sign a release allowing the Health Center to discuss specific medical information with their parents, significant others or health care representatives.

**Office of Health Education and Promotion.** The Health Center provides health education programs and services to enhance the well-being of SMU students in support of their learning and success. Information is presented to help students make informed and healthy choices. The SMU health educator works with students to promote activities that create a healthy environment for the SMU community.

**Counseling Services.** CS provides psychiatric evaluation, crisis intervention and group/individual/couples psychotherapy for students. All interviews are conducted on a voluntary and confidential basis. There is no charge to students who have paid the University health fee. Students can seek confidential help for concerns such as anxiety, depression, relationship issues, career/life planning, sexual identity, eating/body image concerns and sexual assault/sexual harassment matters. Alcohol and drug prevention is a free and confidential source of help and information to the SMU community, covering issues related to substance abuse and addiction. Any laboratory tests or pharmaceuticals ordered will be charged to the student. For more information regarding scheduling appointments, students should call 214-768-2277 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit the counseling website at [www.smu.edu/counseling](http://www.smu.edu/counseling).

**Testing Services.** Testing Services offers fee-based testing to the Dallas-area community. These services include on-campus administration of national testing programs such as the LSAT, MPRE, GRE and others. Other testing offered includes credit by exam (CLEP), and correspondence examinations for local distance learners enrolled in other universities. For additional information, students should visit [smu.edu/testingprogram](http://smu.edu/testingprogram) or call the center at 214-768-2269.

## Child Care

SMU provides a licensed child care center for children ages 1 month to 5 years on a space-available basis. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/childcare](http://www.smu.edu/childcare) or from the director of the center at SMU Preschool and Child Care Center, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 215, Dallas TX 75275-0215; phone 214-768-2278.

## Recreational Sports

[www.smu.edu/recsports](http://www.smu.edu/recsports)

Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports is a 170,000 square foot facility designed for recreational sports and wellness. The center provides racquetball courts, aerobic studios, an indoor running track, basketball courts, volleyball courts (indoor and outdoor), a climbing wall, a bouldering wall, a 25-meter recreational pool with five lanes, 15,000 square feet of fitness and weight equipment, and a Starbucks in the lobby area. These facilities are open to SMU students, faculty, staff and paying members.

A variety of services and programs are available, including fitness classes, intramural sports, sport clubs, the Outdoor Adventure program, personal training, personal assessments, massage therapy, swimming lessons and camps.

**Fitness.** SMU Fitness offers group exercise classes, personal training sessions and massage therapy. Group X exercise classes are offered throughout the day to accommodate a variety of schedules. Different types of cardio, strength and flexibility classes are available. Experienced and knowledgeable trainers offer sessions to train members of the University community, either one-on-one or in groups, to meet their personal fitness goals. Licensed massage therapists offer chair or full-body massages. All SMU Fitness programs have a fee for participation.

**Intramural Sports.** Many opportunities for team and individual competition are available through intramural sports such as golf, racquetball, tennis, and dodgeball. The five major sports are flag football, volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball. Leagues provide year-round opportunities to participate in a wide variety of sports and activities. Additional leadership opportunities are available for those interested in officiating or supervising various activities. Teams and individuals register online at [www.imleagues.com/smu](http://www.imleagues.com/smu).

**Club Sports.** Club sports offer an opportunity for students interested in concentrated training and participation in a sport. These recognized student organizations offer competition with other university/college club teams in baseball, cycling, ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, polo, rugby, men's and women's soccer, triathlon, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, wakeboarding and water polo.

**Aquatics.** SMU Aquatics features a five-lane, indoor recreational pool and an out-door, zero-depth entry fountain pool known as "The Falls." Students have opportunities to participate year-round in recreational swimming, sunbathing and water sports such as water basketball, volleyball and polo. Classes offered include water fitness, adult and child swimming lessons, children's group lessons, and American Red Cross lifeguard training.

**Outdoor Adventures.** SMU Outdoor Adventures is the campus source for outdoor recreation and adventure, offering fun and challenging recreational adventure activities, community-building programs, and student leadership and personal growth opportunities. The Outdoor Adventure Center, located on the bottom floor of the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, is the place to rent outdoor recreation and picnic equipment. Students can sign up for SMU OA trips offering traditional and non-traditional outdoor adventure pursuits such as backpacking, rock climbing, caving and canoeing. SMU OA also manages the SMU Climbing Center, the indoor climbing and bouldering facility, and the Portable Challenge and Team Development course.

**Mustang Band.** Founded in 1917, the Mustang Band was named the "Best College Marching Band" in Texas in Kirk Dooley's *Book of Texas Bests*. Long known as "the hub of SMU spirit," the band represents the University at football and basketball games, produces the *Pigskin Revue* during Homecoming and performs at special University- and community-related events. Membership is open to all SMU students by audition, regardless of major, and scholarships based on need and ability are available.

**Spirit Squads.** The Mustang Cheerleaders, Mustang Pom Squad and Peruna mascot are integral parts of SMU's spirit tradition and are national award winners, having participated in the NCA/NDA Collegiate National Championships. Along with the Mustang Band, they make SMU's spirit contingent an outstanding one.

**Intercollegiate Athletics.** SMU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (Division I-A). Men and women student-athletes compete in basketball, cross-country/track and field (women only), swimming and diving, golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball (women only), crew (women only), equestrian (women only), and football (men only).

## Values and Community

### Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life

[www.smu.edu/chaplain](http://www.smu.edu/chaplain)

The Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life offers resources of pastoral care and theological reflection that nurture spiritual and vocational development as well as the moral and ethical vision and character of students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Stephen W. Rankin is the chaplain and minister to the University community. Chaplain Rankin leads and preaches at Underground, an ecumenically Christian, all-University service of worship, in Hughes-Trigg Theater each Wednesday during the term. Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in this service through music, scripture readings or other expressions of worship. Other services, including the University Service of Memory, Ash Wednesday Service and memorial services as needed, are also planned and implemented by the Office of the Chaplain.

Presently, there are more than 30 religious life organizations. Alongside the Christian groups aligned with denominations, local Dallas-area congregations or national parachurch ministries, SMU also has an active Hillel chapter for Jewish students, a bustling Muslim Student Association and other faith groups of various traditions. A large number of undergraduate, graduate and professional students, as well as many of SMU's faculty, staff and administrators, participate in these dynamic religious communities.

In cooperation with the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing, the Office of the Chaplain places in each residential commons a residential community chaplain who provides a pastoral presence and help for students navigating the sometimes confusing concerns of life.

Additionally, the Office of the Chaplain partners with faculty members across campus to direct the Faith and Learning Scholars, an initiative involving a cohort of students who want the experience of integrating their faith with their academic pursuits. Similarly, the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, founded in 2004, is an eight-day spring break journey through the South whereby students encounter shrines of freedom and meet heroes of the civil rights movement. This collaboration with Dedman College offers students a transformative opportunity while earning academic credit.

Chaplains are available for personal counseling and spiritual direction with students, faculty and staff during office hours. The Office of the Chaplain is located in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 316. Adjacent to this office is the Quiet Place, a setting for meditation, prayer and reflection for all faiths. The Quiet Place is open daily and available with no prior reservation needed.

## **Community Engagement and Leadership**

[www.smu.edu/CEL](http://www.smu.edu/CEL)

The Community Engagement and Leadership Center, a department in the Division of Student Affairs, develops student leaders through educational and transformational experiences that equip them to have a positive impact on social change. CEL advises and supports two student-run service-based organizations, Alternative Breaks and Mustang Heroes, which provide students the opportunity to participate in service trips in Dallas and throughout the United States. CEL also hosts the annual Stampede of Service and MLK Day of Service.

The leadership programs available to students include the Emerging Leaders First-Year Leadership Development Program, the Crain Leadership Summit, the Mustang Intersections Leadership Retreat for Diversity and Social Change, and the Lonestar LeaderShape Institute. CEL also supports student leadership development through the Caswell Leadership Program, a grant opportunity for a group of selected students to develop projects focused on organizational leadership, faith-based leadership, community-based leadership, environmental leadership, fraternity and sorority leadership, or culturally competent leadership.

## **Multicultural Student Affairs**

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs works collaboratively with the campus community to provide support for students of color and to create an environment that fosters inclusivity and a deeper understanding of diversity. The office focuses on holistic development, advocacy and comprehensive student success. In addition, the office sponsors diversity and social justice education programs such as InterSECTIONS and Real Talk to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences that enhance student perspectives, and offers various leadership opportunities through culturally

based student organizations, peer dialogue leader positions and the CONNECT Mentoring and Retention Program. For more information, visit our website at [www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/Multicultural](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/Multicultural).

## Residence Accommodations

The University prides itself on offering a full living and learning experience for its resident students. The mission of the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing is to advance the goals and objectives of the University by creating residential communities that empower residents to value learning, citizenship and leadership. To this end, RLSH seeks opportunities to promote an intellectual culture in SMU's residential communities that complements an already flourishing campus social culture. RLSH is responsible for residence halls, 11 Residential Commons and 10 SMU-owned Greek chapter houses. This responsibility includes making sure that facilities are well maintained and that students have opportunities to grow personally and excel academically.

## Housing Policy for All Students

All incoming first-year undergraduate students are required to live on campus during their first two years at SMU. Exceptions may be granted on the basis of a financial, medical or personal hardship at the discretion of the dean of RLSH to those students from Dallas/Fort Worth who live with a parent or legal guardian in the primary residence of the parent or guardian. For housing purposes, the two years means the first two years of college. Incoming transfer students who are over the age of 16 and under the age of 20 are required to live on-campus for their first year at SMU. For 2016–2017, upperclass and graduate students are not required to live on campus but may apply on a space-available basis.

## Applications for Residence

New graduate students should submit the completed application and housing license agreement to RLSH with a check or money order for \$100 made payable to Southern Methodist University for the nonrefundable housing deposit. Notification of assignment will be made by RLSH.

The housing license agreement is for the full academic year (fall and spring terms). Room charges for the fall term will be billed and are payable in advance of the term for students who register before August 1, and room charges for the spring term will be billed and are payable in advance of that term for students who register before December 1. Students who register after these dates must pay at the time of registration. Room charges for the full academic year will be due and payable should a student move out at any time during the school year. Accommodations for shorter periods are available only by special arrangement with RLSH before acceptance of the housing license agreement. It is important that applicants become familiar with the license agreement, as it is a legally binding document.

## Graduate Residence Accommodations

The Department of Residence Life and Student Housing operates one apartment residence hall designated for graduate students. Hawk Hall, a one-bedroom-apartment facility, houses single graduate students and married students (graduate and undergraduate) with families. Families with no more than two children may be housed in Hawk Hall.

## Special Housing Needs

Students having special housing needs because of a disability should contact the SMU Office of Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies in order to establish eligibility for accommodations. When applying for housing, students should

also submit information to RLSH regarding a request for accommodations. DASS and RLSH will work together with the student on their specific situation to make necessary accommodations.

## **General Housing Information**

Each apartment is equipped with a telephone, local telephone service, voice mail system and wireless Ethernet connections to the University's computer system. All residence halls are air-conditioned and some have individually climate-controlled rooms. Washing machines and dryers are located in all residence halls. Meal plans are not required in the graduate hall. For more information, students should visit [www.smu.edu/housing](http://www.smu.edu/housing) or contact the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750215, Dallas TX 75275-0215; phone 214-768-2407; fax 214-768-4005; [housing@smu.edu](mailto:housing@smu.edu).

# Right to Know

Southern Methodist University is pleased to provide information regarding academic programs, enrollment, financial aid, public safety, athletics and services for persons with disabilities. Students also may obtain paper copies of this information by contacting the appropriate office listed below. Disclosure of this information is pursuant to requirements of the Higher Education Act and the Campus Security Act. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/srk](http://www.smu.edu/srk).

## 1. Academic Programs

Provost Office, Perkins Administration Building, Room 219  
214-768-3219

1. Current degree programs and other educational and training programs.
2. Instructional, laboratory and other physical facilities relating to the academic program.
3. Faculty and other instructional personnel.
4. Names of associations, agencies or governmental bodies that accredit, approve or license the institution and its programs and the procedures by which documents describing that activity may be reviewed.

## 2. Enrollment

Registrar, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 101  
214-768-3417

1. *Graduation Rates.* The completion or graduation rate of the institution's certificate-seeking or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduate students and students who receive athletically related financial aid.  
<http://www.smu.edu/Academics/StudentAchievement>
2. *Privacy of Student Education Records.* The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act governs SMU's maintenance and disclosure of a student's education records. FERPA provides students the right to inspect and review their education records and to seek amendment of those records that they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights. Further, FERPA prevents SMU from disclosing personally identifiable information about a student to outside third parties, except under specific circumstances outlined in SMU's Policy Manual.
3. *Withdrawal.* Requirements and procedures for officially withdrawing from the institution.

**Wisconsin Refund Policy.** The following information applies only to students enrolled in distance/online courses who reside in the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Administrative Code contains provisions related to online/distance education for students residing in that state. Sections from Chapter 8 of the Educational Approval Board are reprinted below. The complete code is available online at [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code).

**EAB 8.05 Partial Refunds.** A student who withdraws or is dismissed after the period of time identified under s. EAB 8.03 (1) has passed, but before completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period, shall be entitled to a pro rata refund, as calculated below, less any amounts owed by the student for the current enrollment period, less a one-time application fee of \$100.

(1) Pro rata refund shall be determined as the number of units remaining after the last unit completed by the student, divided by the total number of units in the enrollment period, rounded downward to the nearest 10 percent. Pro rata refund is the resulting percent applied to the total tuition and other required costs paid by the student for the current enrollment period.

(2) All efforts will be made to refund prepaid amounts for books, supplies and other charges unless the student has consumed or used those items and they can no longer be used or sold to new students, or returned by the school to the supplier.

(3) Refunds shall be paid within 40 days after the effective date of termination.

(4) After the student's first period of enrollment, if a student withdraws or is dismissed in a subsequent enrollment period, the school may also retain an administrative fee of 15 percent of the total cost of a resident program, or \$400, whichever is less.

(5) No refund is required for any student who withdraws or is dismissed after completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period unless a student withdraws due to

mitigating circumstances, which are those that directly prohibit pursuit of a program and which are beyond the student's control.

**SMU Refund for Wisconsin Students.** SMU online/distance education students residing in Wisconsin who cancel their enrollment will receive a full refund of all tuition and fees if they officially withdraw from the University before the withdrawal deadline listed on the Official University Calendar. The University will issue refunds within 10 business days of withdrawal.

**3. Financial Aid**

Director of Financial Aid, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 212  
214-768-3417

1. Financial assistance available to students enrolled in the institution.
2. Cost of attending the institution, including tuition and fees charged to full- and part-time students; estimates of costs for necessary books and supplies; estimates of typical charges for room and board; estimates of transportation costs for students; and any additional cost of a program in which a student is enrolled or expresses a specific interest.
3. Terms and conditions under which students receiving Federal Direct Loan or Federal Direct Perkins Loan assistance may obtain deferral of the repayment of the principal and interest of the loan for
  1. Service under the Peace Corps Act;
  2. Service under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973; or
  3. Comparable service as a volunteer for a tax-exempt organization of demonstrated effectiveness in the field of community service.
  4. The requirements for return of Title IV grant or loan assistance.
  5. Enrollment status of students participating in SMU study abroad programs, for the purpose of applying for federal financial aid.

**4. Student Financials/Bursar**

University Bursar, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 212  
214-768-3417

1. Tuition and fees.
2. Living on campus.
3. Optional and course fees.
4. Financial policies.
5. Administrative fees and deposits.
6. Payment options.
7. Any refund policy with which the institution is required to comply for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of costs paid to the institution.

**5. DASS**

Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies  
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center  
214-768-1470

1. Description of the process for establishing eligibility for services and documentation guidelines.
2. Listings of the various on- and off-campus resources.
3. Discussions of transitioning to postsecondary education.
4. Tips for faculty on teaching and making accommodations.

**6. Athletics**

Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services, 316 Loyd Center  
214-768-1650

1. Athletic program participation rates and financial aid support.
2. Graduation or completion rates of student athletes.
3. Athletic program operating expenses and revenues.
4. Coaching staffs.

**7. Campus Police**

SMU Police Department, Patterson Hall  
214-768-1582

Southern Methodist University's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years

concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by SMU, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to/accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other related matters.

**8. Student Appeals and Complaints**

Southern Methodist University operates with integrity in all issues and is dedicated to preserving the rights of all members of the University community. Categories for which students may wish to reach out for advice and assistance and/or to submit an appeal or register a complaint are as follows: academics, code of conduct, discrimination, financial issues, honor code and privacy issues. An overview of the roles, responsibilities and procedures for complainants and the University is outlined in each of the areas below.

a. Academic Appeals and Petitions

[www.smu.edu/Provost/Pages/Default/PoliciesResources/FacultyResources/Committees](http://www.smu.edu/Provost/Pages/Default/PoliciesResources/FacultyResources/Committees)

b. Student Code of Conduct

[www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/ConductCode](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/ConductCode)

c. Office of Institutional Access and Equity

[www.smu.edu/IAE](http://www.smu.edu/IAE)

d. Financial Responsibility and Confidentiality

[www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/FinancialAndConfidentiality](http://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/FinancialAndConfidentiality)

e. Honor Code

[www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/HonorCode](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/HonorCode)

f. Appeal of Grade

[www.smu.edu/catalogs](http://www.smu.edu/catalogs)

g. Academic Grievance and Appeals Procedures for Students with Disabilities

[www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/DisabilityAccommodations/AppealsandGrievances](http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/DisabilityAccommodations/AppealsandGrievances)

h. Appeal from financial aid decisions, including financial aid decisions based on lack of satisfactory academic progress

[www.smu.edu/catalogs](http://www.smu.edu/catalogs)

i. Policy for Non-Renewal of Athletic Aid

[www.smumustangs.com/compliance](http://www.smumustangs.com/compliance)

In addition to the right to use internal University complaint procedures, every student has the right under federal law to use complaint processes provided by the state in which his or her campus is located.

**9. State-Specific Information for Appeals and Complaints**

*Texas.* For complaints regarding programs in Texas, students should contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of General Counsel, PO Box 12788, Austin TX 78711-2788; email: [studentcomplaints@thecb.state.tx.us](mailto:studentcomplaints@thecb.state.tx.us). Additional information about the Texas student complaints process may be found at [www.thecb.state.tx.us](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us) ("College Readiness and Success" link).

*New Mexico.* For complaints regarding programs in New Mexico, students should contact the New Mexico Higher Education Department, 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100; telephone 505-476-8400.

Additional information about the New Mexico student complaints process may be found online at

[www.hed.state.nm.us](http://www.hed.state.nm.us) or by contacting [private.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:private.schools@state.nm.us).

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