Welcome to Southern Methodist University!

All new international students are required to attend a government check-in session. The mandatory session is to inform the government that you have arrived in the U.S. and plan to attend SMU. Our office will need to ensure that you are informed of all regulatory information so you can maintain a good immigration status while in the U.S.

You must complete the **International Student Compliance Course**, which can be found on your SMU Canvas page: [smu.instructure.com](http://smu.instructure.com). Please log-in using your SMU ID Number and password.

If you are not able to view the course after logging into your Canvas account, please contact the International Student & Scholar Services Office at [isss@smu.edu](mailto:isss@smu.edu).

After you have completed the International Student Compliance Course, you will need to come to a check-in session. Bring **all** of your immigration documents with you.

- I-20 or DS-2019 document
- Passport with F1 or J1 Visa
- I-94 arrival card
- Canvas course printout confirmation
- All papers you received at the port of entry
- U.S. Resident Address (address where you are physically living in the U.S.). The Department of Homeland Security will not accept P.O. Box address.
- Emergency Contact Information (Name, email, phone number, full mailing address and relation to visitor)
- Dependent F2 or J2 I-20/DS 2019, Visa, Passport, I-94 (if applicable)
- Copy of Health Insurance Compliance Form (J-Scholars only)

As an international student, you will be asked to sign a compliance form acknowledging you have received this information.

**Failure to check-in with our office will jeopardize your F-1 immigration status.** Remember that being enrolled in full-time hours is not the only requirement to maintain your visa status. You must attend a document check in to be in compliance with the U.S. Government requirements.

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**CHECK IN SESSION DATES & TIMES**

Location: Blanton Student Services Building, Suite 110

In order for us to process all documents, you must arrive on time.
You only have to attend one session. The check-in process may take up to two hours.

- **Monday, January 14th** at 10am
- **Wednesday, January 16th** at 2pm
- **Tuesday, January 22nd** at 10am