

# Congratulations

# ON YOUR OFFER OF Spring Entry ADMISSION TO SMU!

### Your opportunity. YOUR EDUCATION.

Find your place in our vibrant community.

- Bring your interests.
- Make friends for life.
- Prepare for *jobs of the future* and graduate with *multiple skills*.

### Make your fall term count as you get ready for Spring Entry to SMU.

There are several pathways to supercharge your future success:

- Domestic study: Take courses at another institution.
- *Study abroad* at our international university partners.
- Take a gap term to *volunteer*, *work* or *pursue a passion*
- This offer of admission is contingent on your earning above a 2.5 transferable GPA through domestic study or study abroad.

Tell us you're interested! SMU.EDU/SPRINGENTRY



### Fall experiences SEED SUCCESS

Domestic STUDY

Jump-start your college credits by taking courses at a community college or as a visiting student at another four-year university.\* Taking courses will help you work toward an on-time graduation from SMU,\*\* and develop college study habits and time management skills.





- \* If you choose to take courses at another four-year university, we encourage enrolling in a visiting student program rather than as a degree-seeking student. As a visiting student, you can take undergraduate courses for credit that can be applied to your SMU degree.
- \*\* Learn more about SMU's Transfer Equivalency Guides at <a href="mailto:smu.edu/transfercreditguidelines">smu.edu/transfercreditguidelines</a>. Also, review the Transfer Pathways at <a href="mailto:smu.edu/pathways">smu.edu/pathways</a> to help ensure the courses you choose will transfer to SMU.

### student PERSPECTIVE

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I WAS ABLE TO TAKE CLASSES AND GET 14 CREDIT HOURS WITH GOOD GRADES. I ALSO COACHED YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY IN MY TOWN, BABYSAT AND WORKED IN A LOCAL COFFEE SHOP."

## International STUDY

### **SMU PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

### Richmond American University London LONDON INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER (LIS)



Join a cohort of other Spring Entry students spending their fall term studying abroad at Richmond University in London, England.

Choose from a selection of classes that will help

you with a smooth transfer to SMU. Undergraduates are based at Richmond's new campus location in West London's innovative and vibrant community of Chiswick Park.

### Additional experiences:

- Easy access to cafes, cultural attractions and shops.
- Discounted (or sometimes free) tickets to West End shows, sporting matches, London Fashion Week, comedy nights, music events and more.
- Fun campus events throughout the semester.



- \* Select Richmond courses have been reviewed for transferability and applicability toward an SMU degree.
- \*\* Learn more about tuition and fees at smu.edu/listuition.
- \*\*\* LIS is a great program for students interested in studying liberal arts. Students interested in business courses must complete a math placement exam. LIS is not available for students interested in STEM, pre-health or engineering tracks as lab sciences are not available.

Visit smu.edu/springentry for current information regarding all Spring Entry Program options.



### Franklin University Switzerland SWISS INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER (SIS)



Join a cohort of other Spring Entry students spending their fall term studying abroad at Franklin University Switzerland in Lugano,

**Switzerland.** Located in the country's southernmost Italian-speaking region, Franklin University offers an experience highlighted by small class sizes, individual attention and cross-cultural perspectives.

### Program highlights:

- Study on location as part of the required Academic Travel Program. An extension of class work, this credit-bearing course includes two weeks of faculty-led travel.
- Participate in academic, athletic and social events as well as in a variety of clubs including a Texas Club for students with Lone Star State connections.
- Enjoy the annual Valle Verzasca trip, a tradition for incoming students to enjoy the region's moderate climate during a picnic and hike in the Swiss Alps.



- \* Select Franklin courses have been reviewed for transferability and degree applicability toward an SMU degree.
- \*\* Learn more about tuition and fees at smu.edu/sistuition.
- \*\*\* SIS is a great program for students pursuing the humanities, English, business and select pre-health oriented equivalents for biology and chemistry. This program is not compatible with performing arts tracks and engineering tracks as lab sciences are not available.

### student EXPERIENCE



THE SWISS INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER WAS AMAZING. STUDYING ABROAD FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF COLLEGE IS LIFE-CHANGING. AS A YOUNG ADULT FRESH OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, YOU GAIN INDEPENDENCE WHILE NAVIGATING LIVING ON YOUR OWN, TRAVELING, DOING SCHOOL, MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS — ALL IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY! THE EXPERIENCE WAS SO VALUABLE BECAUSE I GAINED A WORLDLY SENSE AND MET SO MANY PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND CULTURES."

### **Verto Education**

### SMU-VERTO SEMESTER ABROAD



Join a cohort of other Spring Entry students spending their fall term studying abroad with Verto Education. Pursue your path

to admission to SMU with a global

experience at one of four international study centers:

- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Prague, Czech Republic
- · Florence, Italy
- Seville, Spain

### Program highlights:

- SMU offers select students entry to the University in the spring term, following successful completion of SMU-Verto Semester Abroad program.
- Through SMU's partnership with Verto, you can study in thriving global cities alongside other students pursuing admission to SMU and earn credits in classes that can facilitate a smooth transfer to SMU in the spring 2025 term.
- Class sizes are capped at 25 students and focus on experiential learning.
- Verto staff members will closely support you throughout the program from enrollment to journey back home.

### Next steps:

• To officially enroll and secure your spot, complete the SMU-Verto Semester Abroad application and submit your \$500 deposit to Verto.



- \* Courses are delivered by Verto's academic provider, the University of New Haven, and are mapped for transferability back to SMU. Select Verto courses have been reviewed for transferability and applicability toward an SMU degree.
- \*\* Learn more about tuition and fees by visiting the Verto Education site here.
- \*\*\* Verto is a great program for students pursuing various areas of study, including, but not limited to: liberal arts, humanities, business and STEM.

Learn more at **smu.edu/springentry**.

# Gap TERM

Taking a break between high school and college is becoming a popular choice around the world. There are many paths to picking up valuable experiences during a gap term:

### Community service • Cultural exchange • Internship or job Trade skills • Travel

Check with your high school counseling office for resources to engage in a meaningful gap term experience.

TRANSFER COURSE CREDIT FINANCIAL AID STUDY WITH OTHER SPRING ABROAD ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

# Spring Entry FAQs

#### WHY WAS I ADMITTED FOR THE SPRING TERM?

Admission to SMU has become increasingly competitive, and the academic profile for admitted students is among the highest in the nation. With space limitations in our first-year class, we cannot make offers of admission to as many students as we would like. You are a bright student, and we believe in your potential to make an impact on our campus – especially with the enhanced perspective you will gain through your fall experience.

#### HOW CAN I SECURE MY SPOT IN THE SPRING ENTRY PROGRAM?

Visit **smu.edu/springentry** and complete the nonbinding Spring Entry Interest Form **by April 15**. In mid-April, expect to receive your Fall Experience Notification. If you applied for financial aid, your financial aid package will arrive after your Fall Experience Notification. Once you've had a chance to thoroughly review the information and are ready to commit, you can secure your spot in the Spring Entry Program by accepting your fall experience and paying the nonrefundable Orientation, Housing and Matriculation deposit of \$800 **by May 1**.

#### WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid award letters will be available mid-April for students who have completed the nonbinding Spring Entry Interest Form. Please remember: Completing the Spring Entry Interest Form is not a commitment to participate in the Spring Entry Program. This form only expresses your interest in continuing through the process and that you would like to receive a fall experience option. Financial aid is not available for fall experiences, including those at our international partners.

# Important DATES

### MARCH

Submit your Spring Entry Interest Form.

Visit <u>smu.edu/springentryinterestform</u> to submit your fall semester experience preference. Completing the Spring Entry interest form does not bind you to the program; it simply lets us know you are interested and considering this option.

### **APRIL**

Fall Experience information released. You will be notified via email. Please be sure to add SMU as a "safe sender."

### MID-APRIL

Financial aid packages released for those who submitted a FAFSA/CSS PROFILE TM by **March 1**. Students who have submitted the nonbinding Spring Entry interest form will receive a financial aid package. You will have time to review your financial aid before finalizing your college decision.

### MAY 1

Deposit deadline.

#### JUNE/JULY

Spring Entry program orientation.

#### **NOVEMBER**

Sign up for housing.

#### **DECEMBER**

Submit transcripts and health forms. Receive housing assignment

### **EARLY JANUARY**

Orientation (required). Register for classes.

#### **JANUARY 21**

First day of class.

