

YOU BELONG



SMU[®]

Welcome to the Hilltop
where you're invited to

THINK BIG.

Join a community of peers who will encourage
you, faculty who will inspire you, and alumni
who will help you get a foot in the door.



TERMS TO KNOW:

EARLY DECISION I

SMU is your top choice; complete the application process early – by November 1 – and receive a decision by December. If admitted, you commit to attend and withdraw all other applications.

EARLY ACTION

Complete the application process early – by November 1 – and receive a decision by December. If admitted, you have until May 1 to commit to attend.

EARLY DECISION II

SMU is your top choice; complete the application process by January 15 and receive a decision in February. If admitted, you commit to attend and withdraw all other applications.

REGULAR DECISION

Complete the application process by January 15 and receive a decision in March. If admitted, you have until May 1 to commit to attend.

COMMON CURRICULUM

General education framework grounded in humanities, arts, social sciences and STEM.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Money that has no expectation of being repaid; also referred to as “gift aid.”



MELANIE JACKSON

'26

MAJOR:
Journalism

MINORS:
Human rights;
Business

HOMETOWN:
Aldan, Pennsylvania

“

My study abroad experience in South Africa with SMU was truly a trip of a lifetime! I got to perform in a musical with South African students, conduct human rights research, travel to so many beautiful sights, and most importantly, meet so many people who have now become great friends of mine.”



5 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS

SMU students dive deep into engineering, the arts and sciences, business and the humanities with faculty experts guiding their studies. Specialties in a range of disciplines prepare students for evolving industries and pressing societal needs. Our culture empowers bold thinkers to transform their big ideas into world-changing solutions.



LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Engineering solutions for a rapidly changing world.

SMU IS RANKED **TOP 15% IN THE U.S.** FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES ACCORDING TO COLLEGE FACTUAL (2025).

SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

RANKED 6TH BEST COLLEGE FOR SPORTS MANAGEMENT IN AMERICA BY NICHE.COM.

COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS*

95% OF COX BBA CLASS OF 2024 HAVE ACCEPTED A FULL-TIME POSITION OR ENROLLED IN GRAD SCHOOL WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATING, WITH AN AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF \$82,000.



MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

ALUMNI ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST PAID GRADUATES IN ADVERTISING, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND FINE AND STUDIO ARTS (COLLEGE FACTUAL 2024).

DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES



70% ACCEPTANCE RATE INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL – COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL RATE OF 46%.

*Incoming first-year students who wish to pursue a major in SMU's Cox School of Business must apply for direct admission by indicating a business major as their primary academic interest at the time they apply to SMU. Students with a primary academic interest in a Cox undergraduate degree will be automatically considered for direct admission to the Cox School. Only students who are directly admitted to the Cox School will have the option to pursue a major in Cox.

**Incoming first-year students who want to pursue a major in music, theatre, dance, studio art or film are considered "Dual Admit" students.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Submit electronically
by these dates.



NOVEMBER 1

- Early Decision I
- Early Action



JANUARY 15

- Early Decision II
- Regular Decision

100+ MAJORS **85+ MINORS**

**ABOUT 1 IN 4 SMU
UNDERGRADUATES PURSUE
2 OR MORE MAJORS**

DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY

DATA SCIENCE

EARTH SCIENCES

Environmental and Resource Sciences,
Environmental Studies, Geology,
Geophysics

ECONOMICS

Finance Applications,
Management Information Applications

ENGLISH

Creative Writing

FRENCH

FRENCH STUDIES

GERMAN

HEALTH AND SOCIETY

HISTORY

HUMAN RIGHTS

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES IN
THE LIBERAL ARTS

Women's and Gender Studies

MARKETS AND CULTURE

MATHEMATICS

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICS

Cosmology and Astrophysics

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

PUBLIC POLICY

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Asian Religions, Christian Tradition,
Religion and Culture

SOCIOLOGY

SPANISH

STATISTICAL SCIENCE

WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Arabic, Chinese, French, German,
Italian, Russian, Spanish

COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS ANALYTICS AND
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

FINANCE

Alternative Asset Management

GENERAL BUSINESS

MANAGEMENT

MARKETING

REAL ESTATE

COX SPECIALIZATIONS

AI for Business, Energy Management,
Entrepreneurship, Management
Consulting,
Real Estate

LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

CIVIL ENGINEERING

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Artificial Intelligence and Machine
Learning, Cyber Security, Data
Engineering, Research,
Software Engineering

ELECTRICAL AND

COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Biomedical, Electrical Engineering,
Computer Engineering

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Premedical

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Distributed, Dynamics and Controls,
Entrepreneurship, Premedical/
Biomedical, Solid Mechanics, Materials
and Manufacturing, Thermofluids

MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

ADVERTISING

Creative, Digital Media Strategy,
Strategic Brand Management

ART

(Portfolio required)

ART HISTORY

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Organizational Communication, Political
Communication, Social Innovation and
Nonprofit Engagement

CREATIVE COMPUTING

DANCE

(Audition required)

FASHION MEDIA

FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

(Portfolio required)

JOURNALISM

Business Journalism, Sports Journalism

MUSIC

Composition, Music, Music Education,
Music Therapy, Performance
(Audition required for all)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

THEATRE

Acting, Theatre Studies, Musical Theatre
(Audition required for all)

SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Applied Physiology and Health
Management, Sport Management,
Sport Performance Leadership

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (TEACHER CERTIFICATION)

Early Childhood–Grade 6, Grades 4–8,
Grades 7–12, Kindergarten–Grade 12

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS AND ADVISING

PRE-HEALTH

PRE-LAW



There's more!

Dive deeper into SMU areas
of studies and their specializations

ADMISSION FACTORS

- GPA
- Essay
- Resume
- Rigor of high school curriculum
- Letters of recommendation
- Extracurricular activities
- Activities and interests outside of school

SMU IS A TEST-OPTIONAL UNIVERSITY.*

We recognize that not all students have equal access to testing. However, we continue to value SAT and ACT scores as part of our holistic review process. When submitted, test scores help us better understand your academic preparation and can strengthen your application. We encourage students to submit scores if they believe their results reflect their academic strengths.*

*SMU accepts self-reported scores during the application process. If you submit unofficial scores and enroll at SMU, we will then ask you to send official score reports from testing agencies. (ACT code: 4174; SAT code: 6660).

DALLAS AS A WORLDWIDE CLASSROOM

Dallas-Fort Worth is the country's **fourth largest metro area**, so you've got a thriving community to launch your career and explore opportunities. Plus, our **two airports** – Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field – making traveling a breeze.



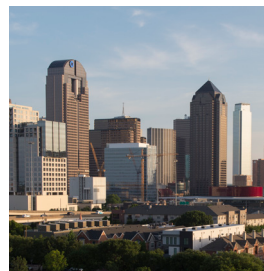
**THE
FUTURE
LOOKS
BRIGHT**

*LEVERAGE
YOUR ALUMNI
CONNECTIONS
TO LAUNCH YOUR
CAREER IN DALLAS
AND BEYOND*

INTERNSHIPS
**AT 20-PLUS
DALLAS-FORT WORTH
FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES**

64,000+
SMU ALUMNI IN DFW

140,000+
SMU ALUMNI WORLDWIDE





WILL EMMERT '25

MAJOR:

Vocal performance

HOMETOWN:

Arlington, Texas

“

I did not expect **SMU to afford me the amount of connections it did.** One of my professors in arts management set me up with so many industry professionals, especially in music and theatre that continue to advocate for me even after graduation. There are so many working professionals in Dallas and it's a great place to foster those relationships and begin building a sustainable career.”



SANDRA DUHÉ

Associate Professor, Division
of Corporate Communication
and Public Affairs

Meadows School
of the Arts

“

It's no wonder that visiting SMU leads students to choose SMU. What you see is really what you get – expert professors, engaged academics, a supportive community and a **beautiful place to learn.**”



COMMON CURRICULUM

Build a solid liberal arts foundation with the option to explore other disciplines.

- Prepare for jobs that don't yet exist.
- Graduate with multiple competencies.
- Work toward your major, experiment with a **double or even triple major** and activate new skills.
- Gain an understanding of different cultures

Learn more at
[SMU.EDU/CURRICULUM](https://smu.edu/curriculum)

SMU IS AMONG THE
TOP 25%
OF NATIONAL
UNIVERSITIES

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT 2025

TOP 1.8%
NATIONWIDE FOR BACHELOR'S
DEGREES IN THE
LIBERAL ARTS/SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES

COLLEGE FACTUAL 2025



**AMONG THE MOST
DIVERSE CITIES**
IN THE US

CENSUS BUREAU 2020

NO. 34

**WORLDWIDE FOR
ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT**

CENTER FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2025

EXPLORE GAME-CHANGING ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Get involved with research opportunities and major projects as early as your first term.



BIG IDEAS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

gives undergraduate entrepreneurs a chance to win up to \$5,000 in seed funding for startups.

THE INCUBATOR@SMU

is a dedicated space on campus where enterprising students and faculty meet and work on projects.

ENGAGED LEARNING PROJECTS

connect students with learning experiences through capstone-level research.

FIRST YEAR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (FYRE) IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN RESEARCH.

SMU's R1 classification places us among the nation's top public and private research institutions.

GERALD J. FORD HALL FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

equips faculty, students and industry partners with the tools and resources to collaborate.

Explore cultures through **SMU ABROAD** programs and global opportunities.

Take classes at **SMU-IN-TAOS**, our secondary campus in New Mexico.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

37%

**STUDENTS
OF COLOR***

50% FEMALE

50% MALE

TOTAL ENROLLMENT*

12,116

*FALL 2024



ZAHRA CHOWDHURY '26

MAJORS:

Political science; economics

MINORS:

Arabic; public policy and
international affairs

HOMETOWN:

Memphis, Tennessee

“

The President's Scholarship, Tower Scholars Program and the Tate Lectures, among others, have pushed me to engage with perspectives different than my own. From studying Arabic to better understanding world languages and literature to meeting lifelong role models like Lisa Ling, these **opportunities encourage me to indulge my intellectual and academic curiosities both in and beyond the classroom.**”



DEBRA BRANCH

Senior Lecturer
in Sociology

Faculty in Residence,
Morrison-McGinnis
Commons



Students are the reason I relish teaching, and I hope to repay all of the incredible life lessons I've learned from my students over the years. To grow and thrive, they must be nurtured and supported both inside and outside of the classroom. And, as a FiR, I am honored to be a small part of this process."



RIGHT AT HOME.



Build lifelong friendships in any of our

11 RESIDENTIAL COMMONS

an instant community on campus with leadership opportunities and Faculty in Residence.

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Physical and mental wellbeing is essential to a healthy college experience.

DR. BOB SMITH HEALTH CENTER

has resources to support you, including healthcare professionals, counseling, dental and more.



Get career advising and gain access to internship and job opportunities at top employers through the

HEGI FAMILY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

Your *experiences* on campus and beyond will shape you into the person you want to become.

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100+
YEARS OF
SPIRIT
& TRADITIONS

17
DIVISION I
SPORTS

200+
STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

19 CLUB
SPORTS

19 INTRAMURAL
SPORTS





DIEGO SALCEDO '26

MAJOR:

Advertising

MINOR:

Psychology and Spanish

HOMETOWN:

Plano, Texas

“

SMU has exposed me to **opportunities I wouldn't have imagined.** SMU pushed me to become involved on campus and introduced me to professionals and connections I wouldn't find anywhere else. Every time I see someone with an SMU shirt on or bumper sticker it makes me feel like I'm part of a bigger spirited community.”

TELL US YOUR STORY.

Just by submitting your
SMU application, you'll be
automatically considered for a
range of academic awards.

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\$203

MILLION+

**IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR
GRANTS AWARDED LAST YEAR**

73%

**OF UNDERGRADUATES
GRADUATE
WITHOUT DEBT**

\$38,598

**AVERAGE GIFT AID TO
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**
(MONEY THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY BACK)

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