

Congratulations

ON YOUR OFFER OF Spring Entry Admission to SMU!

Your opportunity. YOUR EDUCATION.

Find your place in our vibrant community:

- Explore *your interests*.
- Make friends for life.
- Prepare for *jobs of the future* and graduate with *marketable 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 in the U.S.
- *Study abroad** at our international university partners.
- Take a gap term to volunteer, work or pursue a passion.

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

SEE YOU ON the Hilltop in January.

Fall experiences SEED SUCCESS

Domestic STUDY

Jump-start your college credits by taking courses as a nondegree student at a community college or 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.





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

- * You must be registered as a visiting student or nondegree-seeking student in order for your credits to be applied to your SMU degree.
- ** Learn more about SMU's Transfer Equivalency Guides at smu.edu/transfercreditguidelines. Also, review the Transfer Pathways at smu.edu/pathways to help ensure the courses you choose will transfer to SMU.

student PERSPECTIVE

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I SPENT MY FALL TERM TAKING COURSES AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WORKED PART TIME AT A RESTAU-RANT WHICH HELPED ME SAVE UP MONEY. SMU DID A GREAT JOB OF MAKING ME FEEL WELCOME IN THE SPRING — I JOINED TWO CLUBS MY FIRST TERM AND I QUICKLY FELT LIKE A MUSTANG."

- Javier Avila '23

^{*} Should you choose to pursue domestic study or study abroad, the offer of admission into SMU is contingent on your earning above a 2.5 transferable GPA in your chosen program.

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 campus location in West London's innovative and vibrant community of Chiswick Park.

Program highlights:

- 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.

Next steps:

• Submit an application for the London International Semester here.



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- *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 and business. LIS may not be ideal for students interested in STEM, pre-health or engineering tracks as lab sciences are not available.



Franklin University Switzerland SWISS INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER (SIS)



Join a cohort of other spring entry students spending their fall term studying abroad at UNIVERSITY SWITZERLAND Franklin University Switzerland in Lugano,

Switzerland. Located in the country's southernmost Italian-speaking region, Franklin University offers an experience characterized 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 7-14 days 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 stunning landscape during a picnic and hike in the Swiss Alps.

Next steps:

• Submit an application for a **Swiss International Semester here**.



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

- *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.'

- Carmela Palmieri '23

Gap TERM

Verto Education

SMU-VERTO SEMESTER ABROAD



Join a cohort of other spring entry students spending their fall term studying abroad with Verto

Education. Embark on a global experience at one of four international study centers

on your path to enrollment at SMU.

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

Program highlights:

- Study in thriving global cities alongside other students pursuing admission to SMU and earn credits that can facilitate a smooth transfer to SMU in the spring term.
- Class sizes are capped at 25 students and focus on experiential learning.
- From enrollment to the journey back home, you'll have 24/7 support from Verto staff throughout the program.

Next steps:

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



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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 Developing trade skills • Travel

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



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 fall 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**. 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. Financial aid is not available for fall experiences, including those at our international partners.

LEARN MORE AND FIND ADDITIONAL FAQS AT SMU.EDU/SPRINGENTRY

^{*} Courses are delivered by Verto's academic provider, the University of New Haven. 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.

^{***} Verto is a great program for students pursuing various areas of study, including, but not limited to: liberal arts, humanities, business and STEM.

Important DATES

MARCH

Submit your Spring Entry Interest Form.
Visit **smu.edu/springentry** 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

Financial aid packages released for those who submitted a FAFSA/CSS PROFILE ™ 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 20

First day of class.

