



NEW TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST

FIRST STEPS AFTER ADMISSION

- File your [FAFSA and CSS Profile](#)
- [Review your financial aid](#) on my.SMU
- Review your [Transfer Evaluation Report](#) on my.SMU
(instructions are sent via email shortly after your admission to SMU)
- Pay your [deposit](#)
- Set up your [SMU email](#) account
- Activate your [my.SMU](#) student account
- Begin the [I-20 process](#) *(international students only)*

AFTER PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

- Submit [Statement of Good Standing Form\(s\)](#) from each college you've attended after high school graduation.
- Submit your [health form and proof of meningitis vaccination](#) to the SMU Health Center
- Complete your [housing application](#) and license agreement
(Priority Deadline: December 1)
- Complete SMU Pre-Enrollment Survey *(a link will be emailed)*
- Complete [Campus Life Modules](#) *(opens early December)*
- Accept your [financial aid](#) on my.SMU
- [Submit your ID photo](#) for your SMU ID card
- [Verify your personal information](#) and complete outstanding items on your my.SMU ["To-Do" list](#)
- Fill out the [Parent Information Form](#) *(optional)*
- [Request accommodations](#) through Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies *(optional)*
- Start the [Pre-Advising Canvas Course \(PACC\)](#) *(opens in early December)*

AFTER YOUR ACCOUNT IS MATRICULATED

Students are eligible after paying a deposit and submitting the Statement of Good Standing and Health Form

- Schedule your academic advising appointment and enroll in classes *(instructions are provided in the PACC)*
- [Attend Stampede](#) *(in January, before classes begin)*

AFTER ENROLLING

- [Pay your bill](#) with the Bursar's Office
- Waive/Elect [SMU Student Health Insurance](#)
- Register for your [parking permit](#) *(optional)*

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

- [Submit final transcript\(s\)](#) for spring/summer/fall
- [Submit AP/IB test scores](#) *(if applicable)*
- [Update your local address](#) on my.SMU
- Set up [Release of Education Records](#) (FERPA) on my.SMU
- Read the [Student Handbook](#)

OTHER FINANCIAL AID ITEMS

- [Complete loan processing](#) for Federal Direct Loans, Direct PLUS (Parent), and alternative loans *(optional)*
- Enroll in a [Payment Plan](#) *(optional)*
- [Set up an 'Authorized Payer'](#) on SMUpay

OTHER HOUSING ITEMS

- Housing assignments are sent via [SMU email](#) *(starting in late December)*
- Read the [Community Standards and Fire Safety Guidelines](#) for on-campus housing
- Check your SMU email for your [mailbox number](#)

quick links



[Applicant Status Page](#)



[my.SMU student portal](#)



[SMU email](#)



[Financial Aid Info](#)

QUESTIONS?

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