NEW TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST

FIRST STEPS AFTER ADMISSION

- Set up your SMU email account
- Activate your my.SMU student account
- Begin the I-20 process *(international students only)*
- 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

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
- Complete SMU Pre-Enrollment Survey *(a link will be emailed)*
- Complete Campus Life Modules *(opens early May)*
- 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)*

AFTER YOUR ACCOUNT IS MATRICULATED

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

- Complete the Pre-Advising Canvas Course (PACC) *(opens early June)*
- Schedule your academic advising appointment and
- enroll in classes *(instructions are provided in the PACC)*
- Complete Online Preventative Measure Courses
- Attend Stampede *(August 16-23)*

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
- Enroll in a Payment Plan *(optional)*
- Set up an 'Authorized Payer' on SMUpay *(optional)*

OTHER HOUSING ITEMS

- Housing assignments are sent via SMU email *(starting late July)*
- 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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