

# 2025-2026 Graduate Catalog Mid-Year Addendum

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## **New or Revised Courses**

ACCT 6231 - Corporate Controller – Strategic Accounting Leader

BA 6202 - Advanced Strategic Management for Executives

BUSE 6238 - Doing Business in Global Markets

CISB 6223 - Disruptive Technologies and Startup Strategies

CISB 6226 - Evaluating Entrepreneurial Opportunity

CRCP 6330 - Creative Coding for the Web

CRCP 6340 - Creative Coding for Application Development

CS 7382 - Computer Graphics

DS 7333 - Quantifying the World

ECE 7312 - Advanced Semiconductor Materials, Devices, and Fabrication

ECE 7386 - Advanced Quantum Computing

EDU 6340 - Applied Learning Sciences Capstone

EDU 6358 - Understanding, Representing, and Analyzing Human Experiences

ENGR 7301 - MS Datacenter Systems Engineering Capstone

EPL 6101 - Mathematics Methods in Special Education Course A: Pedagogical Content Across the Elementary Grades

EPL 6102 - Mathematics Methods in Special Education Course B: Foundational Fraction Content Knowledge

EPL 6103 - Mathematics Methods in Special Education Course C: Upper Elementary Fraction Content

HX - History of Evangelicalism

IAM 6070 - Culture and Sustainability

IAM 6075 - Project Management in the Arts

IAM 6076 - Independent Research Project

IAM 6077 - Consultancy for Arts and Cultural Organizations

IAM 6375 - Cultural Entrepreneurship and Governance for Nonprofit in the Arts

IAM 6660 - Individual Project

ITOM 6195 - Directed Studies in ITOM

ITOM 6205 - Digital Strategy

ITOM 6207 - Supply Chain Management

ITOM 6209 - Sustainable Operations

ITOM 6212 - Data Visualization and Communication

ITOM 6219 - Web and Social Media Analytics

ITOM 6222 - Business Forecasting

ITOM 6223 - Ethical and Trust Issues in AI

ITOM 6225 - Project Management

ITOM 6226 - Operations Analytics  
ITOM 6228 - Managing Synthetic Content  
ITOM 6234 - Causal Analytics for Business  
ITOM 6262 - Data Visualization and Communication  
ITOM 6264 - Advanced Decision Models  
ITOM 6277 - Operations Management

LAW 6201 - AI and Discovery  
LAW 7160 - AI for Law Practice  
LAW 7230 - Nonprofit Organizations  
LAW 7260 - AI for Law Practice  
LAW 7289 - Jurisprudence  
LAW 7292 - Real Estate Transactions  
LAW 7371 - Tort Law and Legal Ethics: The Plaintiff's Perspective  
LAW 7372 - Criminal Procedure in the Digital Age  
LAW 8208 - Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Fund Law  
LAW 8210 - Transactional Drafting  
LAW 8213 - Public Health Law and Ethics  
LAW 8316 - Constitutional Interpretation  
LAW 8317 - From Prompt to Practice: AI Use in Pre-Litigation  
LAW 8385 - Negotiations  
LST 6312 - Negotiation and Effective Communication  
LST 7360 - Health Law

MKTG 6232 - Digital and Social Media Marketing  
MKTG 6249 - Managing Customers as Assets  
MN 7361 - Christian Ministry in an AI Age: Generative AI in the Theory and Practice of Congregational Life.  
MUAS 5141 - String Techniques  
MUAS 5142 - Woodwind Methods  
MUAS 5143 - Brass Methods  
MUTH 5120 - Game Music Collaboration  
MUTH 5121 - Film Music Collaboration

OT 8329 - The Book of Amos

PHYS 6350 – General Relativity  
PPA 7350 - Independent Study

RE 6226 - Applied RE Practice Capstone  
RE 6415 - Real Estate Development

STAT 6305 - Data Visualization with R  
STAT 6313 - Applied Time Series  
STRA 6224 - Entrepreneurial AI Strategy  
STRA 6232 - Strategic and Organizational Leadership in the Age of AI Disruption

THEA 6115 - Audition Techniques for the Professional Actor

## **Inactivated Courses**

ITOM 6215 - Database Design for Business Applications

ITOM 6218 - Business Analytics Consulting

ITOM 6220 - Revenue Management

ITOM 6224 - Managing Service Operations

MUED 5254 - Workshop in Music Education

MUED 5255 - Workshop in Music Education

MUED 5350 - Workshop in Music Education

MUED 5351 - Workshop in Music Education

MUED 5352 - Workshop in Music Education

MUED 5354 - Workshop in Music Education

MUTH 5130 - Collaborative Composition

MUED 6109 - Elementary Music Practicum

MUED 6358 - Kodály: A Historical Perspective

MUHI 6692 - Directed Studies in Music History

MUTH 6181 - Thesis in Composition

MUTH 6184 - Directed Studies in Theory

MUTH 6284 - Directed Studies in Theory

PERB 5101 - Directed Studies in Voice

PERB 5107 - Keyboard Skills for Conductors I

PERB 5108 - Keyboard Skills for Conductors II

PERB 5201 - Directed Studies in Voice

PERB 5213 - Studies Continuo Playing

PERB 5310 - Music Theatre Workshop: SMU Abroad

PERB 6212 - Organ Improvisation and Service Playing

RE 6211 - Real Estate Investment

# Catalog Edits; New and Revised Programs, Policies and Department Information

## *Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences*

### **Chemistry, M.S.**

The M.S. degree in chemistry provides students with hands-on laboratory training and advanced chemistry coursework. Students perform independent research and publish a master's thesis on their scientific discoveries. Knowledge and skills learned during this program will prepare students for industrial positions (laboratory, consulting, management), as well as for higher level studies in chemistry and related scientific disciplines.

Candidates for the M.S. degree in chemistry must complete 30 credit hours of graduate work, complete and defend a thesis before a committee of faculty and a general audience from the department, and satisfy all general requirements of the graduate faculty. Students complete 18 credit hours of coursework that consist of required core courses and elective courses, in addition to nine credit hours of research, and a three-credit hour thesis course.

#### **Required General Core Courses (9 Credit Hours)**

- CHEM 6110 - Chemical Communications
- CHEM 6111 - Practical Laboratory
- CHEM 6113 - Practical Spectroscopy
- CHEM 6120 - Current Topics (Repeated four times for credit for a total of four credit hours)
- CHEM 7233 - Research Synopsis

#### **Required Specialized Core Courses (3 Credit Hours)**

One course from the following:

- CHEM 6382 - Physical Chemistry of Proteins (biophysics)
- CHEM 6392 - Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (inorganic)
- CHEM 6393 - Advanced Organic Chemistry (organic)

#### **Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)**

Two courses from the following:

- CHEM 6310 - Biological Chemistry: Macromolecular Structure and Function
- CHEM 6311 - Biological Chemistry: Metabolism
- CHEM 6313 - Modern Physical Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 6316 - Introduction to Polymer Chemistry
- CHEM 6325 - Introduction to Ab Initio Calculations: Hartree-Fock Theory
- CHEM 6326 - Density Functional Theory - Methodology and Application
- CHEM 6341 - Advanced Models and Concepts in Chemistry
- CHEM 6342 - Nanotechnology
- CHEM 6343 - Advanced Computational Chemistry
- CHEM 6344 - Computer-Assisted Drug Design: Fundamentals and Applications
- CHEM 6345 - Going Beyond Hartree-Fock: Electron Correlation Methods
- CHEM 6346 - Calculation of Molecular Properties
- CHEM 6348 - Statistical Molecular Thermodynamics
- CHEM 6382 - Physical Chemistry of Proteins
- CHEM 6392 - Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
- CHEM 6393 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 7308 - Special Topics

#### **Research Courses (9 Credit Hours)**

To fulfill this requirement, a combination of the following courses must be taken until the nine credit hours are reached:

- CHEM 7151 - Research (may be repeated)
- CHEM 7251 - Research (may be repeated)
- CHEM 7351 - Research (may be repeated)

### **Thesis Course (3 Credit Hours)**

- CHEM 6398 - Thesis

**Total: 30 Credit Hours**

## **Statistics and Data Science Department**

Professor Jing Cao, Department Chair

Professors: Jing Cao, Daniel Heitjan

Associate Professors: Ian Harris, Monnie McGee, Chul Moon (Director of Graduate Studies), Raanju Sundararajan

Assistant Professors: Sy Han (Steven) Chiou (Director of the Biostatistics Ph.D. Program), Marcin Jurek, Dahnyang Lee

Associate Professor of Practice: Charles South (Director of Data Science Ph.D. Program)

Clinical Associate Professor: Bivin Sadler

Senior Lecturer II: Stephen Robertson (Director of Data Science and Applied Statistics M.S. Program)

Lecturers: Ashley Edison, Niloofar Ghorbani, David Saah, Jessica Wickersham

## **Data Science, Ph.D.**

### **Elective Courses (12 Credit Hours)**

The participating departments offer advanced elective courses each semester. Students complete the remaining required credit hours from among those courses or from approved courses offered in other departments at the University.

#### **Mathematics**

- MATH 6370 - Parallel Scientific Computing
- MATH 6395 - Topics in Computational Mathematics (when offered as Sequential Decision-Making in AI)

## ***Dedman School of Law***

### **Faculty and Staff**

#### **Office of the Dean**

Jason P. Nance, Dean, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law

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Shannon DeKat, Library Specialist (Technical Services)  
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Sandra Heads-Thorpe, Library Specialist (Circulation Desk)  
Christopher Molinar, Library Specialist (Circulation Desk)  
Jennifer Staggs, Library Specialist (Circulation Desk)

## Law School Staff

Laura Amberson, Registrar  
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Beth Williams, Chief Operating Officer and Administrative Director, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center

## Faculty Law Fellows

Demetrice Lopez, Hunter Center Faculty Law Fellow  
Peter Steffensen, Assistant Director of the First Amendment Clinic, Faculty Law Fellow, and Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law

## Faculty

**Shelby Barnhouse**, *Assistant Clinical Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research*. Shelbi Barnhouse brings nearly 25 years of commercial litigation experience to the classroom. She joined the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research faculty as an adjunct lecturer in Fall 2024 and became a full-time professor in Fall 2025. Professor Barnhouse earned both her Plan II undergraduate degree and her J.D. from The University of Texas. She began her legal career at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal in Dallas, where she practiced high-stakes business and securities litigation as an associate and later as a partner. She then joined Amy Stewart Law as Of Counsel, representing clients in complex insurance coverage disputes. In addition to her teaching, Professor Barnhouse serves as President of the Board of Trustees for The Kessler School, an independent PreK–8 school in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas.

Professor Barnhouse teaches first-year legal writing and an upper-level professional writing course, *Discovery in Action: Writing for Litigation Success*, which prepares students for real-world discovery and litigation practice.

**Catherine Gaither**, *Assistant Clinical Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research*. Catherine Gaither specializes in appellate law and federal civil litigation and has practiced law in Dallas for more than 15 years. She has led multiple state and federal trial teams and argued appeals before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and multiple Texas Courts of Appeals. During her years in practice, she has developed a passion for legal writing and is honored to teach the next generation of lawyers how to effectively advocate for their clients in court. She currently leads the appellate practice at a boutique law firm in Dallas and represents banks and other financial institutions in litigation and arbitration. Professor Gaither earned her J.D. from Duke University and her Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Mike Sims**, *Director of Academic Success and Assistant Clinical Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research*. Mike Sims has dedicated his legal career to helping students succeed at law school and on bar exams. As the former president of BARBRI, Sims collaborated closely with law students, faculty, and administration nationwide to enhance outcomes. His strong understanding of the state-specific and national components of the bar exams, along with his knowledge of the legal education landscape, has established him as a leading expert for those seeking insights into legal education trends and challenges, particularly those related to the NextGen bar exam. Professor Sims earned his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law and his B.S. in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University. Before joining BARBRI, Sims worked in both national and state government, where he served as a special assistant to U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen and later as chief clerk for the State Affairs Committee of the Texas House of Representatives. Currently, he is a member of the City Plan Commission in Dallas, representing District 11. Professor Sims is admitted to practice in the State of Texas.

## Office of Career Services

The Office of Career Services empowers law students to achieve their career goals through personalized advising, innovative career education, and strategic career planning, while fostering professional skills and connecting students with meaningful employment opportunities across all legal sectors in Texas and beyond. The OCS assists students in their self-directed career searches by educating and advising them about career options and job search strategies, and creating opportunities for them to connect with legal employers. OCS staff provides individual career advising and coaching, assistance with résumés and cover letters, interview and job search training, mock interviews, and resources online through the OCS website. The office hosts numerous career-related programs throughout the year, including on-campus interviews, and off-campus job fairs and other recruiting opportunities, seminars, panel discussions, and workshops designed to allow students to learn about different career paths and to network with employers. OCS also works with a wide variety of employers in all legal sectors to provide students with access and exposure to a broad range of employment opportunities.

The OCS is located on the third floor of Carr Collins, Jr. Hall on the east side of the Law Quadrangle. Interview rooms within the OCS are available for legal employers interviewing on campus and for students interviewing virtually.

## Programming

SMU Dedman School of Law is committed to helping our students develop as polished professionals. In furtherance of that goal, all first-year students are required to take the Professional Identity and Development course during their first semester, which focuses on career foundations and professionalism. Through this course and Inns of Court seminars, first-year students are exposed to the information and skills required to be a competitive candidate in today's job market and a valuable contributor to the legal profession, covering topics such as job search strategies, professionalism, networking, résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and the business of practicing law. Throughout the academic year, the OCS offers comprehensive career-related programs and presentations for all students. To educate students about the numerous many different career paths available to them, including opportunities in private practice, government, and public interest, OCS invites attorneys to campus to share their experiences, conduct informational sessions, and network with students. Also, OCS also actively works with student organizations to facilitate and promote their career-related programs. Most of the programs are recorded and posted on the website for students who are unable to attend.

## Recruiting Programs, the Job Bank and Job Fairs

The OCS hosts both on-campus and off-campus interview programs for employers. Each year, more than 150 employers visit the campus for interview programs throughout the year. At any time during the year, employers may solicit résumés from students and graduates, including lateral attorneys, by posting a position on the online job bank or contacting OCS directly. More than 1,500 job opportunities (part-time, full-time, semester, summer, and graduate) are posted each year for law students and graduates.

Dedman School of Law also participates in a number of job fairs during the year, providing students with access to local, statewide, and national opportunities. The OCS works with the Office of Public Service to promote public sector job opportunities, including the Public Service Career Fair. At this fair, representatives from government agencies and public service employers come to campus to discuss with students their work and the many employment opportunities in the public interest and government sectors. The OCS also facilitates the application process for internships with six local county courts, as well as for the Federal Judicial Externship course offered each term. Law students and alumni also participate in the following virtual and off-campus annual career fairs:

- Bay Area Law Student Career Fair - Virtual
- Boston Lawyers Group annual 2L Job Fair - Virtual
- Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP) Direct Job Placement Fair - Virtual
- Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair - Virtual
- Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair - Kansas City, MO
- IndyBar Clerkship Career Fair - Indianapolis, IN
- International LL.M. Student Interview Program - New York, NY
- Lavender Law Career Fair - New York, NY
- Loyola Patent Law Interview Program - Virtual
- NACC Child Welfare Law Career Fair - Virtual
- National Black Prosecutors Conference and Career Fair - College Park, MD
- Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (SIPJF) - Virtual
- Southeastern Law School Consortium (SELSC, formerly SEMJF) - Virtual
- Sunbelt Recruitment Program - Dallas, TX
- Texas Public Service Career Fair - Austin, TX + Virtual

As participants in all the recruiting programs, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their interest in employment with a wide range of employers that have identified Dedman Law as a top school from which to recruit. To emphasize the importance of professionalism in the interview process and in order to participate in the interview programs, students must sign an Agreement Regarding Professionalism in Recruiting and Employment, acknowledging their agreement to adhere to the ethical and procedural guidelines by which the interview programs operate. Students are expected to attend the interviews they are granted and to uphold their commitments to employers. The legal profession is built upon the highest ethical and professional standards, and cultivating these standards begins the day a student enters law school.

## Student Financial Services Scholarships

### The Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship

The Dallas Bar Foundation helps fund one or more full-tuition scholarships annually to increase the diversity of the legal community in Dallas to reflect the diverse socio-economic background of the citizens being served. The scholarship is awarded initially to entering full-time students for one year and is renewable for the second and third years of study as long as the student remains in good standing. Applicants must complete a separate scholarship application and be accepted for admission to Dedman School of Law to be considered.

## The Curriculum

### The Juris Doctor Program

#### First-Year Required Courses

- Civil Procedure (LAW 6405)
- Constitutional Law I (LAW 6366)
- Contracts (LAW 6406)
- Criminal Law (LAW 8341)
- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I and II (LAW 8375, LAW 8376)
- Legislation and Regulation (LAW 6365)
- Professional Identity and Development (LAW 7108)
- Property (LAW 6404)
- Torts (LAW 6403)

#### Upper-Year Requirements

- Professional Responsibility (LAW 7350)
- Constitutional Law II (LAW 8311)
- Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation (LAW 7109)
- Edited Writing Seminar (see below)
- Experiential Learning Requirement (see below)
- Professional Writing Course (see below)

**Experiential Learning Requirement** - A student must complete one or more experiential course(s) totaling at least 6 credit hours. **Legal Analysis, Writing and Advocacy II (Law 8376)** satisfies 3 of the required 6 credit hours. Other courses that satisfy this requirement will be designated "(EL)" on the upper-level course list during registration.

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## *Student Financial Services (All GR schools)*

### Payment Plan Options

#### SMU Monthly Payment Plan

SMU offers payment plans to help students and families manage tuition expenses. Plans vary by term:

- Fall & Spring: 5-month installment plan
- JanTerm, Summer Term, MayTerm, August Term: Not eligible

They cannot be applied to Miscellaneous account charges and an open balance from a previous term cannot be added to a current payment plan.

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## ***Perkins School of Theology***

### **Divinity, M.Div. (In-person and Hybrid)**

#### **General Studies**

- ST 6350 - Introduction to Theological Studies and Research (must be taken during the first semester)
- XX 8360 - Internship I
- XX 8361 - Internship II
- XX 8399 - Master of Divinity Capstone

(5/1/2026)

## ***Student Financial Services (All GR schools)***

### **Payment Plan Options**

#### **SMU Monthly Payment Plan**

SMU offers payment plans to help students and families manage tuition expenses. Plans vary by term. For detailed payment plan information, refer to our SFS Payment Plan webpage <https://www.smu.edu/enrollment-services/student-financial-services/cost-and-payment/payment-plans>. They cannot be applied to Miscellaneous account charges and an open balance from a previous term cannot be added to a current payment plan.