

Southern Methodist University



Division of Student Affairs

Orientation 2009



Getting Ready for AARO

By the time you attend AARO, your advisor already knows your name. You are enrolled in your advisor's Blackboard "class," and you may have already met him or her electronically. Now you will meet face to face. Your advisor will help you learn to navigate the channels of higher education. Your skills and desires and his or her knowledge of University requirements will come together as you craft an SMU education plan as unique as your character. At the end of your advising meeting, you will register for fall classes. To ease and enrich your advising experience, look at FAQs on our website <http://www.smu.edu/advise/AAROfaq.asp>.

Before you meet your advisor, it's a good idea to review your Owner's Manual and to study the University Catalog. After all, you want to be in the driver's seat as you plan. In order to determine which courses you want to take and which course levels will best suit your skills, you may take academic placement tests during your time at AARO. You will also want to discover the many helpful resources on campus – tutoring, career planning, health center, clubs and interest groups, programs, and study abroad options – so you'll be ready to take command of your opportunities when your school year begins.



*Melissa Bryant, Director
of New Student Orientation
and Student Support*

Welcome from the Office of New Student Orientation and Student Support

Congratulations on your decision to attend Southern Methodist University! We are excited to meet you and welcome you to the academic environment, involvement opportunities and traditions at SMU. The orientation process is designed to introduce you and your family to the information you need prior to the start of the academic year and also facilitates building relationships with other incoming students, continuing students, faculty and staff. One of the main goals for orientation is to welcome you to the Mustang family!

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When Do I Attend AARO?

FIRST YEAR AND FIRST YEAR-TRANSFER

Each of the 10 AARO sessions will accommodate approximately 130 new students and their family members. All new students are required to stay overnight in Boaz Hall. Staying on campus provides an opportunity to experience residence hall living at SMU and to interact with the AARO leaders also living in Boaz Hall. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day. Students who arrive late or on an incorrect AARO date cannot be accommodated. Please make travel plans so that you arrive on campus by 8:00 a.m. on the first day of AARO and plan to stay until 5:00 p.m. on the second day.



TRANSFER AARO SESSIONS

Session 1	Friday, July 24
Session 2	Wednesday, July 29
Session 3	Monday, August 3
Fees:	<i>Parents/Guests \$30</i>

Transfer AARO is a half-day orientation program for students with 30 or more transferable hours who will be enrolling in Fall 2009. Programs provide academic requirements and expectations, campus resources, involvement opportunities and the chance to meet current students. During your AARO session, you will also meet one-on-one with an academic advisor and register for fall classes. Check-in for AARO will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the main level of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center.

You cannot be advised or register for classes until your admission deposit is paid, and your final transcript from previous colleges and universities has been received and processed by the Division of Enrollment Services. This process takes a minimum of two weeks.

INTERNATIONAL AARO

Session 1	Monday-Tuesday, August 17-18
Fees:	<i>Parents/Guests \$60</i>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All students studying in secondary schools outside the United States, including U.S. citizens, are encouraged to attend the two-day International AARO on August 17-18. If you are unable to attend the International AARO, you may select any of the July sessions that is conducive to your travel arrangements. All students who attend the two-day International AARO will be required to attend Mustang Corral August 21-23.

BRING THE FAMILY!

We encourage all family members to attend your student's AARO session. In addition to attending academic and resource sessions with your students, we have planned a panel discussion specifically for parents and families.



AARO Housing for First Year & First-Year Transfer Students

Student Accommodations

AARO residence hall rooms are air-conditioned and feature two twin beds per room, with linens provided. Each student will be assigned a roommate and will share community bath facilities. All SMU facilities are non-smoking.

If you will need on-campus housing the night before or after your confirmed AARO date, you must mark this preference on the online reservation form. Extra housing is limited to one night before or one night after the confirmed AARO date. There is a \$25 fee for the additional night of housing. Participants arriving and staying on campus the night before their session must check in at the McElvaney Hall desk. Luggage storage is available. **There will be a fee of \$45 for lost room keys.**



AARO Sessions

10 AARO Sessions to choose from are scheduled in July and August:

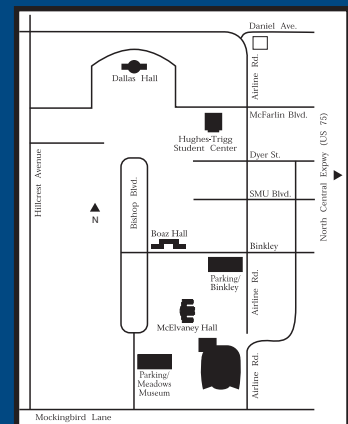
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When You Arrive

When you arrive at SMU for AARO, please park in the Binkley Garage on level two or above. Enter the garage through the visitor lane from Binkley Avenue. Enter the access code 1092 on the keypad to gain entry to the garage. It will not be necessary to take a visitor's entry ticket when using the keypad. Upon exit use the visitor lane keypad to enter the access code 1092. You do not need to use the pay station to exit. You will receive a parking pass in early June that you will need to display on your rearview mirror during AARO.

Report to Boaz Hall to get your AARO room assignment. (All students attending AARO are required to stay in Boaz Hall in order to participate in all the planned activities.) Residence Life and Student Housing staff will be on-hand from 8:00-8:45 a.m. to assist you in this process. You will receive your room key, access card, and a campus map at this time. From Boaz Hall you will proceed to the Hughes-Trigg Student Center for AARO Check-In. Please allow yourself time for a 5 minute walk from Boaz to Hughes-Trigg. AARO Check-In will take place from 8:15-9:00 a.m. You will receive a nametag and all AARO session materials at that time.



Schedule of Events for First Year & First-Year Transfer Students and International AARO

STUDENT – DAY 1	
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Residence Hall Check-in at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	AARO Check-in/ Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Meet your AARO Leader
9:55 a.m.	University Welcome
10:10 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
10:35 a.m.	Academic Assembly
11:15 a.m.	Advisor Group Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Red and Blue Lunch
1:00 -5:00 p.m.	Information Sessions
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Resource Expo
6:00 p.m.	Dinner/AARO Leader Presentation
6:30 p.m.	Group Meetings with AARO Leader
8:30-10:00 p.m.	Evening Activities

PARENT DAY 1	
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Residence Hall Check-in at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	AARO Check-in/ Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Parent and Family Welcome
9:55 a.m.	University Welcome
10:10 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
10:35 a.m.	Academic Assembly
11:15 a.m.	Advisor Group Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Red and Blue Lunch
1:00 -4:15 p.m.	Information Sessions
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Parent and Family Panel
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Resource Expo
6:00 p.m.	Dinner/AARO Leader Presentation
7:30 p.m.	Parent/Family Roundtable



STUDENT DAY 2	
8:00 a.m.	Check-out/Return Keys at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Emergency Preparedness
9:15 a.m.	Residence Hall Tours
10:00 a.m.-Noon	Information Sessions
Noon	Lunch with Faculty
1:30 p.m.	Final Group Meeting with AARO Leader
2:15 p.m.	Closing Session/ ID Distribution
2:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Visit Campus Offices/ Complete AARO Checklist/ Buy Textbooks/Advising Appointment

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8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Emergency Preparedness
9:15 a.m.	Residence Hall Tours
10:00 a.m.-Noon	Information Sessions
Noon	Lunch with Faculty
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Information Sessions
2:15 p.m.	Closing Session
2:30-5:00 p.m.	Visit Campus Offices/ Complete AARO Checklist/ Buy Textbooks/Advising





Schedule of Events for Transfer Students

JULY 24, 29 & AUGUST 3, 2009

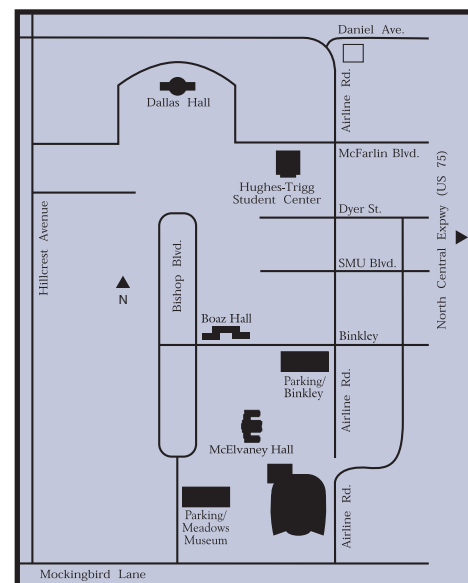
8:00 a.m.	AARO Check-In/ Continental Breakfast/ Resource Expo
9:00 a.m.	University Welcome
9:15 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
9:40 a.m.	Academic Assembly
10:05 a.m.	"Coffee Break" with AARO Leaders
10:30 a.m.	School Group Meetings
11:30 a.m.	SMU Essentials
12:00 p.m.	Red and Blue Luncheon
2:30 p.m.	School Introductions/Tours

Individual advising appointments will be scheduled between 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Arrival and Parking Information

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Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the main level of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. A continental breakfast will be provided.



General Information

AARO Housing for Families

Off-Campus Accommodations for Family Members

Family members are encouraged to make reservations at one of the host hotels for AARO. Please wait to make reservations until SMU has sent you confirmation of your AARO date. Please identify yourself as an SMU Orientation 2009 participant at the time you make your reservation.

HILTON

Dallas – Park Cities
5954 Luther lane
Dallas, TX 75225
214-368-0400

EMBASSY SUITES

Dallas – Love Field
3880 W. Northwest Hwy.
Dallas, TX 75220
214-357-4500

On-Campus Accommodations for Family Members

A limited number of on-campus rooms are available for family members on a first-come, first-served basis during AARO. The fee is \$45 per person, per night. Single parents will be assigned rooms with a shared, suite bath with other single AARO parents of the same gender. All SMU facilities are nonsmoking.



Rotunda Yearbook and Student ID Photos

Now that you're part of SMU – **SMILE!** During AARO, stop by Park-N-Pony to take your ID photo. In addition, a professional photographer from SMU's Rotunda yearbook will be on hand to take individual portraits. These are head and shoulder shots, so wear a blouse or collared shirt and leave your baseball cap in your room.



Travel Information



SPECIAL AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

SMU has negotiated with American Airlines, the official carrier for participants of AARO and Mustang Corral, to help you secure the least expensive fare to Dallas. American is offering discounted fares valid for travel within the United States. The special rates are available only through the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790 for individual reservations. You must indicate that you are attending Southern Methodist University Orientation and ask specifically for discount code A1179SS. Meeting Services will confirm the lowest applicable fare, providing tariff rules are met. Fare contracted is base fare only. Any applicable taxes, fees, and charges are the responsibility of the passenger.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN DALLAS

Several methods of transportation are available from D/FW Airport or Love Field to the SMU campus and selected hotels.

Super Shuttle

Offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for \$28.00 one way for the first passenger and \$8.00 for the second and third

passengers. Super Shuttle also offers transportation to and from Love Field for \$19.00 one way for the first passenger and \$8.00 for the second and third passengers. For shuttle information and scheduling, call toll-free 1-800-258-3826. D/FW area call 817-329-2000, or supershuttle.com.

Yellow Checker Shuttle

Offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for \$21/person. Transportation to and from Love Field is also approximately \$21/person. Reservations 24-hours prior are required. For more information, call 214-841-1900.

Taxi

The cost is approximately \$35.00 one way from D/FW Airport, 45 minutes.

Car Rental

Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc. has guaranteed the best possible car rental rates available for SMU AARO participants. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-331-1600 (refer to Avis Worldwide Discount number A906399, or by visiting www.avis.com/meeting/tools).

Employment On Campus

National studies indicate college students who work part time find it beneficial in supplementing finances, acclimating to campus, and learning skills such as time management. SMU offers students a variety of resources to locate work opportunities on and off campus.

Please visit the Division of Enrollment Services Student Employment website (smu.edu/financial_aid/st.employ.asp) to receive additional information regarding campus work programs, referrals, placement, and employment while at SMU. If you have more questions after AARO regarding either financial aid awarded to work study programs or other employment on campus, contact the Student Employment Office (Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building) at 214-768-2490 or stu_employ@smu.edu.

The Hegi Family Career Development Center is another office to contact regarding on- and off-campus jobs as well as internships. Please visit smu.edu/career or call 214-768-2266 for more information.

To comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, all students must complete the I-9 process in order to have part-time employment at SMU. This process can be completed through Human Resources, second floor, Expressway Tower Building, any time before the start of employment. See the Student Employment website for necessary documents.



Testing for Placement and Credit

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM

Students who have had at least two years of language instruction in high school within the past two years, or who have acquired language skills in some other manner, are required to take a language placement examination if they wish to continue their language study at SMU.

If the period of time which has elapsed since the language was studied is longer than two years students must still take a placement exam if they wish to take any course above the beginning level.

Students who have taken an AP exam (score of 4 or 5) in their language of study are exempted from this requirement. SMU does not accept any Foreign Language CLEP exams for credit or placement.

Native speakers educated in their native language may be exempted from the placement exam. Students should contact the area chair in their language of interest.

Language Exams Offered

Online placement exams are offered in all languages taught at SMU (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish & Russian) with the exception of Hindi which is a paper exam. Students wishing to take a Hindi exam should contact Elise Pflum at eapflum@smu.edu.

Retroactive Credit

By taking a placement exam students have the opportunity to receive retroactive credit for beginning and intermediate courses in their language of study. Once students have completed the course into which they were placed with a grade of C or higher, they may request the retroactive credit earned (maximum of 16 credits depending on the language of study).

Payment

The placement exam fee is not included in any AARO fees, nor can it be bundled with any AARO or SMU payments. **The fee for the placement exam is \$40**, payable only before the exam and only from the FLL website. Please note that after credit card information for payment is entered, students must take the test immediately and cannot postpone it to a later time. To take the test at a later date, students would need to pay the \$40 fee again.

Online exams must be paid with a debit or credit card and a local address must be entered when asked for a billing address. The Hindi exam may be paid with \$40 cash or a check made out to SMU.

Students who do not have access to a debit/credit card or who would prefer to pay via check or cash should arrange to take their exam in the FLITC by e-mailing eapflum@smu.edu at least a week in advance.

Timing of Exam

Incoming students must take any online language exam(s) prior to attending AARO. Advisors cannot register students for ANY language classes if he/she needs to have taken a placement exam but has not.

The online placement exam may be taken online at any time and from any location. The exam results do not expire, although it is suggested that students register for language classes within a reasonable time after taking the placement exam so that the testing results reflect the student's current knowledge of the language.

There is no time limit on the exam. The exam generally takes less than one hour. Please contact Rebecca Marin at 214-768-4557 if you have questions regarding services for students with disabilities.



Exam Access

Students do not need an SMU ID to take the placement exam. Students will register for the exam by creating an account. This user name and password are not related to any SMU passwords students may have been provided or previously created.

Additional Information

Although some students review for the exam, it is to a student's advantage to have the exam reflect their current knowledge of the language. **Students should remember to PRINT their score report** or save to .pdf before exiting the exam. They will need to provide this documentation to their advisor for registration.

Questions

Additional information can be found on both the Foreign Languages and Literatures website: fll.smu.edu as well as the language websites.

Any non-technical questions about the placement exam should be directed to:

Chinese	yxia@smu.edu
French	bbeauch@smu.edu
German	gbirrel@smu.edu
Hindi	mbansal@smu.edu
Italian	mgaetten@smu.edu
Japanese	kschneid@smu.edu
Latin	prawlins@smu.edu
Russian	tzimakov@smu.edu
Spanish	olvalero@smu.edu

Technical problems should be addressed to eapflum@smu.edu.

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Testing

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MATH

Six tests are offered during AARO:

- **Math 1303 & 1304 pre-calculus: for placement only, no credit**
- **Math 1307, 1309, 1337 & 1338: for credit**

Fee: \$20; exact cash or check only. The math exams are at 2:30 p.m. on the first day of your AARO session. Report with \$20 exam fee to Room 208 Clements Hall.

Review sample tests online:

www.smu.edu/math/placement/

Which test should I take? See below; also see www.smu.edu/math/placement. The mathematics department encourages students that have taken a strong precalculus course to take the placement exam so they do not have to repeat precalculus. Students that have taken calculus in high school can go directly into calculus without taking a placement exam, or they can receive credit for calculus by passing the appropriate credit exam. All mathematics credit exams must be taken before the first day of classes.

No calculators are allowed except for **Math 1307**, for which a calculator is required. Students who will need extra time on the placement/credit exam may request that at the door upon entering the exam. Students who need other accommodations for a disability must first contact Ms. Rebecca Marin, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities (214-768-4557) to verify disability and establish eligibility for accommodation.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

One credit exam for **CSE 1340: Introduction to Computer Concepts** is available during AARO. This exam is for students with Java programming experience who did not earn credit through an AP exam. This is NOT the Information Technology Exam.

Fee: \$20, exact cash only.

Tuition and Fees

When you complete your course registration at AARO, the Division of Enrollment Services will send you a summary of your charges to your SMU email account. The charges will represent the cost of the hours in which you have enrolled, room and board, and selected Essential Services. If you are attending AARO in July or early August your Fall term payment for the full amount of charges must be received by the Division of Enrollment Services no later than August 5. Students whose accounts are not cleared

by the deadline are charged a late payment fee of \$150 for balances between \$1,000-\$7,500. Balances over \$7,500 are charged 2% of the outstanding balance not to exceed \$500. After one month, all past due balances are charged 1.5% of the balance due. AARO participants attending Summer School will need to pay their summer session charges at the time of enrollment. Please contact the Division of Enrollment Services at 214-768-3417 or enrol_serv@smu.edu if you have questions regarding loans or other financial aid.

Fall 2009 Summary of Charges

A condensed summary of charges is given below for Fall 2009. The total may vary according to the individual academic program, which may include lab fees or other charges. An orientation fee of \$300 for first-year students and \$150 for transfer students is included on the Fall tuition bill.

UNDERGRADUATE CHARGES

Description	Per Term
Tuition (12-18 term credit hours)	\$15,600
General Student Fee	\$ 1,980
Parking (optional)	\$ 250

Note: Room and board charges depend on the residence hall.

A Step in the Right Direction

As part of the University's comprehensive alcohol and drug abuse prevention program, SMU is asking each member of the first-year/transfer class to complete AlcoholEdu – an online, science-based course that is taken by tens of thousands of college students each year.

The course provides detailed information about reducing risk with alcohol. Whether you drink or not, AlcoholEdu will empower you to make well-informed decisions about alcohol and help you better cope with the drinking

behavior of your peers. All new students must complete the first part of the course prior to July 14 and the second part by August 20. AlcoholEdu should be available online June 16, so the course can be completed prior to AARO. You may also complete the course after AARO, but before move-in. We will be sending each of you login IDs and instructions for AlcoholEdu, and you may complete the course on any computer with internet access. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this important course, and welcome to SMU!



Parents and Family Members: Welcome to the Hilltop!

As the parents and family members of a new Mustang, you are part of the larger SMU family – a family rich in heritage and educational opportunities. This family includes not only those who choose to study here, but the thousands of graduates throughout the years who remember with pride their experiences “on the Hilltop” as well as all those who work and teach at this University. We are dedicated to providing a unique educational experience for our students, one that will be valued by students and families for years to come.

Students typically spend their college years away from home, and although their role may change, parents continue to play a critical role in a student’s educational experience. Because these college years are often a time for uncertain change in the relationship between parents/families and their student, SMU welcomes parent/family involvement in a student’s experience when appropriate and encourages parents to continue to give the benefit of their support.

In fact, you will be receiving a copy of the Owner’s Manual designed to make your student’s academic transition easier. You will find the information useful as you gain an understanding of the academic challenges facing your student. Your first responsibility as the parent of a college student is not “to do it for them,” but to encourage your student to take advantage of all that SMU offers and to take responsibility for the educational experience he/she will have at SMU.

AARO is designed to help both families and students identify resources, opportunities, policies, and offices that will serve as a guide for the next few years. The support and encouragement you provide will be enhanced if you have a clear understanding of the educational and social opportunities here at SMU and your role during this important time of self-discovery for your

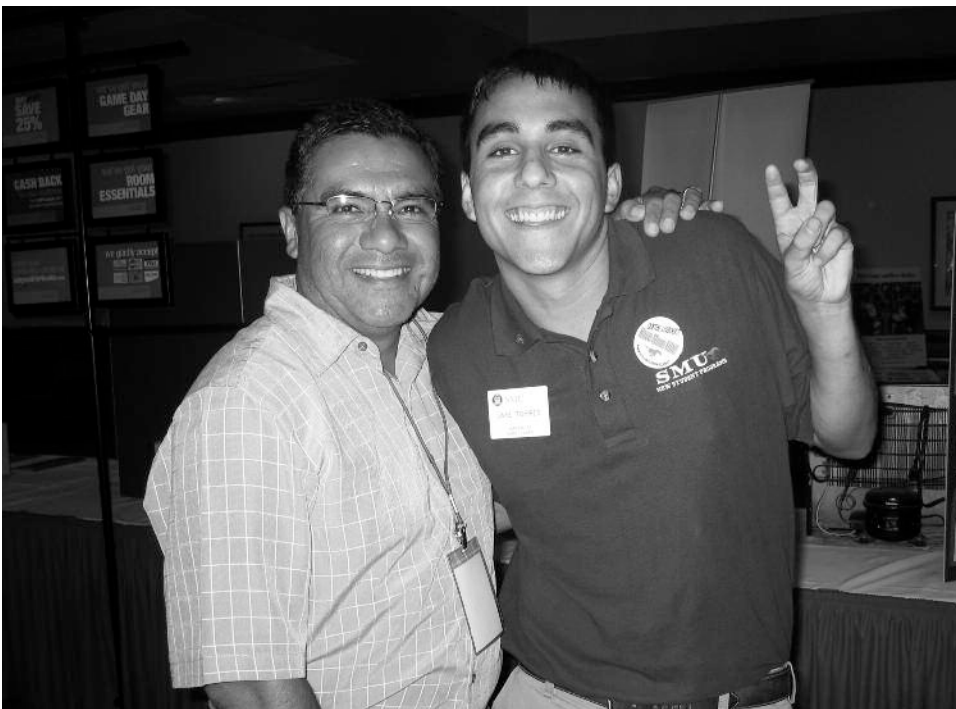


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student. Many of the activities offered during the two-day AARO conference are open to both families and students. A separate family schedule includes several information sessions for parents/families only, while the individual academic advising sessions and small group discussions are for students only. During AARO, parents/families will have an opportunity to meet and talk with other families of new students. For many, this will be your first experience enrolling a child in college, while others are “seasoned” veterans. Regardless, the interaction among parents during AARO continues to be a favorite SMU memory.

- **LEARN** about the educational opportunities available to your student
- **MEET** your student’s academic advisor
- **LISTEN** to an overview of campus life
- **DISCUSS** “timely” topics with campus representatives
- **MEET** and share questions and concerns with other family members
- **BROWSE** through the Resource Expo offering a myriad of opportunities

There is a fee for parents’ and family members’ participation, which includes AARO materials, breakfast, lunch and dinner on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day. Please have your student check the appropriate guest options on the online reservation form. They can also indicate that you would like your name included on a roster for the conference you attend. We look forward to seeing you at AARO, and invite you to share in your students’ experiences as they begin to discover all that SMU has to offer. For additional questions, please call Deanie Kepler, Director of Parent and Family Programs, 214-768-4797.





Mustang Corral

Mustang Corral is the best way to get to know the SMU community! Mustang Corral 2009 will take place Friday, August 21 – Sunday, August 23. Students who participate move into their residence hall on August 20. This program is designed to give all incoming students a sense of what life is like on campus. As a student you will meet and interact with

other incoming students, faculty, staff members, and alumni. At Mustang Corral you will explore the spirit and traditions of SMU, academic life, and engage in personal self discovery. These diverse activities encourage meaningful relationships within each Round Up Group, a group of 12-15 new students. The bonds that you make during this short time will prove to be a

valuable connection throughout your collegiate experience. If you have not registered for Mustang Corral, please visit our website at www.smu.edu/newstudent or logon to **Access.SMU** to register before August 7 at 5:00 p.m. This is definitely an experience that you don't want to miss.



Encore

The **Encore** series is another great way to connect with students, faculty, and staff throughout the entire first-year. New Student Orientation and Student Support partners with other offices and organizations on campus to program events and provide important and relevant information on issues related to incoming students. The Fall and Spring semesters are packed with programs that pertain to life on SMU's campus.

AUGUST: Welcome to SMU

Thursday, August 20

- Orientation of Minority Students
- Mustang Corral Move-In Day

Friday, August 21

- Leave for Mustang Corral

Sunday, August 23

- Return from Mustang Corral

Monday, August 24

- A Night at the Club

Tuesday, August 25

- Mandatory floor meeting for new students
- Common Reading Discussion
- Rotunda Passage and Convocation

Wednesday, August 26

- First day of classes

SEPTEMBER: Are You Safe?: Personal and Financial Tricks of the Trade

Topics: Self defense, Residence Hall Safety, Facebook and Myspace, Money Management

OCTOBER: How to Get the Most Out of the A-LEC and Academic Advising

Topics: Mid-terms, Study Skills, Requirements to Graduate, Tips and Tricks from the Academic Advising Center, Academic Advising Programs/ Aptitude Testing for Undecided Majors

NOVEMBER: It's Your Duty: Exercising Your Rights!

Topics: Civic duty, Voting responsibilities

DECEMBER: Stay Well for Finals

Topics: Tips from the Health Center, Study Tips

JANUARY: Do You Want a Job?

Topics: Internships, Campus jobs, Summer jobs, Careers

FEBRUARY: Healthy Habits

Topics: Nutrition, Alcohol and Drugs

MARCH: What's Next?: Sophomore Leadership and Organization Opportunities

Topics: Sophomore Leadership Opportunities, Campus Involvement/Spring Opportunities

APRIL: The Arts at SMU

Topics: Meadows Museum, Meadows School of the Arts

MAY: Have a Good Summer

Topics: Residence Life and Student Housing and Summer Reminders



AARO Essentials

Common Reading

Students new to SMU receive the Common Reading book during the summer at AARO and read it before they arrive for the start

of the fall semester. Faculty, staff, and returning students already have begun reading and discussing the book in preparation for the small group conversations with new students that take place just before Rotunda Passage and Convocation on Tuesday, August 25. The goal behind the Common Reading Program is to engage the SMU community in the kinds of discussions that will prepare the University's newest students for the rigors and delights of the life of the mind. This year's selection is *Dreams from My*



Father, written by Barack Obama. The Selection Committee, far from making a political choice in naming *Dreams* as the

Common Reading, believes that its themes and topics bear great relevance for college students. *Dreams from My Father* is a powerfully written coming-of-age story, humorous and wise. In this memoir, the future president relates both the instability and the deep love of what was, even at best, a "non-traditional" family. He describes with a remarkable candor the allure of partying. And he tells how his undergraduate years brought him to a discipline and a sense of purpose in public service.

Learning and Attention Disorders–LeAD

If you have a learning disability or AD/HD, we invite you to contact LeAD for free, ongoing academic counseling and coaching. Our staff can help you set goals, improve study skills, learn how to self-advocate, and create a schedule that considers your learning issues, all on an individual basis. LeAD staff also teach one section of ORACLE for students with learning differences for Fall 2009. Contact LeAD for permission to take the class or to schedule a brief meeting during your AARO visit. We're here to help, so come see us early and often! Contact Alexa Taylor, Assistant Director – Learning and Attention Disorders, 214-768-1918 or alexat@smu.edu.

ACCESS.SMU

ACCESS.SMU is the self-service system in which students enroll/drop classes, view the schedule of classes, view grades, view and request transcripts and degree progress reports, view financial aid and student account information, and update/verify personal information –addresses, phone/cell numbers, emergency contact and demographic summary.

Students have the final responsibility for the accuracy of their enrollment, the applicability of their courses towards their degree requirements and their academic performance. Please be sure to check your SMU email account regularly. The University uses the student's email account as the official means of communication for notification of deadlines and other important announcements. Please review the Registrar's Home Page (smu.edu/registrar/) for more detailed information.

SMU Email Account

As part of your admissions to SMU, you are given an SMU email account for your use. All official SMU communication is directed through the SMU email account. It is very important that you check this account regularly for important information regarding registration, University events and emergency notification. To access your email, go to webmail.smu.edu.

Login using your SMU ID number and the same password used for logging in to Access.SMU. For additional information about SMU email or other technology services, please visit smu.edu/help.

If you need assistance, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 214-768-4357.

Reserve Your PO Box

If you live on campus during the academic year, you are required to have a post office box at the SMU Post Office. You may register for a post office box during AARO or beginning June 18 register online at smu.edu/pobox to avoid lines. Beginning July 31st, you may also register at the SMU Post Office, located on the main floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. This PO Box number will be entered into your records at the time of registration and will be your official campus mailing address. The non-refundable \$75 annual mailbox fee is charged to the student account along with the Fall term residence hall rent charge. Non-resident (commuter) students may rent a mailbox at the SMU Post Office for a \$75 fee. Payment will be accepted in the form of SMU Expre\$\$ Cash, Visa/MasterCard, or a personal check payable to PBMS (Pitney Bowes Management Service).

Textbooks

We urge you to take advantage of the SMU Bookstore's Textbook Reservation Program on our website at <http://smu.bncollege.com> immediately after registration at AARO. The greatest amount of discounted used books is available through the reservation program. We recommend you select your reservation be picked up in the store when you return to campus to begin classes, but you may also have your books shipped to your home for a nominal fee. You may also purchase your textbooks at AARO, but we will be in the process of receiving many of our fall textbooks, and may not have all of your books in stock. If you do choose this option, you will need to take your books with you; there is no on-campus storage for purchases.

The SMU Bookstore is located in the Park Cities Plaza Shopping Center, 3060 Mockingbird Lane (next to La Madeleine). Textbook purchases for a full course load will range from \$600 to \$800, depending on your courses. The bookstore will be open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The mission of the office of Services for Students with Disabilities is to support the educational, career, social, and recreational choices of SMU students with documented disabilities through coordination of services and reasonable accommodations. It is the responsibility of the students themselves to establish eligibility for services or accommodations through the office of Services for Students with Disabilities. Students who would like to be considered for services through this office (1) must submit appropriate, current documentation, see website for documentation guidelines, and (2) must request services themselves, by phone or letter. In their requests, students should indicate what assistance is being sought, and provide information on how to be contacted after the documentation is reviewed.

Documentation will not be reviewed without the students' making such a request.

Documentation of a disability needs time to be reviewed to determine eligibility, so it's important to submit documentation early.

NOTE: *Since submitting documentation to admissions is not considered a request for services and does not ensure that the documentation is forwarded to this*

office, be sure to submit documentation directly to this office. Please allow two weeks for review of documentation before inquiring about eligibility for services.

For more information please see our website, http://www.smu.edu/studentlife/OSSD_Facts.asp, or contact Rebecca Marin, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, 220 Memorial Health Center, 214-768-4557, e-mail: rmarin@smu.edu.

Release of Education Records & FERPA

To facilitate the sharing of information, SMU offers an easy method for students to grant permission to others (including parents) and, for those granted permission, the ability to access education records through the Release of Education Records feature in the self-service component of **Access.SMU**. For information and instructions visit <http://www.smu.edu/ferpa/students>. For more information on FERPA and SMU's FERPA policy visit the University Registrar's FERPA website at <http://www.smu.edu/registrar/ferpa>.

Health Center Requirements

Your acceptance packet from the Division of Enrollment Services included a Medical Health History Form that **must be completed**. A physical examination is not required, but immunizations documented by your physician are required. A copy of your immunizations records from your previous school or clinic official records may be attached to the medical form. Please submit these medical forms directly to SMU Memorial Health Center (not Enrollment Services). **This must be on file with SMU's Health Center before you can register for classes.**

If you still need the required or recommended immunizations, the Health Center can administer the following vaccines or test for a fee: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Tuberculosis (TB) skin test, Diphtheria, Tetanus (DT), or Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT), Meningococcal, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and HPV.

To obtain another copy of the Medical Health History form or to inquire about vaccine prices, please visit the Health Center website. www.smu.edu/healthcenter

In order to ensure that students have appropriate health care coverage, SMU requires its students to maintain insurance as a condition of enrollment. All domestic students taking at least nine credit hours are required to enroll in the SMU Student Insurance if proof of comparable U.S. health coverage is not provided. It is mandatory that all International Students attending SMU enroll in the University Student Health Insurance Plan at www.ahpcare.com/smu.

Memorial Health Center
Southern Methodist Univ.
PO Box 750195
Dallas, TX 75275-0195

Phone 214-768-2141
Fax 214-768-2151
smu.edu/healthcenter



Things To Bring With You

- Health form (if not yet submitted to the SMU Health Center)
- AARO Liability Form (if student is under 18 years of age)
- Mustang Corral Medical Form
- Alarm clock
- SMU ID number
- Casual clothing for 90° to 100° weather
- Comfortable shoes
- Toiletries
- No. 2 pencil for placement/credit exams
- Cash or check for testing, souvenirs, textbooks, and post office box rental if not living in a residence hall
- Appropriate clothing for Rotunda yearbook photographs
- Owner's Manual
- AARO Parking Pass
- AARO Information Brochure
- Copies of AP and IB testing scores
- College transcripts for any dual credit courses
- Disability documentation if seeking accommodations
- License plate number and make/ model of car if registering vehicle for the Fall



Academic Honesty Tutorial

SMU has a deep commitment to maintaining high standards of academic integrity among the student body. All entering students in the Fall 2009 class are required to read an online tutorial on academic honesty and then take an online quiz. This is accessed through Blackboard, the University's Course Management System. All entering students can log onto Blackboard using their SMU ID number as user name and the password they have been given for Access.SMU. Visit <http://courses.smu.edu/honesty>.

When a student has successfully completed the quiz, this information becomes available to advisors and the student's academic record reflects this. The tutorial and quiz may be taken as many times as needed. All new students – both first-year and transfer – are expected to complete this tutorial and quiz prior to fall registration. There will be consequences for students who do not successfully complete the tutorial.

A Final Word From Family Members And Students

PARENTS

- "This was very informative. After attending I know my son has made the right decision in attending SMU. I was very impressed with the AARO leaders. They were great!"
- "I think the AARO team did an exemplary job of presenting information, entertaining our students and making them feel welcome. I feel so much better having information and knowledge of available resources. Well done!"
- "Way to go AARO staff! I feel ready to let my first child go to college."
- "The Academic advisor did an excellent job in helping my daughter select her classes. Very knowledgeable and professional. He gave her great advice."
- "The faculty was so enthusiastic that I want to enroll in classes here."
- "We leave convinced that the faculty and staff are fully accessible."
- "I really do appreciate the time and effort SMU staff took to educate parents and students."

STUDENTS

- "My leader was very helpful and informative. He was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the school and campus."
- "I loved that the AARO leaders got to know us well enough personally that they would call out our names as we walked by!"
- "My academic advisor was incredibly helpful and really worked with me."
- "AARO helped make the transition between high school and college not too overwhelming. It really aids students in knowing that although they are independent, they are not alone. That there's always someone there to help out."
- "AARO was great fun. Very informative. The staff was very helpful and kind. I am looking forward to attending in the fall."
- "My AARO experience was exciting, new, helpful, fun, and energetic. Being from out of state, it was nice meeting people."
- "Good to see how faculty and staff care about students."



2009-2010 Dates to Remember

FALL TERM 2009

August 20	Residence Halls Open for Mustang Corral participants
August 20	Orientation for Minority Students
August 20	Mustang Corral Move-In
August 21-23	Mustang Corral
August 23	Residence Halls Open, Fall Contract Begins
August 25	Rotunda Passage and Convocation
August 26	First Day of Classes
September 7	University Holiday
September (TBA)	Family Weekend
November (TBA)	Homecoming
October 12-13	Fall Break
November 25	No class day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 6	Celebration of Lights
December 9	Last Day of Classes
December 11-17	Final Examinations

SPRING TERM 2010

January 12	Residence Halls Open
January 19	First Day of Classes
March 6-14	Spring Break
April 2	University Holiday
May 4	Last Day of Classes
May 5-11	Final Examinations

Student ID



Student identification card photographs will be taken at AARO. The ID indicates a permanent student identification number. The ID card is used for meals, health center services, Pony Express Debit account, admittance to athletic events and Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, residence hall access, and library privileges.

Helpful Phone Numbers

New Student Orientation & Student Support (all AARO and Mustang Corral questions)*	214-768-4560	orientation@smu.edu
Division of Enrollment Services (includes Admission, Financial Aid, Registrar, Student Account Services and On-Campus Employment)	214-768-3417	enrol_serv@smu.edu
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC)	214-768-3648	alec@smu.edu
Dining Services	214-768-2367	duncan@smu.edu
Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH)	214-768-2407	housing@smu.edu
Memorial Health Center	214-768-2141	phite@smu.edu
Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	214-768-4021	jsanger@smu.edu
Services for Students with Disabilities	214-768-4557	rmarin@smu.edu
SMU Information Line	214-768-2000	
ITS Help Desk	214-768-4357	help@smu.edu
Central University Libraries	214-768-2665	
SMU Police Department	214-768-3333	
Parent and Family Programs	214-768-4797	gkepler@smu.edu

ADVISING PHONE NUMBERS

Dedman College	214-768-2291
Meadows School of the Arts	214-768-2754
Lyle School of Engineering	214-768-3039
Cox School of Business	214-768-3195



SMU Campus Map

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. Dallas Hall | 13. Memorial Health Center | 27. Prothro Hall (Future Site) | 39. Clements Hall | 51. Perkins Natatorium |
| 2. Law Parking Garage | 14. Peyton Hall | 28. Moore Hall | 40. Hughes-Trigg Student Center | 52. Barr Pool |
| 3. Hillcrest Manor | 15. Mary Hay Hall | 29. SMU Apartments | 41. Maguire Building | 53. Binkley Garage |
| 4. Storey Hall | 16. Greer Garson Theatre | 30. SMU Apartments | 42. Fincher Memorial Building | 54. Morrison-McGinnis Hall |
| 5. Underwood Law Library | 17. Owen Arts Center | 31. Heroy Science Hall | 43. Crow Building | 55. Cockrell-McIntosh Hall |
| 6. Collins Hall | 18. Hamon Arts Library | 32. Fondren Science Building | 44. Caruth Hall | 56. McElvaney Hall |
| 7. Florence Hall | 19. Smith Hall | 33. Dedman Life Sciences Building | 45. Embrey Engineering Building | 57. Morrison-Bell Track |
| 8. Perkins Administration Building | 20. Perkins Hall | 34. Hyer Hall | 46. Junkins Engineering Building | 58. Westcott Field |
| 9. McFarlin Auditorium | 21. Bridwell Library | 35. Science Information Center | 47. Blanton Student Services Building | 59. Meadows Museum |
| 10. Umphrey Lee Center | 22. Perkins Chapel | 36. Fondren Library Center | 48. Boaz Hall | 60. Museum Parking Garage |
| 11. Virginia-Snyder Hall | 23. Martin Hall | 37. Fondren Library West (DeGolyer Library) | 49. Collins Executive Education Center | 61. Loyd All-Sports Center |
| 12. Shuttles Hall | 24. Kirby Hall | 38. Fondren Library East (Fondren Library) | 50. Sigma Chi | 62. Ford Stadium |
| | 25. Hawk Hall | | | 63. Daniel II |
| | 26. Seelman Hall | | | 64. Multicultural House |
| | | | | 65. SMU (Daniel House) Apartments |
| | | | | 66. Delta Gamma |
| | | | | 67. Kappa Kappa Gamma |
| | | | | 68. Panhellenic House #2 |
| | | | | 69. Faculty Club/Alumni Relations Office |
| | | | | 70. Gamma Phi Beta |
| | | | | 71. Alpha Chi Omega |
| | | | | 72. Chi Omega |
| | | | | 73. Airline Parking Garage |
| | | | | 74. Panhellenic House #1 (Pi Beta Phi temporary residence) |
| | | | | 75. Pi Beta Phi |
| | | | | 76. Kappa Alpha Theta |
| | | | | 77. Delta Delta Delta |
| | | | | 78. Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall (Future Site) |
| | | | | 79. Tower Apartments |
| | | | | 80. Alpha Kappa Alpha |
| | | | | 81. Patterson Hall/SMU Police |
| | | | | 82. Dawson Service Center |
| | | | | 83. Lambda Chi Alpha |
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| | | | | 85. Pi Kappa Alpha |
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| | | | | 87. Sigma Alpha Epsilon |
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| | | | | 89. Phi Gamma Delta |
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| | | | | 91. Sigma Phi Epsilon |
| | | | | 92. Kappa Sigma |
| | | | | 93. Kappa Alpha Order |
| | | | | 94. Moody Parking Garage |
| | | | | 95. Moody Coliseum |
| | | | | 96. Crum Basketball Center |
| | | | | 97. Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports |
| | | | | 98. Turpin Tennis Stadium |
| | | | | 99. SMU Bookstore |
| | | | | 100. 6200 Central Expressway |
| | | | | 101. Expressway Tower |
| | | | | 102. 6060 N. Central Expressway |
| | | | | 103. Highland Park United Methodist Church |

