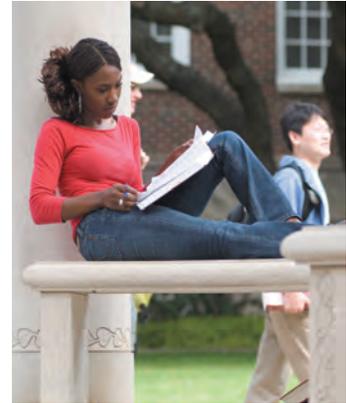


The SMU Pre-Law Scholars Program provides an opportunity for a select group of highly qualified SMU undergraduates to secure admission to SMU's Dedman School of Law, which is among the nation's top 25 most competitive law schools for admission, even *before* enrolling at SMU.

Selection is based on the quality of a student's undergraduate application for admission to SMU. Applicants admitted to SMU who list pre-law as an academic interest are automatically considered for the Pre-Law Scholars Program. No additional application is required.

Program participants who satisfy certain requirements will be guaranteed admission to the law school upon completion of their SMU undergraduate degree.



## Unique Opportunities for Pre-Law Scholars

### **Pre-Law Scholars Class**

Taken during the sophomore or junior year, this class, taught by Dedman law faculty and administrators, includes lectures in various legal fields.

### **Special Events**

Pre-Law Scholars will be invited to lectures by distinguished visiting speakers, as well as conferences, symposia, career path presentations and law school class visits.

### **Mentorship Program**

Pre-Law Scholars will gain insight and knowledge about the law school experience from current Dedman Law students.

### **Pre-Law Advising Services**

Pre-law Advising offers services such as individual counseling, law-related campus events, speakers, seminars and workshops, as well as LSAT preparation.

### **Mock Trial**

Provides undergraduates the opportunity to learn firsthand about the work of trial attorneys and the American judicial system by competing against other universities.

### **Debate**

The forensic debate program helps students develop conflict resolution and advocacy skills. It also requires rigorous research, organization, presentation and judgment, all of which are highly valued in law school.

### **The Society of Ethical Evaluation and Debate (SEED)**

SEED enables students to research and debate ethical issues at Ethics Bowl competitions with other universities.

## Law-Related Undergraduate Courses

Undergraduate courses can provide a strong and balanced foundation upon which to pursue a law degree. Students who plan to study law must develop an excellent knowledge and grasp of the English language, as well as a clear and concise style of expression. No specific undergraduate courses are required for entry into Dedman Law, but law-related courses in business, economics, engineering, corporate communications and public affairs, philosophy, political science and sociology are helpful in laying an academic foundation for law school.

## Dedman School of Law

At Dedman Law, entering classes are small, the faculty is outstanding, guest lecturers include some of the sharpest legal minds in the country and opportunities for success abound.

Nearly 94 percent of graduates passed the July 2008 state bar exam. That's the best in Texas. The average passing rate of all other law schools in Texas was 86.9 percent.

Dedman Law is one of the most selective law schools in the country, while also being home to a diverse student body from approximately 30 countries and 20 states.

A degree from Dedman School of Law can uniquely prepare students for a wide range of career opportunities outside law. Consider this: Among Fortune 50 companies, only nine CEOs have law degrees, and three of those are alumni of Dedman Law. Only Harvard Business School had more graduates in the top 50 CEOs.

## Business and Career Opportunities

The Dallas-Fort Worth region is the fourth largest metropolitan area in the country and ranks third in the number of Fortune 500 corporate headquarters. Employment opportunities can be found in manufacturing, transportation, banking and financial services, energy, media, communications, real estate, construction, healthcare and more. The region provides boundless possibilities for rewarding careers in a wide range of industries.

## SMU and Dallas

With about 180 student organizations, there's something for everyone who wants to get involved. SMU fields 17 NCAA Division I athletic teams, and school spirit is strong on The Boulevard, where Mustang fans gather before home football games for cookouts, entertainment and family fun. SMU's 210-acre, tree-lined campus is surrounded by a residential neighborhood, and student safety is a top priority. Dallas is consistently ranked as one of the most livable cities in America. It has the largest downtown arts district in the country only 10 minutes from campus; hundreds of museums, galleries and live music venues; more restaurants per capita than any major U.S. city; and teams from all major sports call the Dallas area home.

For education, culture, entertainment and career opportunities, SMU and Dallas are a great combination.



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