



Important Messages for Faculty

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Spring 2026

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL FACULTY

For the complete calendar click [here](#).

January 15 - Spring Rotunda Passage

January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 20 - First Day of classes

January 30 - LAST DAY to enroll/ADD courses/DROP courses without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term (EXTENSION)

February 2 - Last day to drop a course or withdraw without academic record ([Withdrawal Refund Schedule](#) applies).

February 4 - Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course

March 16-22 - Spring Break

April 3 - Good Friday Holiday

TBA - Honors Convocation

April 27 - Last day to: declare a course pass/fail; drop a course; and/or withdraw from the University

May 5 - Last day of instruction/class (Follows a Friday Schedule)

May 6-7 - Reading Days

May 8-14 - Final Exams (Grades due 72 hours after final exam)

May 15 - Baccalaureate

PROGRESS REPORTING DATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

EARLY PARTICIPATION

February 16 - Early Participation Rosters generated

February 24 - Early Participation Rosters due at 11:59 p.m.

MID-TERM

March 18 - Mid-Term Grade Rosters generated

March 26 - Mid-Term grades due at 11:59 p.m.

March 27 - Mid-Term Deficiency Reports available to students in my.SMU

April 27 - Last day to: declare a course pass/fail; drop a course; and/or withdraw from the University

Instructions for completing Early Participation Rosters and Mid-Term Grade Rosters will be sent to you after the rosters are generated.

Contact Claudia Castillo at cycastillo@smu.edu or #8-3516

CLASS ROSTER

To ensure that all students are properly enrolled in your class, please check your Class Roster periodically during the term. **If you have a student who is not on the roster, please have the student see their advisor immediately!**

Checking your Class Roster daily during the first two weeks of classes is an excellent tool to confirm class enrollment.

A student who drops on or before 2/2/26 will be deleted from the roster. A student who drops after 2/2/26 will show an Admin Grd Grading Basis and automatically will be assigned a W on the end of term grade roster.

The following feature buttons are located at the bottom of the Class Roster:

- **“Import Class Roster”**: Sends a comma delimited file of your roster which can be imported into an Excel spreadsheet to your SMU e-mail address.
- **“Import Photo Roster”**: Sends a PDF format Photo Class Roster to your SMU e-mail address. The SMU logo will print when a photo is not on file.
- **“Notify Selected/All Students”**: Use these buttons to send an e-mail to some students or all students on the roster. If more than 99 students are in the class, the Notify All Students button will not work. Instead, you will need to click on the Select All link, then uncheck students to bring the number to 99 students. Then click on the Notify Selected Students button which sends an email to the 99 students selected. Then click Return in order to select the remaining students. Click on the Notify Selected Students button which sends an email to the remaining students. A list serve for your class can also be created by contacting the Help Desk smu.edu/its/.

If a student does not attend or respond to email and if that student does not drop the class, do not simply drop the student. Report the absence to the Dean of Students Office so that the student's welfare can be ascertained. Send information to <https://smu.edu/studentaffairs/deanofstudentsCCC/>.

“NO CREDIT” OR “PASS/FAIL” OPTION

Students may take some undergraduate courses for “No Credit” or “Pass/Fail.” **“No Credit” Option** - Students should indicate in writing no later than the deadline indicated in the [academic calendar](#). Permission of the instructor or department is required. **“Pass/Fail” Option** - 12 hours of pass/fail hours are the maximum total credits that a student can use towards a degree assuming a passing grade in the class. Grades of C- or higher are considered passing. Deadline to complete the Undergraduate Pass/Fail Option Declaration form is indicated in the [academic calendar](#). Forms are available online [here](#). More information can be found in the online [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students who participate in officially sanctioned scheduled extracurricular activities or observe a religious holiday should be given an opportunity to make up class examinations or other graded assignments missed as a result of this activity. Students should be informed by the instructor at the beginning of the term, preferably in writing, of the instructor's makeup policy. A list of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences is available on the [University Calendar](#). For the policy regarding religious holidays, click [here](#). For medical absence information, click [here](#).

FERPA

Before you release any education records information on a student, remember to check your roster in my.SMU. Click on the “View Releases” link for the student. See “Release Records” under Faculty Instructions at smu.edu/ferpa/faculty for detailed information. Advisors can find the same information under Advisor Center, General Information tab. For more information on FERPA including “Essentials for Faculty” page, visit smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Essentials. Click the Faculty tab.