**IMPORTANT DATES**

August 20 - Opening Convocation 1:45 p.m. McFarlin Auditorium (NEW first-year and transfer students only)

August 21 - First day of classes

August 25 - LAST DAY to enroll, ADD courses, or DROP courses without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term

September 1 - Last day to drop a course without academic record (tuition charges apply)

September 4 - Labor Day Holiday

September 6 - Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course

September 27 - Early Intervention Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

October 9-10 - Fall Break

October 24 - Mid-Term Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

Mid-November - Deadline to order regalia for December Commencement

November 21 - Last day to: declare a course pass/fail; drop a course; and withdraw from the University

December 4 - Last day of classes

December 5-6 - Reading Days

December 7-13 - Final Examinations (Grades due 72 hours after final exam)

December 15 - December Rotunda Recessional

December 16 - December Commencement

**ENROLLMENT & BURSAR (PAYMENT) INFORMATION**

You should NOT attend a class in which you are not officially enrolled! Classes begin on Monday, August 21. If you have not enrolled, you have through Friday, **August 25.** Payment is due at the time of enrollment. Select link for information on how to pay: smu.edu/bursar/webpay.asp

The last day to ADD courses or DROP courses without tuition billing (while remaining enrolled for the term) is Friday, August 25 until 11:59 p.m. The last day to DROP a course without academic record (tuition charges apply) is Friday, September 1. For further information concerning Fall 2023 and other important deadlines, please go to the 2023-24 Academic Calendar.

Remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that your enrollment is accurate and all University deadlines are met.

**“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 12th class day that they wish to do so. 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 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.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION**

Students are required to verify their personal information twice a year. Failure to do so will result in a HOLD being placed which prohibits future enrollment. Students should update their personal information as the need arises. Click on My Profile and then Contact Info on the left-hand side in my.SMU. Update address, phone, and/or emergency contacts whenever necessary.

**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. For information regarding a medical withdrawal, click here.

**RELEASE OF EDUCATION RECORDS**

FERPA — The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

The process of authorizing your parents and others access to your education records, such as Financial Aid, Student Financials, Holds, and Academic Records is easy! Go to smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA for more information regarding FERPA. Step-by-step instructions to authorize access are located at smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/ FERPA/Releases/Student-Records-Release. Feel free to contact Enrollment Services at enrol_serv@smu.edu or 214.768.3417 if you have any questions. Find out more about directory information at smu.edu/registrar/ferpa/dir_info.asp