

# Important Messages to Students

from the University Registrar

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Spring 2019

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 11 - Spring Rotunda Passage for NEW spring First-Year and Transfer students, 5:15 p.m.

January 18 - First day of classes

January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 25 - <u>LAST DAY to enroll, ADD</u>
<u>courses, or DROP courses</u>
<u>without tuition billing while</u>
<u>remaining enrolled for the term</u>

February 1 - Last day to drop a course without academic record (<u>tuition charges apply</u>)

February 5 - Last day to declare pass/fail/ no credit

February 21/22 - May Grad Fair (Blanton Bldg.)

February 26 - Early Intervention Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

March 11-17 - Spring Break

March 27 - Mid-Term Deficiency Reports available to undergraduate students

April 9 - Last day to drop course with a W

April 15 - Honors Convocation, 5:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday Holiday

April 26 - Last day to withdraw from the University

May 6 - Last day of class

May 7 - Reading Day

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

May 17 - Baccalaureate, 8:00 p.m.

May 18 - May Commencement, 9:00 a.m.

# EARLY INTERVENTION AND MID-TERM GRADING

Select undergraduate students may receive early and/or mid-term grades. Click <a href="here">here</a> and then scroll down to "Early Intervention and Mid-Term Grading" for specific information.

# OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Please see the Official University
Calendar for 2018 - 2019 on the
University Registrar Home Page for
important dates and deadlines.

#### ENROLLMENT & STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You should NOT attend a class in which you are not officially enrolled! Classes begin on Friday, January 18. If you have not enrolled, you have until Friday, January 25. Payment is due at the time of enrollment. Select link for information on how to pay. <a href="mailto:smu.edu/bursar/webpay.asp">smu.edu/bursar/webpay.asp</a>

The last day to ADD courses or DROP courses without tuition billing (while remaining enrolled for the term) is Friday, January 25 until 11:59 p.m. The last day to DROP a course without academic record (tuition charges apply) is Friday, February 1. For further information concerning Spring 2019 and other important deadlines, please go to the University Registrar Home Page <a href="mailto:smu.edu/registrar">smu.edu/registrar</a> and click "Class Schedule & Enrollment Information."

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 the 12<sup>th</sup> class day. Forms are available in the Office of the Academic Dean. More information can be found in the online Undergraduate Catalog at <a href="mailto:smu.edu/catalogs">smu.edu/catalogs</a>.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION

If you have not completed this process recently, it is important that you *immediately* log into my.SMU.edu to check the accuracy of your information. Click on the Profile tile and then Personal Details. You must verify and update your address, phone number (including cell number if available), emergency contact, and demographic data. Check the box and click "save" after you complete each section. If this information is not verified in a timely manner, a HOLD may be placed on your account for any future enrollment terms at SMU.

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Students who participate in officially sanctioned scheduled extracurricular activities 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 <a href="here">here</a>. For medical absence information, click <a href="here">here</a>.

### 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 <a href="mailto:smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA">smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA</a> for more information regarding FERPA. Stepby-step instructions to authorize access are located at <a href="mailto:smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Releases/Student-Records-Release">smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Releases/Student-Records-Release</a>. Feel free to contact Enrollment Services at <a href="mailto:enrol\_serv@smu.edu">enrol\_serv@smu.edu</a> or 214.768.3417 if you have any questions. Find out more about directory information at <a href="mailto:smu.edu/registrar/ferpa/dir">smu.edu/registrar/ferpa/dir</a> info.asp