



Important Messages to Faculty

from the University Registrar

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Fall 2020

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL FACULTY

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

August 23 - Opening Convocation

August 24 - First day of classes

August 28 - LAST DAY to enroll, ADD courses, or DROP courses without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term

September 4 - Last day to drop a course without academic record (tuition charges apply)

September 7 - Labor Day (CLASSES HELD)

September 8 - Last day to declare pass/fail/no credit

November 3 - Last day to drop a course with a W

November 24 - Last day to withdraw from the University

November 30 & December 1 - No Classes

December 2-4 - Classes held virtually (online). See NOTE in full calendar.

December 4 - Last day of classes

December 7-9 - Reading Days

December 10-16 - Final Examinations (held virtually/online). Grades due 72 hours after final exam.

December 18 - December Rotunda Recessional 5:00 p.m.

December 19 - December Commencement Convocation 9:30 am

PROGRESS REPORTING DATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

EARLY INTERVENTION

September 21 - Early Intervention Grade Rosters generated

September 28 - Early Intervention grades due at 11:59 p.m.

September 29 - Early Intervention Deficiency Reports available to students in my.SMU

MID-TERM

October 12 - Mid-Term Limited Grade Rosters generated

October 20 - Mid-Term grades due at 11:59 p.m.

October 21 - Mid-Term Deficiency Reports available to students in my.SMU

November 3 - Last day to drop a course

Instructions for completing Early 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 his/her advisor immediately!**

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

Some students may have "Remote" indicated by his/her name. This means he/she has been approved to take all Fall 2020 courses remotely (virtually).

Students enrolled in [undergraduate courses](#) may have either **Red** or **Blue** indicated by his/her name. Undergraduate students who are Remote or are taking all VIRTUAL courses will not be assigned to the Red-Blue Rotation Schedule. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the **Red-Blue Rotation Schedule**.

A student who drops on or before the 10th class day will be deleted from the roster. A student who drops after the 10th class day 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 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 the 12th class day. Forms are available in the Office of the Academic Dean. More information can be found in the online Undergraduate Catalog at smu.edu/catalogs.

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.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SYLLABUS FOR FALL 2020 COURSES
[HTTPS://SMU.EDU/SYLLABUS](https://smu.edu/syllabus)