

Important Messages to Students

from the University Registrar

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Spring 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

January 18 - Martin Luther King's Birthday (University Holiday)

January 19 - First day of classes

January 25 - Last day to enroll/add/drop without grade record or tuition billing

February 3 - Last day to declare pass/fail/no credit

February 23 - Early Intervention Deficiency letters sent to undergraduate students

March 6-14 - Spring Break

March 29 - Mid-Term Deficiency letters sent to undergraduate students

April 8 - Last day to drop

April 19 - Honors Convocation - 5:30 p.m.

April 26 - Last day to withdraw from the University

May 4 - Last day of instruction, follows a Friday class schedule

May 5-11 - Final Examinations (Grades due 48 hours after final exam. Go to Grades, Access.SMU.edu)

May 14-15 - Baccalaureate / Commencement

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Refer to the following link smu.edu/healthcenter/policy/ absenceclass.asp

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Please see the Official University Calendar for 2009 — 2010 on the Registrar's Office Home Page for important dates and deadlines at:

smu.edu/registrar/pdf/Calendar 2009-

2010.pdf



Note that Tuesday, May 4 follows a Friday Class Schedule!

ENROLLMENT & STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Classes begin on Tuesday, January 19. If you have not enrolled, you have through Monday, January 25. Payment due date is upon enrollment. Select link for information on how to pay. smu.edu/bursar/webpay.asp

The last day to make changes to your schedule without grade record or tuition billing is Monday, January 25 until 11:59 p.m. Last day to declare pass/fail is Wednesday, February 3. For further information concerning spring 2010 and other important deadlines, please go to the Registrar's Home Page smu.edu/registrar and click "Class Schedule & Enrollment Information."

"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/2009/policies.asp.

PERSONAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION

If you have not completed this process, it is important that you *immediately* log into <u>Access.SMU.edu</u> to check the accuracy of your information. Under Personal Information 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.

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

EARLY INTERVENTION AND MID-TERM GRADING

Select undergraduate students may receive early and/or mid-term grades. See smu.edu/registrar/Enrollment_Info/rules.asp and click on "Early Intervention and Mid-Term Grading" for specific information.

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/ferpa/ for more information regarding FERPA. Step-by-step instructions to authorize access are located at smu.edu/ferpa/students. Feel free to contact Enrollment Services at <a href="mailto:enrollment-en