



Orientation 2011

First Year, Transfer, and International Students

Getting Ready for AARO

When you attend AARO, you will meet an advisor face to face. Your advisor will help you learn to navigate the channels of higher education. Your skills and desires and his or her knowledge of University requirements will come together as you craft an SMU education plan as unique as your character. At the end of your advising meeting, you will register for fall classes. To ease and enrich your advising experience, look at FAQs on our website www.smu.edu/advise/AAROfaq.asp.

Before you meet your advisor, it's a good idea to review your Owner's Manual, which will be mailed to you, and to study the University Catalog (<http://smu.edu/catalogs/Default.asp>). After all, you want to be in the driver's seat as you plan. In order to determine which courses you want to take and which course levels will best suit your skills, you may take academic placement tests during your time at AARO. You will also want to discover the many helpful resources on campus – tutoring, career planning, health center, clubs and interest groups, programs, and study abroad options – so you'll be ready to take command of your opportunities when your school year begins.

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Welcome from the Office of New Student Orientation and Student Support

Congratulations on your decision to attend Southern Methodist University! We are excited to meet you and welcome you to the academic environment, involvement opportunities and traditions at SMU. The orientation process is designed to introduce you and your family to the information you need prior to the start of the academic year and also facilitates building relationships with other incoming students, continuing students, faculty and staff. One of the main goals for orientation is to welcome you to the Mustang family!

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When Should I Attend AARO?

FIRST YEAR

AARO 1	Tuesday/Wednesday, 6/28 – 6/29
AARO 2	Tuesday/Wednesday, 7/5 – 7/6
AARO 3	Friday/Saturday, 7/8 – 7/9
AARO 4	Monday/Tuesday, 7/11 – 7/12
AARO 5	Thursday/Friday, 7/14 – 7/15
AARO 6	Monday/Tuesday, 7/18 – 7/19
AARO 7	Thursday/Friday, 7/21 – 7/22
AARO 8	Monday/Tuesday, 7/25 – 7/26
AARO 9	Friday/Saturday, 7/29 – 7/30
AARO 10	Monday/Tuesday, 8/1 – 8/2
AARO 11	Thursday/Friday, 8/4 – 8/5

Fees: Parents/Guests \$60

Each of the eleven AARO sessions will accommodate approximately 130 new students and their family members. All new students are required to stay overnight in Boaz Hall. Staying on campus provides an opportunity to experience residence hall living at SMU and to interact with the AARO leaders also living in Boaz Hall. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day. Students who arrive late or on an incorrect AARO date cannot be accommodated. Please make travel plans so that you arrive on campus by 8:00 a.m. on the first day of AARO and plan to stay until 5:00 p.m. on the second day.

TRANSFER AARO SESSIONS

Session 1	Friday, July 1
Session 2	Wednesday, July 13
Session 3	Thursday, July 28
Session 4	Wednesday, August 3

Fees: Parents/Guests \$30

Transfer AARO is a half-day orientation program for students enrolling in Fall 2011. Programs provide academic requirements and expectations, campus resources, involvement opportunities and the chance to meet current students. During your AARO session, you will also meet one-on-one with an academic advisor and register for fall classes. Check-in for AARO will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the main level of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center.

You cannot be advised or register for classes until your admission deposit is paid, and your final transcript from previous colleges and universities has been received and processed by the Division of Enrollment Services. This process takes a minimum of two weeks.

INTERNATIONAL AARO

Session 1 Monday, August 15

Fees: Parents/Guests \$60

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

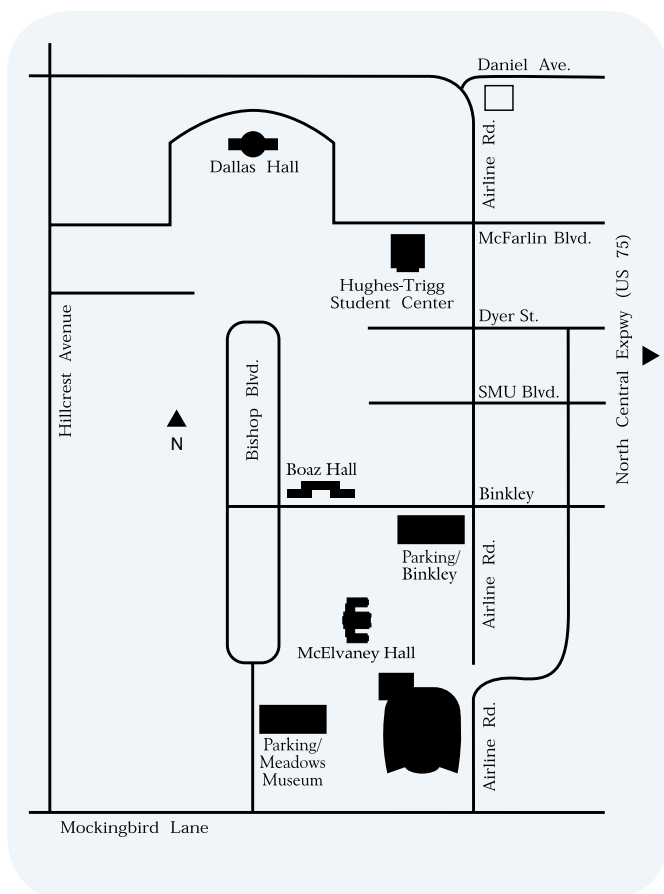
All students studying in secondary schools outside the United States, including U.S. citizens, are encouraged to attend the International AARO on August 15. If you are unable to attend the International AARO, you may select any of the July sessions that is conducive to your travel arrangements. All students who attend the two-day International AARO will be required to attend Mustang Corral on August 18-20.



When You Arrive

When you arrive at SMU for AARO, please park in the Binkley Garage on level two or above. Enter the garage through the visitor lane from Binkley Avenue. Enter the access code 2915 on the keypad to gain entry to the garage. It will not be necessary to take a visitor's entry ticket when using the keypad. Upon exiting use the visitor lane keypad to enter the access code 2915, then press enter. You do not need to use the pay station to exit. You will be mailed a parking pass in early June that you will need to display on your rearview mirror during AARO.

Report to Boaz Hall to get your AARO room assignment. (All students attending AARO are required to stay in Boaz Hall in order to participate in all the planned activities.) Residence Life and Student Housing staff will be on-hand from 8:00-8:45 a.m. to assist you in this process. You will receive your room key, access card, and a campus map at this time. From Boaz Hall you will proceed to the Hughes-Trigg Student Center for AARO Check-In. Please allow yourself time for a 5 minute walk from Boaz to Hughes-Trigg. AARO Check-In will take place from 8:15-9:00 a.m. You will receive a nametag and all AARO session materials at that time.



AARO Housing for First-Year Students

STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

AAARO residence hall rooms are air-conditioned and feature two twin beds per room, with linens provided. Each student will be assigned a roommate and will share community bath facilities. All SMU facilities are nonsmoking.

If you will need on-campus housing the night before or after your confirmed AARO date, you must mark this preference on the online reservation form. Extra housing is limited to one night before or one night after the confirmed AARO date. There is a \$26 fee for the additional night of housing. Participants arriving and staying on campus the night before their session must check in at the Virginia-Snider Hall desk after 5:00 pm. Luggage storage is available.

There will be a fee of \$50 for lost room keys.

Bring the Family

We encourage all family members to attend AARO with your student. You play a role in your student's success at SMU. AARO will help you learn more about what your student's academic experience will be like when they come to campus in the Fall and will introduce you to resources on campus that will be helpful for you and your student.

In addition to attending academic and resource sessions with your students, we also have several family specific programs planned including a panel discussion with representatives from all over campus.

Schedule of Events for First-Year Students at AARO

STUDENT - DAY 1

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Residence Hall Check-in at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	AARO Check-in/Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Meet your AARO Leader
9:55 a.m.	University Welcome
10:10 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
10:35 a.m.	Academic Assembly
11:15 a.m.	Advisor Group Meeting
Noon	Red and Blue Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Information Sessions
5:00 p.m.	Dinner/AARO Leader Presentation
6:30 p.m.	Group Meetings with AARO Leader
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Evening Activities

PARENT - DAY 1

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Residence Hall Check-in at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	AARO Check-in/Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Parent and Family Welcome
9:55 a.m.	University Welcome
10:10 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
10:35 a.m.	Academic Assembly
11:15 a.m.	Advisor Group Meeting
Noon	Red and Blue Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Information Sessions
5:00 p.m.	Dinner/AARO Leader Presentation

Individual advising appointments will be scheduled throughout the two-day session. Please plan to be on campus until 5:00 p.m. on Day 2.

STUDENT - DAY 2

8:00 a.m.	Check-out/Return Keys at Boaz Hall
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Emergency Preparedness
9:15 a.m.	Residence Hall Tours
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Information Sessions
Noon	Lunch with Faculty
1:00 p.m.	Final Group Meeting with AARO Leader
1:45 p.m.	Closing Session/ID Distribution
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Visit Campus Offices/Complete AARO Checklist/Buy Textbooks/Advising Appointment



PARENT - DAY 2

8:00 a.m.	Check-out/Return Keys
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Emergency Preparedness
9:15 a.m.	Residence Hall Tours
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Information Sessions
Noon	Lunch with Faculty
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Information Sessions
1:45 p.m.	Closing Session
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Visit Campus Offices/Complete AARO Checklist/Buy Textbooks/Advising

Schedule of Events for Transfer Students

JULY 1, 13, 28 & AUGUST 3, 2011

8:00 a.m.	AARO Check-In/Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	University Welcome
9:15 a.m.	Academic Reality 101
9:40 a.m.	Academic Assembly
10:05 a.m.	Resource Expo
10:35 a.m.	School Group Meetings
11:30 a.m.	SMU Essentials
Noon	Red and Blue Luncheon

Individual advising appointments will be scheduled between 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Arrival and Parking Information

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Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the main level of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. A continental breakfast will be provided.

See campus map on page 4 for reference.

General Information

AARO Housing for Families

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Family members are encouraged to make reservations at one of the host hotels for AARO. Please wait to make reservations until you have registered for orientation and received confirmation. Please identify yourself as an SMU Orientation 2011 participant at the time you make your reservation.

Hilton

Dallas - Park Cities
5954 Luther lane
Dallas, TX 75225
214-368-0400

Doubletree Hotel

Dallas - Campbell Centre
8250 North Central Expwy.
Dallas, TX 75206
214-691-8700

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

A limited number of on-campus rooms are available for family members on a first-come, first-served basis during AARO. The fee is \$45 per person, per night. Single parents will be assigned rooms in an SMU residence hall, with a shared suite bath with other single AARO parents of the same gender. All SMU facilities are nonsmoking.



Rotunda Yearbook and Student ID Photos

Now that you're part of SMU – **SMILE!** During AARO, stop by Park-N-Pony to take your ID photo. In addition, a professional photographer from SMU's Rotunda yearbook will be on hand to take individual portraits. These are head and shoulder shots, so wear a blouse or collared shirt and leave your baseball cap in your room.

Travel Information

SPECIAL AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

SMU has negotiated with American Airlines, the official carrier for participants of AARO and Mustang Corral, to help you secure the least expensive fare to Dallas. American is offering discounted fares valid for travel within the United States. The special rates are available only through the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790 for individual reservations. You must indicate that you are attending Southern Methodist University Orientation and ask specifically for discount code A4361EF. Meeting Services will confirm the lowest applicable fare, providing tariff rules are met. Fare contracted is base fare only. Any applicable taxes, fees, and charges are the responsibility of the passenger.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN DALLAS

Several methods of transportation are available from D/FW Airport or Love Field to the SMU campus and selected hotels.

Super Shuttle

Offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for \$30.00 one way for the first passenger and \$8.00 for the second and third passengers. Super Shuttle also offers transportation to and from Love Field for \$21.00 one way for the first passenger and \$8.00 for the second and third passengers. For shuttle information and scheduling, call toll-free 1-800-258-3826. D/FW area call 817-329-2000, or supershuttle.com.

Yellow Checker Shuttle

Offers transportation to and from D/FW Airport for \$21/person. Transportation to and from Love Field is also approximately \$21/person. Reservations 24-hours prior are required. For more information, call 214-841-1900.

Taxi

The cost is approximately \$35.00 one way from D/FW Airport, 45 minutes.

Car Rental

Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc. has guaranteed the best possible car rental rates available for SMU AARO participants. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-331-1600 (refer to Avis Worldwide Discount number A906399, or by visiting www.avis.com/meeting/tools).



Student Employment

National studies indicate college students who work part time find it beneficial in supplementing finances, acclimating to campus, and learning skills such as time management. SMU offers students a variety of resources to locate work opportunities on and off campus.

Please visit the Division of Enrollment Services Student Employment website (smu.edu/financial_aid/stemploy.asp) to receive additional information regarding campus work programs, referrals, placement, and employment while at SMU. If you have more questions after AARO regarding either financial aid awarded to work study programs or other employment on campus, contact the Student Employment Office (Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building) at 214-768-3490 or stu_employ@smu.edu.

The Hegi Family Career Development Center is an additional resource to contact regarding on- and off-campus jobs. The Career Center's on-line employment database, MustangTrak, offers a wide variety of jobs for SMU students only and career counselors on staff can help you prepare your resume for these part-time positions. Please visit smu.edu/career or call 214-768-2266 for more information.

To comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, all students must complete the I-9 process in order to have part-time employment at SMU. This process can be completed through Human Resources, second floor, Expressway Tower Building, after a student secures a job. See the Student Employment website for necessary documents.

Testing for Placement and Credit

MANDATORY SECOND (FOREIGN) LANGUAGE TESTING

Prior to arriving on campus for AARO, all incoming students are required to take a Second (Foreign) Language Test in their foreign language of study. This test may be taken only once in each language and will be available at no charge to incoming students April 1st through August 15th, 2011. Students may test in multiple exams if they have knowledge of more than one second language.

Languages available for online testing are: **Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish.**

Students who have taken an AP exam (score of 4 or 5) in their language of study are exempted from this requirement. SMU does not accept any Foreign Language CLEP exams for credit or placement.

Native speakers educated in their native language may be exempted from the placement exam. Students should contact the area chair in their language of interest.

Language Exams Offered

Online placement exams are offered in all languages taught at SMU (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish and Russian) with the exception of Arabic which is a paper exam. Students who need to be tested in Arabic will need to test on-site in 234 Clements during AARO but should contact eaflum@smu.edu to inquire about Arabic testing times prior to attending AARO.

Automatic and Retroactive Credit

Students placing out of at least the first semester of language instruction will be awarded 4 credits toward graduation, although an additional oral exam proving competency may be required from the department. Students who earn placement above this level are encouraged to enroll in the course into which they placed. Once having earned a grade of "C" or higher in that course students should fill out paperwork available in 309 Clements Hall to request any additional tuition credit earned beyond the automatic 4 (maximum of 16 credits depending on the language of study).

Timing of Exam

Incoming students must take any online language exam(s) prior to attending AARO. Advisors cannot register a student for ANY language classes if s/he needs to have taken a placement exam but has not.

The online placement exam may be taken online at any time and from any location. The exam results do not expire, although it is suggested that students register for language classes within a reasonable time after taking the placement exam so that the testing results reflect current knowledge of the language.



There is no time limit on the exam. The exam generally takes less than one hour. Please contact Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies at 214-768-1470 with questions regarding services for students with disabilities.

Exam Access

Students access the exams by clicking the "Placement" link from the world languages homepage at smu.edu/worldlanguages. No SMU ID is needed to take the placement exam; simply register by creating an account. The user name and password are self-selected and are not related to any SMU passwords students may have had previously.

Additional Information

Although some students review for the exam, it is to a student's advantage to have the exam reflect his/her current knowledge of the language. **Students should remember to PRINT their score report or save to .pdf before exiting the exam.** They will need to provide this documentation to their advisor during AARO.

Questions

Additional information can be found on both the World Languages and Literatures website: smu.edu/worldlanguages as well as the language websites.

Any non-technical questions about the placement exam should be directed to: **Denise DuPont at ddupont@smu.edu.**

Technical problems should be addressed to **Elise Pflum at eaflum@smu.edu.**

MATH

Six tests are offered during AARO:

- **Math 1303 & 1304 pre-calculus: for placement only, no credit**
- **Math 1307, 1309, 1337 & 1338: for credit**

Fee: \$20; exact cash or check only. The math exams are at 2:30 p.m. on the first day of your AARO session. Report with \$20 exam fee to Room 208 Clements Hall.

Testing for Placement cont'd

Review sample tests online: www.smu.edu/math/placement/

Which test should I take? See below; also see www.smu.edu/math/placement. The mathematics department encourages students that have taken a strong precalculus course to take the placement exam so they do not have to repeat precalculus. Students that have taken calculus in high school can go directly into calculus without taking a placement exam, or they can receive credit for calculus by passing the appropriate credit exam. All mathematics credit exams must be taken before the first day of classes.

No calculators are allowed except for Math 1307, for which a calculator is required. Students who will need extra time on the placement/credit exam may request that at the door upon entering the exam. Students who need other accommodations for a disability must first contact the Office of Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies at 214-768-1470 to verify disability and establish eligibility for accommodation.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

One credit exam for **CSE 1341: Introduction to Computer Concepts** is available during AARO. This exam is for students with Java programming experience who did not earn credit through an AP exam. This is NOT the Information Technology Exam. **Fee: \$20, exact cash only.**

Tuition and Fees

When you complete your course registration at AARO, the Division of Enrollment Services will send you a summary of your charges to your SMU email account. The charges will represent the cost of the hours in which you have enrolled, room and board, and selected Essential Services. If you are attending AARO in July or early August, your Fall term payment for the full amount of charges must be received by the Division of Enrollment Services no later than August 4. Students whose accounts are not cleared by the deadline are charged a late payment fee of \$50 for balances between \$250 and \$999.99, and \$150 for balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Balances over \$5,000 are charged 3% of the outstanding balance not to exceed \$750. After one month, all past due balances are charge 1.5% of the balance due. AARO participants attending Summer School will need to pay their summer session charges at the time of enrollment. Please contact the Division of Enrollment Services at 214-768-3417 or enrol_serv@smu.edu if you have questions regarding loans or other financial aid.

A Step in the Right Direction

To prepare students to make wise personal choices concerning alcohol and safeguard the well-being of other students, SMU requires all first year and transfer students to complete College Alc, a comprehensive, on-line alcohol education course.

College Alc is designed to help students explore the role of alcohol in the collegiate experience and better understand the importance of making responsible choices, how to avoid negative consequences, how to handle alcohol-related emergencies, and how to help others who struggle with alcohol misuse.

The course will be available online by June 15th, and students are required to complete the course by August 15th. We will send each of you login IDs and instructions for College Alc, and you may complete the course on any computer with internet access.

We are confident that completing this course will give you the information you need to have a healthy SMU experience and prepare you to make a difference on our campus regarding this very important issue.



Fall 2011 Summary of Charges

A condensed summary of charges is given below for Fall 2011. The total may vary according to the individual academic program, which may include lab fees or other charges. An orientation fee of \$310 for first-year students and \$160 for transfer students is included on the Fall tuition bill.

UNDERGRADUATE CHARGES

Description	Per Term
Tuition (12-18 term credit hours)	\$17,495
General Student Fee	\$ 2,220
Parking (optional)	\$ 270

Note: Room and board charges depend on the residence hall.

Parents and Family Members: There's A Place for You at AARO

As the parents and family members of a new Mustang, you are part of the larger SMU family – a family rich in heritage and educational opportunities. This family includes not only those who choose to study here, but the thousands of graduates over the years who remember with pride their experiences “on the Hilltop” as well as all those who work and teach at this University. We are dedicated to providing a unique educational experience for our students, one that will be valued by students and families for years to come.



Deanie Kepler '70

Students typically spend their college years away from home, and although their role may change, parents continue to play a critical role in a student's educational experience. Because these college years are often a time for uncertain change in the relationship between parents/

families and their student, SMU welcomes parent/family involvement in a student's experience when appropriate and encourages parents to continue to give the benefit of their support.

In fact, you will be receiving a copy of the Owner's Manual designed to make your student's academic transition easier. You will find the information useful as you gain an understanding of the academic challenges facing your student. Your first responsibility as the parent of a college student is not “to do it for them,” but to encourage your student to take advantage of all that SMU offers and to take responsibility for the educational experience he/she will have at SMU.

AARO is designed to help both families and students identify resources, opportunities, policies, and offices that will serve as a guide for the next few years. The support and encouragement you provide will be enhanced if you have a clear understanding of the educational and social opportunities here at SMU and your role during this important time of self-discovery for your student. Many of the activities offered during the two-day AARO conference are open to both families and students. A separate family schedule includes several information sessions for parents/families only, while the individual academic advising sessions and small group discussions are for students only. During AARO, parents/families will have an opportunity to meet and talk with other families of new students. For many, this will be your first experience enrolling a child in college, while others are “seasoned” veterans. Regardless, the interaction among parents during AARO continues to be a favorite SMU memory.

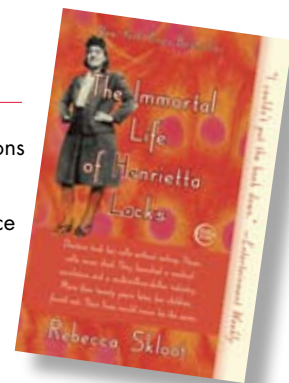
- **LEARN about the educational opportunities available to your student**

- **MEET your student's academic advisor**
- **LISTEN to an overview of campus life**
- **DISCUSS “timely” topics with campus representatives**
- **MEET and share questions and concerns with other family members**
- **BROWSE through the Resource Expo offering a myriad of opportunities**

There is a fee for parents' and family members' participation, which includes AARO materials, breakfast, lunch and dinner on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day. Please have your student check the appropriate guest options on the online reservation form. They can also indicate that you would like your name included on a roster for the conference you attend. We look forward to seeing you at AARO, and invite you to share in your students' experiences as they begin to discover all that SMU has to offer. For additional questions, please call Deanie Kepler, Director of Parent and Family Programs, 214-768-4797.

Common Reading

The Common Reading student discussions are now an established tradition at SMU. The University is excited to announce the selection for Fall 2011, Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. This work of non-fiction is an account of a woman who, without her knowledge or permission, provided cells for medical research that became instrumental in developing a polio vaccine, finding treatments for cancer, and many other critical medical and scientific breakthroughs. Even today, her cells are ubiquitous in laboratories the world over and continue their service to the scientific and medical fields. Skloot's book is also the story of a student and then young writer, Skloot herself, who had the passion and tenacity to remain committed to researching and sharing Henrietta Lacks's story against considerable obstacles presented by both Lacks's family members and those who took and cultivated her cells initially. Skloot's book engages readers in thought-provoking questions in areas as disparate as medical ethics and the tension between a writer's compassion for her subject matter and her insistence on telling the truth. On August 21, 2011, students will meet in small groups with faculty and staff volunteers from all areas of the University to discuss the ideas Skloot so eloquently brings to readers' attention.



In order to register for orientation (AARO and Mustang Corral) you will need to have your SMU ID number and your password.

You will complete your registration online through **ACCESS.SMU**, SMU's Student Information System.

On this page you will find detailed instructions that will guide you through the various steps of the registration process. We encourage you to read through the information provided in ACCESS.SMU and on our website before starting your orientation registration.

Your Orientation Registration includes four sections that need to be completed in the following sequence:

- 1. STUDENT CENTER (Review/Update Personal Information which consists of Home and Mailing Addresses, Phone Numbers, Emergency Contact, and Demographic Information). After completing verification, click on the green button labeled "Orientation Registration" located on the right side of the Student Center page.**
- 2. AARO REGISTRATION (Release of Liability Form, Select an AARO Session, etc.)**
- 3. PARENT/GUEST REGISTRATION (Provide Parent/Guest Information)**
- 4. MUSTANG CORRAL REGISTRATION (Provide shirt size and guest count for the cook-out)**

We encourage you to read through the information provided in ACCESS.SMU and on our website before starting your orientation registration.

If you cannot finish all four sections the first time you log-in to Access.SMU, complete the section you are in and your selections will be saved. Then you can proceed to the next section when you log-in again.

Once you have completed Orientation Registration, e-mail confirmations of your registration(s) for AARO and Mustang Corral will be sent to your SMU e-mail address. In addition, please note that once registration is complete, you can make changes online up to seven days before your AARO session start date.

For questions regarding forgotten passwords, IDs, accounts problems, browser and technology issues please contact the SMU IT Helpdesk at help@smu.edu or 214-768-4357 (8-HELP).

For any questions related to Orientation Registration, please contact the New Student Orientation and Student Support Office at orientation@smu.edu or 214-768-4560.

Mustang Corral

Mustang Corral is the best way to get to know the SMU community! Mustang Corral 2011 will take place Thursday, August 18 – Saturday, August 20. Students who participate move into their residence hall on August 17. This program is designed to give all incoming students a sense of what life is like on campus. As a student you will meet and interact with other incoming students, faculty, staff members, and alumni. At Mustang Corral you will explore academic life, the spirit and traditions of SMU, and engage in personal self discovery. These diverse activities encourage meaningful relationships within each Round Up Group, a group of 12-15 new students. The bonds that you make during this short time will prove to be a valuable connection throughout your collegiate experience. If you have not registered for Mustang Corral, please visit our website at www.smu.edu/newstudent or logon to **ACCESS.SMU** to register before August 5 at 5:00 p.m. This is definitely an experience that you don't want to miss.



Textbooks

We urge you to take advantage of the SMU Bookstore's Textbook Reservation Program on our website at <http://smu.bncollege.com> immediately after registration at AARO. The greatest amount of discounted used books is available through the reservation program. Your reservation may be picked up in the store when you return to campus to begin classes, but you may also have your books shipped to your home for a nominal fee. You may also purchase your textbooks at AARO, but we will be in the process of receiving many of our fall textbooks, and may not have all of your books in stock. If you do choose this option, you will need to take your books with you; there is no on-campus storage for purchases.



The SMU Bookstore is located in the Park Cities Plaza Shopping Center, 3060 Mockingbird Lane (next to La Madeleine). Textbook purchases

for a full course load will range from \$600 to \$800, depending on your courses. The bookstore will be open Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ACCESS.SMU

ACCESS.SMU is the self-service system in which students enroll/drop classes, view the schedule of classes, view grades, view and request transcripts and degree progress reports, view financial aid and student account information, and update/verify personal information – addresses, phone/cell numbers, emergency contact and demographic summary.

Students have the final responsibility for the accuracy of their enrollment, the applicability of their courses towards their degree requirements and their academic performance. Please be sure to check your SMU email account regularly. The University uses the student's email account as the official means of communication for notification of deadlines and other important announcements. Please review the Registrar's Home Page (smu.edu/registrar/) for more detailed information.

Release of Education Records and FERPA

To facilitate the sharing of information, SMU offers an easy method for students to grant permission to others (including parents) and, for those granted permission, the ability to access education records through the Release of Education Records feature in the self-service component of **ACCESS.SMU**. For information and instructions visit <http://smu.edu/ferpa/students>. For more information on FERPA and SMU's FERPA policy, visit the University Registrar's FERPA website at <http://smu.edu/ferpa>.

Reserve Your PO Box

If you live on campus during the academic year, you are required to have a post office box at the SMU Post Office. You may register for a post office box during AARO, or beginning June 18 register online at smu.edu/pobox to avoid lines. Beginning July 31st, you may also register at the SMU Post Office, located on the main floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. This PO Box number will be entered into your records at the time of registration and will be your official campus mailing address. The non-refundable \$85 annual mailbox fee is charged to the student account along with the Fall term residence hall rent charge. Non-resident (commuter) students may rent a mailbox at the SMU Post Office for an \$85 fee. Payment will be accepted in the form of SMU Express Cash, Visa/Master-Card, or a personal check payable to PBMS (Pitney Bowes Management Service).

SMU Email Account

As part of your admissions to SMU, you are given an SMU email account for your use. All official SMU communication is directed through the SMU email account. It is very important that you check this account regularly for important information regarding registration, University events and emergency notification. To access your email, go to webmail.smu.edu.

Login using your SMU ID number and the same password used for logging in to Access.SMU. For additional information about SMU email or other technology services, please visit smu.edu/oit.

If you need assistance, please contact the IT Help Desk at 214-768-4357.

Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

The mission of the Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS) team of the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (LEC) is to assist in creating an accessible university community, where students with documented disabilities have an opportunity to participate as fully as practicable in all aspects of the educational environment.

DASS is the primary contact for all SMU students with disabilities, such as learning and attention disorders, physical, sensory and medical disorders, psychiatric disorders, and others. DASS has three main functions: determining accommodation eligibility, collaborating with faculty and staff to ensure that accommodations are provided for those deemed eligible, and providing academic coaching for students with learning and attention disorders.

To be made eligible for accommodations, a student must submit: 1) a Student Request for Accommodation Eligibility form found on the DASS website; and 2) appropriate, current documentation in keeping with guidelines also posted on the website. Both steps must occur before documentation is reviewed. The review process may take up to two weeks, after which time a member of the DASS team will contact the student directly with an answer regarding eligibility.

Once a student is made eligible for accommodations, the student will meet with a DASS staff member to discuss the accommodations and the implementation of these accommodations. Letters to faculty will be provided for the student to distribute to each professor during an individual meeting with that professor. At the beginning of each subsequent semester, the student is responsible for requesting new letters via the DASS website.

Academic coaching is available at no charge for any SMU undergraduate student with a diagnosed learning or attention disorder. Coaching focuses on the student's individual needs in the academic environment, such as time management, executive functioning issues, study skills, note taking skills, test preparation, and test taking strategies. Academic coaches are available by appointment.

More information is readily available at the DASS website (www.smu.edu/alec/dass), including frequently asked questions for students, faculty and parents. You may also contact DASS with any questions or concerns at 214-768-1470.

Health Center Requirements

Southern Methodist University requires all domestic students, both undergraduate and graduate, taking nine or more credit hours to have health insurance through either an individual/family plan or the University offered plan. All international students taking one or more credit hours must enroll in the University offered plan unless they have a special waiver personally granted by the Health Center staff.

SMU's mandatory policy requires those students with the enrollment status mentioned above to provide documentation of current insurance coverage or to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) by the deadline each term. The deadlines for 2011-12 are: August 26, 2011 for Fall and January 23, 2012 for Spring/Summer. Documentation must be done in Access.SMU to be considered for a waiver. Parents do not have access to this process;

it must be completed by the students. Students will do so, after they have enrolled for classes, by selecting the "Health Insurance" button in the Student Center component of Access.SMU. For domestic students already maintaining their own private coverage the student must waive SHIP coverage in order to avoid automatic enrollment into SHIP and thereby have the semi-annual premium charge of \$759.00 applied to the student's university account. Changes to insurance enrollment status or to the student's university account will not be permitted after the deadline each semester.

For more information and instructions on how to WAIVE or ELECT coverage please visit www.smu.edu/healthinsurance.

Memorial Health Center
Southern Methodist Univ.
PO Box 750195
Dallas, TX 75275-0195
Phone 214-768-2141
Fax 214-768-2151
smu.edu/healthcenter
studenthealthinsurance@smu.edu

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A Final Word From Family Members And Students

PARENTS

- **"This was very informative. After attending I know my son has made the right decision in attending SMU. I was very impressed with the AARO leaders. They were great!"**
- **"I think the AARO team did an exemplary job of presenting information, entertaining our students and making them feel welcome. I feel so much better having information and knowledge of available resources. Well done!"**
- **"Way to go AARO staff! I feel ready to let my first child go to college."**
- **"The Academic advisor did an excellent job in helping my daughter select her classes. Very knowledgeable and professional. He gave her great advice."**
- **"The faculty was so enthusiastic that I want to enroll in classes here."**
- **"We leave convinced that the faculty and staff are fully accessible."**
- **"I really do appreciate the time and effort SMU staff took to educate parents and students."**

Academic Honesty Tutorial



SMU has a deep commitment to maintaining high standards of academic integrity among the student body. All entering students in the Fall 2011 class are required to read an online tutorial on academic honesty and then take an online quiz. This is accessed through Blackboard, the University's Course Management System. All entering students can log onto Blackboard using their SMU ID number as user name and the

password they have been given for Access.SMU. Visit <http://courses.smu.edu/honesty>.

When a student has successfully completed the quiz, this information becomes available to advisors and the student's academic record reflects this. The tutorial and quiz may be taken as many times as needed. All new students – both first-year and transfer – are expected to complete this tutorial and quiz prior to fall registration. There will be consequences for students who do not successfully complete the tutorial.

STUDENTS

- **"My leader was very helpful and informative. He was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the school and campus."**
- **"I loved that the AARO leaders got to know us well enough personally that they would call out our names as we walked by!"**
- **"My academic advisor was incredibly helpful and really worked with me."**
- **"AARO helped make the transition between high school and college not too overwhelming. It really aids students in knowing that although they are independent, they are not alone. That there's always someone there to help out."**
- **"AARO was great fun. Very informative. The staff was very helpful and kind. I am looking forward to attending in the fall."**
- **"My AARO experience was exciting, new, helpful, fun, and energetic. Being from out of state, it was nice meeting people."**
- **"Good to see how faculty and staff care about students."**

Things To Bring With You

- **Health form (if not yet submitted to the SMU Health Center)**
- **AARO Liability Form (if student is under 18 years of age)**
- **Mustang Corral Medical Form**
- **Alarm clock**
- **SMU ID number**
- **Casual clothing for 90° to 100° weather**
- **Comfortable shoes**
- **Sweater (for air-conditioned rooms)**
- **Toiletries**
- **No. 2 pencil for placement/ credit exams**
- **Cash or check for testing, souvenirs, textbooks, and post office box rental if not living in a residence hall**
- **Appropriate clothing for Rotunda yearbook photographs**
- **Owner's Manual**
- **AARO Parking Pass**
- **AARO Information Brochure**
- **Copies of AP and IB testing scores**
- **College transcripts for any dual credit courses**
- **Disability documentation if seeking accommodations**
- **License plate number and make/model of car if registering vehicle for the Fall**

2011-2012 Dates to Remember

FALL TERM 2011

August 17	Residence Halls Open for Mustang Corral Participants
August 17	SAMSA Multicultural Preview
August 17	Mustang Corral Move-In
August 18-20	Mustang Corral
August 20	Residence Halls Open, Fall Contract Begins
August 21	Rotunda Passage and Opening Convocation
August 22	First Day of Classes
September 5	University Holiday
September 17	Family Weekend
October 10-11	Fall Break
November 5	Homecoming
November 23	No Class Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 5	Celebration of Lights
December 5	Last Day of Classes
December 7-14	Final Examinations

SPRING TERM 2012

January 10	Residence Halls Open
January 17	First Day of Classes
March 10-18	Spring Break
April 6	University Holiday
May 1	Last Day of Classes
May 2-8	Final Examinations

STUDENT ID

Student identification card photographs will be taken at SAARO. The ID indicates a permanent student identification number. The ID card is used for meals, health center services, Pony Express Debit account, admittance to athletic events and Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, residence hall access, and library privileges.

Helpful Phone Numbers

New Student Orientation & Student Support <i>(all AARO and Mustang Corral questions)*</i>	214-768-4560	orientation@smu.edu
Dean of Student Life Office	214-768-4564	
Division of Enrollment Services <i>(includes Admission, Financial Aid, Registrar, Student Account Services and On-Campus Employment)</i>	214-768-3417	enrol_serv@smu.edu
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (L.E.C.)	214-768-3648	alec@smu.edu
Dining Services	214-768-2367	martin-michael3@aramark.com
Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH)	214-768-2407	housing@smu.edu
Memorial Health Center	214-768-2141	phite@smu.edu
Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	214-768-4021	jsanger@smu.edu
Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies	214-768-1470	
SMU Information Line	214-768-2000	
IT Help Desk	214-768-4357	help@smu.edu
Central University Libraries	214-768-2665	
SMU Police Department	214-768-3333	
Parent and Family Programs	214-768-4797	gkepler@smu.edu

ADVISING PHONE NUMBERS

Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences	214-768-2291
Meadows School of the Arts	214-768-2754
Lyle School of Engineering	214-768-3039
Cox School of Business	214-768-3195



Southern Methodist University Campus Map

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|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Dallas Hall | 47. Blanton Student Services Building | 60. Museum Parking Garage | 74. Panhellenic House #1 | 92. Kappa Sigma |
| 2. Law Parking Garage | 48. Boaz Hall/Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH) | 61. Loyd All-Sports Center | 75. Pi Beta Phi | 93. Kappa Alpha Order |
| 3. Hillcrest Manor | 49. Collins Executive Education Center | 62. Ford Stadium | 76. Kappa Alpha Theta | 94. Moody Parking Garage |
| 4. Storey Hall | 50. Sigma Chi | 63. Daniel II | 77. Delta Delta Delta | 95. Moody Coliseum |
| 5. Underwood Law Library | 51. Perkins Natatorium | 64. Multicultural House | 78. Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall | 96. Crum Basketball Center |
| 6. Collins Hall | 52. Barr Pool | 65. SMU (Daniel House) Apartments | 81. Patterson Hall/SMU Police | 97. Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports |
| 7. Florence Hall | 53. Binkley Garage | 66. Delta Gamma | 82. Dawson Service Center | 98. Turpin Tennis Stadium |
| 8. Perkins Administration Building | 54. Morrison-McGinnis Hall | 67. Kappa Kappa Gamma | 83. Lambda Chi Alpha | 99. SMU Bookstore |
| 9. McFarlin Auditorium | 55. Cockrell-McIntosh Hall | 68. Panhellenic House #2 | 84. SMU Service House | 100. 6200 Central Expressway |
| 10. Umphrey Lee Center | 56. McElvaney Hall | 69. Faculty Club/Alumni Relations Office | 85. Pi Kappa Alpha | 101. Expressway Tower |
| 11. Virginia-Snyder Hall | 57. Morrison-Bell Track | 70. Gamma Phi Beta | 86. Material Accumulation Center | 102. 6060 N. Central Expressway |
| 12. Shutles Hall | 58. Westcott Field | 71. Alpha Chi Omega | 87. Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 103. Highland Park United Methodist Church |
| 13. Memorial Health Center | 59. Meadows Museum | 72. Chi Omega | 88. Phi Delta Theta | |
| 14. Peyton Hall | | 73. Airline Parking Garage | 89. Phi Gamma Delta | |
| 15. Mary Hay Hall | | | 90. Beta Theta Pi | |
| 16. Greer Garson Theatre | | | 91. Sigma Phi Epsilon | |
| 17. Owen Arts Center | | | | |
| 18. Hamon Arts Library | | | | |
| 19. Smith Hall | | | | |
| 20. Perkins Hall | | | | |
| 21. Bridwell Library | | | | |
| 22. Perkins Chapel | | | | |
| 23. Martin Hall | | | | |
| 24. Kirby Hall | | | | |
| 25. Hawk Hall | | | | |
| 26. Seelman Hall | | | | |
| 27. Prothro Hall | | | | |
| 28. Moore Hall | | | | |
| 29. SMU Apartments | | | | |
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| 31. Heroy Science Hall | | | | |
| 32. Fondren Science Building | | | | |
| 33. Dedman Life Sciences Building | | | | |
| 34. Hyer Hall | | | | |
| 35. Science Information Center | | | | |
| 36. Fondren Library Center | | | | |
| 37. Fondren Library West (DeGolyer Library) | | | | |
| 38. Fondren Library East (Fondren Library) | | | | |
| 39. Clements Hall | | | | |
| 40. Hughes-Trigg Student Center | | | | |
| 41. Maguire Building | | | | |
| 42. Fincher Memorial Building | | | | |
| 43. Crow Building | | | | |
| 44. Caruth Hall | | | | |
| 45. Embrey Engineering Building | | | | |
| 46. Junkins Engineering Building | | | | |

