

# OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

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## ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

This calendar includes an addendum listing religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Graduate Programs in the Cox School of Business, Perkins School of Theology and Dedman School of Law have different calendars.

Offices of the University will be closed on September 3, 2012; November 22-23, 2012; December 24, 2012-January 1, 2013; January 21, 2013; March 29, 2013; May 27, 2013.

## FALL TERM 2012

April 2 - April 20, Monday – Friday: Enrollment Fall 2012 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman & Meadows.

May/July/August -TBA: Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation (AARO) conferences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. Conference dates to be announced. Contact New Student Programs, Student Life Office, 214-768-4560, [www.smu.edu/newstudent](http://www.smu.edu/newstudent).

August 18, Saturday: Residence halls officially open at 9:00 a.m.

August 19, Sunday: Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

August 20, Monday: First day of classes.

August 21, Tuesday: Arrival of Students for Taos Fall Term—2 p.m.

August 21, Tuesday: First day of classes for Taos Fall Term.

August 24, Friday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing. Last day to file for graduation in December

September 3, Monday: University Holiday - Labor Day.

September 5, Wednesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. Last day to request excused absence for observance of a religious holiday.

September 24, Monday: Early Intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

September 28-29, Friday-Saturday: Family Weekend.

October 3, Wednesday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

October 15-16, Monday-Tuesday: Fall Break

October 21, Sunday: Mid-Term grades due for first-year and sophomore students.

October 26-27, Friday-Saturday: Homecoming.

October 29, Monday: 60% point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU—prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

October 29 - November 16, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Spring 2013 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.

November 2, Friday: Last day to drop a course.

November 8, Thursday: Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.

November 16, Friday: Students should file for May graduation. Last day to file is January 25, 2013.

November 20, Tuesday: Last day to withdraw from the University

November 21, Wednesday: “No Class” Day

November 22-23, Thursday- Friday: University Holiday – Thanksgiving.

November 28-December 3, Wednesday-Monday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

November 29, Thursday: Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

December 3, Monday: Last day of instruction.

December 4-5, Tuesday-Wednesday: Reading Days

December 6-12, Thursday-Wednesday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

December 10, Monday: Examinations for Taos Fall Term.

December 12, Wednesday: Departure of Taos Fall Term students.

December 13, Thursday: Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for Winter Break. (December graduates contact RLSH).

December 15, Saturday: Official close of term and date for conferral of degrees. Graduation ceremony for December graduates.

December 25, Tuesday: University Holiday – Christmas

### **JANUARY INTER-TERM 2013**

January 1, Tuesday: University Holiday - New Year's

(Note: Some areas of instruction offer selected courses during the January Inter-term, December 19 – January 14.)

#### **JAN TERM IN PLANO**

January 7, Monday: First day of class.

January 8, Tuesday: Last day to declare/pass fail.

January 15, Tuesday: Last day to drop/withdraw from the university.

January 16, Wednesday: Last class including exam.

### **SPRING TERM 2013**

October 29-January 25, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Spring 2013 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.

January - TBA: Academic Advising, Enrollment and Orientation (AARO) conferences for new first- year and transfer undergraduate students. Conference dates to be announced. Contact New Student Programs, Student Life Office, 214-768-4560, [www.smu.edu/newstudent](http://www.smu.edu/newstudent).

January 13, Sunday: Residence halls officially open at 9 a.m.

January 18, Friday: First day of classes.

January 21, Monday: University Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

January 25, Friday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing. Last day to file for May graduation.

February 5, Tuesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first- year repeated course grading options. Last day to request excused absence for observance of a religious holiday.

February 24, Sunday: Early Intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

March 11-17, Saturday-Sunday: Spring Break.

March 26, Tuesday: Mid-Term grades due for first-year and sophomore students.

March 29, Friday: University Holiday – Good Friday.

March 31, Sunday: Easter Sunday

April 2, Tuesday: 60% point of term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU—prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

April 8, Monday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before April enrollment.

April 8-26, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Summer 2013 and Fall 2013 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.

April 10, Wednesday: Last day to drop a course.

April 12, Friday: Last Day for May graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.

April 15, Monday: Honors Day, 5:30 p.m.

April 16, Tuesday: Students should file for August or December graduation. Last day to file for August is June 6. Last day to file for December is the last day to enroll for Fall 2013.

April 26, Friday: Last day to withdraw from the University.

May 1-6, Wednesday-Monday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

May 2, Thursday: Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

May 6, Monday: Last day of instruction.

May 7, Tuesday: Reading Day.

May 8-14, Wednesday -Tuesday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

May 15, Wednesday: Residence halls officially close for non-graduating students.  
May 17, Friday: Baccalaureate.  
May 18, Saturday: Commencement.  
May 19, Sunday: Residence halls officially close for graduating seniors.

### **TAOS MAY TERM 2013**

May 15, Wednesday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Travel Day and Arrival, 4-6 p.m.  
May 16, Thursday: SMU-in-Taos: First Day of Classes.  
May 31, Friday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Examinations  
June 1, Saturday: SMU-in-Taos: May Term Departure

### **SUMMER TERM 2013**

The Summer Term consists of three primary sessions: first session, second session, and a full summer session. There are also shorter and longer sessions to accommodate the particular needs of the various instructional units such as SMU-In-Taos, International Programs and Perkins School of Theology.

### **FULL SUMMER SESSION**

Classes will meet 2 hours and 15 minutes twice a week or 1 hour and 30 minutes three times a week.

May 27, Monday: University Holiday – Memorial Day.  
June 3, Monday: First day of Full Summer Session classes.  
June 6, Thursday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing for Full Summer Session course. Last day to file for August graduation.  
June 12, Wednesday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options for a Full Summer Session course.  
July 4, Thursday: University Holiday – Independence Day.  
July 18, Thursday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.  
July 25, Thursday: Last day to drop a Full Summer Session course.  
July 31, Wednesday: Last day to withdraw from the University.  
August 5, Monday: Follows a Thursday schedule.  
August 6, Tuesday: Last day of Full Summer Session instructions and examinations. Official close of the term and date for conferral of degrees.

### **FIRST SESSION**

Classes meet two hours a day, Monday - Friday.

May 27, Monday: University Holiday – Memorial Day.  
June 3, Monday: First day of First Session Classes.  
June 4, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record or tuition billing for a First Session course.  
June 6, Thursday: Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options for a First Session Course. Last day to file for August Graduation.  
June 25, Tuesday: Last day to drop a First Session course.  
June 26, Wednesday: Last day to withdraw from the University.  
July 2, Tuesday: Last day of First Session instruction and examinations.

## TAOS SUMMER I SESSION

June 4, Tuesday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Arrival between 4-6 p.m.  
June 5, Wednesday: First Day of Classes SMU-in-Taos.  
June 6, Thursday: Last day to enroll, add courses and drop courses without grade record or tuition billing.  
Permission of Taos Program required for all enrollments.  
July 2, Tuesday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Examinations.  
July 3, Wednesday: SMU-in-Taos: Summer I Departure.

## SECOND SESSION

Classes meet two hours a day, Monday - Friday

June 6, Thursday: Last day to file for August Graduation.  
July 4, Thursday: University Holiday – Independence Day.  
July 5, Friday: First day of Second Session classes.  
July 8, Monday: Last day to enroll, add courses or drop without grade record or tuition billing for Second Session courses.  
July 10, Wednesday: Last day to declare Pass/Fail, No Credit or First-Year Repeated Course grading options for a Second Session course.  
July 16, Tuesday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.  
July 26, Friday: Last day to drop a Second Session course.  
July 30, Tuesday: Last day to withdraw from the University.  
August 5, Monday: Last day of Second Session instruction and examinations.  
August 6, Tuesday: Official close of the term and conferral date.

## TAOS AUGUST TERM 2013

July 28, Sunday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Arrival—4-6 p.m.  
July 29, Monday: First day of classes  
August 13, Tuesday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Examinations.  
August 14, Wednesday: SMU-in-Taos: August Term Departure.

## MAJOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

(August 2012-August 2013)

Listing of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 1.9. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

### Christian

Christmas	December 25, 2012
Palm Sunday	March 24, 2013
Good Friday	March 29, 2013
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday (Orthodox)	May 5, 2013

### Hindu

Janmashtami	August 10, 2012
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Dasera  
Diwali

October 24, 2012  
November 13, 2012

### **Jewish\***

\*All holidays begin at sundown before the first day noted and conclude at sundown on the day(s) noted.

Rosh Hashanah	September 17-18, 2012
Yom Kippur	September 25-26, 2012
Sukkot	October 1-7, 2012
Hanukkah	December 9-16, 2012
Pesach (Passover)	March 26-27, 2013
Shavuot	May 15-16, 2013

### **Muslim**

Ramadan	July 20-21, 2012
Eid al Fitr	August 18-19, 2012
Eid al Adha	October 25-26, 2012
Islamic New Year	November 14-15, 2012
Ashura	November 23-24, 2012
Mawlid al Nabi	January 23-24, 2013