SMU International Student and Scholar Services

Mandatory Government Check-In

Welcome to Southern Methodist University! All new incoming international students are **required** to complete a government check-in through DocuSign with International Student and Scholar Services. You must be in Dallas to successfully complete the government document check-in. This serves to inform the government that you have arrived in the U.S. with the plan to attend SMU.

Documents Needed:

- I-20 or DS-2019 document (must be signed by you in ink, we cannot accept electronic signatures)
- Passport with F1 or J1 Visa
- I-94 arrival card (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/recent-search)
- Completed International Student Compliance canvas course (screenshot of the grades page)
    - Before your arrival, complete the **International Student Compliance Course,** which can be found on your SMU Canvas page: smu.instructure.com. Please log-in using your SMU ID Number and password. If you are not able to view the course after logging into your Canvas account, please contact the International Student & Scholar Services Office at isss@smu.edu.
    - A step-by-step government check-in tutorial can be found in the compliance course
- All papers you received at the port of entry
- SMU ID card

Be prepared with the following information:

- Your U.S. residence address (address where you are physically living in the U.S.). The Department of Homeland Security will not accept P.O. Box address.
- Emergency Contact Information (Name, email, phone number, full mailing address)
- Dependent F2 or J2 I-20/DS 2019, Visa, Passport, I-94 *(if applicable)*
- Copy of Health Insurance Compliance Form *(J visa holders only)*

Failure to check-in with ISSS will jeopardize your immigration status. You must complete the document check-in to remain in compliance with the U.S. Government requirements.

Complete your check-in at:

https://tinyurl.com/ISSSgovtcheckin