

2019-2020 Graduate Catalog Addendum

*The graduate catalog PDF and this addendum represent the
2019-2020 Graduate Bulletin.*

New or Revised Courses:

ACCT 6205 - Strategic Cost Analysis

ARHS 6388 - Why We Go to Auschwitz: Art, Trauma, and Memory

ARHS 6392 - Islamic Art and Architecture: The Creation of A New Art

ARHS 6396 - Art and Architecture of China

BA 6053 -

Transcripts may be released to a third party as specified by the student on the Student's Consent for SMU to Release Information to Student's Specified Third Party form accessible at www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Forms.

Note: Chapter 675, S.B. 302. Acts of the 61st Texas Legislature, 1969 Regular Session, provides as follows: Section I. No person may buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain; or attempt to buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain a diploma, certificate, academic record, certificate of enrollment or other instrument which purports to signify merit or achievement conferred by an institution of education in this state with the intent to use fraudulently such document or to allow the fraudulent use of such document. Section II. A person who violates this act or who aids another in violating this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year.

(updated 10/2/2019)

Cox School of Business

Information Technology and Operations Management

Professor Amit Basu, Department Chair

Professors: Amit Basu, Bezalel Gavish, John H. Semple

Associate Professors: Sreekumar R. Bhaskaran, R. Canan Savaskan-Ebert, Ulrike Schultze, Fangyun T. Tan

Assistant Professors: Vishal Ahuja, Karthik Nattamai Kannan, Rajiv Mukherjee

Clinical Professors: Angelika Leskovskaya, Timothy McDonough, Amy V. Puelz

Professor of Practice: Robert A. Gwinn

Executive-in-Residence: Hettie Tabor

(updated 10/15/2019)

Schedule Changes

With the exception of HGME 6276 - Master's Thesis II, **HGME 6377 - Master's Thesis III** and HGME 6178 - Graduate Exhibition, students at SMU Guildhall cannot drop individual courses; they must take all of the required courses in their specialization each term to be enrolled.

(updated 11/14/2019)

Direct Admission into the Ph.D. Program

The Mechanical Engineering Department offers direct admission into its doctoral program for outstanding students with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. This special "fast-track" program allows a student to apply up to 18 credit hours from the coursework hours requirement to the dissertation hours requirement, while retaining the 78 credit hours required past the Bachelor's degree. The minimum number of dissertation hours remains at 24 credit hours. A student admitted into this "fast-track" program must successfully complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of coursework and a minimum of 24 credit hours of dissertation with the total coursework and dissertation hours reaching a minimum of 78 credit hours. The expected program of study for most students in this track is 36 credit hours of coursework and 42 credit hours of dissertation. A minimum of 36 credit hours of the coursework must be from regularly scheduled, graduate-level courses, and cannot be one-on-one, directed study type courses. Additionally, students must satisfy the core course requirement for the Ph.D. degree.

Admission Requirements

This fast-track program is open only to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellence in their undergraduate (UG) career and who are well prepared to excel in their graduate coursework and research. Therefore, admission into this program shall be considered on an exceptional basis.

To be considered for admission to this program, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. An undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from a reputable program,
2. An UG GPA of 3.5 or higher,
3. A GRE quantitative score of 85% or higher,
4. Strong letters of recommendation supporting the student's direct admission into a fast-track program, and
5. A written statement of purpose that projects maturity, purpose, commitment, and a

(updated 11/18/2019)

University Calendar. Failure to do so can result in removal from the degree candidacy list and/or conversion of the grade of I to the grade indicated by the instructor at the time the grade of I was given.

(updated 2/11/2020)

Degree Requirements

American History (12 Credit Hours)

The major field in American history offers broad preparation. During the first two years, students take a sequence of four colloquia (12 credit hours) in which they read intensively in American history from the era of Indian-European contact to the present. The intention is that they should master the historiography of the field. These colloquia emphasize new problems, interpretations and debates vital to the study of American history.

(updated 4/14/2020)

Credit Hour Loads

instruction and two hours of out-of-class work per week for 15 weeks, including the final exam. In calculating the time required, fifty minutes suffices for one "hour" of classroom or direct faculty instruction, but an "hour" for out-of-class student work is sixty minutes. Other credit-awarded work requires at least an equivalent amount of work.

(updated 6/29/2020)

Spring 2020 Graduate and Professional Programs Academic Records and Enrollment Policies Changes

The following policies were adopted for Spring 2020 to provide a grading option for students enrolled in graduate courses in consideration of the change in teaching modality as well as other unusual personal and educational circumstances due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Spring 2020.

The policies were approved by the faculty and Deans of the respective graduate and professional programs and accepted by the Provost.

The policies apply to graduate-level coursework attempted in the Spring 2020 academic term. A policy may be renewed by a program for subsequent terms that are affected by circumstances related to COVID-19 upon the recommendation of the appropriate Dean and approval of the Provost.

Cox School of Business: Graduate Courses

GRADUATE COURSE GRADING POLICY & OPTIONS FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2020

This policy provides students in all graduate-level courses an option for a grade of Pass ("P").

Faculty will report letter grades as normal according to the grading system used for each course and described in the course syllabus.

A student may choose to keep the letter grade for each course or request a change to a grade of Pass.

- The selection must be made to the Cox Graduate Student Services Office no later than 5:00 p.m. (CDT), Wednesday, May 13, 2020.
- A student may make this selection course-by-course after the letter grade is posted in my.SMU at the end of the term. If no selection is made, the grade assigned will be the standard letter grade.
- This grade policy applies to courses offered in Spring 2020, Module B and courses that span both Modules A and B.
- Spring 2020, Module A courses are not eligible for this grade policy.

A grade of Pass is eligible in the case of letter grades of C- or above. Letter grades of D+ or

Dedman College: Graduate Courses

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A student who wishes to select a Pass (P) must communicate that intention in writing to the Meadows Academic Records Offices no later than 5:00pm (CDT), Wednesday, May 13, 2020. An email message to the Meadows Graduate Academic Records Coordinator, Jennifer Smith (smithjr@smu.edu), is an acceptable means of delivering this information.

Please note that Meadows graduate programs have different thresholds for a grade to be considered passing. For example, in the Division of Theatre, B is the minimum passing grade. In the Division of Music, C is the minimum passing grade.

The optional grade of Pass (P) can only be selected if a student meets the threshold for passing in the academic unit which offers the course.

Letter grades below the academic unit's threshold for passing are not eligible for this option and will remain as recorded by the instructor of record.

Notes re Pass (P)

This policy is only for graduate-level Meadows courses in which the student earns a grade at or above the threshold for passing in the academic unit in which the course is offered.

A grade of P conveys credit for the course, but does not carry grade points and, therefore, does not affect the GPA.

A grade of P will satisfy pre-requisite, major/minor requirements.

A grade of P will satisfy grade replacement for repeated core and required courses.

This policy is in effect for the Spring semester of 2020 and will be reviewed as needed for possible extension.

Perkins School of Theology

Due to the unprecedented circumstances related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus, Perkins School of Theology will permit students to request a grade of Credit or No Credit in any course this semester for which they are now registered that currently requires a "performance grade" (that is, a letter grade of A to F). * Nothing will change for those who do not make this request. (In other words, they will still receive a letter grade.) Students wishing to take this option must complete the online form ([linked here](#)) for each course. **All requests must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Monday, April 6, 2020.**

Please note the following consequences of choosing this option:

Students who receive a final grade of D- or better will receive a final grade of CR (Credit). A grade of CR has no impact on GPA (Grade Point Average). Students who receive a final grade of F would instead receive a final grade of NC (No Credit), which also has no impact on GPA. A student receiving a grade of NC in a required course will be required to repeat the course. A student receiving a grade of NC in an elective course can take another elective course or repeat the same course if offered again.

Changing a course to Credit/No Credit may have financial implications. You might wish to consult Christina Rhodes, our Financial Aid Coordinator, at csrhodes@smu.edu to make sure that this decision will not have a financial impact on a scholarship or other types of financial aid. I ask you to be patient in awaiting a reply since the Financial Aid Office is likely to receive a number of such inquiries, and there can be many variables to consider.

If you are pursuing (or wishing to pursue) ordination in your denomination, please check with the appropriate denominational agencies to let them know that you might receive a Credit/No Credit grade in some of your courses, particularly if these courses are required for ordination. For United Methodists, those to contact would include your annual con 20202

The grade of "I" will remain until a student clears the incomplete with the faculty member or until the student graduates, whichever comes first.

At the point of graduation, any grade of "I" for a course taken in Spring 2020 will convert to "NC" for no credit. "NC" does not impact the GPA nor does it satisfy graduation, pre-requisite, major/minor or general education requirements because it does not convey credit for the course.

Students cannot change a grade of "I" to a grade of "S," "S-," or "NC" during the window listed above after grades are posted.

Once the replacement grade is posted the student will have 48 hours to change the grade to a grade of "S," "S-," or "NC."

Transcript Notation

In addition to this grading option, a notation will appear on all transcripts for the Spring 2020 term highlighting the unusual educational circumstances due to a global health crisis.

The operational implementation of this temporary policy is a work-in-progress. We ask for patience and understanding as the Registrar's Office develops the most efficient method to allow students to make this selection. Instructions will be available by April 30, 2020.