



Undergraduate—Spring 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

February 24/25 - May Graduation Fair

March 12-20 - Spring Break

April 22 - Good Friday Holiday

April 6 - Last day to drop

April 18 - Honors Day Convocation

April 25 - Last day to withdraw from the University

May 3 - Last day of instruction (follows a Friday schedule)

May 6 – 10 - Final Examinations (Grades due 48 hours after final exam.)

May 13 - Baccalaureate - 8:00pm

May 14 - Graduation - 10:00 a.m.

Office of the University Bursar

Payment due date for undergraduates:

May 20, 2011 - Summer

August 4, 2011 – Fall

If you are interested in payment plans, please visit our website at

<http://tuitionpay.salliemae.com/smu>

Information on other payment options at

www.smu.edu/bursar

Veteran's Update

Total VA students enrolled - 150 The Fall 2011 class schedule will be available Wednesday, March 2. The summer

schedule is now available -- smu.edu/registrar/socl/summer2011_CSI.asp. Students will be able to begin enrolling for summer 2011 on April 4 through the last day of add/drop/enroll for the specific summer session at smu.edu/registrar/index_enrollment.asp and click Summer 2011.

Academic Records—Grading and Diploma Processing

Early Intervention Grading

Friday, February 11 - Early Intervention grade rosters generated

Deficiency Letters sent to students

Final Grading

Monday, May 2 - Final grade rosters generated

Final grades are due 48 hours after the exam is given

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May Graduation Fair

May Commencement will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 in Moody Coliseum. The Graduation Fair will be held in the Laura Lee Blanton Building Room 110 on Thursday, February 24 from 10:00am – 6:00pm and Friday, February 25 from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Students may order academic regalia and graduation announcements at the fair. Students who do not order their regalia at the Grad Fair **must** place an online order at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/smu/>. For more information about Commencement Weekend, please visit <http://smu.edu/registrar/commencement/>.

OIT Project Updates

9.0 Upgrade

No enhancements are being made to Access.SMU system as a result of the 9.0 upgrade which is on schedule. Fit/Gap analysis is completed and BPDs (business process design documents) are written. Custom processes and pages needed for first round of testing are being reapplied through March 25th. Round 1 testing begins March 28th; Round 2 testing begins April 25th (reapplies completed by April 22nd); Round 3 testing begins May 23rd (round 3 reapplies completed by May 20th). User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is scheduled June 16 – 19th with pre-tasks conducted June 13 – 16th. During this one-week period, special guidelines apply; namely, self-service transactions are closed down (i.e., no enrollment transactions by students or grading transactions by faculty). Administrative transactions are done on emergency basis only (i.e., a grade change for official transcript request; outstanding account payment for official transcript request) since these transactions will have to be done a second time when Access.SMU 9.0 comes up on the 19th. June 20 – 26th are contingency dates.

More Information

Academic Advisement

Financial Aid

Reminders about Financial Aid:

- y Please award aid for the entire year (excluding Summer and J term).
- y If no award or estimated award is submitted, the Office of Financial Aid will award an estimate for each future term in an amount equal to the prior term or the amount of full-time tuition and fees., whichever amount is greater.
- y Remember it takes about 3 weeks for a student to go from admitted to awarded status. If you need a rush award, please contact Cindy Luetzow at 8-2925 or Marcia Miller at 8-2509.

Due to financial constraints all files must be completed by July 1 in order to receive SMU Need-Based Aid.

Students can now track the progress of Financial Aid on Access.SMU via Pony Tracks, which shows:

- y Status of FAFSA filing
- y Status of CSS/Profile filing
- y Aid awarded
- y Loan status
- y Links to any required forms
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