



FAQ's for Transfer Students

To help make your transfer to SMU smoother, here are some frequently asked questions by transfer students from previous years.

Can I get to campus via rail or bus?

Here's a real bargain! You can get a transit pass to ride DART, TRE rail and T buses free while you are an SMU student. For more information, visit smu.edu/parking and scroll down to read about the DART Transit GoPass.

Can I rent outdoor equipment to use off campus?

Yes. Check out the Outdoor Adventures website at: smu.edu/StudentAffairs/RecSports/OutdoorAdventures. Rent hiking and camping equipment and more.

Are there apartments on campus?

Student apartments on campus are arranged through the office of Residence Life and Student Housing. These are in high demand, with a twice-a-year lottery to get on the waiting list for a vacancy. Go to: smu.edu/apartments for more information.

What about non-SMU apartments near campus?

There are many. Housing options can be found at: smu.edu/transfer and open the "Admitted Students" drop-down menu.

Other resources:

- Check the classified ads in the campus newspaper, *The Daily Campus*, for rentals. The online version is at: smudailycampus.com/.
- Check the center pages of the SMU Directory for nearby apartment complexes, many with special rates and offers for SMU students.

Students who live in nearby off-campus apartments can take the free SMU bus, the Mustang Express, from nearby neighborhoods. See smu.edu/parking and scroll down to "SMU Express" for a map of the route, which runs as far away as Amesbury and Southwestern Boulevards.

What resources are available for commuter students?

Commuting to SMU is made easier because of several resources available to off-campus students. For a list of commuter student tips, please go

to smu.edu/transfer and open the "Admitted Students" drop-down menu.

What if I need medical care?

There is no charge to see a nurse or doctor at SMU's Memorial Health Center -- another bargain. You are charged only if you need tests, an X-ray, or a prescription. Go to: smu.edu/healthcenter for hours, services, and specialists.

How do I find an on-campus job, an internship, or a summer job?

Go to: smu.edu/financialaid and click on "Student Employment" in the "Types of Aid" drop-down menu. Then head to the Hegi Family Career Center's Handshake system to find summer jobs, internships, and on-campus employment: smu.joinhandshake.com/login.

Hegi's other free services can help you choose a major, write a resume, or prepare for an interview. Visit the Center near the main entry to Hughes-Trigg Student Center, call (214) 768-2266, or check smu.edu/career for details.

What about the SMU library?

There are actually ten of them! See smu.edu/cul for info on locations, hours, services, and research resources. Each library has a different atmosphere. Fondren Library offers many study areas and private rooms you can reserve. Make an appointment with a librarian for a tour or for help with research.

Where can I work out?

Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports offers everything from workout equipment to a pool to a climbing wall. You can take yoga or spinning classes, join a club sport, or find an intramural team. There is no charge for students, and a minimal charge for your family members. Check smu.edu/recsports.

What other resources should I know about?

- **Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS):** Free, confidential counseling by psychologists and psychiatrists; located on the 2nd floor of the Health Center, (214) 768-2277, and at smu.edu/healthcenter/counseling.

- **Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life:** Offers support and organizations for many faiths; located at 316 Hughes-Trigg, (214) 768-4502, and at smu.edu/chaplain.

- **Women & LGBT Center:** Home of the Women's Symposium, Allies, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), LGBT Dialogues, Picture Project and the Violence Prevention Program; located at 313 Hughes-Trigg, (214) 768-4792, and at smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter.

- **Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (LEC):** Free drop-in tutoring, learning strategy workshops, HDEV 1110, and academic counseling; located at 202 Loyd Center, (214) 768-3648, and at smu.edu/alec.

- **Writing Center at the LEC:** Help from English faculty with any paper for any course; located at 202 Loyd Center. Schedule an appointment through Canvas.

- **DASS (Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies):** Assists students with disabilities and diagnosed learning differences at the LEC; located at 202 Loyd Center, (214) 768-1470, and at smu.edu/dass.

- **The Foreign Language Teaching Technology Center:** Improve language skills; located at 234 Clements Hall, (214) 768-2218, and at smu.edu/Dedman/Academics/Departments/WorldLanguages.

- **International Student & Scholar Services:** Helps students from other countries; located at Blanton Building, Suite 216, smu.edu/international/iss.

- **Study Abroad:** Information about studying in another country is found at smu.edu/studyabroad.

- **SMU-in-Taos:** Offers summer courses at Fort Burgwin in Taos, New Mexico; located in Blanton Room 338, (214) 768-3657, and at smu.edu/taos.

Is there a transfer organization at SMU?

The Mustang Transfers offers fellowship and programs for transfer students. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Nancy Skochdopole at nskoch@smu.edu.

For more transfer information, please go to smu.edu/transfer or call 214-768-3417.