

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

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 1, November 27-28, December 22-26, 2008; January 1, January 2, January 19, April 10, May 25 and July 3, 2009.

FALL TERM 2008

April 7 – April 18, Monday – Friday: Enrollment Fall 2008 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.

August 23, Saturday at 9:00 a.m.: Residence halls officially open.

August 24, Sunday: Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

August 25, Monday: First day of classes.

August 29, 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 1, Monday: University Holiday - Labor Day.

September 2, Tuesday: Follows Monday Class Schedule.

September 10, 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 19-20, Friday-Saturday: Family Weekend.

October 10, Friday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

October 13-14, Monday and Tuesday--Fall Break.

October 31, Friday: 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.

November 3-21, Monday-Friday: Enrollment Spring 2009 Continuing Students for all undergraduates and graduate Dedman and Meadows.

November 5, Wednesday: Last day to drop a course.

November 7-8, Friday-Saturday: Homecoming.

November 11, Tuesday: Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.

November 19, Wednesday: Students should file for May graduation. Last day to file is January 26.

November 20, Thursday: Last day to withdraw from the University.

November 26, Wednesday: No classes.

November 27-28, Thursday- Friday: University Holidays – Thanksgiving.

December 2-5, Tuesday -Friday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

December 5, Friday: Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

December 5, Friday: Last day of instruction.

December 8-13, Monday-Saturday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

December 13, Saturday: Official close of term and date for conferral of degrees.

SUMMER TERM 2009

The Summer Term consists of three primary sessions: first session, second session, and a combined 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.

COMBINED TEN-WEEK SUMMER SESSION

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

Jewish

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

Rosh Hashanah September 30-October 1, 2008

Yom Kippur October 9, 2008

Sukkot October 14-15, 2008

Hanukkah December 22-30, 2008

Pesach (Passover) April 9-26, 2009

Shavuot May 29, 2009

Muslim

Ramadan September 2-October 2, 2008

Eid al Fitr October 2, 2008

Eid al Adha December 9, 2008

