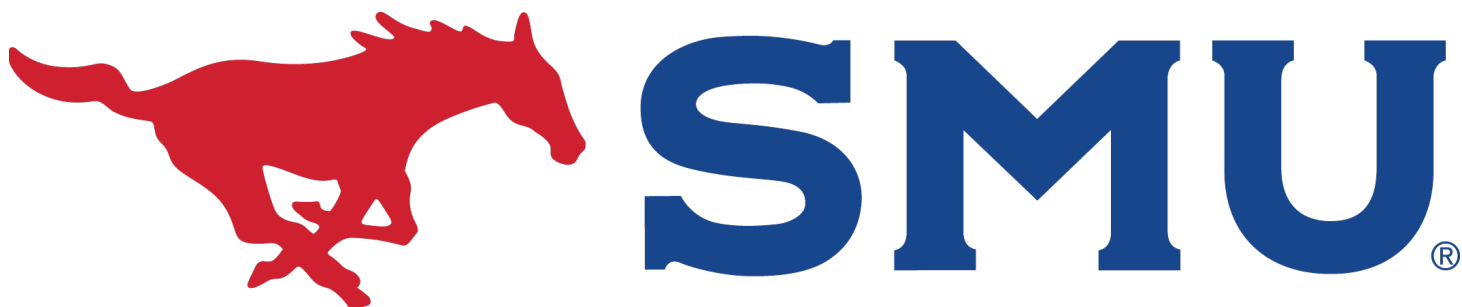




Student-Athlete Handbook 2023-2024



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Office of the President



Dear SMU Student-Athlete,

Welcome to the Hilltop. It is an exciting time to be a part of our campus community. We are glad that you are here and are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments as you compete and study.

As a student-athlete, you embody a distinct form of leadership within our campus and personify the core spirit of SMU in the larger community. To that end, you are expected to become familiar with, and abide by, all University policies and regulations – including the Student Code of Conduct and Honor Code, as well as the regulations of the American Athletic Conference and the NCAA. Director of Athletics Rick Hart emphasizes this expectation with the department's SPIRIT values – Service, Passion, Integrity, Respect, Innovation, and Teamwork.

We also encourage all our student-athletes, as role models, to proudly wear red every Friday. By doing so, you can inspire our entire campus community to join in this show of spirit, provide visibility for your program, and nurture a sense of pride and shared identity.

Also, take a moment to review the resources available to support your academic, personal, and professional pursuits. Many of you may already be familiar with Life After Ball (LAB). It is a program aimed at equipping student-athletes with the skills and education to prepare for a successful career. We invite you to actively participate in LAB, just as many of our most distinguished alumni and supporters have done. Their continued involvement holds the potential to offer valuable assistance in your career endeavors.

Thank you for your commitment to SMU. I wish you every success in the classroom and in your competitions. Pony Up!

Warm regards,

R. Gerald Turner
President



Dear Student-Athlete:

Welcome back to our returnees and a warm greeting to our new students.
You are valued members of the SMU Family.



This past year, we won an NCEA National Championship and five American Athletic Conference titles, the most among member schools, and you, our Mustang student-athletes, claimed 26 individual conference championships. All this while 69% of you maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. We take pride in the fact that 139 student-athletes earned degrees last year and that we maintain a graduation success rate of 91%.

We have both a storied past and a bright future. We continue to bring the highest level of collegiate competition to Dallas, and are building on our recent success, with all 17 programs reaching the postseason and 15 programs winning conference championships since 2013. We have now claimed nine overall national championships, over 100 individual national championships, more than 150 NCAA top-10 finishes, nearly 2,000 All-American honors and over 150 Olympic appearances. These accomplishments serve as a source of pride in the present and motivation for an even greater future.

As a Mustang student-athlete, you have a special opportunity to earn a meaningful degree, compete for championships, learn important life lessons and be exposed to leadership experiences and mentors.

We expect you to conduct yourself in alignment with our six values – Service, Passion, Integrity, Respect, Innovation and Teamwork (S.P.I.R.I.T.) – and to apply consistently your best effort in all that you do. You should expect the same from our coaches and staff. You are also responsible for being familiar with and adhering to all SMU, American Athletic Conference and NCAA rules and regulations.

Our mission is to prepare you for life. Your health, safety and well-being are our top priorities as we seek to shape champions on and off the competitive surfaces. If you ever have questions or concerns, or are having difficulty in any area, please contact a member of our coaching, administrative or support staff. We are here to serve.

I wish you success in your academic and athletic pursuits. I look forward to getting to know you better and invite you to stop by my office any time. My door is always open to you.

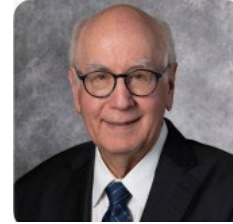
Go Mustangs and Pony Up!

Rick Hart
Director of Athletics



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As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), SMU is required to designate a faculty member as their Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). The FAR is in place to promote academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics, to facilitate the integration of the athletics and academic components of the collegiate community, and to promote institutional control of athletics on campus.

The specific responsibilities of the Faculty Athletics Representative focus on the following aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program:

Eligibility: The FAR shall know and understand the eligibility requirements of the NCAA and SMU and work with the Director of Athletics, Director of Admissions, Registrar, and coaches to ensure that all Student-Athletes meet all eligibility requirements.

Meetings with the Chancellor and Director of Athletics: The FAR shall meet regularly with the President and the Director of Athletics to discuss all aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program. All information regarding the intercollegiate athletics program shall be made available to the FAR. The FAR may contact the NCAA staff on issues concerning the intercollegiate athletics program at SMU.

Reports to the Faculty Senate: The FAR shall report regularly to the Faculty Senate regarding the operations of the athletics program and the academic well-being of all Student-Athletes.

Athletics Council: The FAR shall be a voting member of the Athletics Council.

Welfare of Student-Athletes. The FAR should be actively involved with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and all Student-Athletes to promote the general welfare of the Student-Athletes.

Waivers and Appeals. The FAR shall be involved in the preparation of requests for waiver or appeals from NCAA regulations or processes.

Rules Violations: The FAR shall be involved in all major institutional inquiries into alleged or suspected rules violations. The FAR will help prepare written reports of violations made to the conference or the NCAA.

Scholarships: The FAR shall coordinate the nomination process for NCAA post graduate scholarships.

Compliance: The FAR will work with the Director of Athletics to develop a comprehensive compliance and education program.

Academic Integrity: The FAR has knowledge of the enrollment figures, the number of Student-Athletes, the number of varsity sport programs, the percentage of Student-Athletes, the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the responsibilities identified in the Faculty Athletics Representative Handbook.

Information provided by the NCAA's Faculty Athletics Representative Handbook



SMU FACTS

FOUNDED

1911, opened in 1915

ENROLLMENT

12,053—7,056 undergraduate, 4,997 graduate students

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

11-1—85% of full-time faculty members hold a doctorate of highest degree in their fields

PRESIDENT

R. Gerald Turner, since 1995

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Rick Hart, since 2012

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

C. Paul Rogers III, since 1980

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) PRESIDENT

Raelyn Roberson, Track & Field

BLACK STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAAC) PRESIDENT

Jasmine Jolly, Track & Field & Maykayla Jackson, Track & Field

MASCOT

Peruna IX, a Shetland pony

COLORS

Harvard Crimson and Yale Blue

CONFERENCE

American Athletic Conference, July 1, 2013

VARSITY SPORTS

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SMU WEB SITE

www.smu.edu

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WEB SITE

www.smumustangs.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

Official Twitter Account [@SMU](https://twitter.com/SMU)

Official Athletics Account [@SMUMustangs](https://twitter.com/SMUMustangs), [#PonyUp](https://twitter.com/PonyUp)



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Southern Methodist University will create, expand, and impart knowledge through teaching, research, and service, shaping world changers who contribute to their communities and excel in their professions in a global society. Among its faculty, students, and staff, the University will cultivate principled thought, develop intellectual skills, and promote an environment emphasizing individual dignity and worth. SMU affirms its historical commitment to academic freedom and open inquiry, to moral and ethical values, and to its United Methodist heritage.

Second Century Strategic Plan:

Southern Methodist University is pleased to present its strategic plan for 2016-2025: *Launching SMU's Second Century*. Like the preceding two five-year plans (1996-2000 and 2001-2005) and the 10-year plan (2006-2015), it is grounded in the vision and values embodied in the *Master Plan of 1963*. Through these plans, we continue to link our institutional heritage with the opportunities available to the University today and in the future.

One of the great strengths of SMU is its location in Dallas, a vibrant global city. A great city requires a great University, and SMU's rise in distinction is assisting the region's commercial enterprises, cultural organizations, and educational institutions in solidifying their positions in the world community. To meet specific needs presented by the critical partnership between SMU and Dallas, the University must continue to strengthen its foundation in the liberal arts as well as improve its professional schools and other academic centers.

As with SMU's previous strategic plans, *Launching SMU's Second Century* is intended to be flexible in its goals, objectives, and specific actions on a year-to-year basis. This flexibility aims to respond to the ever-changing conditions, circumstances, and opportunities that SMU will encounter over the next 10 years.

- Goal One:** To Enhance the Academic Quality and Stature of the University
- Goal Two:** To Improve Teaching and Learning
- Goal Three:** To Strengthen Scholarly Research, Creative Achievement, and Opportunities for Innovation
- Goal Four:** To Sustain Student Development and a Supportive Campus Experience
- Goal Five:** To Broaden Global Perspectives
- Goal Six:** To Increase Revenue Generation and Promote Responsible Stewardship of Resources



ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT VISION, MISSION, VALUES & GOALS

In support of the University's strategic plan for 2016-2025: *Launching SMU's Second Century*, we strive to strengthen our sports programs to be more nationally competitive – in all that we do.

Vision for SMU Athletics (what we aspire to do):

We create an advantage for those we serve by providing opportunities for advancement, inspiring people to be their best, and celebrating diversity and inclusion. In support of the University's rise to national distinction, we represent Dallas and SMU with integrity and class.

Mission of SMU Athletics (why we exist):

In alignment with the educational mission of the University, we engage the community in meaningful ways and develop the resources necessary to graduate Student-Leaders and pursue championships. Above all else, we prepare students for life.

Values of SMU Athletics (how we behave):

We advance our efforts with **S.P.I.R.I.T.** (to breathe into; urge upon; animate):

Service – We are here for others

Passion – We love what we do

Integrity – We do the right thing

Respect – We follow the Golden Rule

Innovation – We seek a better way

Teamwork – We are bound together

Goals for SMU Athletics:

In fulfillment of our mission, we have established the following goals for SMU Athletics:

- Goal One:** To provide opportunities for students to graduate with the knowledge and skills required to become valuable citizens and leaders in their communities
- Goal Two:** To equip our student-athletes and athletics programs with the full array of support services in pursuit of Championships
- Goal Three:** To effectively and efficiently acquire, manage, and allocate our finite resources in support of the financial viability of the entire department
- Goal Four:** To cultivate enduring relationships and lasting memories with the Community by promoting the people, achievements, and events associated with SMU
- Goal Five:** To develop our people, and professionally manage all elements of our program, in support of SMU's rise to national distinction



Athletics Strategy Team

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Kris Harris	Deputy Director of Athletics/Facility & Event Operations	2823	kharris
Dawn Rogers	Deputy Director of Athletics/Internal Affairs	4963	dawnr
Brad Sutton	Deputy Director of Athletics/Chief Communications & Branding Officer	1651	bsutton
Darius Maize	Chief of Staff	3585	dmaize



Rick Hart



Kurt Pottkotter



Lauren Adee



Kris Harris



Dawn Rodgers



Brad Sutton



Darius Maize



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'A Havahla Haynes.....	Cross Country/Track & Field.....	1615.....	haynes
Ozzie Quevedo.....	Women's Swimming.....	6532.....	oquevedo
Chris Parra.....	Men's Golf.....	3283.....	cjparra
Carol Gwin.....	Equestrian.....	4341.....	cgwin
Jeff Nevolo.....	Women's Tennis.....	3830.....	jnevolo
Rhett Lashlee.....	Football.....	3677.....	rlashlee
Kevin Hudson.....	Men's Soccer.....	4601.....	khudson
Grant Chen.....	Men's Tennis.....	2664.....	grantchen
Nicole Nelson.....	Women's Soccer.....	2875.....	nelson
Toyelle Wilson.....	Women's Basketball.....	4040.....	toyellew
Sam Erger.....	Volleyball.....	4227.....	serger
Lauren Mason.....	Women's Golf.....	2884.....	laurenmason
Greg Rhodenbaugh.....	Men's Swimming.....	2311.....	grhodenbaugh
Darian Schmidt.....	Men's & Women's Diving.....	1641.....	dtschmidt
Chase Graham.....	Rowing.....	N/A	tcgraham

FOR COMPLETE LISTING OF SMU COACHES AND STAFF, PLEASE VISIT WWW.SMUMUSTANGS.COM



Sport:	Sports Administrator:	ADSA—Academic Counselor:	Equipment:	Public Relations:	Athletic Trainer:
Men's Basketball	Lauren Adee	Alana Owens	Albert Veytia	Herman Hudson	Myles Thornton
Women's Basketball	Dawn Rogers	Ariana Contreras	Albert Veytia	Charlie Rose	Kelli Swing
Equestrian	Kris Harris	Desmond Grayson	Nick Cooks	Jaren Nelson	Audrey Bullock
Football	Kurt Pottkotter	Keyana Smith Ariana Contreras Desmond Grayson	Frank Haight	Chris Smith	Steven Plourde Cole Stembridge Ian Chennell Raegan Ledbetter Sonia Laskin
Men's Golf	Brad Sutton	Dr. Emily Cobb	Albert Veytia	Thomas Heiberger	John Blackwell
Women's Golf	Brad Sutton	Dr. Emily Cobb	Albert Veytia	Thomas Heiberger	Cole Stembridge
Rowing	Josh Whittenburg	Kelsey Smith	Albert Veytia	Thomas Heiberger	Sydney Stone
Men's Soccer	Dawn Rogers	Ariana Contreras	Nick Cooks	Jenny Streeter	Becky Riegle
Women's Soccer	Dawn Rogers	Kelsey Smith	Nick Cooks	Jaren Nelson	Georgia Tauer
Men's Swimming/ Diving	Ryan McCabe	Katie Evans	Nick Cooks	Jenny Streeter	John Blackwell
Women's Swimming/ Diving	Ryan McCabe	Katie Evans	Nick Cooks	Jenny Streeter	John Blackwell



Men's Tennis	Kurt Pottkotter	Alana Owens	Albert Veytia	Jaren Nelson	HannahLetow Sonia Laskin
Women's Tennis	Kurt Pottkotter	Alana Owens	Albert Veytia	Jenny Streeter	Hannah Letow Sonia Laskin
Track & Cross Country	Brad Sutton	Katie Evans	Nick Cooks	Olivia Mars	Yusuke Ohashi
Volleyball	Lauren Adee	Alana Owens	Albert Veytia	Charlie Rose	Tasha Koontz



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING (DEIB) STATEMENT

The SMU Athletics Department is committed to providing equal opportunity and recognizes that each person has different circumstances, so equity is necessary to ensure a sense of belonging and inclusion. With this commitment, it places a focus on an educational and work environment for its student-athletes, coaches, and staff that is free from discrimination based on an individual's diverse background and or membership in one or more under-represented groups (which shall include race, gender, ethnicity, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation and possibly other areas, such as marital status, education, income, geographic location, veteran status, and work experience). Our goal is to educate, develop, coordinate, and advance both Athletics and the University's vision and values to exhibit diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for all student-athletes, coaches, staff, and administrators.

For SMU's athletics program to thrive, we believe we must foster a learning and working environment that encourages multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas in an unbiased and non-prejudicial way. Diversity in the student-athlete body and staff is an important component in providing quality athletics and academic experience. Diversity enriches the department by encouraging dialogues between people with different experiences, beliefs, and perspectives.

SMU Athletics Department works closely with SMU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI). This office works with people across the University to develop, coordinate, and advance the organizational vision and strategy to fulfill the University's core values of excellence, integrity, intellectual freedom, open dialogue, diversity, and inclusion. Reporting directly to the President, the ODI guides and supports University policies and practices that foster inclusive admission, recruiting, hiring, and promotion practices, and oversees SMU's Cultural Intelligence and anti-bias training. The ODI has 15 diversity officers spread across the University, including one in Athletics.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Southern Methodist University (SMU) will not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, education activity, or admissions on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. SMU's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. The Executive Director for Access and Equity/Title IX Coordinator is designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, including the prohibition of sex discrimination under Title IX. The Executive Director/Title IX Coordinator may be reached at the Perkins Administration Building, Room 204, 6425 Boaz Lane, Dallas, TX 75205, 214-768-3601, accessequity@smu.edu. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may also be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688.



THE PONY PROMISE

The Pony Promise consists of ongoing initiatives put in place to provide an enhanced student-athlete experience from enrollment through graduation.

- **1. Academic Support for Student-Athletes**

Located on the third floor of the Loyd All Sports Center, the Center for the Academic Development of Student-Athletes (ADSA) is the academic support unit that provides the necessary services to assist each student-athlete in succeeding academically. Housed in Athletics, the ADSA reports through the Provost's Office and is made up of athletic academic counselors and tutors, as well as reading/writing specialists who play a major role in each athlete's journey.

- **2. Full Cost of Attendance**

SMU provides scholarships up to the full cost-of-attendance for all student-athletes who receive a full scholarship. Each school's financial-aid office, not its athletics department, uses a federal formula to set the cost-of-attendance figure for the school year. Using those guidelines, SMU's Financial Aid Office has set the figure at \$2,640 annually for full-scholarship student-athletes. That figure represents the gap between last year's full scholarship amount and full cost of attendance at SMU. Students may qualify for additional support based upon individual needs. For example, students with significant demonstrated need are eligible for a Pell grant in the amount of \$7,395 per academic year. These figures do not include or take into account other distributions that SMU student-athletes may receive, such as off-campus stipends, which are provided to upperclassmen who, as the term would indicate, live off-campus after two years of on-campus residency. Those stipends are currently valued at \$18,230 per academic year (fall and spring semesters).

The Athletics Department is committed to funding one undergraduate degree while keeping with the mission of the University, a priority for SMU Athletics is to augment and support every effort that will foster intellectual development and graduation for its student-athletes. While several levels of support exist at the University and within SMU Athletics, the ultimate responsibility for success rests upon the shoulders of the student-athlete.

- **3. Student-Athlete Development & Welfare**

The Sports Medicine, Mental Health Services, Nutrition, and Human Performance areas within SMU Athletics all offer the outstanding services of leading sports staff and are accessible to student-athletes in the following facilities:

Sports Medicine

The SMU Sports Medicine Program is housed in the Lindsay & Bobbie Embrey Sports Medicine Complex inside the Loyd All-Sports Center. The SMU Sports Medicine staff works with physicians to design rehabilitation programs for injured student-athletes to minimize the loss of fitness during recuperative time.

Mental Health Services are available by appointment through the SMU Counseling Center. Contact your athletic trainer for specific information or use the staff directory located at SMUMustangs.com under Student-Athlete Mental Health Services.

Human Performance

Vic & Gladie Jo Salvino Strength & Conditioning Centers are located in the Paul B. Loyd, Jr. All-Sports Center and the Crum Basketball Center. Both state-of-the-art training facilities include functional drill space and Olympic platforms and weights. The Salvino Strength & Conditioning Centers also include aerobic equipment, weight stations and free weights.



Sports Nutrition services are available for all student-athletes in the Salvino Strength and Conditioning Center located in the Loyd All Sports Center.

- **4. Student-Athlete Success**

Career preparation, leadership/development opportunities and networking are vital assets that SMU are able to provide in a unique way because of the SMU Alumni network and the vibrant business community in Dallas. The Department of Student-Athlete Success was launched in 2022 and houses Life After Ball, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging initiatives, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Black Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (BSAAC), NIL Education, Community Service and various Student-Athlete Experience events such as Orientation, Graduation, the annual Pony Awards and Welcome Back event.

- **6. Facility Enhancements**

Providing championship-caliber facilities gives our student-athletes the best possible environment for success. Since 2013, SMU has invested over \$250 million to develop and enhance championship-caliber facilities.

The Holt Hickman Outdoor Pool is set to open in late 2023. SMU will be the only university in the country with both indoor and outdoor eight-lane 50-meter pools in one facility.

The Garry Weber End Zone is set to come online in July 2024 with new office and locker room space and a nutrition center for all student-athletes.



SCHOOLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Meadows School of the Arts

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Dedman School of Law

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Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies

Dean: Robin Poston

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<https://www.smu.edu/moody>



STUDENT AFFAIRS

The SMU Division of Student Affairs creates and supports a robust student experience and forges strategic partnerships to best serve the entire SMU community. As educators and scholar-practitioners, we create purposeful learning and leadership opportunities for students to clarify and develop their knowledge, values, skills, and identities - challenging each to become a world changer.

Offices of the Dean of Students

The Offices of the Dean of Students comprise several functional areas which provide essential services to students, parents, and the University as a whole:

- New Student Orientation and Transition, including Mustang Start-Up and Stampede
- Office of Student Advocacy and Support, including oversight of the Caring Community Connections (CCC) program, The Shop (SMU's on-campus food pantry), and parent and family programs
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, including the Honor Council, University Conduct Board, and University Conduct Council

Bias Education and Response Team (BERT)

A bias incident is an action, behavior, or expression against an individual's or group's actual or perceived identity. Individuals or groups may experience bias based on, but not limited to age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, gender identity and expression, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status. Such bias incidents may be intentional or unintentional and affect the individual or SMU community.

If you observe or experience an incident of bias, we encourage you to file a report online through the [Bias Incident Reporting Form](#) to SMU's Bias Education and Response Team (BERT).

BERT will provide information and referrals to resources, while also tracking incidents to examine trends and opportunities for education. Alternatively, you may choose to file a report to BERT in person in any of the following locations: Social Change & Intercultural Engagement, Student Conduct and Community Standards, Women & LGBT Center or Institutional Access and Equity.

Caring Community Connections (CCC) Program

The Caring Community Connections (CCC) Program provides support to students experiencing challenges by identifying and linking them to appropriate resources. Anyone connected to the SMU community (students, faculty, staff, and family members) may complete a [CCC report](#) online to share concerns they may have about a student.

After receiving a submission, staff in the Office of Student Advocacy and Support begin immediately to connect with the student. Meetings with staff are not punitive and are designed to provide a supportive environment in which to discuss the submitted concern and to strategize ways to address the reported issue. Students and staff work collaboratively to develop

an action plan and appropriate next steps. At times, follow-up meetings are scheduled for accountability purposes or for troubleshooting.

Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports

The Department of Campus Recreation provides programs, facilities, and services that promote active participation for students allowing them the opportunity to achieve individual potential while having fun, relieving stress, and promoting community and spirit. The Department offers: informal recreation (at the Dedman Center of Lifetime Sports), organized competitions and learning environments (Intramurals and Sport Clubs), structured group/personal exercise opportunities (Fitness), challenging outdoor experiences promoting community and safety in the natural environment (Outdoor Adventure), and specialized fitness and recreation within the pool (Aquatics).

Health Center

The Dr. Bob Smith Health Center is a convenient medical clinic located on the SMU campus for diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury; Counseling Services is also housed in this facility. The clinic is staffed by full time physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory and x-ray technologists. Counseling Services includes licensed counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists as well as individuals specializing in helping students with substance use challenges. Other services include Pharmacy and Dental Services

Hegi Family Career Development Center

Staff in the Hegi Family Career Development Center guide and encourage students in the development of skills necessary for a lifetime of career management in the changing world of work. Our counselors work with students at all levels to effectively manage their career development and implement their career plans. The Career Center has an active campus recruiting and job referral program which includes full-time positions, internship opportunities, part-time and summer jobs.

Hughes-Trigg Student Center

The Hughes-Trigg Student Center is the focal point for student activities at SMU. The 112,000 square foot center, which opened in October 1987 and was renovated in 2020, features a variety of programs and a range of resources to meet the

Mustang Band and Spirit Groups



The Mustang Band is the most visible performing ensemble at SMU. The band is made up of a diverse, devoted group of students from all around the SMU campus. Nicknamed “The Hub of SMU Spirit”, The Mustang Band is a close-knit organization that seeks to uphold its tradition of providing a great entertainment experience. The Mustang Band is open to any student enrolled at SMU who plays an instrument. In addition to the Mustang Band, SMU’s Spirit Groups include the Cheerleaders, Pom Team, and Peruna and his handlers. These groups provide support during athletic and other events on and off the SMU campus.

Office of the Chaplain & Religious Life

The Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life seeks to create an inclusive community that celebrates intellectual curiosity about religion and spirituality, nourishes ethical decision-making, cultivates deep spiritual exploration, and supports faithful living. We promote moral and ethical leadership development and provide pastoral care and welcome to SMU’s religiously diverse community. Grounded in the University’s Methodist heritage, the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life enhances the educational mission of the university through religious programming and services for all students, staff, faculty, and administration. Spiritual Life Mentors in each Residential Commons offer space for spiritual conversation and support. More than 20 religious life partners offer opportunities for spiritual formation and meaningful religious community. Regular Mass, worship, Jum’ah prayer, and Shabbat services are held on campus, as well as monthly interfaith socials. Students are encouraged to live out their faith through the Dr. Dennis Simon Civil Rights Pilgrimage and the Cooper-McElvaney Peace & Justice Fellowship.

Residence Life & Student Housing (RLSH)

RLSH comprises 29 full-time staff and 130+ graduate- and undergraduate-student staff fostering the foundational SMU experience where every student belongs, learns, and connects through their residential community.

SMU’s Residential Commons allow students to experience the cohesiveness and intimacy of a small school while still enjoying the cultural and scholarly resources of a large university. It offers students a familiar, comfortable living environment, personal interaction with faculty members and administrators, and exciting opportunities for academic and extracurricular exploration. The Residential Commons do much to foster spirit, allegiance, and a sense of community at SMU. Each Commons has unique identities, traditions, gatherings, and meaningful activities that build community and long-term bonds among residents. Each Commons is led by a Faculty-in-Residence (FiR), a Residential Community Director (RCD), and a variety of student leaders. All entering first-year students receive assignment to 1 of 11 Residential Commons. Students remain affiliated with their Residential Commons during their time at SMU (and beyond).

For a continued on-campus living experience students can select to live in upper-division student housing. These communities offer welcoming, diverse experiences with great amenities and convenient locations and house undergraduates who are juniors or above. Both the Residential Commons and Upper Division Housing serve to connect SMU students by creating avenues for closer interaction and community-building.

Social Change and Intercultural Engagement (SCIE)

The Office of Social Change and Intercultural Engagement connects students with opportunities to engage with and learn from the SMU campus, Dallas community, and beyond. The office prioritizes advocacy and awareness through immersive community engagement experiences and social justice education.

Through campus and community partnerships, SCIE promotes inclusion, identity development, student success, awareness, advocacy, and agency through immersive community engagement experiences and social justice education and providing cultural education and celebrations.

Student Activities

SMU is home to over 200 student organizations. They were formed by students to meet a variety of personal, social, political, recreational, and religious interests. If you don't find an organization that meets your interests, you can start an organization to bring fellow students together.

Women & LGBT Center

The Women & LGBT Center empowers students to increase awareness and understanding of gender equity issues. The Center gives voice for women and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, with a purpose of eliminating barriers, diminishing prejudices, and creating a supportive climate and space for all.





Office of Diversity & Inclusion

SMU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion works with people across the University to develop, coordinate, and advance the organizational vision and strategy to fulfill the University's core values of excellence, integrity, intellectual freedom, open dialogue, diversity and inclusion.

Led by the Chief Diversity Officer along with a roster of 15 diversity officers representing each school and business area and reporting directly to the President, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion guides and supports University policies and practices that foster inclusive admission, recruiting, hiring and promotion practices, and oversees SMU's Cultural Intelligence and anti-bias training. The office works to promote understanding across cultures and identities, explore interdisciplinary solutions to injustice and inequity, and prepare SMU students, faculty, and staff to effectively collaborate, lead, and create world-changing solutions with diverse partners.

Brenda Scott, Director of Inclusive Excellence, serves as the Athletics' Diversity Officer.

For more information on the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, visit <https://www.smu.edu/DiversityInclusion>



STUDENT MEDIA COMPANY

The Student Media Company's mission is to operate superior, responsive student media in a learning environment dedicated to excellence, student freedom of expression, and sound business practices appropriate to a university.

Daily Campus:

The SMU student newspaper that provides the latest campus news, sports, and opinions to students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding community. The Daily Campus is published three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For more information please visit <http://www.smudailycampus.com/>.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more than fifty years the Office of the Chaplain at SMU has provided guidance, nurture, and support for students, families, faculty, and staff on their journeys of faith and living in this collegiate setting. The chaplaincy supports and nurtures faith development and ethical growth of all members of the SMU Community through reflection, study, both corporate and private worship, critical discourse, prayerful social action, and community service.

University Worship:

University Worship, an all-University service of worship in the Christian tradition, meets regularly during the term and is open to all.

Campus Ministries:

The Office of the Chaplain oversees multiple campus ministries whereby students are strengthened spiritually and intellectually in their chosen faith tradition. Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Inter-faith, and Sikh are a few of the campus ministries available on campus.

Religious Holidays Policy:

Listing of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy 7.22 can be found using the follow link: [Religious Holiday Policy](#).

For more information please visit <http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/chaplain>.

SMU OFFICIAL BOOKSTORE

The SMU Official Bookstore is located at:

3060 Mockingbird Ln.

Dallas, TX 75205

Textbooks, SMU apparel, gifts & accessories, diploma frames, and dorm supplies can be purchased at the SMU Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

For more information please visit

<https://smu.bncollege.com/shop/smu/home>.



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Records of the holdings of all SMU libraries are accessible through the following link: [SMU Libraries](#) Users can key into the database from personal computers in the libraries, or from any terminal or personal computer, on or off campus, that can connect to SMU through the Internet or through the use of PPP software to connect to SMU's network.

Fondren Library Center (MAIN):

6414 Robert S. Hyer Ln.

Information Desk: (214) 768-2326

Recording of Hours: (214) 768-7378

<https://www.smu.edu/libraries/fondren>

DeGolyer Library:

6404 Robert S. Hyer Ln.

Information Desk: (214) 768-3231

<http://smu.edu/cul/degolyer/>

Hamon Arts Library:

6100 Hillcrest Ave. (Meadows)

Information Desk: (214) 768-2894

<https://www.smu.edu/libraries/hamon>

Bridwell Library:

Perkins School of Theology

(214) 768-1866

<http://www.smu.edu/bridwell>

Business Library:

Cox School of Business

(214) 768-4107

<http://www.cox.smu.edu/web/business-information-center>

Underwood Law Library:

Dedman School of Law

(214) 768-3216

<https://www.smu.edu/law/library>



Athletics Facilities

For the most up-to-date information on facilities, please visit <https://smumustangs.com/facilities>.

On-Campus Dining Options

For the most up-to-date information on campus dining options and hours, please visit <https://smu.campusdish.com/>.

MEAL PLANS & FLEX DOLLARS

As part of the on-campus experience, all students living in a Residential Commons are required to have a dining membership. Memberships are designed to make your life easier and provide you with many convenient options. First and second-year resident student dining plans provide seven-day, all-access dining in both Umphrey Lee Dining Hall and Arnold Dining Commons.

For all scholarship student-athletes whose scholarship covers room & board, the works + 200 meal plan is included. If you have any questions regarding student-athletes and meal plans, please visit the Compliance office.



SMU SPIRIT

The SMU spirit lives in song, symbols, and traditions that have endured for generations in the hearts of countless Mustangs, alumni, and friends.

MUSTANGS

When SMU decided it needed a mascot as a symbol of its unified spirit, the faculty and students made nominations as to what they thought might serve the purpose adequately. On October 25, 1917, the University community voted from among four possibilities—Bison, Greyhounds, Pioneers, and Mustangs.

The contributor of the winning symbol was Miss Dorothy Amann, President Hyer's secretary. She was struck by the idea while watching the team practice from her office in Dallas Hall: "Why, out there, on the football field, it looks just like a bunch of wild Mustangs!"

PERUNA

The first mascot was a 28" high, 150-pound pony donated by T.E. Jones of Arlington Downs. The feisty miniature black stallion made his first appearance at a pep rally, November 4, 1932. He was promptly named 'Peruna' after a potent medicine of the prohibition era. Legend has it that the medicine was 'full of kick', as was SMU's first mascot. Since that time, SMU has been represented by nine Perunas. All of them (except the first) have been donated and cared for through an endowment opened by the Culwell family.

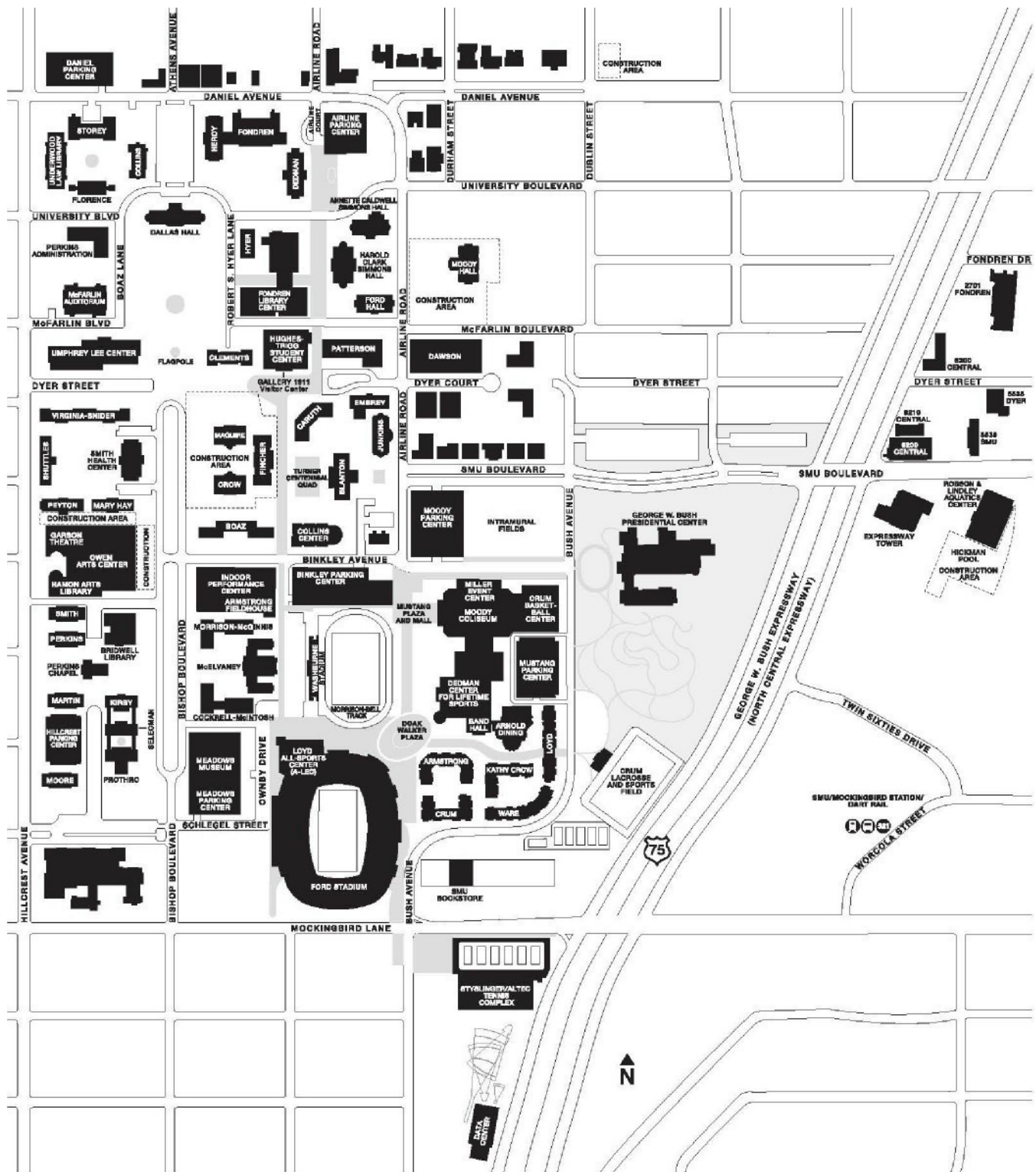
Varsity

O, We see the Varsity, Varsity,
Varsity;
As she towers o'er the hill over
there,
And our hearts are filled with
joy,
SMU, SMU
Alma mater, We'll be true
forever.

Pony Battle Cry

Hail to the red and the blue;
We're the Mustangs from SMU;
Give a cheer, show your might
Get the victory in sight
for our battle cry will be





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DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS (DSAS)

Life After Ball (LAB):

The Life After Ball program assists our student-athletes in their career development and preparation throughout their time at SMU. Central to LAB's efforts are the core themes that each student-athlete can gain from: Connections, Exposure, and Preparation.

LAB provides a standard set of opportunities each semester:

- Professional Networking Dinners
- Career Interest Talks
- Professional Development Series
- Mentorship
- Internships
- 1:1 assistance on resumes, interview preparation, and LinkedIn

Upon completion of the Professional Development Series, student-athletes earn a custom suit. In addition, each have the opportunity to get a headshot taken for their LinkedIn profiles.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB):

Fostering an environment that is free from discrimination and accepting of all backgrounds is important to ensure a positive experience for each student-athlete. In recognizing that every student-athlete comes from a different background, the Director of Inclusive Excellence's role is to educate and train in order to create a space of inclusion and belonging, and one that allows for the unbiased, free exchange of ideas.

As part of these efforts, the DSAS has partnered with Project Unity to regularly host educational events for both student-athletes and staff. Ongoing sessions for teams and staff are a regular offering, and the Director of Inclusive Excellence is always for any student-athletes on a one to one basis.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Black Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (BSAAC):

SAAC and BSAAC serve as the leadership group and voice of our student-athlete population.

SAAC is a partnership of the student-athletes representing all 17 sports at SMU with each team selecting two SAAC reps every year. SAAC meets monthly as a group, meets twice per semester with the Director of Athletics and Strategy team, in addition to the events and initiatives they carry out each year. The Director of Student-Athlete Success serves as the SAAC advisor.

BSAAC exists to create a safe space and advocacy channel for Black-identifying student-athletes at SMU. BSAAC members meet minimally once per month and any student-athlete wishing to further the mission of BSAAC is encouraged to join. BSAAC members also meet twice per semester with the Director of Athletics and Strategy team. The Director of Inclusive Excellence serves as the BSAAC advisor.

**Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) Education:**

Per Texas State Law, all student-athletes must complete specified educational requirements on topics related to NIL during their first year of enrollment. APSM 1270 - Financial Management and Personal Branding is 2-credit course housed in the Simmons School of Education and Human Development that was designed for student-athletes to complete this requirement. All student-athletes, regardless of sport or scholarship status, must take this course prior the start of their second year of enrollment.

Community Service:

Teams and individual student-athletes are encouraged to participate in a variety of community service opportunities throughout any given year. SMU Athletics uses Helper Helper as the platform to sign up for these opportunities and track hours.

Orientation:

All student-athletes are required to attend New Student-Athlete Orientation. Each orientation covers both necessary campus and athletics topics that student-athletes need to be familiar with, as well as pertinent rules all students need to abide by.

Pony Awards:

SMU Athletics' annual awards event is the "Pony Awards". The Pony Awards are an evening of fun for all student-athletes, coaches, and athletics staff to come together to celebrate the achievements of both teams and individuals. Pony Awards candidates are nominated by coaches and voted on by senior leadership. Award winners are announced and celebrated during this special evening.

Graduation Celebrations:

Graduation is a monumental event in every student's life. During graduation weekend each semester, the DSAS organizes our Student-Athlete Graduation Celebrations where family members are invited along with teammates, coaches, and staff to celebrate earning the diploma. Student-Athletes all earn their Student-Athlete Stole and are presented their stole during this celebration.

Welcome Back:

During the first week of class in the fall semester, all student-athletes, coaches, and staff come together to kick off the academic year. This is an evening of fun, food, and games, and for student-athletes to get to know each other across teams.



ACADEMIC POLICY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Academic standards and requirements for student-athletes at SMU are no less stringent than for the general student population. Both the University and the Department of Athletics are aware that participation in varsity athletics makes exceptional demands upon a student-athlete's time and energy. Therefore, the department utilizes the Academic Development of Student-Athletes (ADSA) to provide an academic support program to help student-athletes achieve their full academic potential. Student-athletes, however, must assume ultimate responsibility for their academic endeavors while attending the University.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETES (ADSA)

ADSA reports to the Associate Provost. To ensure that SMU's student-athletes succeed both within and beyond the classroom, the academic counselors work closely with colleagues across Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, the Athletic Department, and other areas.

The Academic Development of Student-Athletes (ADSA) is responsible for providing academic support services to all NCAA Varsity sports at SMU. The ADSA recognizes the unique demands placed on student-athletes, therefore, our support services are designed to provide academic counseling, tutoring, and academic skill development while stressing the importance of individualized plans for each athlete's quest for academic excellence. ADSA provides academic counseling and tutorial programs that offer supplemental support for undergraduate and graduate courses, with peer tutors available to assist with content comprehension, study skills, and time management. Reading and writing interventionists work with student-athletes to improve academic skills and identify potential barriers to learning, empowering them to succeed both on and off the field.

ACADEMIC COUNSELORS:

Counselors are the "go-to" people for anything related to student-athlete academics.

Each Academic Counselor is tasked with providing mentoring and core skills support to their assigned caseload of student-athletes. Counselors help them respond effectively to specific academic challenges; better articulate their educational goals; and succeed in their academic careers. Academic Counselors meet regularly with first-year and academically at-risk student-athletes in one-to-one sessions to discuss effective strategies. During weekly appointments, students create a weekly to-do list using their academic planners, and grades are reported from previous assignments and exams. Student-athletes are expected to self-report academic progress and to take full responsibility for their academic career. Counselors identify academic support needs through consultation with coaches and student-athletes and conferring with faculty and academic advisors to determine the most effective academic assistance and services.

Academic Success Services include:

Study Hall – The ADSA suite is a fully equipped computer lab and study area with computers and printers. These resources are available to all student-athletes to utilize. Resources such as laptops, calculators, voice recorders, and



headphones are available to all student-athletes to check out for the academic term, or temporarily while in the ADSA suite.

Priority Registration – Student-athletes have priority registration at SMU along with other special student groups. Class schedules are built with practice times, travel, and in-season/out-of-season schedules in mind. Counselors work with Campus Advisors to ensure students take the appropriate courses for their major. Additionally, Counselors and students work directly with the athletic Eligibility Coordinator to ensure all NCAA eligibility requirements are met.

Faculty Feedback – In addition to the University-wide Early Progress Reports (EPRs) and Mid-term Progress Reports (MPRs) commissioned by the Office of the Registrar, ADSA counselors also solicit faculty feedback for student-athletes two additional times each semester through Teamworks. This allows the counselor to better assist the student in developing an academic strategy, often including effective work with tutors. Feedback is also shared with coaches.

Learning Skills Specialists-The ADSA specialist department consists of both reading and writing interventionists. Specialists administer literacy assessments to identify incoming first-year and transfer students to determine college readiness. The assessments determine specific reading and writing challenges that a student might be experiencing. The data collected is used to design individualized, targeted interventions for specific student needs. Specialists' sessions vary in frequency on an individualized basis.

Tutoring-The purpose of the tutorial program is to provide student-athletes with subject-specific tutors to serve as a supplement to the classroom experience. Tutors help student-athletes to better understand specific course content. The Tutor Coordinator is responsible for all tutoring operations, including the hiring and training of tutors as well as the scheduling of the appointments for each term. The majority of our tutors consist of undergraduate students, graduate students, adjunct professors, and outside professionals.

Minding the obligations of practice and competition schedules, student-athletes can arrange for regular weekly tutoring appointments through their ADSA Academic Counselor. The number of sessions a week is tailored to the student-athlete's needs. Appointments are scheduled in Teamworks and available for students to view their tutoring schedules on a daily basis.

Summer Bridge-All incoming freshmen and transfer student-athletes who join the Mustang family in the summer term will participate in Summer Bridge programming. The Summer Bridge program assists students in their transition to SMU. During this time, students will grow accustomed to the demands of a student-athlete and learn essential transitional skills and resources before the Fall semester starts. Students will participate in daily study halls, be introduced to guest speakers, and visit other offices on campus. Throughout the summer, students will attend educational sessions that cover topics such as the SMU Honor Code, and Majors at SMU.



The aim of this program is to help students learn to balance their academics with athletics, acclimate to the college environment, and learn about the different resources and opportunities that SMU has to offer. At the conclusion of the summer term, student-athletes will learn how to address the varying challenges student-athletes face on a college campus to successfully become acclimated to life as a Mustang student-athlete.

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of Athletics is committed to funding one undergraduate degree. A priority for SMU Athletics is to augment and support every effort that will foster intellectual development and graduation for its student-athletes. While several levels of support exist at the University and within SMU Athletics, the ultimate responsibility for success rests upon the shoulders of the student-athlete. As a result, each student-athlete is expected to:

- Attend Class. Class attendance, unless officially excused, is **MANDATORY!** Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and are subject to disciplinary action. These disciplinary actions may include loss of playing privileges or the non-renewal of your athletic grant-in-aid. You are expected to be on time, prepared, participate at the level expected of all students, and complete all academic assignments.
- Communicate. Students must communicate with the appropriate parties (e.g. instructors, ADSA Counselor) in a timely manner when an academic/athletic conflict occurs. All arrangements for makeup work or tests are made at the discretion of the instructor. Instructors should provide, within reason, an opportunity for makeup work for all students who miss class for University-approved curricular and extracurricular activities. **It is your responsibility to provide your professor with a copy of your team travel memo as soon as made available by your ADSA counselor. It is your responsibility to follow up with your professors prior to each competition to facilitate making up missed requirements.**
- If you are unable to come to a mutually agreeable resolution for any conflicts with faculty, contact your ADSA Academic Counselor for guidance.
- Consult with Academic Counselors and attend study hall, tutoring sessions, or other academic requirements, as directed.
- Undergraduate student-athletes must maintain an academic load of at least 12 hours (or full-time enrollment) per semester and make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree. Failure to maintain a full-time academic load can result in NCAA and SMU sanctions.
- Graduate student-athletes have different academic requirements that must be confirmed with their graduate school coordinator and their ADSA academic counselor.
- Accept personal responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility by engaging in all academic processes and responsibilities.
- Strive to obtain a college degree within four (4) years.
- Understand and live by the academic regulations of the University as described in the *SMU Student Handbook*.
- Adhere to the University's policies regarding the Student Code of Conduct.

**Academic Planning, Counseling, and Registration:**

The student-athlete academic advising support team includes an assigned ADSA counselor along with an assigned advisor from either the University Advising Center and/or major advisors. This team works with student-athletes to advise them of the requirements for their designated degree programs. Academic Counselors (ADSA) and Academic Advisors on campus, assist student-athletes in the planning of class schedules while paying attention to academic standing, practice, travel, and competition schedules. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to be an active participant in this process and to provide and further details to assist with proper scheduling. To comply with the NCAA's satisfactory degree progress rule, each student-athlete must designate a program of study leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at SMU by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (i.e., the fifth semester). Academic Counselors ensure that each student-athlete meets this requirement, and then work with the student-athlete to ensure that he/she makes satisfactory progress toward the specified degree. It is important to note that adding courses which results in enrollment above 18 credit hours must be approved by the Associate AD for Student Services.

Class Attendance:

There is a direct correlation between classroom attendance and academic success. Therefore, all coaches and departmental administrators are expected to reinforce the necessity of mandatory class attendance to student-athletes. Professors are encouraged to provide progress and attendance reports about student-athletes multiple times throughout the semester. A coach of the designated sport is notified when a student-athlete misses classes. The student-athlete is responsible for explaining his/her actions and is instructed to contact the professor in an attempt to resolve the attendance problem. Student-athletes should provide a copy of their sports' schedule and class excuses letters for team travel to their instructors at the beginning of each semester. Arrangements for taking any examinations or completing work assignments affected by team travel are the responsibility of each student-athlete. Travel letters are generated by the students' Academic Counselor in ADSA through TeamWorks. Student-Athletes are not allowed to miss class due to practice that is not associated with a competition. Excuses are based on travel approved by the University's Athletic Council.

Dropping a Class:

In order to remain academically eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, a student-athlete's course load must not drop below 12 hours (9 hours if a graduate student). A student-athlete who wants to modify their ADSA Academic Counselor prior to making any changes.

Exams:

When a student-athlete learns that an exam is scheduled during the time they will be participating in an intercollegiate athletics event, the student-athlete is responsible for notifying the instructor and making arrangements to make up the exam. The instructor should be contacted at the earliest possible date. Exams may be scheduled prior to travel



SMU Credit Requirement:

SMU requirements vary by catalog year. Refer to the University Catalog link [here](#) for your year.

Classification of Students

A student's classification is determined by the number of hours earned or by the degree-seeking status of the student:

First Year	0-29 credit hours earned
Sophomore	30-59 credit hours earned
Junior	60-89 credit hours earned
Senior	90 or more credit hours earned
Nondegree	not a candidate for a degree

CAMPUS WIDE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES:

[Student Academic Success Programs \(SASP\)](#)

The mission of SASP is to help you respond effectively to specific academic challenges, articulate and achieve your educational goals, and successfully complete your undergraduate curriculum. Through both developmental and accelerated programs designed to maximize your learning potential, personal adjustment, and academic performance, our specialists will help you integrate study into your life and your goals from the beginning.

The goals of the staff of Student Academic Success Programs (SASP) are:

1. to support new students in their transition to the academic culture of the university;
2. to assist students in developing comprehensive, advanced reading and learning techniques, and in applying these global skills to specific coursework challenges;
3. to offer services that encourage students to build confidence in their ability to learn and to overcome the challenges they may confront at SMU;
4. to offer services that strengthen—and where necessary develop—the foundational skills (mathematical literacy, reading, writing, computer literacy, and critical thinking) that are central to every student's continued academic success;
5. to offer services that support students' pursuit of the institution's most challenging programs of study and mastery of their chosen curricula;
6. to ensure that the Center's administrative practices, operating principles, and staff development activities are designed to further the academic well-being of SMU's undergraduates.

SASP services are located in the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center, suite 202 in Loyd All Sports Center. The A-LEC is home to the Writing Center, tutoring, HDEV classes, the Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies staff, learning specialists and workshops. All SMU students may utilize the A- LEC and all A-LEC staff, tutors, interns, and graduate assistants are available to Student-Athletes as academic resources

A-LEC DROP IN TUTORING SCHEDULE:

A-LEC tutoring is a resource for all students, not just for those are in academic trouble. A-LEC tutoring is designed to complement and support students' direct contact with their professors. The ALEC's aim is to connect students with a knowledgeable person with whom they can discuss the course material they are working on, whether work is focused on a specific problem or on more general questions about how to study for the course. Over one hundred tutors, mostly



upper-level undergraduates or graduate students, provide support for most first- and second-year courses, as well as many advanced courses. A-LEC tutoring is available at no charge to SMU undergraduates, and no appointment is necessary.

[Click Here](#) to access the A-LEC Tutoring Schedule.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS & SUCCESS STRATEGIES (DASS)

Academic accommodations are available for students with various conditions, such as LD, ADHD, physical (also temporary disabilities- such as a non-sport related injury), visual, hearing, medical, or psychiatric disorders. DASS assists with temporary services that may be required for academic success after a sports related injury. Athletic Trainers, Academic Counselors, and DASS work very closely in these situations. DASS also works with the student-athletes, Academic Counselors and Athletic Trainers to ensure medications prescribed for a disability condition are reported for NCAA requirements.

Steps for Establishing Eligibility for Accommodations at SMU:

1. Students provide detailed information about their condition and its impact by reviewing [the Disability Accommodations Page](#) and applying for accommodations.
2. For most conditions, students will need to submit current documentation supporting their request for services. Please review the [Documentation Guidelines](#) used to evaluate requests for eligibility. It is best to upload documentation at the same time the student submits the online request form.
3. When the DASS office receives both the students' self-report and current documentation, a review team begins the review process, which can vary in time from 2-3 weeks. Upon completion of the review, DASS will contact students at their SMU email address regarding next steps. They will let students know if further information is needed to complete the file review; upon receipt of the items requested, DASS will continue the review. Please note that DASS determines accommodations solely by the official review process. Any preliminary judgments made outside of this process regarding adequacy of documentation or potential accommodations are not binding.
4. Students who are made eligible for services are invited to schedule an intake appointment to discuss their accommodations and the procedures for implementing them. We will prepare students' Accommodation Letters at this appointment. Accommodation letters are then shared electronically with each requested faculty member through an online portal called DASS link.
5. After the intake appointment, students will then meet with each faculty member to discuss their implementation. This final step is necessary before accommodations can be put in place.

DASS also provides success strategies support for undergraduate students with LD/ADHD at no charge:

- Academic coaching
- Academic planning
- 1 Hour Reading & Learning Strategies Course (HDEV 1110)
- Student support groups

[DASS](#) is located in the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC) in Suite 202 of the Loyd All Sports Center



UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This section of the handbook includes or summarizes some relevant portions of SMU's Undergraduate Catalog. The standards in the Undergraduate Catalog are applicable to all students at the University and constitute the basic authority and reference for matters pertaining to university academic regulations and records management. Enrollment at the University is a declaration of acceptance of all University rules and regulations.

Confidentiality of Education Records:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that grants students the right to inspect, obtain copies of, challenge and, to a degree, control the release of information contained in his or her education records. The act and regulations are lengthy, and, for that reason, SMU has issued guidelines that are available at the Registrar's Office FERPA Web site (www.smu.edu/ferpa). In general, no personally identifiable information from a student's education record will be disclosed to any third party without written consent from the student. Several exceptions exist.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The University's goal for, and expectation of, all undergraduate students is that they make regular and satisfactory progress toward their degree. There are three classifications that may apply when an undergraduate student is not making satisfactory academic progress: 1) academic probation, 2) academic suspension or 3) academic dismissal. The Undergraduate Catalog sets out the standards and procedures for each of these classifications. In addition, a student who has been suspended may seek academic reinstatement under the standards set out in the catalog.

Academic Probation:

Academic probation is a serious warning that the student is not making satisfactory academic progress. A student on academic probation is still eligible to enroll and is considered in good standing for enrolling in classes and for certification purposes. Academic probation is not noted on the permanent academic record; however, a student on academic probation may be subject to certain conditions during the period of probation and will be subject to academic suspension if he or she does not clear academic probation. For academic probation periods and guidelines, students should see the Academic Probation sections below under the appropriate school of record.

**Academic Suspension:**

Academic suspension is an involuntary separation of the student from SMU. Academic suspension is for at least one regular term. The term of suspension might be for a longer period depending on the policy of the school of record or the terms of the individual student's suspension. The status of academic suspension is recorded on a student's permanent academic record. While on academic suspension, a student is not in good academic standing for certification purposes and is not eligible to enroll at SMU. Students who have served their suspension and who are eligible to return may not enroll for any intersession terms without permission from their school of record. Credits earned at another college or university during a term of suspension may not be applied toward an SMU degree. A grade point deficiency must be made up through enrollment at SMU.

Academic Reinstatement:

A student who has been on academic suspension once may apply for reinstatement to SMU. If reinstated, the student may enroll in classes, and he or she is considered in good academic standing for purposes of certification. A student who is reinstated remains on academic probation until the conditions of academic probation are satisfied.

Academic Dismissal:

A second suspension results in an academic dismissal from the University. Academic dismissal is final, with no possibility of reinstatement or readmission to the University. Academic dismissal is recorded on the student's permanent academic record.

TRANSFER COURSES FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Credit may be awarded for college courses a student takes prior to matriculation at SMU, including courses a student takes before graduating from high school, if the courses meet the criteria for transfer work outlined in the Admission to the University, Transfer Admission Criteria section of this catalog. Credit may be denied for educational reasons. Once students have matriculated at SMU, they may transfer no more than 30 hours to SMU from accredited colleges and universities.

To ensure in advance that a course taken at another college or university will transfer and that proper credit will be awarded, the student taking the course should obtain prior approval from the chair of the department, the records office of the school at SMU that normally offers the course, the adviser, and the student's school of record. Petitions for preapproval of transfer work are available in the schools' records offices. Students who fail to get prior approval for transfer work may petition later for transfer credit, but they have no assurance that credit will be awarded. In either case, permission may be denied for educational reasons.

Note: SMU schools have differing policies regarding the transferability of courses from two-year institutions, and with very few exceptions, post-matriculation transfer work must be completed at accredited, four-year institutions. Official college transcripts are required for all college-level work attempted, regardless of transferability. Military transcripts are also required for students receiving VA benefits; more information is available at www.smu.edu/registrar ("Veterans Affairs" link). Students are responsible for making sure a transcript of all transfer work attempted is sent to the University Registrar's Office immediately following completion of the work.



Students who complete more than 30 transferable hours after matriculating can designate which of their courses apply to the 30-hour limit. Students may change the designation of the courses. Students should make these transfer-credit designations in consultation with their records offices.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR UNIVERSITY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who participate in officially sanctioned, scheduled University extracurricular activities should be given an opportunity to make up class examinations or other graded assignments missed as a result of this participation or related travel. The manner in which examinations or other assignments missed because of these activities are to be made up is left to the discretion of each individual faculty member. However, students should not be penalized in any way for these excused absences and should be informed by the instructor at the beginning of the term, preferably in writing, of the instructor's makeup policy. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examination or other missed assignment for making up this work, and to obtain any class notes or other course material missed due to absence prior to taking any subsequent examinations or submitting any subsequent graded assignments.

This statement of University policy applies for all students. To minimize the difficulties caused for both student-athletes and their instructors by excused absences due to University-sanctioned athletic activities or related travel, the Athletic Department shall 1) make available to all student-athletes and their academic advisers prior to registration a copy of the student's activity and travel schedule for the upcoming term, so as to facilitate the student's enrollment in class sections that will minimize activity and travel conflicts; and 2) require all student-athletes to provide a copy of that term's activity and travel schedule, and a copy of this Statement of University Policy, to each of their instructors at the first class meeting of the term.

Other University colleges and departments whose students will miss classes because of their participation in officially sanctioned, scheduled University extracurricular activities or related travel are encouraged to adopt similar procedures to minimize the difficulties caused by such absences.

A list of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences is available on the Official University Calendar. Students must notify the class instructor in writing by the 12th day of the term of any such absences that will occur during that term. Accommodations are to be made without penalty. More information can be found in the *University Policy Manual*, available at www.smu.edu/policy.

Absence Due to Illness:

SMU's Memorial Health Center does not provide documentation for granting excused absences from class. If students are absent for illness, they should talk to their professors about how they might catch up with the material missed. If students are seriously ill and require hospitalization or an extended absence, students should talk to their professors and the Office of Student Life to decide how to deal with the interruption in their studies. To facilitate communication with their professors about their absence, students may submit the Absence from Class Form available at www.smu.edu/healthcenter.



CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Freshman	0-29 credit hours earned
Sophomore	30-59 credit hours earned
Junior	60-89 credit hours earned
Senior	90 or more credit hours earned
Non-degree	Not a candidate for a degree

Credit Hour Loads:

The unit of measure for the valuation of courses is the *credit hour*, i.e., one lecture hour or three laboratory hours per week for a term of approximately 16 weeks (including final examinations). Usually, each lecture requires a minimum of two hours of preparation on the part of students. Most courses are valued for three credit hours, i.e., three lecture hours per week and at least six hours of preparation. A full-time load in the fall, spring and summer terms is 12 hours for undergraduates. Students who enroll for fewer than these minimum hours are designated part-time students. The normal undergraduate enrollment for each of the regular terms is 15 credit hours. An undergraduate student enrolled in an engineering co-op course or enrolled for six hours of student teaching is considered a full-time student.

Cautionary Note: Federal financial aid agencies and some other agencies require a minimum number of hours of enrollment for full-time status and do not make exceptions for internship, co-op or student-teaching enrollments. Students on financial aid should consult a Financial Aid Office adviser regarding minimum enrollment requirements for their situation.

GRADES

The grade of a student in any course is determined by the instructor of the course. The following grades are authorized for recording on the student's official undergraduate academic record maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

Grades	Grade Points	Grades	Grade Points
A	4.00	D+	1.30
A-	3.70	D	1.00
B+	3.30	D-	0.70
B	3.00	F	0.00
B-	2.70	P, CR (Pass, Credit)	*Grade not included in GPA
C+	2.30	I (Incomplete)	* Grade not included in GPA
C	2.00	NC (No Credit Received)	* Grade not included in GPA
C-	1.70	WP/W (Withdrawal Passing/Withdrew)	* Grade not included in GPA



		X (No Grade Received in Registrar's Office)	* Grade not included in GPA
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Grade Point Average:

A student's grade point average (cumulative GPA) is computed by multiplying the credit hours of each course attempted by the grade points earned in the particular course and then dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of hours attempted, excluding those hours for which grades are shown with an asterisk on the grade chart. The GPA is truncated, not rounded, at three decimal places.

Changes of Grades:

Changes of grades, including change of the grade of *I*, are initiated by the course instructor and authorized by the academic chair and by the academic dean of the school in which the course was offered. If a student requests a grade change, the instructor may ask the student to provide the request as a written petition, which may become an official part of any further process at the instructor's discretion. Changes of grades may be made only for the following authorized reasons: to clear a grade of *I*, to correct a processing error or to reflect a re-evaluation of the student's original work. A change of grade will not be based on additional work options beyond those originally made available to the entire class.

Changes of grades of *I* should be processed within a calendar year of the original grade assignment. Other changes of grades must be processed by the end of the next regular term. No grade will be changed after 12 months or after a student's graduation, except in cases where a grade is successfully appealed – provided that written notice of appeal is given within six months following graduation – and in extenuating circumstances authorized by the academic dean and approved by the University Registrar's Office.

Grades for Repeated Courses:

Effective for courses taken Fall 2017* or later, students may repeat up to six courses taken at SMU for which grades of *D+* or lower were received. The grade from the repeated course, even if lower, will be the grade used to calculate the student's GPA. A course may be repeated only once under this policy.

Students must repeat the exact same course originally taken to be considered a repeat. The course must be taken at SMU. Not every course is offered again and thus may not be available to be repeated. Students cannot take or repeat a course that is a prerequisite for a course already satisfactorily completed.

The student must declare to his or her academic records office by the last day to drop a course (with a grade of *W*) which courses he or she will repeat under this policy. Once the declaration is made, it is irrevocable. Only the credit hours of the repeated course and not the initial credit hours count toward the number needed for graduation. Both the initial and the second grades are shown on the student's permanent academic record. Probation, suspension and dismissal, as determined by the initial grade, stands. Students are cautioned that for some purposes, such as admission into an academic program, both grades or only the initial grade may be used.



Note: This policy replaces the former First-Year Repeat policy. Any repeats taken under the First-Year Repeat policy will count against the total Grade Replacement Repeats allowed.

* Students who entered SMU during 2016-17 under the 2016-2017 First Year Repeat policy may repeat classes taken before Fall 2017, per the guidelines of that policy.

Appeal of Grades:

A student who feels that an assigned grade is other than the grade earned must first discuss the matter with the course instructor to determine if the discrepancy is caused by error or misunderstanding. At the time of the initial discussion, the student may be asked to provide a written petition requesting the change of grade.

A student who is not satisfied by the instructor's decision on a request for a grade change, and who maintains that the original grade was capriciously or unfairly determined, may appeal to the chair of the department in which the course was offered (or, in the case of a non-departmental course, to a faculty agent designated by the dean of the school offering the course). After discussing the matter with the student, and bearing in mind that the final authority in matters of academic judgment in the determination of a grade rests with the course instructor, the chair (or faculty agent) will consult with the course instructor, who will subsequently report to the student the disposition of the appeal.

A student who is not satisfied by the disposition of the appeal may appeal the decision to the dean of the school offering the course. The dean will take action as he or she deems appropriate. A student may appeal the dean's decision to the provost. In their actions, the dean and the provost must respect the principle that the determination of a grade rests with the course instructor.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Final course examinations shall be given in all courses where they are appropriate, must be administered as specified in the official examination schedule, and shall not be administered during the last week of classes. Exceptions to the examination schedule may be made only upon written recommendation of the chair of the department sponsoring the course and concurrence of the dean of that school, who will allow exceptions only in accordance with guidelines from the Office of the Provost.

ACADEMIC PETITIONS AND WAIVERS

Petitions and/or requests for waivers concerning University requirements, graduation requirements and the evaluation of transfer work should be submitted to the student's school of record office. Additional information is found under Grade Appeals in the Grade Policies section of this catalog. Petitions and/or requests for waivers concerning a major or a minor should be submitted to the appropriate department chair or program coordinator/director for consideration.

Complaint Procedures for Students with Disabilities:

The complaint procedures for students with disabilities are available in the [Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies](#) office.



GRADUATION

Students must file an Application for Candidacy to Graduate with their school's records office no later than the last day of the first week of the term in which they will complete all degree requirements. Applications are filed through my.SMU Self-Service Student Center by the deadline date on the Official University Calendar.

Students who file an application after the published deadline may be required to pay a nonrefundable late fee.

Graduation Info:

<https://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/registrar/GraduationAndDiplomaServices>

ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

SMU and the Athletics Department are committed to the principle of institutional control and will continue to hold itself to the highest standards of ethical conduct in the operation of its athletics program. In performing our mission, the SMU athletics compliance office (the "Compliance Office") educates, monitors and enforces all NCAA, American Athletic Conference and University rules, regulations and policies.

All coaches, student-athletes, athletics department personnel, faculty, staff, alumni, boosters and other supporters of SMU are expected to maintain reasonable knowledge of and act in full accordance of the rules and report any violations. The Compliance Office is charged with protecting the University and coordinating SMU's compliance efforts and shall act as a resource for internal and external constituencies regarding all compliance matters.

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PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AN NCAA VIOLATION

Ethical conduct, per NCAA rules, requires all prospective and enrolled student-athletes and current or former institutional staff members to act with integrity. The following summarizes the expectations of student-athletes to report violations of NCAA legislation:

- If you knowingly commit an NCAA rules violation, you must self-report. If you do not, you may face sanctions ranging from a reprimand to ineligibility.
- If you inadvertently commit an NCAA rules violation, or suspect another individual of committing a rules violation (no matter how minor it may seem), you are expected to report it. Most inadvertent rules violations are considered secondary with minimal penalties.
- Failure to report a possible rules violation is the same as breaking the rule yourself.

Contact the Compliance Office to report a possible NCAA rules violation or if you are not sure whether a rule has been broken. We will respect your confidentiality. Our policy is to self-report the mistake, learn from it, move on and implement monitoring



procedures to prevent it from happening again.

ATHLETE AGENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EDUCATION

Basic Rules: If you are contacted by a sports agent, financial advisor or sports marketer (or a representative or any such professionals), you must tell the individual to contact the Compliance Office.

You, your family members and friends:

- **May not** enter into any kind of current or future agreement, orally or in writing, to be represented by a sports agent, financial advisor or sports marketer while you have remaining eligibility.
- **May not** accept any kind of transportation or other benefits from any person who wishes to represent you as a sports agent, financial advisor or sports marketer while you have remaining eligibility.
- **May** seek advice from an attorney about a professional sports contract when you have remaining eligibility.

****Exceptions apply for men’s basketball student-athletes.**

The Texas Athlete Agents Act requires all agents to register with the Secretary of State. It is illegal for an agent who is not registered to contact you. In addition, the Compliance Office is required to establish a time and place for student- athlete and athlete agent interviews.

Professional Teams and Drafts:

- You **may** request from a professional sports organization information about your market value.
- You **may** (on your own, not through an agent) enter into negotiations with a professional team while you have remaining eligibility.
- You **LOSE YOUR ELIGIBILITY** if you enter into any kind of agreement (oral or written) to compete presently, or in the future, in professional sports, regardless of its legal enforceability or consideration received.

AMATEURISM

Only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in a particular sport.

You are no longer an amateur and are ineligible in a sport if you ever:

- Accept a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;
- Sign a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received, except as permitted by NCAA legislation;
- Receive, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules;
- Compete on any professional athletics team, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received, except as permitted by NCAA legislation;



- After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enter into a professional draft, except as permitted by NCAA legislation; or
- Enter into an agreement with an agent to represent you to participate in professional athletics.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

NCAA Rules:

- You may receive up to four complimentary admissions for home and away events in your sport, and six complimentary admissions for conference and NCAA Championship events.
- Hard tickets cannot be issued.
- **NO SCALPING OF TICKETS**
- Neither you nor any person designated by you may receive anything of value in exchange for complimentary admissions.
- All recipients of your complimentary admissions must be given admission through a pass list.

Procedures for Admission to an Event in Your Sport:

- In sports other than football and basketball, you **MUST** submit a list of names to your coach, or the person designated by your coach, in advance of every contest to receive complimentary admissions.
- In football and basketball, guests must be approved by the Compliance Office prior to receiving complimentary admissions to a contest.

Procedures for Admission to Events in Other Sports:

- You may be admitted without charge to all regular season home contests in sports other than the one in which you participate. This does not include NCAA events on the SMU campus. SMU offers free admission in all sports except football and basketball. In football and basketball, students who have elected for the sports package receive free admission to all SMU home regular season games. You must set up your digital ticket account to request a student ticket. For more information about student tickets and to set up your account, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SMU PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

You must complete the Promotional Activity Request form to determine the permissibility of your involvement in community service and promotional activities. In addition, the representative of the charitable, educational, or non-profit organization must sign and return this form to the Compliance Office.

You and your name, image, and likeness **may** be used to support charitable or educational activities. You **may not** miss class to participate in such an activity.

ELIGIBILITY

Academic progress and eligibility are monitored by the Athletics Department; however, it is the responsibility of the student-athlete to ensure that applicable requirements are being met. If you have questions regarding eligibility requirements, consult with your ADSA academic counselor.



To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a Student-Athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.

In order to continue athletic eligibility, SMU Student-Athletes must meet minimum academic standards established by the NCAA, the American Athletics Conference, and the University. The following summarizes most, but not all, of these standards.

	Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	5 th year
6 HOUR REQUIREMENT	Must successfully pass 6 hours each regular term (Fall, Spring).	Must successfully pass 6 hours each regular term (Fall, Spring).	Must successfully pass 6 hours each regular term (Fall, Spring).	Must successfully pass 6 hours each regular term (Fall, Spring).	Must successfully pass 6 hours each regular term (Fall, Spring).
FOOTBALL ONLY 9 HOUR REQUIREMENT	<u>FOOTBALL ONLY</u> Must complete 9 hours in the Fall in order to be eligible for the first four games of the next fall season.	<u>FOOTBALL ONLY</u> Must complete 9 hours in the Fall in order to be eligible for the first four games of the next fall season.	<u>FOOTBALL ONLY</u> Must complete 9 hours in the Fall in order to be eligible for the first four games of the next fall season.	<u>FOOTBALL ONLY</u> Must complete 9 hours in the Fall in order to be eligible for the first four games of the next fall season.	<u>FOOTBALL ONLY</u> Must complete 9 hours in the Fall in order to be eligible for the first four games of the next fall season.
18 HOUR REQUIREMENT	Must successfully pass 18 total hours during the regular school year (Fall and Spring only).	Must successfully pass 18 total hours during the regular school year (Fall and Spring only).	Must successfully pass 18 total hours during the regular school year (Fall and Spring only).	Must successfully pass 18 total hours during the regular school year (Fall and Spring only).	Must successfully pass 18 total hours during the regular school year (Fall and Spring only).
24 HOUR REQUIREMENT	Must successfully pass 24 total hours prior to the start of your 3 rd fulltime semester (can include summer).				
MAJOR DECLARATION		Must officially declare a major before your 5 th fulltime semester			



PERCENTAGE OF DEGREE		Must have earned 40% towards a degree prior to the start of your 5 th fulltime semester	Must have earned 60% towards a degree prior to the start of your 7 th fulltime semester	Must have earned 80% towards a degree prior to the start of your 9 th fulltime semester	
GPA REQUIRMENT	Must have a 1.8 cumulative GPA prior to the start of your 3rd full time semester.	Must have a 1.9 cumulative GPA prior to the start of your 5th full time semester.	Must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA prior to the start of your 7th full time semester.	Must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA prior to the start of your 9th fulltime semester.	Must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA prior to the start of your 9th fulltime semester.



NCAA Full-Time Enrollment:

- You must be enrolled full-time in a minimum of 12 hours each semester.
- You are immediately ineligible for practice and competition if you drop below 12 hours in a semester.

Exceptions:

- If you are in your final semester and need less than 12 hours to graduate.
- If you are a graduate student, you must be enrolled in a full-time graduate program (usually at least 9 hours at SMU).

NCAA 6-hour policy:

- You must complete at least six (6) hours in the previous full-time regular academic term to be eligible for competition in the next regular academic term. intersession hours may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- The NCAA policy also requires you to pass six (6) hours to be eligible for postseason competition that occurs following the end of a semester.

Additional Requirements—Football Student-Athletes:

- In football, you must successfully complete at least nine-semester hours of academic credit during the fall term.
- If you do not earn at least nine-semester hours during the fall term you shall not be eligible to compete the first four contests against outside competition the following season.
- One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a football student-athlete may regain full eligibility to compete in the first four contests, provided they successfully complete at least 27- semester hours of academic credit prior to the beginning of the next fall term.
- A football student-athlete who does not earn at least nine-semester hours and is ineligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition the following season may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided they successfully complete at least 27-semester hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.
- A football student-athlete in their first year of enrollment at SMU may use credit hours during the summer prior to initial enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester credit hour requirement.

Mid-Year First-Time Enrollee:

- If you enroll as a full-time collegiate student for the first time at the beginning of the second semester, the 24-hour and 18-hour requirements are tied to the start of the third semester following your initial full-time enrollment.

Declaring a Major:

- NCAA legislation requires Student-Athletes to declare a major prior to the beginning of the student's fifth semester.

The Five-Year Rule:

You have five calendar years from the date you first enroll full-time in any collegiate institution to complete four seasons of eligibility.



- Excluded from the five-year period is time spent in the military service, on an official church mission or for pregnancy.
- Any amount of competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition) during the season shall count as a season of competition in that sport.
 - Football Exception: student-athletes may participate in up to four games without using a season of competition.

Medical Hardship: You may be granted an additional year of competition if you are incapacitated for the remainder of the playing season by reason of injury or illness.

- The two primary conditions that must be met are:
 - The injury must occur prior to the end of the first half of the season.
 - At the time of the injury, you must have played in no more than three events or 30% (whichever is greater) of the team's completed events.
- Please contact the SMU Athletics Compliance Office for more information.

Permanent Medical Status: A permanent medical status occurs when it appears that a student-athlete may be injured or ill to the point that he or she will never again be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

- A student-athlete's permanent medical status must be approved by the Director of Athletics (based on the professional opinion of qualified athletic trainers and physicians authorized by SMU to reach such a conclusion).

EMPLOYMENT

You are required to complete the necessary paperwork in the Compliance Office if you want to work. In addition, as a representative of SMU, you are expected to behave responsibly and perform job duties to the best of your ability. The following rules apply to student-athlete employment:

- Compensation may be paid only for work actually performed.
- Compensation may be paid at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.
- Transportation to the job site may be provided only if such transportation is made available to all employees.
- You are responsible for complying with employment rules and are to report any irregularities in employment compensation or benefits to the Compliance Office.
- You and your employer **must** complete the employment form before your employment begins. The form can be picked up in the Compliance Office.

Guidelines for Giving Private Lessons: You **may** receive compensation for teaching or coaching skills in your sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided:

- You **do not** use SMU facilities, including non-athletics facilities (e.g., Dedman). It is permissible for you to pay the going rate and use SMU facilities.
- Contact the Compliance Office for more information.

Summer Camps: You may be employed in a sports camp. You may own your own sports camp and clinic. (See Name, Image, and Likeness section for more information.)



International Student-Athlete Employment:

* International student-athletes may only accept paid employment on campus:

- Prior to beginning on-campus work, you and your supervisor must have an approved Work Eligibility Form and complete all necessary paperwork with Human Resources (HR)
- You may not work more than 20 hours per week while school is in session (all on-campus jobs combined)
- If you have questions about off-campus work, NIL, or any other employment (even non-compensated), please visit the ISSS website pages for CPT and OPT and talk to a Designated School Official (DSO) in the International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) prior to accepting or engaging in any off-campus employment.
- **NOTE: if you are pursuing a for-credit internship, you must consult the compliance and ISSS offices and follow the required processes for approval.**
 - The contact information for the ISSS office including advising hours can be found at: <https://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/international>

Unauthorized employment could have serious consequences related to your F1 visa status. Please be sure to follow all instructions and consult with an ISSS DSO when necessary.

Academic Services: The athletics department may provide the following academic support, career counseling and personal development services that support the success of a student-athlete, including but not limited to:

- Tutoring expenses
- Alcohol and/or drug rehabilitation expenses
- Counseling expenses related to eating disorders
- Use of computers
- Cost of a field trip, provided the trip is required of all students and the fee is listed in the course syllabus or SMU catalogue
- Course supplies (calculators, art supplies, subscriptions,) provided such supplies are required of all students and are listed in the course syllabus or SMU catalog
- Use of copiers, fax and the Internet, provided such use is related to completion of coursework

Clothing and Equipment: You **may not** accept equipment, supplies or clothing from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise. However, these items **may**, be provided to the institution to be used by the team in accordance with accepted practices for issuing and retrieving equipment. Exception: a valid NIL deal may permit this in limited circumstances.

Discounts and Credits: Student-athletes, their family members and friends **may not** receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., greens fees, court time, airline ticket, clothing, rent, food) or a service (e.g., laundry, haircut, dry cleaning) unless it is offered and made available to the general public or the general student body under the same terms and conditions in which it is made available and provided to the student-athlete and their family members and friends. Discounts or credits provided to student-athletes and their family members and friends that are based upon the student-athlete's participation in athletics, athletic ability or notoriety achieved as a result of athletics are not permissible.



Entertainment Services: Student-athletes and their family members and friends **may not** receive services (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, **use** of a car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates, or free or reduced cost admission to professional athletics contests from professional sports organizations, unless such services also are available to the student body in general. With regard to “preferential treatment”, NCAA legislation state that student-athletes and their family members and friends cannot receive “preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the student-athlete’s athletics reputation or skill or payback potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation.” It is important to understand that if a student-athlete, their family member or friend receive an “extra benefit” or “preferential treatment” as defined by the NCAA, the student-athlete’s eligibility will be adversely affected. In all cases, the value of the extra benefit, or what was received as a result of preferential treatment, must be repaid if it is found that a violation of NCAA legislation occurred. In many cases, the student-athlete will also be suspended and withheld from one or more future competitions.

Free or Reduced-Cost Services: An athletics representative **may not** provide a student-athlete, their family member or friend with professional services (for which a fee normally would be charged) without charge or at a reduced cost except as permitted by a specific NCAA rule. Professional services provided at less than the normal rate or at no expense to student-athletes, their family members and friends are considered an extra benefit unless they are available on the same basis to the general student body. Services provided to enrolled student-athletes such as the availability of tutors at no cost, academic counseling and the availability of private computer labs in the A-LEC are examples of benefits that are permitted by NCAA rules.

You **may** individually, or as a team, receive an occasional meal from someone other than a coach or SMU staff member (e.g., booster) under the following conditions:

- The meal is provided on infrequent and special occasions;
- The meal may only be provided in the individual’s home, on the SMU campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered;
- A booster may provide reasonable local transportation for you to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the individual’s home;
- The meal was pre-approved by the Compliance Office.

Prizes: You **may** receive a prize as part of an SMU promotion if you are selected in a random drawing open to the general public or student body.

Student-Athletes Selling Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics: A student-athlete **may not** sell any item received for intercollegiate athletics participation (e.g., game jersey, conference championship participation award, bowl game watch, NCAA Championship ring) or exchange or assign such an item for another item of value, even if the Student-Athlete’s name or picture does not appear on the item received for intercollegiate athletics participation.

Travel Expenses:

- A hometown group **may** provide your expenses to return home to receive an athletic award.
- You **may not** borrow a vehicle from coaches, SMU staff members, boosters, donors or alumni.
- You **may not** accept free transportation from a booster, except as permitted above.

Financial Aid

Renewal, Reduction, Non-Renewal, or Cancellation

SMU awards athletics aid in support of the University's primary educational values. Individuals who receive athletics aid are expected to be honorable representatives of SMU who show athletic promise. Athletics aid is awarded in compliance with the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the American Athletic Conference, and the University.

The University's Office of Financial Aid awards athletics aid at the direction of the Director of Athletics (or designee) and provides each student-athlete a written document indicating the amount of aid and the terms and conditions of the award (Athletics Aid Agreement). Awards are offered to student-athletes at the appropriate signing dates, as provided by NCAA legislation.

Grounds for Reduction, Non-Renewal or Cancellation of Financial Aid

While SMU generally renews financial aid agreements until an undergraduate degree can reasonably be completed, renewal is not guaranteed for non-transfers. Each student-athlete is responsible for adhering to the rules appearing below. Although certain violations of the law or rules can result in immediate termination of support, a sustained pattern of minor violations can also lead SMU to reduce, non-renew, or cancel aid.

Action During the Period of the Award

In accordance with NCAA legislation, athletics aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of award for the following reasons:

1. The recipient renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
2. The recipient fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent, or financial aid agreement
3. The recipient engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty;
4. The recipient voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons;
5. The recipient violates any non-athletically related conditions stipulated in the Athletics Aid Agreement including, but not limited to: academic policies or standards; athletics department rules or policies; team rules or policies; or other non-athletically related conditions included in the Athletics Aid Agreement; or
6. The recipient provides written notification of transfer to the institution; however, the recipient's athletics aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If the recipient provides written notification of transfer between regular academic terms (e.g. winter break, summer break), the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.



Financial Aid Renewal, Reduction, Non-Renewal, or Cancellation (Continued)

NCAA legislation prohibits athletics aid from being reduced or cancelled during the period of the award for the following reasons:

1. On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance, or contribution to a team's success;
2. Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or
3. For any other athletics reason.

Action *After* the Period of the Award

Athletics aid may be reduced or non-renewed after the period of the award for the following reasons:

1. The recipient renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
2. The recipient violates standards of good sportsmanship;
3. The recipient fails to participate in an athletic contest when called upon to do so;
4. The recipient destroys or defaces University property;
5. The recipient violates University rules and regulations (including the Student Honor Code) as determined by the Office of the Dean of Student Life;
6. The recipient violates NCAA and/or American Athletic Conference legislation;
7. The recipient perpetrates conduct that violates any law;
8. The recipient sells and/or uses illegal drugs;
9. The recipient fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent, or financial aid agreement;
10. The recipient engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty;
11. The recipient voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons;
12. The recipient violates any non-athletically related conditions stipulated in the Athletics Aid Agreement including, but not limited to: academic policies or standards; athletics department rules or policies; team rules or policies; or other non-athletically related conditions included in the Athletics Aid Agreement;
13. The recipient provides written notification of transfer to the institution; however, the recipient's athletics aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is



received. If the recipient provides written notification of transfer between regular academic terms (e.g., winter break, summer break), the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately; or

14. For any violation of reasonable standards of behavior not listed here, as determined by the Director of Athletics.

Appeals Process

The Office of Financial Aid shall consider all student-athlete appeals of the reduction, cancellation, or non-renewal of athletics aid using the following process:

1. The student-athlete's request for appeal must be submitted to the SMU Office of Financial Aid in writing or by e-mail before 5 p.m. on the deadline stipulated in the financial aid notification letter, generally ten calendar days from date of notice. A failure to meet this deadline will terminate the student-athlete's right to appeal.

All requests and supporting materials should be sent to:

Division of Enrollment Services - Financial Aid Attn: Athletics Aid Appeal PO Box 750181

Dallas, TX 75275-0181

Fax: (214)768-3878

E-mail: enrol_serv@smu.edu

2. Upon receipt of the student-athlete's request for an appeal, the Office of Financial Aid will contact the Athletics Compliance Office and the Faculty Athletics Representative. The Office of Financial Aid will determine a date for the hearing. The Office of Financial Aid will notify the student-athlete, Athletics Compliance Office, and Faculty Athletics Representative of the time and location of the hearing. The Office of Financial Aid will ask the Department of Athletics to provide it with written documentation supporting the reduction, non-renewal, or cancellation decision no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing date. The Office of Financial Aid will promptly forward the documentation to the student-athlete. The student-athlete has the option to provide a written statement and supporting documents for his/her appeal to the Director of Financial Aid. The deadline to submit the student-athlete's statement and supporting documents is no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing date. The student-athlete's material will be forwarded to the Department of Athletics.
3. The following parties should attend the hearing: the student-athlete, Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee, the head coach (or designee), and Director of Athletics (or designee). The Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee is selected by the Director of Financial Aid (or designee), and is composed of university administrators, faculty, and staff, with at least one university faculty member. The Director of Financial Aid (or designee) serves as Chair of the Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee. The Chair sits as a hearing officer but does not take part in the vote or otherwise participate in the deliberations of the Committee. However, the Chair may be called upon to break a tie vote if necessary. The Chair rules on procedural matters and the admissibility of evidence. One other individual (e.g. parent, advisor, or faculty member) may accompany the student-athlete to offer support, but cannot act as a legal representative. Consistent with SMU internal review processes, neither the student-athlete nor the Department of Athletics is allowed to have an attorney attend or otherwise participate in the appeal/hearing process. Parents who are attorneys may attend as a support person for the student-athlete but may not act in an attorney capacity. The support person will not be allowed to address the Committee, but may confer with the student-athlete. A representative from the Athletics Compliance Office will also be in attendance to provide interpretations of



applicable NCAA bylaws. The Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee reserves the right to approve the presence of other parties.

4. Prior to the hearing, the Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee reviews all documentation and supporting materials submitted by the student-athlete and the Department of Athletics.
5. The hearing is intended to provide the parties an opportunity to present their respective cases to the Committee. Formal rules of evidence do not apply at this hearing, and the Committee may consider any information presented by the parties that it believes to be relevant and reliable. The hearing follows this order:
 - a. The student-athlete presents relevant information in support of his/her appeal. He/she is allotted 30 minutes to present.
 - b. The office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee has an opportunity to ask questions of the student-athlete. The student-athlete leaves the room.
 - c. The Director of Athletics (or designee) and/or head coach (or designee) enters the room and presents relevant information in support of the action taken by the Department of Athletics. The Director of Athletics (or designee) and/or head coach is allotted 30 minutes to present.
 - d. The Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee has an opportunity to ask questions of the Director of Athletics (or designee) and/or head coach (or designee). All parties not on the Appeals Committee leave the hearing room once the committee has no more questions.
 - e. Requests for additional information may be made by the Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee to either party. Committee members may ask questions or request additional information at any time during the hearing.
6. All proceedings are confidential. All proceedings and all documents generated by this process become part of the student-athlete's appeal file. This file is available, upon request, to the student-athlete and the Department of Athletics. State and federal laws govern the privacy rights of students and employees. Questions regarding disclosure of information should be directed to the Office of Legal Affairs.
7. The Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee is solely responsible for deciding the outcome of the appeal and will do so in a closed meeting after the hearing. The decision must be based solely on the information presented at the hearing. The Athletics Compliance Office representative is not present at this closed meeting, although he/she is available on-call to provide interpretations of applicable NCAA bylaws, as necessary.
8. The Office of Financial Aid will provide a written decision to the student-athlete, Athletics Compliance Office, and Faculty Athletics Representative within ten calendar days of the hearing.
9. Additional appeals will not be available to the student-athlete or the Department of Athletics. Decisions by the Office of Financial Aid Appeals Committee are final.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Pell Grants:

If you have an athletic scholarship, you could be still eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid, amounts can change yearly and you must compete a FAFSA yearly. The maximum Pell grant for the



2023–24 award year (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024) is \$7,395. The amount awarded will depend on:

- Your EFC (Expected Family Contribution/financial need),
- Your cost of attendance,
- Your status as a full-time or part-time student
- Your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less, and
- Lifetime eligibility not to exceed 600%

Applying:

Application for federal financial aid is made by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may submit a FAFSA by using FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You and your parents should first go to www.fsaidth.gov so that you may each apply for your Federal Student Aid ID before filing your FAFSA. This FSA ID will act as your electronic signature and will help to streamline the process.

EFC:

When processed, a formula is applied to the information provided. Congress established this formula to determine your financial need. The formula takes into account your family's income, some assets, certain required expenses (taxes), necessary basic living expenses and employment-related expenses. The formula result is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which indicates how much your family and you are expected to pay toward your cost of attendance for the school year. If your EFC is below a certain amount, and you meet all other eligibility requirements you will be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. You must complete the FAFSA each year, starting October 1st.

Using Your Tax Return:

If you (or your parents) need to file an income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it before filling out the FAFSA. If you have not completed your return yet, you can submit your FAFSA now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return. The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through www.fafsa.gov. In a few simple steps, you may be able to view your tax return information and transfer it directly into your FAFSA.

When Will I Receive the Aid?

The Financial Aid office will review your FAFSA along with any other required or submitted data to determine eligibility. Once reviewed, your financial advisor will award the grant to the student account prior to the beginning of the academic year. Pell Grant can be applied to your school costs, pay you directly (usually by a direct deposit) or combine these methods. The school must tell you in writing how and when you'll be paid and how much your award will be. Schools must disburse funds at least once per semester.



HOUSING

- University policy requires first and second year students to live on-campus unless the student will live at home in the primary residence of his/her parent or guardian. Exceptions to the live on-campus requirement are granted by the Director of Residence Life & Student Housing.
- To apply for housing, new first-year and transfer Student-Athletes must submit a housing application & contract and pay the \$100 non-refundable advance housing deposit after being admitted to SMU.
- Continuing student-athletes who intend to return to residence halls for the next year must participate in the RLSH reapplication process in the Spring Semester. Space for returning students is limited. Student-athletes required to live on-campus who do not participate in the process will be waitlisted for assignment pending vacancies.
- The Athletic Department coordinates housing arrangements for incoming student-athletes who live on campus.
- All student-athletes living on-campus are expected to abide by Residence Hall Community Standards and other policies/procedures, which is available on the RLSH website at <https://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/ResidenceLifeandStudentHousing/LivingOnCampus/Policies>
- **NOTE:** If you are going to remain on campus after your freshman year, it is imperative to submit your reapplication paperwork by RLSH deadlines.
- Contact Housing (housing@smu.edu) for exceptions/exemptions to live off-campus.

MEDICAL/INACTIVE COMPLETION PROGRAM PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

The SMU Athletics Department is committed to helping every student-athlete graduate in a timely manner. To address this need, the Athletics Department has established a fund to help defray the costs associated with completion of a SMU degree after medical disqualification or being declared Inactive. **Student-athletes who receive athletics aid as a medical/Inactive student-athlete, must follow the guidelines spelled out below.** Medical/Inactive completion aid is for the sole purpose of finishing one undergraduate degree. SMU will only pay for a maximum of 130 credit hours and any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Athletics, through the Deputy Director of Athletics for Internal Affairs (hereafter referred to as Program Administrator). Medical/Inactive student-athletes are not normally approved for summer school athletic aid unless they fall under the graduation category.

ASSIGNMENT

Medical/Inactive student-athletes do not have sport specific time commitments thus will be assigned to perform hours in the athletics department. The type of assignment to be performed will be agreed upon in writing by the student and the Program Administrator prior to the semester for which the aid is awarded. When possible, assignments will be made with consideration for the student's academic major and/or areas of interest. **The Athletics Department assignment takes priority over any non-academic commitments the student-athlete may obtain. If a student-athlete is required to complete an internship for academic credit, he or she must coordinate schedules with the Program Administrator prior to beginning the internship.**



GENERAL CRITERIA

1. Medical student-athletes will be awarded athletic aid on a term basis.
2. Medically disqualified applicants: **Aid may not exceed the amount awarded during the final year of athletic participation; however, the Director of Athletics has the authority to determine the amount of the award. Student-athletes that have previously been declared medically disqualified and have completed 8 fulltime semesters, will be required to apply for degree completion aid.**
3. Other (Inactive student-athletes on athletic aid): **Aid may not exceed the amount awarded during the final year of athletic participation; however, the Director of Athletics has the authority to determine the amount of the award.**
4. All student-athletes awarded athletic aid through the Medical/Inactive Completion program must meet NCAA Eligibility standards. In addition, prior to the last add/drop date, each student-athlete must meet with his/her academic counselor one-time per semester and submit written verification to the Program Administrator.
5. Any violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct may impact renewal, reduction, or cancellation of athletic aid.
6. All student-athletes awarded athletic aid through the Medical/Inactive Completion program must attend a Compliance meeting at the beginning of the academic year. Student-athletes who receive a monthly stipend risk having their check withheld until he/she attends a Compliance meeting. All student-athletes will also be held accountable for the information contained in the Student-Athlete handbook.
7. Applicants with circumstances that fall outside of the parameters specified above may appeal to the Director of Athletics, through the Program Administrator, for an exception.

Non-compliance of any of the stated guidelines above may result in nonrenewal, reduction, or cancelation of athletic aid.

APPLICATION

1. Medical disqualified applicant: The Compliance Office must submit the official paperwork to support medical disqualification. Student-athlete must complete the Medical/Inactive Assignment Request form. Obtaining the information required to complete the application is the responsibility of the student-athlete.
2. Inactive student-athletes on athletic aid (Other): Student-athlete must complete the Medical/Inactive Assignment Request form. Obtaining the information required to complete the application is the responsibility of the student-athlete.

Select One: ☐ Medical Applicant ☐ Inactive Applicant ☐ Other

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Medical/Inactive Completion Program (Assignment Request)

Return completed application to Ryan McCabe, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance (Program Administrator)

NAME: _____ SMU ID: _____ SPORT: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____ LOCAL/CELL PHONE (include area code): _____



Recipients of medical/Inactive completion aid are required to contribute to the athletics department. The type of task to be performed will be agreed upon in writing by the student and the Program Administrator prior to the semester for which the aid is awarded. When possible, assignments will be made with consideration for the student's academic major and/or areas of interest. **The athletics department assignment takes priority over any non-academic commitments the student may obtain. If a student is required to complete an internship for academic credit, he or she should coordinate schedules with the Program Administrator prior to beginning the internship.** The amount of time required will vary depending on the total amount of medical/inactive completion aid awarded.

Choose three areas of interest from the assignment options listed below. Indicate preference by placing a 1, 2, or 3 next to the option.

- ☐ Sport Administration
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Compliance
- ☐ Equipment Room
- ☐ Video Services
- ☐ Business Office
- ☐ Marketing/Promotions
- ☐ Game Operations
- ☐ Life Skills
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
- ☐ Strength and Conditioning
- ☐ Facilities
- ☐ Admissions & Eligibility
- ☐ Sport Program (must be approved by HC)
- ☐ Other Assignment – briefly describe the suggested assignment

Recipients of medical/inactive completion aid must acknowledge and agree to be bound by the following conditions.

1. I have reviewed the Medical/Inactive Completion Procedures and Guidelines and understand I am bound to the language to its entirety.
2. I will report to the assigned area within the athletics department.
3. I will obtain permission for days off, vacation days, etc. from my work supervisor and program administrator.
4. I understand the athletics department assignment takes priority over other non-academic commitments that I might obtain. If required to complete an internship for academic credit, I will coordinate with the Program administrator prior to beginning the internship.
5. I understand that my athletic aid will be reduced or cancelled during or after the period of the award if I fail to adhere to the rules of the Medical/Inactive Completion program to include: complete the required weekly hours, perform assigned tasks in a satisfactory manner, and/or maintain satisfactory academic progress and good standing with the university and meet NCAA Eligibility Standards. (Stipend checks may also be withheld).

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date



STUDENT-ATHLETE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

The SMU Athletics Department is committed to helping every student-athlete graduate in a timely manner. Student-athletes sometimes require 4½ or 5 years to meet degree requirements due to a variety of circumstances. To address this need, the Athletics Department has established a fund to help defray the costs associated with completion of a SMU degree after exhaustion of eligibility. SMU will only pay for a maximum of 130 credit hours and any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Athletics, through the Deputy Director of Athletics for Internal Affairs (hereafter referred to as Program Administrator).

WHO NEEDS TO APPLY

- Anyone who has exhausted their athletic eligibility and has completed 8 fulltime semesters.
- Or if the student-athlete exhausts his/her athletic eligibility in his/her 9th fulltime semester and has not completed his/her first baccalaureate degree, the student-athlete must apply after their 10th fulltime semester.
- Medical student-athletes who have completed 8 fulltime semesters.

GENERAL CRITERIA

1. Every approved degree completion student-athlete will be awarded athletic aid on a term by term basis.
2. Aid may not exceed the amount awarded during the previous term of athletic participation.

Aid will cover Tuition, books and fees only. No stipend/room/board will be provided regardless of the amount awarded during the previous term of athletic participation; however, the Director of Athletics has the authority to determine the amount of the award.

3. All student-athletes awarded athletic aid through the Degree Completion program must meet NCAA Eligibility standards. In addition, prior to the last add/drop date, each student-athlete must meet with his/her academic counselor one-time per semester and submit written verification to the Program Administrator.
4. If a student-athlete drops all courses in final semester of enrollment without prior approval from the Director of Athletics (or designee), he/she may be denied the benefits of degree completion aid.
5. Any violation (s) of the Student Code of Conduct may impact renewal, reduction, or cancelation of athletic aid.
6. All student-athletes awarded athletic aid through the Degree Completion program must attend a Compliance meeting at the beginning of the academic year. All student-athletes will also be held accountable for the information contained in the student-athlete handbook.
7. Applicants with circumstances that fall outside of the parameters specified above may appeal to the Director of Athletics, through the Program Administrator, for an exception.

Non-compliance of any of the stated guidelines above may result in nonrenewal, reduction, or cancelation of athletic aid.

APPLICATION



1. Degree Completion Applicant: The student-athlete must submit a Degree Completion Program application that can be obtained from the Program Administrator.
2. Obtaining the information required to complete the application is the responsibility of the student-athlete.

NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS

Permissible Activities - as a student-athlete:

- You **may** earn compensation for use of your NIL when not engaged in team activities;
- You **may** earn compensation from selling your autograph;
- You **may** obtain professional representation (e.g., attorney) for contracts or other legal matters related to NIL.

(Note: Texas Athlete Agent laws remain in effect)

Impermissible Activities - as a student-athlete:

- You **are not** considered an employee of SMU based on your participation intercollegiate athletics;
- You **may not** be compensated for NIL:
 - By SMU
 - In exchange for athletic performance or attendance at SMU
 - In exchange for property owned by SMU or for providing an endorsement while using intellectual property owned by SMU without permission from and compensation to SMU.
- You **may not** enter into a NIL contract if any provision violates:
 - Team rules
 - An institutional contract
 - Athletics department policy
 - University honor code
- You **may not** engage in NIL activities in the following categories:
 - Alcohol
 - Anabolic steroids
 - Tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or any other nicotine delivery device
 - Sports betting
 - Casino gambling
 - A firearm the student-athlete cannot legally purchase
 - Sexually oriented business

A student-athlete **must**:

- You **must** disclose any proposed NIL contract to SMU, via the designated NIL disclosure application, before entering into the contract
 - Any conflicts must be disclosed to you or your representative. You or your representative have 10 days to resolve the conflict



- The duration of a NIL agreement cannot extend beyond your participation in intercollegiate athletics
- You **must** attend a financial literacy and life skills workshop provided by SMU in your first year
 - The workshop must be 5+ hours. Topics must include: financial aid, debt management, academic resources, time management, and budgeting
 - Any providers of financial resources who present at the workshop may not market, advertise, or make referrals, or solicit you to use their services

Prospective student-athletes

- A prospective student-athlete **may not** enter into any NIL arrangements prior to enrollment
- An institution **may not** provide or solicit a prospective student-athlete with compensation for NIL
- Inducements for future NIL compensation arrangements to recruit a prospect to an institution are not allowed

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school athletic aid is not part of a student-athlete's financial aid agreement; therefore, summer school is not guaranteed. In order to receive athletic aid for summer school, student-athletes must complete an application in the spring semester before the given deadline. Applications can be picked up with ADSA academic advisors. Summer school athletic aid typically will be awarded in the same proportion as a student-athlete's athletic aid in the previous school year. Approval for summer school athletic aid will be emailed to the student-athlete's SMU email address, listing the courses and session that have been approved. Any changes to a student-athlete's schedule must be approved by the Compliance Office. Appeals can be made to the Athletic Director in writing, by sending an email to the Compliance Office.

RECRUITING HOST GUIDELINES

Official Visits: An official visit is defined as a campus visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete financed in whole or in part by the institution. As a student host,

- You **must** spend only the allotted amount of money you received to host the prospect.
- You **may not** use additional money from a coach or any other individual to spend during the prospect's visit.
- You **may** spend the money only during the prospect's visitation.
- You **must** return any remaining cash from advance money on Monday following the recruiting weekend. Failure to comply may result in withholding future advance money for hosting purposes.
- You **must sign** the guideline sheet attesting that this review was completed as required.
- Use good judgment and make sure your recruit does the same.
- Don't put yourself or your recruit in any situations or go to any places where there could even be the appearance of sexual impropriety.
- All entertainment **must** take place within a 30-mile radius of SMU's campus. You **may not** transport the prospect, or anyone accompanying the prospect, more than 30 miles from the SMU campus.
- You **may not** be provided with an automobile by SMU or boosters/alumni to use during a prospect's official visit to campus.



- You **may not** provide the recruit with alcoholic beverages of any kind at any time during the official visit.
- You **may not** use host money to pay for admission to any establishment where alcohol is served. Avoid these places altogether.
- Try to focus part of the official visit on education. Ask the recruit what he or she hopes to study. Try to answer questions on academics. Offer suggestions on courses or other useful information.
- You **may not** use your host money to buy your teammates or any other student-athlete a meal when you take a recruit to a restaurant. Only you and the prospect may eat a meal utilizing the host money provided.
- Neither you nor a recruit may accept a discounted cost for a meal unless a restaurant offers the same deal to all students and/or patrons.
- You **may not** use host money to purchase souvenirs such as T-shirts, hats or other SMU souvenirs for a recruit.
- Host money may be used for all activities related to hosting the prospect (e.g., gas, Lyft/Uber, entertainment, etc.). The Compliance Office may request documentation to confirm that host money was used in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations.

Unofficial Visits: An unofficial visit is defined as a visit to an institution at the prospect's own expense.

- A prospect on an unofficial visit may stay in your dorm room, provided the prospect pays the regular institution rate for such lodging.
- A student-athlete **may not** provide a prospect with transportation on unofficial visits.
- A student-athlete **may not** pay for a prospect's meal on an unofficial visit. The prospect **must** pay the actual cost of meals if you eat in any SMU cafeteria

Impermissible Student-Athlete Recruiting:

- You **may not** be provided with transportation or expenses by SMU to recruit a prospect, except those expenses specified as permissible when you serve as a Student-Athlete host.
- You **may** make telephone calls to a prospect at the direction of a coach provided the call does not occur on a required day off.

Permissible Student-Athlete Recruiting:

- Unavoidable, incidental contact, between you and a prospect (even at the prospect's high school), is permissible provided such contacts do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member.
- You **may** receive phone calls made at the prospect's expense.
- You **may** write to a prospect provided it is not done at the direction of SMU coaches and/or staff or at the expense of SMU.



REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION'S ATHLETICS INTERESTS (BOOSTERS)

The NCAA defines a “representative of an institution’s athletics interests” or a “booster” as anyone who has, at any time:

- Been a member of a sports booster club such as the Mustang Club;
- Made a donation to any of SMU’s men’s or women’s athletic programs;
- Assisted in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- Arranged for or provided summer employment for enrolled student-athletes;
- Assisted in providing any benefit to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
- Been involved in promoting SMU’s athletic program.

Remember...once a booster, always a booster!

Even if someone does not meet the definition of a booster, it does not mean that you can accept extra benefits from them. Receiving benefits from boosters or any person fitting any of the following descriptions would render you ineligible.

You cannot receive benefits if the relationship:

- Between you or your parents and the individual providing the benefits started because of your participation in athletics or your reputation as an athlete;
- Began after you became a prospect;
- Began after you earned a reputation for being an athlete; or the pattern of giving increased after you earned a reputation for being an athlete.

Boosters think they are helping you, but anyone who offers to help you, your family members or friends by providing impermissible benefits is going to hurt you by jeopardizing your eligibility. As a current student-athlete you can talk to boosters; however, there are rules that govern the interaction between student-athletes and boosters. Breaking those rules may jeopardize your eligibility!

SPORTS WAGERING

Please adhere to the following NCAA sports wagering rules to protect your eligibility. You **may not**:

- Solicit or accept a bet for any item of tangible value on any sport the NCAA sponsors a championship, emerging sports for women, or in FBS football. This includes wagering at the intercollegiate, amateur and professional levels.
- Participate in any sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics through a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed in organized gambling.

You put your eligibility at risk if you engage in any of the actions mentioned above. In addition, participation in sports wagering or bribery can result in disciplinary actions by SMU and the NCAA, as well as local state and federal prosecution of the involved individuals. You are responsible for reporting any offers of gifts, money or favors in exchange for supplying team information or attempting to alter the outcome of any contest.



SUMMER LEAGUES

- Basketball: You **may** compete between June 15 and August 31 on a summer basketball team **after** getting written permission from the Compliance Office and the Director of Athletics. The league you play in must be certified by the NCAA. Only **TWO** student-athletes from the same team may play on the same summer basketball league team.
- Soccer: After May 1st, a soccer student-athlete may compete as a member of a non-collegiate amateur team **after** getting written permission from the Compliance Office and the Director of Athletics. Only **FIVE** student-athletes in soccer may play on the same summer league team.
- Volleyball: Only **TWO** student-athletes in volleyball may play on the same summer league team.
- You are restricted to playing on **ONE** team in **ONE** summer league.

TEAM TRAVEL

When a student-athlete makes the team's travel squad, his or her transportation, lodging and meals will be provided when traveling to away from home competitions. The student-athlete will be responsible for personal hotel charges on team trips, such as long-distance calls or room service. Personal hotel charges must be paid at the front desk before the team checks out of the hotel. Student-athletes are required to complete the travel team waiver form if he or she wishes to travel separately from the team to away competition.

TEXTBOOK POLICIES

- If your athletics aid includes "books", the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore staff will "box" your required textbooks.
- Student-athletes will pick up their textbooks at the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore.
- You may receive only those textbooks that are required for your classes. In addition, you can only receive course-related supplies.
- When you pick up your box of required textbooks at the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore, you must:
 - Present your SMU I.D. card, check your receipt for accuracy, keep your receipt from the cashier and put it in a secure place in case any questions arise concerning your textbooks.
- All textbooks must be returned to the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore. If you need any of your textbooks for the following semester, you must contact the Compliance Office to receive approval
- Failure to return your textbooks may result in the buyback prices of the books to be billed to your student account. Thereafter, you will be unable to enroll in classes until paid.
- If you need assistance with textbooks, please contact the Compliance Office.

TRANSFER PROCEDURES

NCAA legislation permits a student-athlete to transfer to another school after attending SMU. However, Student-athletes should be aware of several items prior to deciding to transfer. The following is a summary, but should not be considered a substitute for the actual wording of the transfer rules that are found in the NCAA Manual. It is important for the student-athlete to consult the Compliance Office, as well as the school to which he or she intends to transfer, to discuss all applicable



NCAA and conference rules that may affect eligibility. Student- athletes also should be aware of the following:

- Coaches or staff members of another NCAA member institution may not discuss a possible transfer with you until you have been entered into the transfer portal.
- If you have signed a National Letter of Intent to attend SMU, transferring before the completion of one academic year here could result in the loss of one year of intercollegiate eligibility.

Notification of Transfer:

- If you are interested in transferring to another four-year school, must complete the NCAA DI Transfer Module and the Student-Athlete Notification of Transfer Form then submit the Form to the Compliance Office. Once submitted, SMU must enter your name into the NCAA Transfer Portal within two business days
- Any time you transfer to another school, you must complete one academic year in residence (sit out a year) before being eligible to compete, unless you meet an exception. See the Compliance Office for more details.
- You must enter the NCAA Transfer Portal within your sport’s transfer window, unless you meet an exception. See the Compliance Office for more details.

Possible Exceptions to the Year in Residence Requirement:

- You are transferring because SMU discontinued the program of study in your major or discontinued your sport.
- You are transferring to a lower NCAA division school (e.g. Division I to Division II).
- You qualify for a one-time transfer exception.

TRANSPORTATION

Automobile Registration and Parking:

- You must completely fill out the Automobile Information section on the Student-Athlete Registration Form in ARMS if you are driving a vehicle at any time while enrolled at SMU.
- You must purchase a parking permit for every vehicle you drive on campus.
- You are responsible for any parking fines or other fines associated with the operation of a vehicle on campus.

Dart Rides: SMU participates in a DART Higher Education Pass Program and all currently enrolled students are eligible to receive an annual DART transit pass through the Parking and ID Card Services Office.

The SMU Express shuttle service takes you to campus, popular student apartment areas and nearby stores, services and restaurants. And you can connect to the DART Rail Red, Blue or Orange Line and other buses at SMU/Mockingbird Station. Follow this link for more information about SMU Express www.dart.org/riding/mustangexpress.asp Questions about parking services can be directed to parking@smu.edu.



EQUIPMENT

Letter Awards Policy for Student-Athletes:

As acknowledgement for athletic participation and as recognition for outstanding performance, the Department of Athletics selects deserving student-athletes to receive athletic awards. In order to receive an athletic award, student-athletes must be of amateur standing, eligible for athletic participation as defined by the NCAA, and must have represented SMU at the time of competition.

All student-athletes that are on the official team roster, as identified by the Compliance Office and remain as such through the entirety of his/her of competitive season shall be eligible to receive a letter award unless otherwise determined at the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Director of Athletics.

The Compliance Offices monitors the awards program to ensure that all awards are permissible according to NCAA regulations, are within the number allowed, and do not exceed the NCAA maximum value limitation. All awards are submitted to the Compliance Office for approval before being distributed.

The Athletics Equipment Staff is responsible for ordering, stocking, and issuing all participation letter awards. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) will review and approve the design of letter awards. Coaches shall not distribute letter awards unless prior written permission is given by their Sport Administrator and signatures are obtained by both coach and Student-Athletes.

Awards are restricted by the NCAA to items which may be personalized with the institution's insignia or letter. The total value of all awards may not exceed \$225 annually, unless the Student-Athlete is a senior. The maximum value is then extended to \$425 to allow for permissible senior awards. **Please note, however, that the value of the “M” Ring must be included in the value of the senior award. Therefore, the combined value of the senior award and “M” Ring cannot exceed \$425.** Approved senior awards may include plaques, framed jerseys, flowers, blankets, rings, watches, etc. Award items such as gift certificates, appliances, and televisions are not permitted as letter awards.

All student-athletes meeting letter award criteria receive the following:

Award:	Replacement Cost:
First Award: Letter Jacket	\$85
Second Award: Framed “M”	\$70
Third Award: Watch	\$80
Senior Award: “M” Ring Framed Jersey/Plaque	\$180 TBA



This Senior Award (“M” Ring) may substitute for any of the other awards listed above – if it is the last year of eligibility for the student-athlete. In addition, a framed jersey or plaque can be ordered in addition to the ring, however, please note that the value combined with the “M” Ring cannot exceed \$425.

Awards to Student-Athletes who Graduate Prior to Exhausting Eligibility:

If a student-athlete graduates from the University after his/her 3rd year of athletic participation, the student-athlete is eligible for either the 3rd year athletic participation award or an “M” Ring (valued at \$175/\$150), but not both due to the NCAA’s \$225 limit for non-senior participation awards. If the student-athlete chooses to receive the “M” Ring after his 3rd year of athletic participation, the student-athlete may receive both the 3rd and 4th year participation awards after the student-athletes’ 4th year of athletic competition as long as the value of both awards do not exceed the NCAA’s \$425 limit for senior participation awards.

Post Season Awards Policy for Student-Athletes:

Annual participation awards are provided to student-athletes at the discretion of the sport and limited in value and number as specified in the Institutional Awards Policy Outline.

Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition for which the award is recognizing. Awards for winning a conference or national championship in a team sport may be provided only to student-athletes who were eligible to participate in the championship event.

Eligible to participate is defined by certification for competition, not practice, from the NCAA.

American Athletic Conference Tournament Participation: If your team qualifies for participation in an American postseason tournament, the conference office will provide your team’s participation award(s). SMU will not supply an institutional award for participating in this post-season tournament.

American Athletic Conference or Regular Season Championship: If your team wins either an American regular season championship or the post-season tournament, you are eligible to order a ring as your award. Should your team win both titles; you are still only eligible to order one ring.

Individual Competition Sports: If a student-athlete participates in an individual competition championship only the student-athlete involved in the competition is eligible for an award. (i.e. if one (1) swimming student-athlete makes it to Nationals, every team member does not receive an award).

NCAA Tournament Participation: Award allotments for your team’s participation in the NCAA tournament will be determined by how far your team advances. See distributing scale on page 70. Only teams and/or individuals in Soccer, Volleyball, Men’s & Women’s Basketball, Men’s & Women’s Tennis, Women’s Track & Cross Country, and Women’s Rowing who reach NCAA III on the scale are eligible to order a ring as their award. Otherwise, all other teams/individuals must win a NCAA Championship to qualify for a ring. Either a ring or other selected gift are not to exceed the amount allotted as listed in the Award Eligibility Scale.

NCAA Championship: If you win an NCAA Championship, you will be awarded \$415 per student-athlete with which you may purchase awards. This allotment **cannot be combined with the \$325 you earned by advancing to NCAA Postseason.**



Football Bowl Awards:

Bowl and championship awards may be presented to the student-athletes upon the recommendation of the Head Coach and approved by the Director of Athletics.

Championship Ring Policy:

One Ring Limit: Only one ring per year is permitted for team and/or individual accomplishments per sport (one for a Conference Championship or one for a NCAA Championship/Bowl Victory) subject to the sport exceptions mentioned in the “NCAA Tournament Participation” section.

Individual Sports: In the event a student-athlete competes in post-season competition both individually as well as with their team, this student-athlete is only eligible for one set of awards (i.e. one ring per championship). Thus, if a team and an individual win both The American and NCAA Championships, the individual is still only eligible for one ring (not two). If the student-athlete should advance further than the team in post-season competition, they will continue to be awarded based on the distribution chart. Rings provided by the NCAA or BCS are not included in the institution’s limit of one.

Team Sports: If a team wins both their conference regular season and their tournament, or wins the conference and reaches NCAA III, they are still only eligible for one ring. Football is eligible for one ring only for winning the conference, winning a bowl game, or winning the National Championship.





PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Athletics Public Relations Office is located on the third floor of the Loyd All-Sports Center. If you have any questions, please stop by anytime or call 214-768-2883. Staff and sport-specific information is at SMUMustangs.com/media.

The media has a job to report the facts. The majority of their stories will be positive. Sometimes the stories will deal with difficult matters, such as a tough loss. It is not pleasant to be in front of a camera or microphone in such a situation; however, you should try to be as cooperative as possible.

Interview Policies:

- All media inquiries should be directed to the Public Relations Office.
- It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to notify the Athletics Public Relations Office prior to initiating contact with the media or responding to requests for information or comments from the media. "Media" includes, but is not limited to: newspapers, magazines, television, radio, online/internet sources and the like.
- The Daily Campus, SMU-TV, Rotunda, and all student organizations have been instructed to follow the same guidelines as other media. Be careful of any casual remarks you make to friends that you would not want to see in the paper or on Twitter.
- The Public Relations Office will facilitate contacts between you and the media by coordinating times that fit in with your class and practice schedules and also help the reporter meet deadlines.
- Interacting with the media is a learning experience in developing communication skills that will be helpful to you the rest of your life.
- Coaches, staff, and student-athletes all have a responsibility to SMU and each other to be cooperative. As you know, the public's perception of the SMU Athletic Department is greatly shaped by the media. We all should make every effort to produce a positive impression.
- Cell phone numbers will be given out IF it is mutually arranged between you and the reporter. If you do not want your cell phone number given out, please tell a member of the Public Relations staff. If a reporter contacts you at home without a prior arrangement and you do not wish to talk to him or her, please be polite and ask the reporter to arrange the interview through the Public Relations Office at another time.
- The Public Relations Office may call your cell phone to ask you to call a reporter. If you do not get an answer, **ALWAYS** leave a message so the reporter knows you tried.

Social Media Networking Guidelines for Student-Athletes:

Student-Athletes should be concerned with any behavior that might embarrass themselves, their families, their teams, and/or SMU. This includes any activities conducted online. As a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate sports at SMU, you are a representative of the University and are always in the public eye. Potential employers, internship supervisors, graduate programs and scholarship committees now search these sites to screen candidates and applicants. Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you participate on social networking web sites:

- Before participating in any online community, understand that anything posted online is available to anyone in the world. Any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online - even if you limit access to your site and/or profile.
- You should not post information, photos, or other items online that could embarrass you, your family, your team, the Athletic Department or SMU. This includes information about team activities and teammates.



- You cannot post any information that is proprietary to the Athletic Department which is not public information (e.g., tentative or future schedules) or information that is sensitive or personal in nature (e.g., travel plans and itineraries).
- You are personally liable for any copyright violations committed, such as posting photographs, audio or video that is not your personal property. This includes the use of the trademarks of SMU. Your sport contact in the Public Relations Office will share photos electronically via the INFLCR app.
- You are personally liable for any violations of other students' or student-athletes' privacy rights, especially those that fall under federal privacy laws (FERPA or HIPPA) or that violate the SMU Student Code of Conduct or other university codes or policies.
- You should not post your home address, local address, social security number, phone number(s), birth date, or other personal information such as your whereabouts or your plans. You could be opening up yourself to predators.
- Coaches and Athletic Department Administrators can and do monitor these outlets.
- The malicious use of online social networks such as using derogatory language about any member of the SMU community, demeaning statements about or threats to any third party, and incriminating photos or statements depicting hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, illegal drug use or other inappropriate behavior will be subject to disciplinary action by your head coach and/or Director of Athletics. Sanctions may include written notification requiring the unacceptable content be removed, temporary suspension from the team, dismissal from the team, and the loss of athletic aid, if applicable.

Examples of Inappropriate and Offensive Social Media Behavior:

- Posting photos, videos, comments, or posters showing the personal use of alcohol (e.g., depictions of student-athletes and friends holding cups, cans, shot glasses, and the like, which appear to contain alcohol). The use of tobacco is not a healthy practice, especially for student-athletes, and its use should not be posted as part of how a student-athlete depicts himself or herself.
- Posting photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.
- Posting pictures, videos, comments, or posters that condone drug related activity. This includes, but is not limited to, images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Using inappropriate or offensive language in all comments, videos and other postings. This includes threats of violence and comments that could be interpreted as harassing to others.
- Tweets referencing recruits, coaching issues, injuries, and other team dynamics.

If you are ever in doubt of the appropriateness of your online public material, consider whether it upholds and positively reflects your own values and ethics, as well as those of the Athletics Department and the University. Utilize your networks to positively impact the brand/reputation of who you are and everything you stand for or represent. Remember to always present a positive image and don't do anything to embarrass yourself, the team, your family, or the University.



SMU SPORTS MEDICINE

The SMU Sports Medicine Department is dedicated to the prevention, care, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries incurred by student-athletes while participating in SMU intercollegiate athletics.

The Sports Medicine staff is the liaison between athletics and the medical community. **SMU Athletic Trainers and Team Physicians have the unchallengeable authority when making decisions regarding participation in athletic activities. The Sports Medicine Staff is viewed to be independent and autonomous and as a result, coaches do not have the authority to hire and fire medical personnel.**

Physical Examinations

Upon entry into SMU, all student athletes must complete the following as part of their pre-participation physicals exam in order to compete in SMU Athletics:

1. Complete an SMU Health History form including up-to-date immunization records directly to the SMU Health Center, including documentation of the meningitis vaccine.
2. Internal and orthopedic physical exam performed by an SMU team physician. Physicals from outside providers will not be accepted.
3. Sickle Cell Screen, EKG, and Concussion baseline testing.
4. Copy of health/dental/vision insurance cards that is valid with SMU campus policy.

Returning student athletes will complete an abbreviated physical exam each year. Student-athletes may not participate in any practice, strength and conditioning session, or competition until all aspects of the physical exam have been successfully completed and results submitted to the SMU Sports Medicine Department.

Reporting Injuries/Illnesses

All injuries and illnesses should be reported directly to the team-assigned athletic trainer as soon as they occur. This allows the most efficient use of the SMU Sports Medicine Department and open lines of communication with coaching staffs. The SMU Athletic Training Staff will provide a plan of care and direct you to additional healthcare personnel as needed. Please see "Emergencies" if the injury or illness is urgent.

Emergencies

Emergency situations can occur at any time during an athletic event. The Sports Medicine Department has established a Medical Emergency Action Plan, which shall address when an incident occurs.

In the case of true medical emergency (loss of consciousness, uncontrolled bleeding, choking, etc.), call 911 first. Next, please make every effort to contact your assigned staff athletic trainer. Emergencies should be referred to the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, 8200 Walnut Ln, Dallas, TX 75231. Please inform the E.R. that you are an SMU student-athlete. For all problems, inform the E.R. that your primary care physician is Dr. Peter Davis.

Insurance

In order for medical claims for injuries and illnesses to be covered by SMU Athletics, the student-athlete is required to notify their athletic trainer and the process must be channeled through the athletic training room.

- The Athletic Department will **NOT** be responsible for any medical expenses incurred without prior notification to the assigned staff athletic trainer.



- The Associate Athletic Director of Student Health & Well-Being is responsible for making sure that all payments are made promptly and efficiently.
- If there are questions regarding insurance plans and required coverage for participation in athletics, please contact the insurance coordinator, Hannah Letow.

Concussions

The SMU Sports Medicine Department has established a detailed protocol to manage the risks and concerns of concussions for SMU student-athletes. The purpose of this plan is to ensure that standards of care are being met and that overall healthcare and specifically the management of concussions is done in a manner that protects and treats the student-athlete with the highest regard to safety. The concussion management plan is broken into three major components. The first component is education of concussions. The second is based upon the management and treatment of concussions. The third is the student-athlete's return to activity. The SMU Concussion Policy has a management plan to help guide student-athletes safely through a return-to-play protocol, as well as a return-to-learn plan. Awareness and communication are key components to the management of our policy, and because of this, we involve key individuals ranging from administrators, coaches, academic advisors, neurologist, psychologist, team physicians and athletic trainers. Our policy also allows us to work within the University and the academic community in a manner in which accommodations can be made to help support the student academically through the recovery phase.

Student athletes receive annual concussion education and are required to sign the Concussion Education Acknowledgement Form. The [NCAA Concussion Handout for Student-Athletes](#) is a tool used to educate student-athletes on the facts surrounding concussions. If a student-athlete feels they have sustained a concussion or if they are witness to a teammate that has sustained a concussion, all activity should be stopped immediately and they should contact their assigned athletic trainer.

Policies & Procedures

All Student Athletes are required to read and sign the SMU Sports Medicine Policies & Procedures form on a yearly basis. The acknowledgement reads as follows:

I give the SMU Sports Medicine Department permission to take the essential and appropriate medical steps when deemed necessary if I sustain an illness or injury, including the use of any modalities and/or resources. I understand that if I have questions or concerns with the use of any modality or resource that I may bring it to the attention of my staff athletic trainer at any time.

I grant permission for the SMU Sports Medicine Department staff and/or insurance coordinator to contact my parents and/or guardian regarding the use of my primary insurance policy.

I understand that although I may be medically cleared to participate, standard screening procedures may not be able to detect all underlying pathologic medical problems. Participating in competitive athletics may increase my risk for serious injury or illness.

I have received and read the concussion handout from the SMU Sports Medicine Department. I acknowledge and accept the responsibility and risk that is associated with collegiate athletics which includes but is not limited to concussions. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to be forthcoming in presenting any past history, and/or current signs and symptoms associated with a concussion, injury, and/or illness in an honest and accurate manner.

I certify that I have made full and complete disclosure of all past and present injuries, illnesses, problems, and medications as



required. I understand that failure to disclose this information may jeopardize my eligibility status as a student-athlete at SMU.

As part of my commitment as an SMU student-athlete, I understand that if I sustain an injury by my participation in SMU Athletics, it is my responsibility to report this injury to my assigned athletic trainer as soon as possible. I acknowledge that it will be my responsibility to comply with the injury/illness management plan given to me by my staff athletic trainer and clarify any questions I may have. If I do not comply, I understand it will be reported to my coaching staff and staff administrator and ultimately may be jeopardize my future scholarship with the SMU Athletic Department.

All student-athletes will be educated on concussions, sun exposure, drug testing, and how to report a grievance on a yearly basis.

All student-athletes are asked to act as their own advocate regarding their healthcare and safety. If any time student-athletes have questions regarding their injury/illness, treatment plan, etc., the SMU Sports Medicine Department encourages them to be forthcoming with their communication. If their issue cannot be resolved with their assigned athletic trainer, they are encouraged to speak directly with Mike Morton, Associate Athletic Director of Student Health & Well-Being.

SMU MENTAL HEALTH AND SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

SMU's Athletic Department wants to offer you, the student-athlete, every possible tool to make your experience here one of personal, academic, and athletic success! While intercollegiate athletics has a large focus on the physical demands for the student-athlete, the Athletic Department also understand the importance of providing resources to assist in providing support to address the emotional and mental demands associated with being a student-athlete.

Because of this, we have developed a 2-tier mental health program. One tier will have a focus on the emotional and mental well-being of a student-athlete, while the other tier will be to have a focus on finding ways to address mental aspects of sport performance.

Tier 1: (Mental Health and Well-Being)

Ellicia Money, MS, LPC-S, Assistant Athletic Director of Athletic Mental Health

Mental Health Resources for Student-Athletes is designed to provide counseling services to meet the student-athletes' needs for achieving emotional well-being necessary for success in college. The life of a student-athlete often comes with unique pressures, high expectations, and many obligations that can potentially feel stressful or overwhelming. Counseling provides a confidential, supportive, and accepting environment to address issues that may be interfering with a student-athlete's ability to enjoy a fully satisfying life or reach their goals. Any problem or desire to change is a legitimate reason to consider talking with a counselor. Issues addressed may include, but are certainly not limited to: grief/loss, adjustment to college, injury, anger, sadness, worry, feeling lost, family/relationship issues, substance abuse, body image concerns, problematic eating behaviors, self-harm, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, identity development, career concerns, life transitions, and academic stress.

In counseling, a student-athlete may:

Increase clarity of their life hopes/dreams/goals and develop action plans

Explore concerns and increase understanding about ways they may be affecting academic, athletic, social, or personal life

Recognize new ways to cope with struggles or identify possible courses of action to improve the situation



Identify patterns in relationships and ways to intervene that may improve relationships/communication

Develop awareness of personal strengths and learn how to use them to manage demands more effectively To schedule an appointment, please contact the front desk staff at SMU Health Center at 214-768-2277.

If you experience a mental health emergency, SMU Counseling Services are available 24/7 at 214-768-2277.

Tier 2: (Sport Psychology / Peak Performance):

SMU Mental Skill Counseling Team <https://sites.google.com/view/smumentalskills/home>

There have been a wide variety of written materials about the physical component of the game, yet the emotional and mental side often makes the difference in performance and outcome. One thing the athlete has complete control over is their thoughts, emotions, and behaviors that make up the main components of the mental skills process. Being keyed into these three areas will influence one's competitive edge. One of the intended goals of Southern Methodist University Athletics is to produce quality athletes. In other words, we desire for each student athlete to take charge of *his or her* process of the game. Areas of the sports psychology program include: Anxiety/Mental Blocks, Self-Talk, Visualization, Relaxation/Breathing Exercises, Confidence Building, How to deal with pressure, Injury Recovery, and many other tools and techniques suited to help the athlete succeed. Individual and group sessions will be offered to all student-athletes and coaches.

Pregnancy Policy:

The Department of Athletics, in compliance with NCAA guidelines, has instituted a policy for the protection of the student-athlete and her developing child. Please be mindful of the following:

If you are pregnant, you must inform the Team Physician or Athletic Trainer of your condition as soon as it is confirmed. This is necessary so that the appropriate medical and emotional support can be made available to you.

The Sports Medicine staff should be well-versed in the Athletics Department's policies and be able to access the identified resources. The Sports Medicine staff should respect the student-athlete's requests for confidentiality until such time when there is medical reason to withhold the student-athlete from competition.

The student-athlete should have open lines of communication with their assigned staff Athletic Trainer. The Athletic Trainer is to serve as an integral part of the support system, and will work as a liaison to help the student-athlete obtain the required services, care, and referrals to the medical community. The student-athlete must receive prenatal counseling from the Team Physician and/or specialist. They will discuss the student-athlete's medical condition and the risk of injury, as well as, to the fetus. The Team Physician and/or specialist will be the ultimate decision maker on physical activity with the team. Consultation with the student-athlete, the Head Coach, Sport Administrator, and Senior Woman Administrator will determine team activity/participation expectations.

The student-athlete will not forfeit team membership status, benefits, or responsibilities, nor be excluded from team activities due to pregnancy; therefore, at any time the student-athlete may choose not to continue participating on the team without jeopardizing her athletic scholarship for the length of the award period; however, if the student-athlete chooses not to continue participation, her athletics aid may not be renewed following the existing award period. The student-athlete may receive confidential counseling. This can be done through the counseling center on campus or the student-athlete can be referred to someone off-campus. Please note that any cost for going off-campus is the responsibility of the student-athlete. Male student-athletes who are expecting fathers should also be afforded the same or similar counseling services.

NCAA Bylaw 15.3.4.1 states "institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient...voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons..." Pregnancy is considered a temporary medical condition and Bylaw 14.2.1.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual states that a member institution may approve a one-year extension of the five-year period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy.



The student-athlete with a temporary medical condition is still expected to complete all academic tasks to the best of his/her ability along with other student-athlete obligations. If he/she fails to meet academic and other obligations on a consistent basis, the Athletic Department and the student-athlete will enter into a contract outlining the responsibilities and expectations of the student-athlete for the renewal of athletics aid the following year.

The student-athlete should file through their primary insurance carrier. All outstanding balances related to the pregnancy are the responsibility of the student-athlete.

Student-Athletes shall not be forced to terminate a pregnancy for any reason and no one shall use financial or psychological pressure to encourage a student-athlete to terminate a pregnancy.



Human Performance

Through creating unique training scenarios, teaching our student-athletes the importance of dedication to themselves and teammates, in addition to the importance of expecting to win in every aspect of their life, we look to continue to build a tradition of great habits at SMU. **Facility Usage Rules and Guidelines will be articulated by each teams strength and conditioning coach.**

No student-athlete is permitted in any weight room without supervision by a member of the health and wellness staff.

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONDUCT

As valued members of the SMU's Athletics Department, it is our goal to assist student-athletes in attaining a quality education and compete at the highest level. As SMU's most visible ambassadors, student-athletes at SMU are expected to uphold, at all times, high standards of integrity and behavior, reflecting well upon themselves, their families, coaches, teammates, the Athletics Department and SMU while being productive members of both the campus and surrounding communities. It is their responsibility to exhibit behaviors that enable them to make the most of the academic and athletic opportunities afforded to them.

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, subject to SMU, NCAA, and Conference rules and regulations. To earn and maintain that privilege, all student-athletes must adhere to the SMU Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and all policies within the student-athlete handbook. The intent of this Code of Conduct is to set high standards for the department's expectations of how student-athletes represent SMU. Additionally, as an SMU student, you are required to abide by all rules, policies, and procedures set forth in the SMU Student Code of Conduct and the SMU Honor Code, as well as those found in the SMU Residence Life and Student Housing (RLSH) Policies for Community Life Handbook. Violations of any of these codes, policies and/or procedures will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Life. Because it is expected that the behavior of student-athletes shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in competitive sports at SMU, student-athletes may be subjected to Athletic Department discipline for such acts that violate the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, SMU Student Code of Conduct, federal, state, and local laws and regulations regardless of where and when the acts are committed and regardless if any other disciplinary or legal action is taken against the Student-Athlete. In addition, failure to follow any of these policies may result in suspension from the team or from SMU. Scholarship student-athletes risk having all or part of their financial aid revoked for violations of any policies.

Finally, the SMU Athletics Departments has three goals for our Student-Athletes. One, obtain (progressing toward) a degree at SMU, two, excel in Athletics and, three, be a good role model. In addition, we expect championship effort and attitude in everything you do!

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONDUCT: ATHLETIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Athletics Department is committed to competing at the highest level and as ambassadors of SMU Athletics and of the University, student-athletes are expected to:



- Abide by all team, SMU Athletics, University, Conference, and NCAA rules.
- Achieve and maintain optimum physical condition within accepted health standards.
- Participate in all organized practices and competitions unless officially excused by the coach, a team trainer or doctor, or when you are unable to participate through no fault of your own.
- Take proper care of equipment and return it in good condition.
- Behave with dignity, respect, and good sportsmanship to your teammates, officials, and your opponents.
- Reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that should characterize participation in competitive intercollegiate athletics.
- Conduct yourselves in a manner reflecting positively on yourselves and on the reputation of SMU, both on and off the field of play, in pre-game and post-game comments to media, and when traveling and participating at other institutions.
- Encourage and appreciate quality play and effort, regardless of whether it is exhibited by a teammate or an opponent.

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY: CONFERENCE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

It is the responsibility of each member institution in The American Athletic Conference to ensure that all individuals associated with its athletic program will conduct themselves with sportsmanship.

Every reasonable effort will be made by member institutions to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship at all athletic events.

Crowd control responsibilities during The American athletic events rest with the home event management staff designated by the member institution's Director of Athletics. Policies established by The American are reviewed annually by the Senior Woman Administrators and printed in a handbook effective for the sports season. The American Senior Woman Administrators have been charged with establishing and overseeing sportsmanship practices by serving as the point persons and advocates regarding sportsmanship initiatives.

Student-athletes, individuals employed by or associated with a member institution, and game officials shall conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their actions shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in competitive sports in the collegiate setting.

Misconduct, including verbal misconduct, is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior, failure by any representative of a participating institution to abide by The American Sportsmanship principles and/or poor sportsmanship not necessarily described in detail in this document.

The Commissioner and/or designated Conference office staff member will proceed with disciplinary action if and when the Commissioner deems it appropriate. The Commissioner may elect to work in concert with the Conference's Executive Sportsmanship Committee, as defined hereafter in this document, in these matters.

Coaches and administrators shall make every attempt to promote the Conference and its members in a positive manner. Game officials, who are responsible for enforcing both the rules of a contest as well as sportsmanship and decorum rules, have the complete support of the Conference member institutions, the Commissioner and Conference office staff.

The following American Athletic Conference Sportsmanship principles apply from the time any representative is en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. Additionally, actions outside this time frame may be subject to the Conference Code of Sportsmanship. This policy includes any competition in which our member institutions are



competing. In situations where the unsportsmanlike behavior is addressed during the competition by the officials, the NCAA playing rules take precedent, but additional action may be taken by the Conference for egregious behavior. Individuals that must adhere to the principles include, but are not limited to, coaching staff members, support personnel, student-athletes, conference office staff members, representatives of a member institution's department of athletics, band members, cheerleaders and institutional mascot:

- 1) Individuals shall exhibit respect and courtesy toward game officials, student-athletes, coaches, team personnel, athletic administrators, Conference office staff members and spectators. Individuals shall refrain from personal conduct that may incite spectators. Violations of the Sportsmanship Code include, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Striking, attempting to strike or otherwise physically abusing an official, coach, spectator or student-athlete;
 - b) Intentionally inciting participants or spectators to inappropriate action; or
 - c) Using obscene gestures or unduly provocative language or action toward a game official, Conference personnel, another institution, student-athlete or personnel of another institution, coach or spectator.
- 2) Individuals shall refrain from all public criticism, inclusive of all forms of communication, relative to game officials, student-athletes, coaches, team personnel, athletic administrators, Conference office staff members or spectators.
- 2) Only Conference office staff members (e.g., Commissioner, Coordinator of Officials) are permitted to enter the locker room of a game official to discuss game activities. A coach or student-athlete should never enter a game official's locker room.
- 4) Public communication regarding a code of sportsmanship violation may be subject to sanctions.

Violations of the rules listed above, and/or poor sportsmanship not necessarily described in detail above, may subject the individual to penalties, including letter of admonishment, public reprimand and/or suspension from participation by the member institution and/or the Conference. Penalties are determined on a case-by-case basis. Should a violation of one of the principles occur, the following process is to be executed:

1) Initiation of Potential Violation

- a. Once a member institution is aware that a potential violation has taken place, the respective Director of Athletics or designee must contact the Commissioner and/or designated Conference office staff member immediately.
- b. Once the Conference office is aware that a potential violation has taken place, the Commissioner and/or designated Conference office staff member must contact the Director of Athletics of the involved institution(s) within 24 hours.
 - (i) The institution shall provide a written report to the Conference Office within 24 hours detailing the circumstances surrounding the potential violation, any mitigating factors and any actions taken by the institution.

2) Commissioner's Findings and Report

- a. The Commissioner and/or designated Conference office staff member will conduct a formal review, including reviewing the report submitted by the institution, to determine if a violation has in fact occurred.



- b. At the conclusion of the formal review, the Commissioner and/or designated Conference office staff member will issue a report confirming whether a violation took place. This report will be provided to the Director(s) of Athletics and/or designees of the institution(s) involved within three (3) business days of being notified of the occurrence of the event.
- c. This report will include the Commissioner's and/or designated Conference office staff member's findings and penalties, if any, to be imposed. The Commissioner reserves the right to adopt and acknowledge the institution's recommended sanctions. The Commissioner may also reconsider new information if presented in a timely manner.

3) Acceptance or Objection to Commissioner's Report

- a. The Director(s) of Athletics and/or designee of the involved institution(s) shall submit a written response to the Commissioner indicating a formal acceptance or objection to the matter. In the event either of the involved institutions believes the Commissioner's finding and/or penalty is inappropriate, insufficient or excessive in nature, an appeal may be initiated by that Director of Athletics and/or designee.
- b. The intent to appeal must be filed in writing to the Commissioner within 24 hours of receiving the Commissioner's report.

4) Appeal Process

- a. Overview and Preparation for Appeal
 - i. The Executive Sportsmanship Committee

1. Shall hear and consider the appeal and shall do so as expeditiously as possible. Any individual on the Committee that is representing one of the involved institutions must be recused.
2. Decision of the Committee shall be final.

DRESS CODE

The SMU Athletics Department understands and fully supports students' rights to self-expression; however, the Athletics Department also has an obligation to create an environment where all members of the community are comfortable and not offended by inappropriate dress in any Athletic Department facility or while representing SMU at an event or activities associated with home or away competitions. Furthermore, it is recognized as an educational responsibility of the Athletic Department that student-athletes are made aware that appropriate dress and appearance are conducive to their personal well-being and the well-being of others. Therefore, this dress code is designed to provide appropriate guidelines so that all student-athletes may dress in a manner that is respectful of themselves and the community.

Generally, common sense and good taste should prevail in matters of dress, however, the following standards must be adhered to by ALL student-athletes to cultivate a proper attitude toward dress while serving as ambassadors of the SMU Athletic Department:

- Dress that is neat, modest and casual is the minimum requirement at all times in all public areas.
- Use of another University's name or logo is prohibited.



- Clothing that is provocative or contains obscene messages or messages that are contrary to the mission of the department will not be permitted.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times except when in a no-shoe zone (i.e. Athletic training facilities).
- Use of offensive, obscene, and/or abusive words or symbols on clothing is not permitted. This includes the use of emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols or lewd or vulgar words where the effect is offensive to a reasonable person or otherwise causes disruption or interference with the orderly operations of the University. The supervising administrator shall determine if the particular mode of dress results in disruptions or interference.
- If at any time, a student-athlete is instructed by an Athletic Department staff member to wear any apparel contrary to the policy, for example, for treatment with the medical team, he or she must put on the appropriate clothing, as approved by this policy, prior to exiting the treatment room.
- Your coaching staff may provide further restrictions (i.e. dress code on sideline of athletic competition). Nike is the official provider of apparel, footwear and equipment for the Mustangs. Therefore, only Nike apparel and shoes should be worn during practices, competition, team functions, or any activities while representing SMU Athletics.

This dress code has been established with the approval of the Director of Athletics. Any Athletic Department personnel has the authority to remove anyone from an Athletic Department facility or any SMU Athletics Department sponsored events and functions, practice, and competition including travel and activities associated with away competitions, if the guidelines above are not followed.

Please contact your head coach or sport administrator if you have any questions or need further clarification.

HAZING POLICY

For the most up-to-date information, refer here: <https://www.smu.edu/hazing>.

ALCOHOL POLICY

Alcohol consumption is highly discouraged at all times. Student-athletes are responsible for following all federal, state, and local laws, and University policies and guidelines pertaining to alcohol use. The University Standards of Conduct for Alcohol Use is considered the minimum guideline, and the Athletics Department, including your coach, may set higher standards in a separate department or team policy. It is strongly recommended that those 21 and over avoid drinking establishments. Just being in attendance may lead to problems.

In addition, student-athletes are prohibited from:

- Allowing pictures of yourself and/or other SMU student-athletes drinking or holding alcohol or sexually explicit photos to be posted on social networking web sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other online web site.
- Drinking and/or taking drugs in department-issued SMU Athletic team gear.
- Drinking alcohol at events sponsored by SMU Athletics, whether on or off campus.
- Providing alcohol to prospective student-athletes making official and/or unofficial visits to the University.
- Possessing alcohol in University housing.



- Driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Purchasing alcohol while under the age (21 years) required by the Texas state law.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages when officially representing the University for athletic competition (including travel time), community and public service events, and appearances.

SMU Athletics Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Education Program and Guidelines for Student-Athletes

All student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics at Southern Methodist University (SMU) are subject to the SMU Athletics Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Education Program and Guidelines for Student-Athletes (hereafter “Program”). The Program authorizes SMU Athletics to conduct institutional drug screening on a year-round basis to permit testing for any or all of the substances that appear on the NCAA list of banned drug classes. The NCAA also conducts year-round testing, as well as additional testing at NCAA championships and postseason football bowl games.

Philosophy

SMU Athletics is committed to developing and maintaining an environment that encourages student-athletes to avoid the use of banned substances, performance-enhancing drugs, street drugs, alcohol, unapproved dietary supplements, and tobacco products. The primary objective of the Program is to protect the health and welfare of SMU student-athletes. The abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs undermines the integrity of athletic competition and can have negative physical and emotional consequences for student-athletes.

The Program is an educational resource that includes methods of accountability. The Program is designed to maintain and promote each student-athlete’s physical and mental well-being.

The objectives of the program are:

- To safeguard the health and safety of participants;
- To educate student-athletes on the physical, psychological, social, and legal consequences of substance abuse;
- To provide an early detection system of substance abusers;
- To offer rehabilitation and counseling services for any student-athlete who may have a substance abuse problem;
- To maintain the integrity of SMU Athletics by emphasizing abstinence from the use of banned substances;
- To ensure that no participant might have an artificially induced advantage through the use of performance enhancing drugs, and/or might be pressured to use performance enhancers in order to remain competitive; and
- To abide by all SMU, American Athletic Conference, and NCAA policies and procedures related to drug testing and sanctions for positive tests.

Educational Resources

SMU Athletics provides on-going education to student-athletes about the effect of alcohol, tobacco, and banned substances on intercollegiate participation. Specifically, the Program provides education about topics that include, but are not limited to:

- Low-risk and high-risk use of alcohol
- Abuse of drugs
- Nutritional supplements
- Identification of student-athletes at risk
- Appropriate forms of intervention and treatment



- SMU and NCAA drug, alcohol, and tobacco regulations, policies, and procedures

SMU Athletics Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Education Program and Guidelines for Student-Athletes (cont.)

SMU student-athletes are responsible for any substances found in their system. Per NCAA drug testing best practices, SMU student-athletes are reminded:

Before consuming any nutritional/dietary supplement product, review the product with your athletics department staff. Dietary supplements are not well regulated and may cause a positive drug test result. Any product containing a dietary supplement ingredient is taken at your own risk.

SMU student-athletes may also access the following links for additional information.

NCAA Drug Testing Resources: <http://www.ncaa.org/health-and-safety/policy/drug-testing> (includes NCAA banned drugs)

Drug Free Sport – Resource Exchange Center: <https://dfsrec.com/welcome> (Organization: NCAA I; Password: Division I....ncaa1)

SMU Student Handbook – Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention:

<http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/AlcoholDrugAbusePrevention>

SMU Student Health Center – Substance Abuse and Recovery:

<https://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/DrBobSmithHealthCenter/Counseling-Services/Substance-Abuse-and-Recovery-Services>

Use of Alcohol

SMU Athletics does not condone the illegal or irresponsible use of alcohol. Even low doses of alcohol impair brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination, and reflexes. Very high doses cause suppression of the respiratory system and can lead to death.

A student-athlete involved in an alcohol related incident is subject to the rules and disciplinary policies of the University.

The consumption of alcohol by a student-athlete is prohibited in connection with any official intercollegiate team function. For the purposes of the program, an official team function is defined as any activity that is held at the direction of, or under the supervision of, the team's coaching staff or sponsored by the Athletics Department.

A student-athlete may be subject to corrective actions as a result of involvement in an alcohol related incident that may include, but are not limited to: referral to the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention; suspension from competition or other athletically-related activities; or dismissal from intercollegiate participation. Further, a student-athlete may be subject to cancellation or nonrenewal of athletics aid, as a result of an alcohol related incident. The Director of Athletics, in consultation with SMU administration, may impose sanctions regarding alcohol related incidents.



Use of Tobacco

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition.

Prescription Medication

A student-athlete must report any medications he/she is taking to the SMU Sports Medicine staff. This applies to prescription medication and over the counter (OTC) medication.

Some prescriptions contain substances banned by the NCAA and the Program (e.g., certain ADD/ADHD medication). A student-athlete should never consume any prescription medication that has not been prescribed to the student-athlete and approved by SMU Sports Medicine staff.

Drug Testing Consent Form

All student-athletes are provided with the SMU Student-Athlete Drug Testing Consent form prior to participation in intercollegiate athletics at SMU. *Forms for student-athletes under 18 years old must be signed by parents or guardian.* Failure to complete and sign the SMU Student-Athlete Drug Testing Consent Form will result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation in all intercollegiate practice and competition at SMU. The student-athlete indicates understanding of the Program and provides voluntary consent to the drug testing process through his/her signature on the SMU Student-Athlete Drug Testing Consent Form. The SMU Student-Athlete Drug Testing Consent Form also provides release of the testing results to a limited and pre-defined number of individuals. Signing of the SMU Student-Athlete Drug Testing Consent Form is a pre-condition for participation in SMU Athletics.

Method of Institutional Testing

1. The Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director for Compliance serves as the Program Administrator for the Program. The Program Administrator manages the Program in conjunction with the Director of Athletics, Athletics Department Senior Staff, Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being, SMU Athletics Sports Medicine staff, and SMU Student Affairs staff.
2. All student-athletes are subject to drug screening for any or all of the substances that appear on the list of banned drug classes as determined by the NCAA. Detection of a non-banned, but non-physician prescribed controlled substance may also result in a positive test.
3. Drug tests may take place any day of the week. Student-athletes may be tested numerous times during any given academic year.
4. Subjects may include entire teams, randomly selected student-athletes from a particular team, randomly selected student-athletes from several teams, or student-athletes selected at the discretion of the Program Administrator.



5. A student-athlete may also be subject to testing at any time when the Program Administrator (or his/her designee) determines there is reasonable suspicion to believe the participant is using a banned substance. Such reasonable suspicion may be based on objective information as determined by the Director of Athletics, Athletics Department Senior Staff, the Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being, SMU Athletics Sports Medicine staff, Team Physicians, Head or Assistant Coaches, Sport-Specific Staff, and/or student-athlete support staff, and deemed reliable by the Program Administrator (or his/her designee).

Reasonable suspicion may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Observed possession or use of substances appearing to be prohibited drugs;
- b. Arrest or conviction for a criminal offense related to the possession or transfer of prohibited drugs or substances; and
- c. Observed abnormal appearance, conduct or behavior reasonably interpretable as being caused by the use of prohibited substances.

Indicators that may be used in evaluating a student-athlete's conduct, performance, or abnormal appearance may include, but are not limited to:

- class attendance;
 - significant GPA changes;
 - athletic practice attendance;
 - increased injury rate or illness;
 - physical appearance changes;
 - academic/athletic motivational level;
 - emotional condition;
 - mood changes; or
 - legal issues.
6. The collection of a sample(s) from a student-athlete shall be made under the supervision of an independent drug collection team. Sports Medicine Staff, Athletic Trainers, or Team Physicians are not permitted to collect urine or oral fluid specimens under any circumstances in consideration of the Program.
 7. After collection of the specimen(s) by the drug collection team, the specimens are provided to an independent laboratory commissioned to perform the tests. The results are returned to the Program Administrator who reviews the results and identifies which, if any, are positive.
 8. Every reasonable step is taken to ensure the integrity of the testing procedures and maintenance of the accuracy and confidentiality of the test results. The drug collection team adheres to a series of custody procedures to account for the integrity of each specimen by tracking its handling and storage from the point of collection to final disposition. Such procedures are designed to disclose evidence of specimen tampering.

Disposition of Positive Test Results

1. All test results are forwarded by the designated laboratory directly to the Program Administrator, who reviews the results and notifies the Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being of any infractions.



2. The Program Administrator will notify the Director of Athletics, applicable Sport Administrator, and Student Affairs staff of any positive results and the consequential infractions. The Sport Administrator will notify the applicable Head Coach (or designee) of the positive result.

A positive test result may be recorded for a student-athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- a. A laboratory-confirmed positive test for a prohibited substance.
 - b. Admission of use of a prohibited substance (other than as part of Safe Harbor).
 - c. Refusal to provide a sample for analysis or participate in the Program.
 - d. Failure to appear for testing (including appearing late).
 - e. Production of an adulterated sample.
 - f. Observed attempts to interfere with sample.
 - g. Any student-athlete failing to follow through on assigned counseling or treatment, and/or other sanctions imposed under this Program as a result of a positive test, may be charged with an additional positive test.
3. It is the role of the Sport Administrator to arrange a meeting with the student-athlete to inform him/her of the test results.
 4. The student-athlete will be directed to meet with the Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being for referral to the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention for assessment and counseling. The SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention will determine the length and manner of counseling best suited to the student-athlete. As part of counseling treatment, the Director of the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention may subject the student-athlete to drug testing. Any drug testing conducted under the supervision of the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention falls outside the scope of the Program and is not subject to sanction.
 5. The student-athlete will participate in a conference telephone call initiated by the Sport Administrator, which will include the student-athlete, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the applicable sport Head Coach (or designee), wherein the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be advised of the positive test result.
 6. Other University administrative personnel may be notified of a positive result if deemed necessary by the Program Administrator or Director of Athletics.
 7. Each time a student-athlete tests positive under the Program, the Office of the Dean of Student Life will be informed. The information shared with the Office of the Dean of Student Life will be kept on file, but will not become a part of the student's official conduct record.

However, if the Office of the Dean of Student Life has received other information of concern regarding the student, the Dean (or his/her designee) may determine that other, non-disciplinary, intervention may need to occur.

In the following instances, a meeting will be held between representatives from the Athletics Department and Student Affairs (e.g., Program Administrator, Sport Administrator, Senior Woman Administrator, Dean of Student Life, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards, and others, if necessary) to determine whether the student-athlete will be subject to referral to student conduct:

8. Positive test results for each student-athlete are cumulative for his/her entire period of eligibility and/or tenure of athletic financial assistance with SMU Athletics.



9. The Sport Administrator and Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being will report to the Program Administrator when any and all sanctions related to a positive result have been completed and the student-athlete is no longer subject to athletics participation restrictions. A student-athlete's failure to fulfill the terms of sanctions related to a positive may result in enhanced penalties or corrective actions as determined by the Program Administrator and Director of Athletics (or designee).
10. All suspensions will be explained as "a violation of team rules" unless made public by the student-athlete. Note: Select SMU personnel may also be informed of positive results, as necessary.
11. Adherence to institutional procedures within the Program relating to drug testing and disposition of positive test results is required per NCAA Bylaw 10.2 (Knowledge of Use of Banned Drugs). Violations of procedures by student-athletes or staff are reported to the NCAA.

Sanctions

The following table summarizes sanctions for positive test results under the program. (Note: Each sport may impose additional sanctions per team rules.)

First Positive	Second Positive	Third Positive	Fourth Positive
Referral to SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention for assessment and counseling	Suspended 10% of competition during the championship segment	Suspended 30% of competition during the championship segment	Permanent Dismissal from SMU Athletics and nonrenewal or cancellation of athletics aid, if applicable

First Positive Test Result

- **Counseling:** The student-athlete will be evaluated by the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. The SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention will determine the length and manner of counseling best suited to the student-athlete. The student-athlete will be required to comply with the testing, treatment, and educational protocol as a condition of continued athletics participation. The Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being will monitor and document non-compliance issues relative to missed appointments, inappropriate conduct during treatment/counseling sessions (e.g., argumentative or confrontational behavior), and resistance to the collection of urine or oral fluid specimens as part of treatment. Any issues related to non-compliance will be subsequently communicated directly to the Program Administrator and the Sport Administrator, who will jointly determine whether the student-athlete will be suspended from all athletics activities. The Sport Administrator is responsible for communicating with the non-compliant student-athlete regarding whether he/she will be suspended from all athletics activities.
- **Suspension:** A student-athlete is not suspended from athletics participation after his/her first positive test result, so long as he/she complies with the counseling treatment program prescribed by the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

Second Positive Test Result

- **Counseling:** The student-athlete will be reassigned to the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention as described under the sanctions for a first positive test.



- **Suspension:** Upon a second positive test result, the student-athlete will be suspended for 10% of the team's regular season contests (or dates of competition) not including exhibition or post-season contests. Contests (or dates of competition) used to satisfy this penalty must be part of the championship segment of the team's season and do not include exhibition contests. Postseason competition may be used to satisfy this requirement and the suspension will carry over to the following season, if necessary. A multi-sport student-athlete will be suspended from 10% of competition during the championship segment for each sport in which the student- athlete participates.

Third Positive Test Result

- **Counseling:** The student-athlete will be reassigned to the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention as described under the sanctions for the first and second positive tests.
- **Suspension:** Upon a second positive test result, the student-athlete will be suspended for 30% of the team's regular season contests (or dates of competition) not including exhibition or post-season contests. Contests (or dates of competition) used to satisfy this penalty must be part of the championship segment of the team's season and do not include exhibition contests. Postseason competition may be used to satisfy this requirement and the suspension will carry over to the following season, if necessary. A multi-sport student-athlete will be suspended from 30% of competition during the championship segment for each sport in which the student- athlete participates.

Fourth Positive Test Result

The student-athlete is permanently dismissed from the team and the intercollegiate athletics program. If applicable, the student-athlete's athletically-related financial aid is permanently non-renewed or cancelled, as permitted under NCAA legislation.

Suspension

While suspended from competition, the student-athlete may participate in other countable athletically- related activities (e.g., mandatory strength and conditioning sessions, practice, film review). During the suspension, the student-athlete's Head Coach may also require that the student-athlete attend team meals, team meetings, and/or observe practices without active participation. The suspension does not affect the student-athlete's access to student-athlete support services (e.g., student-athlete academic support services).

Reinstatement

The student-athlete may be reinstated for athletics participation only after the Sport Administrator and Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being have reported to the Program Administrator that the student-athlete has successfully completed the required sanctions.

Appeal of a Positive Result

A student-athlete who tests positive under the Program may appeal the test result prior to the imposition of any sanctions. The appeal will be considered by the Program Administrator, Director of Athletics, and Sport Administrator.

The student-athlete must submit a written appeal accompanied by all supporting evidence to the Program Administrator within five (5) business days of notification that the student-athlete has tested positive. The student-athlete may



request an extension of time for the appeal based upon a showing of good cause. Depending on the duration of the extension requested, a student-athlete requesting such an extension may be suspended from practice and competition during the extension.

The Program Administrator will notify the student-athlete in writing of the appeal decision within ten (10) business days after the student-athlete's written appeal is submitted. Any recommendation to rescind, modify or uphold the penalty is left to the discretion of the Director of Athletics. The appeal decision is final and there are no additional appeal opportunities.

A student-athlete who has tested positive under the Program and voluntarily leaves his/her team may be subject to similar specific conditions if that student-athlete later expresses interest in rejoining an intercollegiate athletics team.

Rehabilitation

A student-athlete who does not have a positive drug test result under the Program for 365 consecutive days since the last determined positive drug test eliminates one positive test result. This is in alignment with the Program's objectives relating to early detection and rehabilitation for potential substance abusers.

Safe Harbor

A student-athlete who self-identifies as having a substance abuse problem is eligible for Safe Harbor under the Program. The student-athlete must refer himself/herself for Safe Harbor and submit to a voluntary treatment program with the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. A student-athlete is not eligible for Safe Harbor after he/she has been informed of an impending drug test or after having received a positive test result under the Program.

The student-athlete is tested for banned substances upon entry into Safe Harbor, and such a positive initial test does not result in any administrative sanction. (The team physician may remove the student-athlete from athletics participation for reasons related to safety, health, or wellness, or as medically necessary.) A student-athlete is permitted to remain in Safe Harbor for a reasonable period of time, as determined by the treatment plan provided by the SMU Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

If a student-athlete fails to comply with parameters of a Safe Harbor treatment plan, the student-athlete is removed from Safe Harbor and may be subject to appropriate sanctions as detailed in the Program.

While in compliance with a Safe Harbor treatment plan, the student-athlete is not included in the list of student-athletes eligible for random drug testing. However, a student-athlete in Safe Harbor may be selected for drug testing by the NCAA.

The Director of Athletics, Program Administrator, Sport Administrator, Assistant Athletics Director for Student Health & Well Being, Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Staff, the student-athlete's Head Coach and the Team Physician may be informed of the student-athlete's participation in Safe Harbor. Other SMU administrators may also be informed, as necessary.



Banned Drugs

- Stimulants
- Anabolic Agents
- Alcohol and Beta Blockers
(banned for rifle only)
- Diuretics/ Masking Agents
- Street Drugs
- Peptide Hormones and Analogues
- Anti-estrogens
- Beta-2 Agonists

www.NCAA.org/drugtesting

for examples* under each class.

**Any substance that is chemically related to any of the classes above, even if it is not listed as an example, is also banned!*

Questions about Medicines and Supplements?

877-202-0769 or

www.drugfreesport.com/rec

password **ncaa 1, ncaa2 or ncaa3.**

NCAA Nutritional/Dietary Supplements Warning:

- Dietary supplements are not well regulated and may cause a positive drug test result.
- Student-athletes have tested positive and lost their eligibility using dietary supplements.
- Many dietary supplements are contaminated with banned drugs not listed on the label.
- Any product containing a dietary supplement ingredient is taken at your own risk!

**STUDENT-ATHLETES -
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO CHECK WITH ATHLETICS STAFF
BEFORE USING ANY SUBSTANCE.**



SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICIES, PREVENTION AND RESOURCES

Sexual harassment is a violation of [SMU's Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#), as well as state and federal laws, including [Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#). SMU's policy is online in the University Policy Manual at [smu.edu/policy](#), and on the Office of Institutional Access and Equity website at [smu.edu/IAE](#).

Sexual harassment encompasses sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. SMU prohibits sexual harassment in any form and vigorously enforces University policies while supporting state and federal laws. SMU is committed to promptly and effectively resolving complaints and holding violators accountable, while treating all students fairly. Students found responsible for sexual harassment will face disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion from the University. Please consult the [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#) for definitions and examples of the various forms of sexual harassment and for a complete list of sanctions.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Any student who experiences sexual harassment is urged to seek help as soon as possible. SMU provides various resources to all students, including students who have been accused of sexual harassment, witnesses in these cases and friends of students involved in these cases. It is important to note that all SMU faculty and staff members are mandatory reporters, meaning they are required by law to report cases of sexual harassment to SMU's Title IX Coordinator. This obligation applies to all employees, including confidential counselors in Counseling Services and the Chaplain's Office, although these employees are only required to report the type of incident and may not include any information that would violate a student's expectation of privacy.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

In addition to reporting cases of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator, the following officials are some of the Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) required by the federal Clery Act to notify SMU Police when a case of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking has been reported. However, they are not required to provide the identity of the person reporting the case to SMU Police.

- **SMU Police** (for criminal reporting)

214-768-3333, [smu.edu/police](#)

- **SMU Title IX Coordinator** (for internal grievance information and reporting)
214-768-3601, [smu.edu/IAE](#)

- **Office of Student Advocacy and Support**

214-768-4512, <https://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/OfficeoftheDeanofStudents/StudentSupport>

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

The following resources must honor confidentiality, except under very limited circumstances such as an imminent threat of danger to oneself or others or to report the type of incident to the Title IX Coordinator.

- **SMU Counseling Services**

214-768-2277 (an emergency contact number is provided at all hours), [smu.edu/counseling](#)

- **SMU Chaplain's Office**

214-768-4502, [smu.edu/chaplain](#)

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC)**

972-641-7273 (24-hour hotline), <https://dallasrapecrisis.org/>

- **Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**

214-345-6203, <https://www.texashealth.org/Community-Health/Texas-Health-Sexual-Assault-Nurse-Examiner>



GETTING HELP IN CASE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR STALKING

SMU is committed to providing a supportive environment for students to report sexual assault and obtain help. All campus community members should be aware that sexual assault can happen to anyone and is not the victim's fault.

SMU and community resources are available, including SMU Police, SMU Counseling Services, the Office of Student Advocacy and Support and the SMU Title IX Coordinator. It is critical that any student who has experienced sexual assault find safety and seek medical attention immediately. Students also are urged to report a sexual assault to police as soon as possible; call 911 or SMU Police at 214-768-3333. See "Reporting to Police and Pursuing Criminal Charges" section for more information. Seek medical care and preserve evidence. Victims of sexual assault are urged to obtain medical care and a sexual assault exam as soon as possible. If victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers still can treat injuries and address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted diseases. Obtaining a forensic exam does not require a person to file a police report, but it will help preserve evidence in case the victim decides later to do so. Time is of the essence because certain types of evidence can dissipate or become unavailable. Prior to a sexual assault exam: do not change clothes, bathe, shower or douche; do not eat, drink or use toothpaste or mouthwash; do not wash clothing, bedsheets, pillows or other potential evidence.

WHERE TO GO FOR A FORENSIC EXAM

- SANE Exam at SMU Health Center, 6211 Bishop Blvd., a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) will provide medical care and a sexual assault exam; call 1-800-886-7273 or visit <https://www.smu.edu/SexualHarassment/Get-Help/SANE-Exam-at-SMU>
- At Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, 8200 Walnut Hill Lane, a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) will provide medical care and a sexual assault exam; call 214-345-6203 or visit <https://www.texashealth.org/Community-Health/Texas-Health-Sexual-Assault-Nurse-Examiner>
- The Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC) is a community resource that provides confidential counseling and can assist students at Texas Health; call 972-641-7273 (available 24/7) or visit <https://dallasrapecrisis.org/>.
- SMU Police officers, who are trained in sexual assault issues, are available to transport and accompany students to the hospital; call 214-768-3333. Officers will not be present during the exam. Students may bring a friend or family member for support. Please note that if asked to provide transport, SMU Police will file a police report. See "Reporting to Police and Pursuing Criminal Charges" section for more information.
- A confidential counselor in SMU Counseling Services who specializes in sexual assault issues can also accompany students to the hospital. Call 214-768-2277 (an emergency contact number is provided at all hours), or SMU Police can contact SMU Counseling Services for students.

Other area hospitals that have health care professionals authorized to perform medical/legal examinations include:

- Parkland Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Boulevard
Victim Intervention Program/Rape Crisis Center: 214-590-0430 or parklandhospital.com/vip-rape-crisis-center
- Methodist Dallas Medical Center: 1441 N. Beckley Avenue
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE): Call Emergency Room 214-947-8100 (Ask for SANE Coordinator)
- Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano, 6200 W. Parker Road
Emergency room: 972-981-8003 or texashealth.org/Community-Health/Texas-Health-Sexual-Assault-Nurse-Examiner

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS ASSISTANCE

SMU also can assist victims by providing no contact orders, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications to class or work schedules, changes in campus housing locations, escort and transportation services, assistance filing protective orders through the district attorney's office and assistance contacting local law enforcement if the sexual assault occurred off campus. Please consult the [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#) for more information



about supportive measures.

For more information, please contact SMU's Title IX Coordinator; call 214-768-3601 or email accessequity@smu.edu. You also may contact the [Office of Student Advocacy and Support](#); call 214-768-4512 or email deanofstudents@smu.edu.

DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR STALKING

Similar to cases of sexual assault, the first priority for victims of dating violence or domestic violence should be to get to a safe place and obtain medical attention and a forensic exam that preserves evidence. Victims of dating violence, domestic violence or stalking also are urged to contact police as soon as possible. Victims of violence or stalking also should save evidence such as any letters, emails, phone calls, videos, photos, texts, social media postings, computer screenshots, voicemails or other information that may be helpful in obtaining a protective order or pursuing criminal charges.

In addition to the SMU resources listed, community and national resources include:

- Genesis Women's Shelter and Support in Dallas: 214-946-4357 or genesishshelter.org
- The Family Place in Dallas: 214-941-1991 or familyplace.org
- Texas Council on Family Violence: 512-794-1133 or tcfv.org
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- The National Center for Victims of Crime: 855-4-VICTIM (855-484-2846) or victimsofcrime.org

THE CRIMINAL PROCESS AND SMU GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Students reporting sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking have the right to choose to pursue a criminal process, an SMU internal grievance process or both processes. Students may also choose not to file a grievance or pursue criminal charges. The internal grievance process and the criminal process, which are independent of each other, can be pursued at the same time. Please see the following sections for more information.

REPORTING TO POLICE AND PURSUING CRIMINAL CHARGES

SMU urges anyone who has experienced sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking to alert police as soon as possible. SMU campus authorities can notify law enforcement authorities, at the victim's request.

On campus, SMU Police can be reached at 911 from a campus phone; at 214-768-3333 from a cell phone; or by utilizing a blue-light phone on campus at any time.

In the case of an off-campus incident, students should call 911 to reach police in that jurisdiction or call 214-768-3333 to reach SMU Police, who can connect callers with police in the appropriate jurisdiction. Crime victims have the right to choose to talk to police when they feel ready or can decline involvement with the police. Reporting an incident to police does not automatically lead to criminal charges being filed or criminal prosecution. However, when a victim immediately reports an incident, police are better able to collect evidence that may be helpful in building a criminal case, even if the victim decides to wait until a later date to pursue criminal charges. In addition, the victim will have input about his or her case after talking with police. SMU is committed to responding to reports in a timely and respectful manner. When a victim makes a report to SMU Police, the police will request information about the circumstances of the incident and the alleged perpetrator to aid the investigation and build a criminal case. In their operations and criminal investigations, SMU Police follow state and federal rules of procedure and evidence. The SMU Police investigation can include gathering evidence and witness statements and obtaining search warrants and arrest warrants from a judge.

An SMU Aware alert is issued if it is determined that the campus community needs to be warned of an imminent danger, or the likelihood of a continuing danger, or if an alert could prevent similar crimes in the future. These alerts are also posted online at smu.edu/Aware and smu.edu/police. SMU Police notify the Dallas County District Attorney's Office or other appropriate external law enforcement agency when a case of sexual assault is reported and under investigation. When a victim decides to pursue criminal charges, a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office determines whether sufficient evidence exists to press charges after SMU Police have presented the findings of their investigation. The



District Attorney then presents the case to a grand jury to obtain an indictment and proceed with a trial. SMU Police are available to counsel and accompany students through the criminal process; call 214-768-3333 for more information. When a case of sexual harassment is reported to SMU Police, the police notify the SMU Title IX Coordinator, as required by state and federal law. The SMU Title IX Coordinator will provide information to the victim about the option to pursue an SMU grievance process under University policy, in addition to the criminal process. See “Reporting to the SMU Title IX Coordinator and Pursuing an Internal Grievance Process” section for more information.

In addition to violating SMU policy and federal law, sexual assault is a crime punishable under Texas law by imprisonment from two to 20 years plus a fine up to \$10,000. A person convicted of sexual assault must register as a sex offender for the remainder of his or her life – www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.22.htm#22.011.

PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Crime victims in Texas are guaranteed certain rights, as outlined in the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Office of the Attorney General has more information: texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/crime-victim-publications.

SMU Police can assist victims in applying for a protective order, which instructs the person named in the order to stay 500 feet from where the protected person lives or works, not to commit or threaten violence or stalk the person applying for protection. Applications for protective orders are made at the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office Family Violence Division at the Frank Crowley Courthouse, 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., 214-653-3528.

For more information: dallascounty.org/government/district-attorney/divisions/family-violence.php

SMU Police keep a copy of protective orders on file. SMU complies with the state laws honoring protective orders. If a protective order is violated, the protected person should call police immediately. For more information, call SMU Police at 214-768-3333.

PROTECTING INFORMATION

In accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 57, victims may use a pseudonym to protect their identity. A pseudonym is a set of initials or a fictitious name chosen by the victim to be used in all public files and records concerning the alleged offense. SMU will not include a victim’s personally identifying information in any publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures such as the annual security report and the daily crime log. In some cases, SMU may need to disclose some information about a victim to a third party to provide protective and supportive measures in a timely manner.

REPORTING TO THE SMU TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND PURSUING AN INTERNAL GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A student may file a complaint of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking under the University’s [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#) by submitting a [Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Form](#) to the SMU Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Access and Equity.

The Title IX internal grievance process includes an investigation of the allegations, a hearing, sanctions if a student is found responsible and an appeal process. Pending the outcome of the grievance process and to protect the safety of the SMU community, the University may impose interim protective steps, such as no-contact orders, campus restrictions and temporary suspension.

Students involved in a sexual harassment case may qualify to receive amnesty for other violations of the [Student Code of Conduct](#), such as alcohol violations, as outlined in the Conduct Review Process. The investigation will focus primarily upon the allegations of sexual harassment. For more information about this process or to file a grievance, contact the SMU Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Access and Equity at 214-768-3601 or email accessequity@smu.edu or consult the [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#).



RETALIATION PROHIBITED

SMU prohibits threats or acts of retaliation against students who are involved in any manner of a sexual harassment report, investigation, proceeding or hearing under SMU's [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#). Retaliation can take many forms, including sustained abuse or violence, threats, coercion, intimidation and discrimination. Students who engage in retaliation or harassment by any means – including in person, through others or on social media – will be subject to disciplinary action. Retaliation is also a criminal offense under Texas law, and students may face criminal charges. Students who observe retaliation or who are threatened in any way should promptly notify SMU Police, 214-768-3333; the SMU Title IX Coordinator, 214-768-3601; or the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, 214-768-4563.

ANONYMOUS REPORTING

Individuals who wish to anonymously provide SMU Police with information regarding suspicious or criminal activity may call 214-768-2TIP (2847) or submit a report online at smu.edu/2tip. The form may be submitted anonymously or with a name and contact information. Those who wish to anonymously report information regarding Title IX sexual harassment to SMU's Title IX Coordinator can complete the [Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Form](#) or [Title IX Sexual Harassment Third-Party Report Form](#) posted at smu.edu/IAE. The form may be submitted anonymously, with a name and contact information or by a third party. The forms may be emailed to accessequity@smu.edu; submitted in Perkins Administration Building, Room 204; or mailed to the SMU Title IX Coordinator, P.O. Box 750200, Dallas, TX 75275-0200.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY TITLE IX COORDINATORS

As defined by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance, including SMU, and prohibits all forms of sexual harassment. Title IX also requires the University to appoint a Title IX Coordinator. SMU's Title IX Coordinator works in the Office of Institutional Access and Equity which oversees the University's nondiscrimination, affirmative action, and equal opportunity policies, procedures and programs. SMU's Title IX Coordinator and deputy coordinators are available to assist students who have questions or concerns regarding sexual harassment or who wish to file a complaint under the University's [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#). The coordinator and deputies can also provide students with information about SMU and community resources. Please feel free to contact any of the following SMU employees for assistance. Deputies serve campus-wide; their departments and schools are listed for informational purposes only.

SMU Title IX Coordinator

Samantha Thomas, Office of Institutional Access and Equity, 214-768-3601 or thomassa@smu.edu

SMU Deputy Title IX Coordinators

- Denise Gauthier, Office of Institutional Access and Equity, 214-768-3601 or dgauthier@smu.edu
- Jasper Chieng, Office of Institutional Access and Equity, 214-768-3601 or jchieng@smu.edu
- Steve Yeager, Dedman School of Law, 214-768-4178 or syeager@smu.edu
- Bonnie Hainline, Intramurals/Sport Clubs, Student Affairs, 214-768-3367 or bhainline@smu.edu
- Alan Itkin, Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, 214-768-4202 or aitkin@smu.edu
- Dawn Rogers, Athletics, 214-768-4963 or dawnr@smu.edu

SEXUAL HARASSMENT EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

SMU's Office of Student Advocacy and Support, the Women & LGBT Center and Counseling Services coordinate and provide educational and prevention programs on sexual harassment. The Office of Institutional Access and Equity also



provides education on Title IX and the University's [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#).

Education for incoming students includes a required comprehensive online course. Information about SMU's sexual harassment policy, procedures and resources is posted at smu.edu/SexualHarassment. Campus-wide programs include Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Relationship Violence Awareness Month, National Night Out and Take Back the Night. Programs also are available to individual classes, residential commons and fraternities and sororities upon request. Students may call the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, 214-768-4512, or email deanofstudents@smu.edu. Students involved in raising awareness of sexual assault and relationship violence include the student organizations the Feminist Equality Movement (FEM) and Wellness Champions.

CAMPUS SECURITY

SMU Police officers are sworn police officers, licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, who have the responsibility and duty to enforce campus regulations and all local, state and federal laws. SMU Police patrol campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The department coordinates actions with neighboring agencies and criminal investigations with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. Emergency blue-light phones across campus connect directly to SMU Police. SMU Police provide crime prevention education, self-defense training, and secure rides on campus; call 214-768-3333.

The SMU Aware Safety App connects users to campus safety resources including one-button calls to SMU Police or other emergency and non-emergency assistance, along with many other features designed to promote personal safety. The campus community is encouraged to download the app through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

SMU urges students to use a safety escort. SMU Safety Escort by Tapride offers free rides on campus from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. during the fall and spring terms when classes are in session; download the app and learn more at smu.edu/BusinessFinance/CampusServices/ParkingAndIDCardServices/Transportation/TapRide.

CRIME REPORTS

SMU Police maintain a daily crime log, which is available online at smu.edu/police and to the public for review during business hours at the dispatch window at Patterson Hall, 3128 Dyer Street.

SMU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, posted online at smu.edu/cleryreport, includes reported crimes for the previous three calendar years.



SMU invests an average of \$175,006 in each student-athlete per year. To do so, we depend on the generosity of those who give back to SMU. Will you pay it forward? Don't wait until after graduation. Give back now, and support your fellow Mustangs.

What is the Mustang Club?

As the official fundraising arm of SMU Athletics, the Mustang Club exists to connect philanthropists with the mission of the SMU Department of Athletics. By telling the story of each of our 17 varsity sports, we connect alumni and friends of SMU to our 484 student-athletes in a meaningful way, inspiring generosity through private donations to each program. **Mustang Club gifts help cover the costs of facility upgrades, recruiting expenses, equipment, team travel, and other items that make the student-athlete experience at SMU a special one.** Charitable gifts to the SMU Mustang Club help us compete for championships. Every dollar helps us advance the mission. **Become a student donor to the Mustang Club for as little as \$1**, and say that you not only represent SMU, but you contribute to its success. You can direct your donation directly to your sport or the sport of your peers.

[Give online at smumustangclub.com](http://smumustangclub.com)

