

BA Potential Graduates

What to Expect, What's Next & Career Success



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Welcome!



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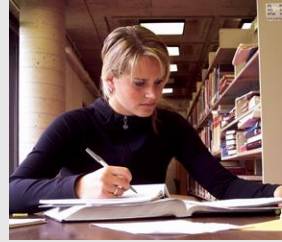
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Senior Year



- Strategies for academic success
- A focus on career development
- Information about the graduation process
- How to be prepared for what's next...

Academic Success



Meet your program requirements

CAPP (Degree Evaluator) – Self-Service Banner
Student Records > Degree Evaluator

Departmental Academic Advisors
arts.smu.ca/uo_advisors

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Academic Success



Strategic Course Selection

For your major, consider senior level seminar classes (3000/4000 level) for the opportunity to practice:

Critical research, analysis, writing, & discussion

Electives – stick with what you know.

Relevant to your next step

Aim for courses at the 2000 level or higher



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Preparing For Your Career



Connect with your Professors

Make use of your professors office hours to discuss

Know your Teaching Assistants (T.A.'s)

Connect with professors / course content / marks

Reference letters

Help your profs get to know you

Personal and/or Autobiographical statements

The Writing Centre writing@smu.ca

Professional or graduate programs / Internships

GRE / GMAT / MCAT / LSAT



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Preparing for your career



Understand what skills you have acquired

What are they? / Be prepared to discuss these skills

Prepare a strong comprehensive résumé

Chronological / Functional / Combination

Be well versed in cover letter writing

Sell yourself / Grab attention / Don't overwrite

Understand the labor market

Critical to job search success

Networking a must!

Make connections / build relationships



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The Graduation Process



Have you applied for graduation??

Deadline: Sept 18th

Graduation Forms (*available from the Registrar's Office*):

Application for Graduation

Potential Graduate; no fee required

Application to Graduate in Absentia

If you are not attending convocation

Non-Traditional Parchment Request Form

Add your major(s)/minor(s) to your parchment

Withdrawal of Application to Graduate



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Graduation Timeline

November/December

You will be advised if there are any outstanding requirements for graduation.

March

Grad Packs will be mailed to you (includes information about convocation, grad class activities, photos, etc.)

April

Final assessments will be conducted

You will be notified if you do not meet graduation requirements.

May

Friday 21st – Convocation Ceremony
(Metro Centre)



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Helpful Hints

Ensure your contact information is accurate
Update your permanent information through
the Registrar's Office or by email:

registrar@smu.ca

Courses taken on Letter of Permission

You must request final transcripts be sent to
our Registrar's Office as soon as grades are
available. (May 1st)

Lock down your courses & program.

Prepare for Your Next Steps



Where will you go after graduation?

- Graduate School...?
- Professional Program...?
- World of Work...?



Upcoming Session



Friday, October 16th | 11am | L179

- Preparing for Professional or Graduate School.
- How to build connections with your profs.
- Dealing with stress & procrastination in senior year.

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