



GENERAL INFORMATION TO FIRST TIME ENTERING STUDENTS (FTENS)

Kindly take note of the information and timelines below in connection with final selections, admissions, payment of fees, registrations and student orientation.

1. Final Selection, Admission and Registration

- a. The University received more applications than the number of available places and meeting admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the University.
- b. Final selections for FTENS will take place from the 14th to the 16th of January 2026 after the release of the 2025 Grade 12 results on 13 January 2026.
- c. After selections are made by the School Selection Committees, all applicants will be informed about the outcome of their applications through sms/email.
- d. Applicants who have already passed Grade 12 (including internal and external transfers) will receive the outcome of the applications separately through sms/email.
- e. Applicants can also check the status of their applications on the SMU website (using self-help portal) after the release of Grade 12 examination results.
- f. Admitted applicants will be given three (3) days to accept or decline their study offers online, using their own laptops or smart phones. If you do not respond within the given time, your place will be allocated to another applicant because there are limited places.
- g. Admitted applicants will receive admission letters with information about registration. They should register within three (3) days after accepting their study offers, otherwise their places will be allocated to other applicants.

2. Payment of fees

- Self-funded students are expected to pay an initial and mandatory minimum fee of R4 500 before they are allowed to register.
- Funded students are required to provide proof of funding by their funders before they are allowed to register.

3. Student Orientation

There will be orientation of first year students from the 27th to the 30th of January at the University Sports Complex. Students will be informed about academic processes, rules and academic performance expectations as well as support services that are available.

4. Please Note

- a. There are limited places available in University residences and admission to study at SMU does not guarantee a place in either a University-owned or leased residence. The places are awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- b. Late applications and/or walk-ins will **NOT** be allowed as the University has already received large volumes of applications.
- c. **Except by invitation from the University, applicants should not come to the campus.** Enquiries related to selection, admission or registration should be emailed to: apply@smu.ac.za Applicants should write their names in full and use their student number in their correspondence with the University.
- d. You are advised to check the University communication platforms for information update.
- e. Telephonic enquiries related to selection/admission/registration should be directed to the following numbers: 012 521 4204/ 4319/4644/5057.
- f. Missing the deadlines below may result in cancellation of your offer to study at the University during the 2026 academic year.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	5 January	The University re-opens for the 2026 academic year
Wednesday to Friday	14-16 January	Selections and Admissions for first time entering students
Wednesday to Friday	21-30 January	Student Registration
Tuesday to Friday	27-30 January	Student Orientation
Monday	2 February	Commencement of the academic year
Friday	13 February	Late/Final date for registration
Friday	13 February	Final date for changing qualification or modules

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