



SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

FAMILIES

INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE AS THE PARENT OF A PIRATE





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am delighted to welcome you to the Southwestern University community. When I arrived three years ago, I was greeted with kindness and outreach by students, faculty, and alumni. You can expect the same as your student embarks upon the *Southwestern Experience*, a four-year journey of intellectual and creative growth that will lay the groundwork for a lifetime of engagement, discovery, independent thought, and meaningful accomplishment.

We are the first institution of higher education in the Southwestern United States, and after 183 years, we are among the most selective residential undergraduate liberal arts and sciences universities in the country. Southwestern dedicates itself today to working with students and providing a transformational educational and personal experience that focuses upon the whole person through both the classroom and co-curricular programming. The life of a Southwestern student is a busy one with opportunities for study abroad, internships, faculty-undergraduate research, community

partnerships, fraternities and sororities, intramurals, as well as collegiate sports.

You can expect that we will see each other on campus, perhaps on my Friday morning weekly walks or during my open office hours every Friday afternoon.

On behalf of all of us, we are so very glad your student chose Southwestern.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Skandera Trombley
President

GETTING CONNECTED

Welcome to our newest Pirate Parents! We are eager to see you and your student on campus for Spring and at move-in this fall. Our goal is to introduce you to Southwestern and inform you of everything you need to know this summer. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, along with others on campus, will be here every step of the way to answer your questions and share the most current information available. We view parents as our partners as we support students in their journey to learn to solve their own problems and chart their own course. We want your student to experience the challenges, joys, excitement, independence, and growth that are all part of the first-year experience at a residential liberal arts university.

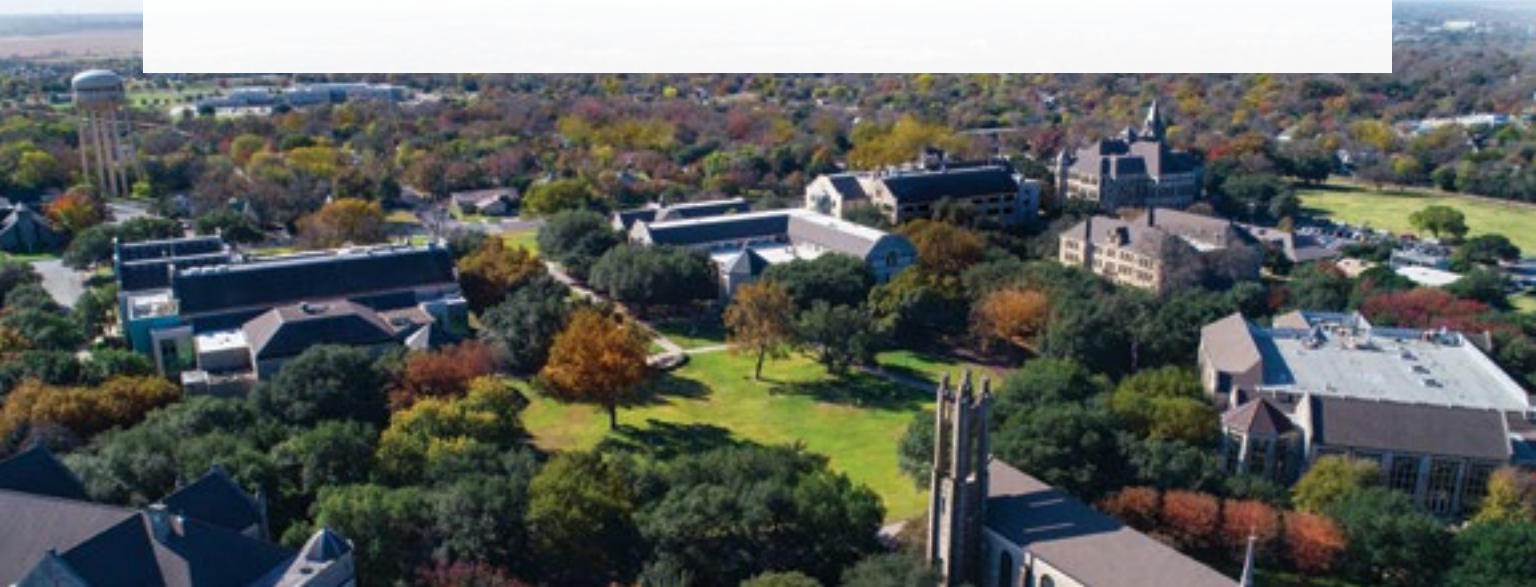
The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will serve as your connection to the University for the latest news and event invitations and also as your first point of contact when questions arise. You will hear from the University regularly, including *Southwestern*, the University magazine; *News from SU for Parents*, a monthly electronic newsletter; invitations to campus events; and much more. The Southwestern Parents Facebook Group is also a great place to connect with fellow SU families.

We look forward to welcoming your family to Southwestern soon.

Sincerely,



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southwestern.edu/for-parents



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW *(at least right now)*



ACADEMICS

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, REGISTRAR, OFFICE OF ADVISING & RETENTION

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning
(first floor), 512.863.1286, 512.863.1952, 512.863.1886

- southwestern.edu/offices/success
- southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar
- southwestern.edu/advising
 - Academic coaching
 - Academic skills development
 - Accommodations for students with disabilities
 - Planning for Academic Success Seminar (probation program)
 - Academic progress and degree-plan questions
 - Transfer credit or study abroad credit approval
 - Declaration of major
 - FERPA clearinghouse and parent questions
 - Course scheduling or registration issues
 - Updating student contact information
 - Requesting transcripts and certifications of enrollment

◆ **What does my student need to do to remain in good**

academic standing? Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA after each semester and pass 24 total graded credits each academic year. Students who do not meet both requirements will be placed on academic probation. First-semester students have the additional requirement of needing to complete a minimum of eight credits in order to return the following semester. Academic standing is based only on coursework attempted at Southwestern. Additional information on academic standing may be found in the *University Catalog*.

◆ **How will my student interact with their academic advisor?**

New students are assigned a professional academic advisor through the orientation process. The professional advisors will work with new students through their entire first year. Professional advisors are the experts in best practices in advising, University policies, degree requirements, course planning, support services, and student development. New students will meet with their professional advisor during Sprog (new student orientation). Generally, advisors meet with students during posted office hours or by appointment. All students must meet with their advisor prior to course registration each semester. After the first year, students are assigned to a faculty or staff advisor who will guide students



through the rest of their academic career. Faculty members are required to hold office hours each week and are also typically available by appointment. Our faculty are committed to the teacher-scholar model of instruction with the expectation of active learning where students take responsibility for their academic experience. Although advisors are concerned with each advisee's academic welfare, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to initiate contact with the advisor.

❖ **How is the first year of study selected? What is an average academic load?** Students will be enrolled in a First-Year Seminar (or Advanced-Entry Seminar if they are a transfer student), at least one introductory course in their major of interest, and will have the opportunity to select additional courses through Sprog over the summer. Returning students register online through a process coordinated by the Registrar's Office. The professional academic advisors are available all summer by phone and email to answer questions about the registration process and assist with any schedule changes. It is important that students check their new Southwestern email address frequently during the summer for important details regarding registration tasks. Typically, students take an average of 16 credits (four classes at four credits each) each semester.

❖ **When do we find out how much credit our student receives for AP or IB tests?** Advanced Placement (AP) test scores of four or five always earn credit; an International Baccalaureate (IB) score of at least five earns credit. Academic advisors will have this information to help facilitate registration. Students also receive a copy of their credit evaluation from the Registrar. For more information, visit southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar/policies-for-acceptance-of-external-academic-credit.

❖ **What happens if a faculty member has a concern about a student's performance in class?** Faculty are able to inform the staff of specific problems in a student's performance, attendance, or engagement through an online alert system. Every faculty member is expected to participate in the system. The goal of the system is to identify students (first-years through seniors) who demonstrate signs of academic distress and provide additional resources for success. The student is also encouraged to follow up with their professor. First-year students will meet with their advisor to create a plan for improvement. Peer mentors are available to meet with students as well. Although faculty members and staff are always on the lookout for students who may be struggling, it is ultimately a student's responsibility to take the first step in seeking help and guidance, which is readily available through a variety of campus resources.

FERP- LUL?



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, commonly called the Buckley Amendment, is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of education records.

In accordance with FERPA, disclosure of student information, including financial and academic, is restricted. Release of information other than directory information to anyone other than the student requires consent from the student.

❖ What grading system does Southwestern use?

Southwestern uses an A, B, C, D, F grading system; the grades of A, B, C, and D may be awarded with a plus or minus. In addition, a grade of P (pass for a C- or better) may be awarded but does not count in a student's grade point average (GPA). Please refer to the *University Catalog* for specific instructions on determining a GPA and for additional details regarding the grading system.

❖ **Are semester grades sent to parents?** In order for parents/guardians to view grades online, the student will need to grant proxy access through the Self Service website. Once access is provided, parents/guardians will have the ability to view each semester's mid-term and final grades and the cumulative GPA. Proxy access from a student is effective until rescinded by the student. When students grant proxy access to release grade information, the proxy access only covers final course grades.

❖ **Who can talk to me about my student's academic performance, and what can they tell me?** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits the release of student information without written consent from the student. Southwestern University complies with this law. Although some students may still be their parent's financial (and perhaps legal) responsibility, this does not entitle the parent's access to student data. When students grant proxy access to release grade information, the proxy access only covers final

course grades. If your student gives written consent to faculty or an administrator to discuss their progress with you, only the information specifically stated in the release will be discussed.

❖ **What is Paideia®?** Paideia is Southwestern's philosophy of making connections by bringing together multiple perspectives from different disciplines. Students integrate different ways of learning across their major, between disciplines, and in relation to both in- and out-of-classroom experiences such as community-engaged learning, study abroad, academic internships, student-faculty research, advanced language proficiency, and student-directed creative and innovative projects. Students graduate with a cultivated curiosity and desire to learn, explore, and create change. These are the valuable, real-life skills that make SU graduates highly sought-after by recruiters, employers, and the nation's top graduate programs. Learn more at southwestern.edu/about-southwestern/paideia.

BILLING AND FINANCIAL AID

BUSINESS OFFICE

Roy and Lillie Cullen Building (first floor)
512.863.1928 or 512.863.1927

studentaccounts@southwestern.edu

southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts

- Billing statements (E-Bills)
- Tuition payments
- Payment plans/Tansact Payment Portal
- Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan and other 529 plans
- Pirate Buc\$ deposits (cash or check)
- Book vouchers
- Waivers for optional charges (Dewar Tuition Refund Plan, student health insurance, and vehicle registration)
- Student account refunds

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Wilhelmina Cullen Welcome Center

512.863.1259 • southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid

- Financial Aid award letters
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information

- Scholarship declaration information
- Loan instructions
- Work-study opportunities

❖ **How can I discuss my student's account with the Business Office?** Students and parents with questions related to paying tuition, fees, and other billing concerns are encouraged to contact the Business Office, located on the first floor of the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building. In compliance with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Southwestern

University cannot release or discuss a student's financial information to anyone—including parents or guardians—unless authorized by law or unless the student grants proxy access in Self Service.

Online Access to Student Accounts and Financial Aid Self Service:

Please note that in addition to the general FERPA form permissions mentioned above, there is a separate process that students must complete to give parents online access to their student account information on the Transact Payment Portal and

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR SOUTHWESTERN FAMILIES

In accordance with FERPA (federal law protecting student records), the University provides students with the opportunity to share selected data with parents/guardians. If invited by your student, you will be able to create usernames and passwords to access helpful data and services in the following platforms.

SELF SERVICE

Your student may enable access to view the following types of information within Self Service:

- Financial Aid required documents
- Financial Aid Awards, and Award Letter
- Mid-term and End of Semester Grades
- Tax Information

To be established as a proxy, the parent must be associated with the student's record in our Student Information System and have an email address on file. When the student designates a proxy and selects the information that may be accessed, that user will receive emails identifying their login credentials.

Instructions for granting proxy access may be found at:



For Self Service login and proxy access issues contact the Info Desk at infodesk@southwestern.edu.

TRANSACT PARENT PORTAL

Your student may designate an individual as a Payer, who can then do the following:

- View student balance
- View E-bills - current & prior statements
- Make online payments (ACH, credit card, & International payments)
- View all prior payments made in Transact
- Enroll in & manage payment plans
- Manage billing alerts

In order for the student to grant access, the student must log into their Transact Portal and under "My Account" choose "Send a payer Invitation" to the new payer using their email address. Transact will send an email with a link to the new payer.

Authorized payers can access Transact Payer Portal at:



For support, contact Student Accounts at studentaccounts@southwestern.edu or 512.863.1928

VIRTUAL CHECKLIST

Students and parents may access the Virtual Checklist for Success to explore enrollment-related events leading to Move-in, including:

- Confirmation when documents have been received/processed
- Upcoming deadlines and action items

Students may designate any person to view the Checklist. Users can access the Virtual Checklist at:



Once the fall semester begins, the Virtual Checklist will be deactivated.

For technical support, contact digital@southwestern.edu.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES (TENTATIVE)



All Waiver Sites Open

- Vehicle Registration for Fall
- EIIA Health Insurance Waiver
- Dewar Tuition Refund Plan Waiver

For more info and links, visit southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts/waivers-for-optional-charges/



E-Bills will be released as students finalize their course schedules and housing



Last Day to Submit All Waivers



Fall 2023 Payments Due



Unpaid Student Account Balances are past due

- \$100 Late Fee assessed



Classes cancelled for students with unpaid balances



New students move into on-campus housing

- Any students with unpaid balances will not be allowed to move in.



Class Begins for Fall 2023



Release Spring 2024 E-Bills, Spring Payment Plan Enrollment Opens



Waiver closes for Spring Vehicle registration



Spring 2024 Payments Due



Unpaid Student Account Balances are past due

- \$100 Late Fee assessed



Classes cancelled for students with unpaid balances



Move-in for Returning Students



Class Begins for Spring 2024

their financial aid information on Self Service.

1. Online Student Account Access via Transact Payment Portal – In Transact, authorized individuals can view E-Bills, make online payments, set up a payment plan, or receive alerts. In addition, student account statements are sent electronically to the student and any authorized payer. Students can authorize access to their Transact account to parents (or other individuals) by sending a payer invitation from their Transact account. Detailed instructions are found at southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts/accessing-student-account-information.

2. Online Proxy Access for Financial Aid Information – In order for parents/guardians to see information about the status of the student's financial aid, a student will need to grant proxy access to the parent through the Self Service website. Detailed instructions for setting up access for this can be found at: southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/self-service-information/.

❖ My student does not have health insurance. Can we purchase a policy through Southwestern?

Yes. If you do not have health insurance coverage or choose to use the Southwestern University student health insurance policy, you are strongly encouraged to complete early enrollment online so that your insurance card will be available on the effective date of coverage, August 10, 2023. Visit eiia.org/institution/southwestern-university to complete the form.

❖ When will financial aid be disbursed to my student's account?

Financial aid disbursements for the fall term begin in mid-August and in early January for the spring term. Until the aid is disbursed to a student's account, financial aid will appear on billing statements as either "confirmed" or "needs attention." Confirmed aid is aid that will be disbursed in August (for the fall term) or January (for the spring term). Only confirmed financial aid is considered when determining a student's balance.

❖ Will all financial assistance automatically renew from year to year? No. Need-based financial aid such as federal grants, state grants, Southwestern University need-based grants, and student loans require that a family submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. The FAFSA may be submitted online at www.studentaid.gov and can be accessed through the Financial Aid website. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA is March 1 of each year. Financial aid notices

will be sent out in the spring. Most types of merit-based financial aid (e.g., Cody, Finch, Garey, Hyer, McKenzie, Mood, Ruter, Southwestern, and University Awards) are renewed each year, provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the *University Catalog*. Some scholarships (e.g., the Brown Scholarship and Fine Arts Awards) have additional renewal criteria. Information about scholarship renewal criteria can be obtained from the Financial Aid website.

❖ **Are there scholarship opportunities available for continuing students?**

Yes. There are a limited number of non-need-based scholarship opportunities for continuing students. Information about these scholarships is available on the Financial Aid website at southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/current-students/.

❖ **When does my student reapply for financial aid for the upcoming year?** The FAFSA will be available late in the fall semester. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA for the upcoming academic year is March 1.

❖ **How can my student view their financial aid information?**

Your student may view this information through their Self Service account. Information about how a student may access their Self Service account may be found at southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/self-service-information/.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning
512.819.7333

southwestern.edu/library-and-it

- Self Service
- Computer Labs
- Info Desk
- Apogee Telecommunications (residence hall services)
- High-speed wireless and wired Internet connectivity

❖ **Do students need to bring their own computers?**

Students are not required to own a computer, although most do; 100% of the entering class brought a computer last year,

with laptops being the most popular. If a student does not have a computer, Southwestern has several open labs and public computer workstations available in various locations around campus. Our most popular lab and printing facility is located in the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center, which is open 24 hours a day, five days per week, with reduced weekend hours.

❖ **If my student brings a computer, should they also bring a printer?**

A personal printer is not a necessity. Our student labs and various accessible locations across campus are equipped with high-speed laser printers; color laser printing is also available.

❖ **How much does it cost to print pages in the campus computer labs?** All students are allotted \$30 each semester for printing. Page rates are priced below commercial alternatives (e.g., FedEx Office), and students rarely exceed the initial \$30; however, additional "Pirate Print" dollars can be purchased if their account runs low.

❖ **Is Southwestern a wireless campus?**

Yes. Wireless access is available in all campus buildings and many outside areas. However, to ensure uninterrupted Internet service in all residence halls, students may bring an Ethernet cable to use with their personal computers.

❖ **If my student already has a personal email account, do they need a University email account?**

Yes. All students are required to maintain an active Southwestern email account for University communications. This account will become an integral part of their daily communication with faculty, service departments, and other students. Southwestern uses Google Apps for Education, which provides communication and collaboration tools for the campus and is accessed via the SU portal at southwestern.edu/my.

CAMPUS POST OFFICE

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center (third floor)
512.863.1576

❖ **Is there mail service on campus?** Yes! The campus post office is located on the third floor of the McCombs Center. The

service window is open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. for students to pick up packages, mail packages, and purchase stamps and envelopes. The post office accepts cash and Pirate Buc\$ only. Student mail boxes are accessible anytime the McCombs Campus Center is open.

❖ **How do I mail or ship items to my student?** Your student’s school address includes an SU box number that is essential in order to ensure timely delivery of their mail. Students are sent an email when a package arrives. They must present their Pirate

Card at the service information desk for package pick-up. All mail and packages should be addressed as follows:

Student’s name
SU Box XXXX
1001 E. University Avenue
Georgetown, TX 78626

❖ **When may I begin shipping packages for my student to pick up at move-in?** Shipped packages from Amazon, Target, etc. may be shipped beginning August 1. They will be held for pick-up once students move to campus. The campus post office will be open Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PIRATE CARDS

Smith Library Center
512.819.7333






southwestern.edu/library-and-it/infodesk/pirate-card

The Pirate Card is your student’s access to the Robertson Center and the Smith Library Center as well as their dining card for their meal plan. Many buildings on campus may be accessed by students by swiping their Pirate Card at the entrance. The Pirate Card offers Pirate Buc\$, a convenient and cashless way to pay on campus. As a prepaid, stored-value account, Pirate Buc\$ can be used to pay for meals, goods, services, and much more. For a list of places where Pirate Buc\$ are accepted, visit **southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card**.

❖ **My student doesn’t have a Pirate Card yet. When will they get one?** There will be an opportunity to email a photo this summer and receive their Pirate Card at Sprog or move-in.

❖ **How can I add Pirate Buc\$? Can I view my student’s purchases?** Family members may add money to a student Pirate Buc\$ account by visiting **southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card**. Click on “LOG IN TO YOUR PIRATE CARD ACCOUNT” and choose the option “Add Money to a Student’s Account.” You will need your student’s Pirate Card ID number and a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover card. Although family members may deposit money, only students may view their account balance and history.

MAILBOXES

-  **Inbox** 2
-  Drafts
-  **Outbox** 5
-  Sent
-  Trash

to: **Southwestern Parents**
from: **parents@southwestern.edu**
subject: **Parent Info Form!**

Don’t miss a single message from Southwestern! The University will send monthly e-newsletters, important billing information, urgent updates from campus, messages from the President, and event invitations. Provide your contact information by visiting **southwestern.edu/parentinfoform**.

JOIN THE PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)

Connect with Southwestern through special events, two annual meetings, volunteer opportunities, and philanthropy! Families in the PLC support Southwestern with annual gifts of \$2,500 or more. In 2021-2022, 56 member families supported the following:

ACADEMICS	\$155,220
ATHLETICS	\$275,445
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$230,771
PARENT FUND	\$26,640
STUDENT LIFE	\$13,100
OTHER	\$6,825
GRAND TOTAL	\$708,001



Your support impacts the student experience! southwestern.edu/giving/parent-leadership-council

❖ **My student is moving to campus early for athletics practice. Will their Pirate Card be activated?** Fall athletes will be able to use their cards; however, Pirate Buc\$ associated with the meal plan will be activated the Friday prior to classes beginning. It is recommended that parents or students add Pirate Buc\$ to their accounts for use of campus vending machines during the first few days.

CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning (first floor)
 pirate2pro@southwestern.edu
 512.863.1346 • southwestern.edu/center-for-career-and-professional-development

- Career advising
- Graduate and professional school advising
- Career library and resource center
- On-campus interviews, job search strategy programming

- Full-time, part-time, and summer position listings
- PirateConnect, SU's digital network
- National fellowships and scholarships

❖ **Is it too soon for my student to visit the Center for Career & Professional Development?** No! We recommend students visit "early and often!" The Center for Career & Professional Development (CCPD) encourages students to "begin with the end in mind"—that is, prioritize exploring and preparing to reach long-term goals from day one. Exploring and deciding among the many diverse career options open to bright, curious liberal arts students is an important task and takes time. Taking time each semester to break career development into manageable pieces helps students succeed. The CCPD supports students and alumni as they create well-managed lives, develop 21st-century skills, shape their identities, make meaning of their academic experiences, and contribute as global citizens.



CAPTAIN'S ACADEMY

Celebrating and Supporting Southwestern's First-Generation Community

WHO?

Incoming first-year and transfer students who identify as first-generation (meaning neither parent has received a bachelor's degree).

WHAT?

Academic support and social opportunities through meetings, mentorship, and engaging activities.

WHY?

Captain's Academy participants have an overall higher G.P.A. and retention rate compared to first-generation students who do not participate in Captain's Academy.

HOW TO JOIN?

Contact Anna Cortes, Academic Success Coordinator
cortesa@southwestern.edu or 512.863.1352

CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE LEARNING

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning
 (second floor)
 512.863.1346

southwestern.edu/high-impact-learning

The Center for Integrative Learning includes the offices of Community-Engaged Learning, Internships, Study Abroad, and Undergraduate Research. Through high-impact experiences, students learn to reflect on their understanding of the world and explore connections across subjects, borders, economic systems, and varying ways of life. These life-changing experiences promote skills development and the application of knowledge and learning in professional, global, and community settings.

Center for Integrative Learning initiatives include:

- CELSA (Community-Engaged Learning Student Associates) positions
- Community-Engaged Learning classes
- Engagement with local nonprofit organizations
- Internships
- Internships abroad
- Internship funding through the Funded Internship Program
- King Creativity Fund
- Research abroad
- Research and Creative Works Symposium

- SCOPE summer research
- Study abroad
- Study away
- Undergraduate research with faculty members

◆ **When can my student do a high-impact experience?**

We encourage students to start learning about high-impact experiences during their first year. Students can apply for King Creativity funds as soon as they arrive on campus. Students can search for community-engaged learning (courses featuring an opportunity to collaborate on a local or regional project) as early as the first semester. These unique courses are noted in the course catalog. Students can study abroad, participate in summer research, or intern as soon as the summer after their first year. We encourage your student to attend Internships 101, the Study Abroad Fair, Study Abroad 101, and undergraduate research sessions during the first semester.

◆ **Is there funding associated with high-impact experiences?**

Yes! There are several ways to fund high-impact experiences. Southwestern awards over \$200,000 annually for study abroad scholarships, and \$150,000 for unpaid or underpaid internships. Study abroad and away opportunities allow students to use federal financial aid, and for select programs, students may use SU merit aid. CELSAs are paid work-study positions at local nonprofits, and SCOPE scholars receive a stipend in addition to summer housing for full-time research alongside Southwestern faculty mentors and other student scholars.

HEALTH & COUNSELING CENTER

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning (second floor)

512.863.1252

southwestern.edu/health-center and southwestern.edu/counseling-center

HEALTH SERVICES

- Management of acute and chronic illness
- Point-of-care diagnostic testing for the flu, COVID-19, strep throat, mono, H. pylori, urine dipstick, and pregnancy
- Physical exams for study abroad programs, internships, and camps
- Prescriptions (when indicated) sent to the student's pharmacy of choice
- Well-woman exams, birth control information, and prescriptions
- Laboratory testing, including STI screening
- Seasonal flu vaccines

◆ **When can my student visit the Health Center, and who will treat them?**

The Health Center is open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Appointments are strongly recommended, and same-day appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Our team of healthcare professionals includes physicians, advanced practice clinicians, and a registered nurse. Our services include treatment of common illnesses and chronic conditions, medication management, wellness exams, physicals, laboratory testing, and

prescriptions. When appropriate, we will make referrals to off-campus resources and specialists. The Health Center does not provide emergency care. Students should always call 911 for life-threatening emergencies. A list of local after-hours resources can be found at **southwestern.edu/health-center**.

◆ **Does my student need health insurance?** All students are required to have an active health insurance policy at all times, and students should always bring a copy of their most current health insurance card to all appointments. The Health Center will see all students regardless of what health insurance coverage they have. All students will be automatically enrolled in a student health insurance plan unless they opt out. They may waive the auto-enrollment by entering their current health insurance information before the deadline at **eiiastudent.org/southwestern**.

COUNSELING SERVICES

- Individual counseling
- Relational counseling
- Group counseling
- Motivation and stress management

The Counseling Center provides confidential, short-term counseling regarding personal issues. Southwestern students may seek counseling for a wide variety of concerns, including adjustment to college, making friends, motivation, depression, anxiety, sexuality, body

image, eating disorders, sexual assault, alcohol or drug abuse, stress management, bereavement, family issues, and romantic relationships. Counseling Center staff members also offer outreach programs, group counseling, and referrals to off-campus professionals for psychiatric medications and long-term counseling. While the counselors at Southwestern represent varied areas of expertise and diverse personal backgrounds, they all have training in helping college students grow through the personal problems they occasionally encounter.

◆ **What can parents do if a time comes when they have concerns about their student's emotional welfare?**

Parents are welcome to call the Counseling Center to talk with a counselor about their student. Because of confidentiality laws, the counselor typically cannot disclose whether their student is a client but can listen to the parents' concerns and help them explore various strategies for offering support and assistance.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center (third floor)

512.863.1342 • **southwestern.edu/diversity-education**

The Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Center fosters an inclusive and equitable environment at Southwestern, in our community, and beyond. The office strives to elevate the voices of underrepresented populations



The Mosaic approach encourages the Southwestern student to develop as a whole person. At SU, our students have a variety of opportunities to get involved in activities that align with their personal and professional goals. As students interact with their peers, faculty, and staff, Mosaic helps them identify and enhance those opportunities through formal and informal experiences designed to support their growth as an individual.

Throughout your student's first year, they will have a chance to learn more about Mosaic so they can take advantage of this uniquely Southwestern opportunity.

southwestern.edu/mosaic

of historically marginalized individuals and cultivate a community of belonging. The JEDI Center specifically works with student organizations such as the Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice and the 11 cultural- and identity-based groups within the coalition: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (AKA), Asian Student Association (ASA), Black Student Union (BSU), Coalition for Chronic Illness (CCI), Hispanics and Latinx Organization (HALO), Kappa Delta Chi, Muslims and Allies (MAA), Pirates for Pride (P4P), Reproductive Justice Alliance (RJA), Students for Environmental Activism and Knowledge (SEAK), and SU NATIVE.

Diversity Education events include the following:

- Asian American Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Week
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Lavender Graduation
- Native American Heritage Month
- The Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice Retreat
- The Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Equity Certificate Program
- The Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez Dinner
- The Multicultural Recognition Ceremony
- Social Justice Lecture Series
- Student Leadership Conferences
- Women's History Month
- Workshops and trainings

INTERCOLLEGIATE **ATHLETICS**

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Southwestern University prides itself in providing a unique athletic program that allows student-athletes to pursue athletic excellence with the ultimate commitment of preparing them for the world beyond college. Southwestern competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and adheres to their guidelines of awarding financial aid based only on family need and academic merit. The intercollegiate program offers 20 varsity sports, 10 for women and 10 for men. Eighteen of those sports compete in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with the exception of football which competes in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) and men's lacrosse which competes in the Heartland Collegiate Lacrosse Conference (HCLC). With nearly 500 student-athletes and over 300 contests taking place each year, the Athletic Department places the highest priority





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www.southwestern.edu/careers
for more information.

on academic success and the overall quality of the educational experience while striving for excellence on the playing field. The primary goal is for our athletics programs to reflect Southwestern's commitment to the principles of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, honesty, fairness, and respect for others, emphasizing the health and welfare of the student-athletes. The Athletic Department at Southwestern works with other campus constituencies to implement programs that provide fair and equitable treatment of all athletes while maintaining focus on a values-centered education of the whole person. Faculty members play an important role in helping student-athletes balance the rigors of their academic studies with the challenges of intercollegiate athletic participation, and because of this partnership, Southwestern has graduated a significant number of outstanding student-athletes who have distinguished themselves as scholars and as athletes.

❖ **What impact does participating in intercollegiate athletics have on students academically?** It appears to be minimal as the average GPA for student-athletes is usually comparable to the overall average student GPA.

❖ **What about missing classes? Are the athletes excused?** Team travel is considered a University "field trip" under the excused absence policy. Student-athletes must work closely with their professors and discuss missed classwork in advance of the absence. Southwestern faculty are generally very supportive of student-athletes.

❖ **My student was not recruited; can they still make the team?** It is possible. Varsity athletics are competitive at Southwestern, and our coaches recruit throughout the year to fill their team rosters with qualified student-athletes. However, the tryout process is open to all students, and those wishing to seek a position are encouraged to contact the respective coach to immediately declare their intention.

❖ **How good are the athletic programs at Southwestern?** Excellent and highly competitive. Our teams have won multiple conference championships, and many teams have competed in NCAA Regional and National Championships. Our goal is to become one of the top Division III programs in the country!

INTRAMURAL & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SIRA)

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southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/intramural-recreational-activities-sira/

Southwestern Intramural and Recreational Activities (SIRA) provides the University community with opportunities for physical, social, and educational development through participation in intramural sports, fitness and wellness classes, sport clubs, and outdoor adventure programs.

- Intramural sports
- Fitness classes: Boot Camp, Yoga, and Zumba
- SU Climbing Club, SU Cheerleaders, and SU Pom Squad
- Outdoor adventure trips: Rock climbing, kayaking, and camping
- Camping and sports equipment that can be checked out for weekend use at no cost to SU community members.

❖ **Is any experience necessary to participate in intramural and recreational activities?** No experience is necessary, and the majority of activities can accommodate students of all ability levels.

❖ **Is there any cost to participate?** Many activities are free to current students. However, the sport clubs charge dues, and all fitness classes have a modest participation fee (e.g., a \$20 fee for 7–8 weeks of class one day per week).

RESIDENCE LIFE

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southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/office-of-residence-life/

Residence halls are a vital part of the Southwestern campus community, complementing the educational program by providing an atmosphere conducive to meeting students' academic, social, and personal needs. Students who have completed less than four full semesters are required to live on campus. Students living in traditional residence halls are required to participate in the meal plans provided by

Southwestern's Dining Services. Students who have completed at least four full semesters (after high school graduation) are not subject to the residential requirement; however, most juniors and seniors choose to live on campus. Currently, 78% of Southwestern students live on campus.

❖ **Is there an adult in the residence halls?** Yes. Although Southwestern considers its students young adults, it also recognizes the adjustments college students—and especially first-year students—are attempting to manage. There are five professional staff members who are employed by the University and live on campus to help with building community, managing crises, and handling emergencies.

❖ **What are the roles of resident assistants (RAs)?** Selected upper-division students hold positions of responsibility within the residence halls. These students, called resident assistants (RAs), provide direct assistance to the students in their living area by providing information, helping to ensure that University community standards are met through brief counseling and/or referral; offering acquaintanceship; fulfilling basic administrative tasks; and helping to organize interesting educational, social, and recreational events and programs.

❖ **What is your alcohol policy?** Texas law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from consuming alcoholic beverages or partaking in marijuana or illegal drugs. Southwestern complies with and enforces all local, state, and federal laws

pertaining to both alcohol and other drugs. Violation of any law or regulation relating to alcoholic beverages or drugs constitutes a violation of University policy and will subject the individual/group to University disciplinary action irrespective of whether the offender is subjected to criminal penalties. Students 21 and older are allowed to consume alcohol in their private rooms. Student organizations must register and receive approval for events where alcohol will be allowed.

❖ **Are there any curfews? What are the policies regarding coed visitation?**

There are no curfews in the residence halls. In first-year halls, visitation ends at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 2:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Guests of students are required to have escorts around the halls.

❖ **How do you reconcile differences between roommates or suitemates?**

RAs and sometimes professional staff use roommate contracts and meetings between the students to reconcile differences. Although this normally works, students are allowed to change roommates if an unresolvable situation exists. The Southwestern residence life philosophy is that no situation in the residence halls should be allowed to negatively affect a student's academic experience.

❖ **How much does it cost to do a load of laundry? How accessible are the machines?** The cost is \$1.25 per machine use, which the student can pay for by using any major credit card on the

CSC Go app. Laundry rooms are located in all residence halls and in the Grogan and Betty Lord Community Center.

❖ **Is there a place to cash a check on campus? An ATM?** Students may cash checks for up to \$100 in the Business Office. An ATM is located in the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center.

PIRATE DINING

Red & Charline McCombs
Campus Center
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southwestern.edu/pirate-dining

MABEE COMMONS & THE COVE:

The Mabee Commons is located on the first floor of the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center and offers an all-you-care-to-eat experience. You will find cutting-edge American entrées, ethnically inspired foods, vegetarian selections, and lots more, all prepared right before your eyes! The Mabee Commons' menu changes daily to provide students with a variety of dining entrée options!

Students can also stop by The Cove for a freshly grilled burger, favorite coffee beverage, or a quick snack to-go. Prime Grill features made-to-order Angus burgers, hand-cut fries, and juicy chicken sandwiches. Crew Brew offers your favorite Latte, Cappuccino, or icy cold beverage perfect for an afternoon study break. At the P.O.D. convenience store, you can find sweet and savory snacks of all kinds, an assortment of bottled beverages and frozen snacks. Students and guests can use their

phones to check CampusDish, the Pirate Dining website, as well as @SUPirateDining on Instagram for the most up-to-date hours of operation for Mabee Commons and The Cove. Mabee Commons offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Monday through Friday, and is open for brunch and dinner on weekends. The Cove is open from early morning until midnight to provide students with a late-night alternative.

❖ **How will my student pay for meals?**

Your student's meal plan unlocks delicious meals, coffee, snacks, and more, at both the Mabee Commons and The Cove. Meal plans include Meal Swipes and Pirate Buc\$, conveniently loaded onto your student's Pirate Card. No need to carry additional cards or cash!

Weekly meal plans end on Thursday after dinner and reset on Friday morning.

SPIRITUAL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center (third floor)
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Consistent with the University's Core Purpose and Values, the University Chaplain and Director of Spiritual and Religious Life offers opportunities for members of the University to enrich the spiritual dimension of their lives. Spiritual wellness is integral to a liberal arts educational experience. Therefore, through spiritual practices, studies and service activities, students, faculty, staff, and others can explore their spiritual identity; seek meaning and purpose in their lives and practice acts of service toward the well-being of humanity. Students not only learn about themselves, but also about the world in which they live and about the positive impact that their *Southwestern Experience* prepares them to make in this world. Intentional courageous conversations about difficult issues allows persons from diverse backgrounds and faith traditions to listen and learn from each other. Relationships of trust can be built through collectively engaging in projects to serve others.

❖ **Are there opportunities for spiritual growth on campus?**

Several religious groups, advised by a member of the faculty or staff provide opportunities for worship gatherings, Scriptural and book studies, and small group meetings. The University Chaplain is available for counseling and mentoring. Students are also encouraged to find a local faith community in which to worship regularly. Each year the Office of the Chaplain hosts a brunch for new students to meet local faith community leaders. Many students visit local congregations with friends or roommates, often talking with upper-class students about where they worship or gather for religious services.

❖ **How can my student connect with other students around their faith?**

There are several student religious organizations on campus that offer opportunities for students to meet others from similar faith traditions and help one another grow on their faith journeys. A list of the organizations is available at southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-organizations/religious/.

❖ **Are religious holidays observed on campus?**

Southwestern's faculty work with students of all faith backgrounds to ensure they have the time necessary to celebrate or practice the special observances of their traditions. If your student needs accommodations for a religious holiday, encourage them to talk with their faculty to make the appropriate arrangements.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center (third floor)
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The mission of the Office of Student Activities is to act as an advisor, ally, educator, and mentor to the students of Southwestern University by facilitating learning experiences through leadership opportunities, student organizations, social activities, and services that promote personal growth and the empowerment of students for success in our diverse community and beyond. The office works closely with all student organizations, student leaders, and various University committees. Student Activities has responsibility for the

development and coordination of campus-wide programming, leadership development, advising various student organizations, and Welcome Week.

❖ **How can my student get involved?**

There will be a Student Involvement Fair early in the fall semester to give students an opportunity to visit with members from many of the 60+ organizations. A full list of all active organizations, descriptions of each, and contact information is available at southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-activities/organizations.

❖ **Is there anything to do on weekends?**

Yes! Weekend programming includes nationally touring performances in The Cove every Friday night and monthly Saturday-night first-run movies, complete with freshly popped popcorn. The University Programming Council (UPC) is a group of students who plan, organize, and execute a variety of campus activities. Student Activities can provide more information about UPC membership.

❖ **Is there student government?**

Yes. One benefit of university life is the opportunity for students to participate in their own governance. This opportunity comes through participation in the Southwestern Student Government Association (SGA) and other campus-wide committees. The SGA is a group of elected representatives who sponsor monthly meetings to inform students of campus issues and to provide a forum for concerns and opinions. In addition, students have the unique opportunity to participate with faculty and administrators in the major governing councils of the University.

❖ **When is social fraternity and sorority recruitment?**

Deferred recruitment, held in January, provides students with a chance to get organized academically before joining a Greek organization. Recruitment information will be made available during the first semester. Students may also choose to wait until their sophomore year to join a fraternity or sorority.

❖ **What percentage of students pledge social fraternities and sororities?**

Approximately 30% of Southwestern students are involved in Greek organizations. Southwestern has four national



family weekend

March 1-2, 2024

social fraternities (Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, and Pi Kappa Alpha) and six national social sororities (Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta Chi, and Zeta Tau Alpha).

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The mission of the Southwestern University Police Department (SUPD) is to serve our diverse and inclusive community by promoting a safe, secure living and learning environment that fosters thinking, creativity, and connection. The SUPD accomplishes this mission by engaging with students, faculty, and staff under a community policing philosophy; by sponsoring a variety of proactive safety and awareness programs and events; and by protecting life and property through equal and unbiased enforcement of University policy as well as local, state, and federal laws. Each SUPD officer holds a master peace officer license. SUPD officers are always available to offer assistance when needed and patrol campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

❖ **Is there any crime on campus? What are the crime statistics?** Southwestern is not immune to crime. Most crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity, which include theft or criminal mischief. Crime statistics are kept on a calendar basis, are compiled in an annual report per the Campus Safety and Security Act of 1990, and are available on request or by accessing **southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/safety-security/annual-security-reports/**. The SUPD presents crime awareness programs throughout the year.

❖ **What measures are taken to ensure safety for students on campus?** Campus grounds are patrolled 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by uniformed, armed, state-certified police officers. Officers patrol in highly visible vehicles and on foot for easy access to the interior of campus. Residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and are checked by SUPD and resident assistants on a regular basis. Police provide an on-campus escort for any student requesting one. The University has also instituted an

Emergency Notification System to alert students, faculty, and staff about on-campus emergencies via telephone, email, and/or text message.

❖ **Where do students park their cars? What is the cost to keep a car on campus?** Southwestern has parking lots throughout the campus for students, staff, and faculty. Students must register their vehicles with the SUPD by filling out a registration form at **southwestern.edu/student-vehicles-registration**. Once registered, the decal will be mailed to the campus post office box, and they will affix the decal to the driver side back window. All Southwestern students are automatically charged a vehicle registration fee of \$100 per semester (\$200 for the academic year). If a student does not park a vehicle on campus, the charge may be waived by completing the Vehicle Registration Waiver form online at **tinyurl.com/parkingwaiver**.

The online waiver form must be submitted each semester by the required deadline date. For Fall 2023, the waiver site will open May 1, 2023, and the online waiver must be completed by July 13, 2023, to receive the credit to the student account. For Spring 2024, the waiver site will open Nov. 1, 2023, and the online waiver must be completed by Dec. 7, 2023.





PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

SOUTHWESTERN AND PARENTS

Southwestern University, like you, is focused on one outcome: the success of our students. Southwestern's academic and student life programs seek to engage students' minds and transform their lives through a rigorous liberal arts education and a vibrant residential campus. Our objectives are likely very similar to your own. We aim to help your student develop into an intelligent, resilient, responsible, productive, well-rounded young adult prepared to contribute to the well-being of humanity.

With these shared aspirations, we ask parents and family members of Southwestern students to partner with us. Taking responsibility for one's own education is central to the *Southwestern Experience*. Southwestern offers an extensive network of resources so students can help themselves, solve problems, and build the confidence to manage their own educations. By learning to use these resources, students develop competencies that will serve them well in life.

We invite you to share our hope that Southwestern students and graduates will be confident, self-motivated young adults in charge of their lives, capable of dealing equally well with both challenges and opportunities and prepared to contribute to the world.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY STUDENT FROM A DISTANCE?

Here are some ways that you can enhance your student's growth into adulthood as well as their experience at Southwestern. The following is adapted, with gratitude, from *You're on Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child during the College Years* by Marjorie B. Savage (2009, revised edition):

- 1. Listen to their concerns.** Even though your almost-adult is experimenting with independent choices, they still need to know that you're there and available to talk about everyday events and difficult issues. If your student needs help or support, the subject is more likely to come up if you are not inquiring pointedly about what time they came in last night. Listen to the melody, not just the content. Do not trivialize any of your student's concerns or emotions. Much of what they are saying is "I'm changing, and I'm scared," even when the content is "I know what I am doing."
- 2. Stay in touch (but not too much)!** Remember the names of roommates and friends who are mentioned often. Encourage your student to send you pictures of their room and friends. Be interested but not intrusive. Send photos of family activities and pets as well as care packages at exam times.
- 3. Negotiate frequency of communication.** Talk about how often you'll speak on the phone, text, visit each other, or send emails. If an uncharacteristically long amount of time passes with no word, it's not bad to check in and make sure everything is going smoothly.
- 4. Be willing to cut the cord.** Encourage an appropriate level of independence and responsibility. Let them use their own judgment to decide what is best for them, and trust them to make good decisions. Teach them life skills such as how to do laundry, live on a budget, set up a checking account, and manage their time.
- 5. Help your student problem-solve.** If your student calls home with a problem, stay calm. Practice reacting to such "melt-down calls." For example, you could say, "I'm sorry



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you are having a rough time. How are you going to handle it?" Then coach; don't rescue. Coach them in talking things through with their roommate or making their own phone calls to the professor. Encourage your student to use the University's services instead of relying solely on you for help. On-campus professionals have a wealth of experience to quickly help resolve your student's issue.

- 6. State your concerns.** It is OK to ask whether they have thought about study habits, sexual conduct, or alcohol. As parents, you can send a clear message to your student that they can choose not to drink, and if they choose to use alcohol, they should do it moderately, legally, and appropriately. Don't glorify your own "youthful drinking days" if you had them.
- 7. Don't overburden your student with your own emotional issues.** What you want is to be useful to them, and you will need to find someone else to help you with how you feel. They want to know you care, but they don't want to know too much. Keep them informed, but grant them a little distance from any family problems that arise.
- 8. Encourage smart financial practices.** Most students come to college with a fairly detailed plan about how tuition, room, board, and books will be paid for and what their family's expectations are about spending money. Work together to set up a budget plan for the year. Warn your student not to apply for every credit card offered. Smart money management is a lifelong skill that will benefit your student.
- 9. Be realistic about academic achievement and grades.** Southwestern attracts bright students from all over the country, but not every first-year student who excelled academically in high school will be a straight-A student here. Developing or refining the capacity to work independently and consistently and to demonstrate mastery can be more important than grades as long as the student meets the basic academic requirements set out by the University. Instead of focusing on grades, ask your student to discuss class projects and papers with you. Again, these are choices that each individual student makes, though certainly it is appropriate to coach your student in setting their own long-term goals.
- 10. Keep your cool.** Students tend to share their good times with friends and rely on family in difficult times. Although a "melt-down call" may be troubling, it is a sign of trust. They are allowing themselves to be vulnerable with you. Try not to be overly reactive to their venting or jump to intervene.
- 11. If your student does experience difficulties at Southwestern, encourage them to take advantage of the wealth of resources available for students.** The small and personal environment of the University offers many sources of help. For academic issues, talking with a professor or academic advisor is probably the first step, but the Center for Academic Success is also available to help. For stress, relationship problems, or more serious concerns, the Office of Counseling Services is available and free for students.



Sprog Parent Orientation



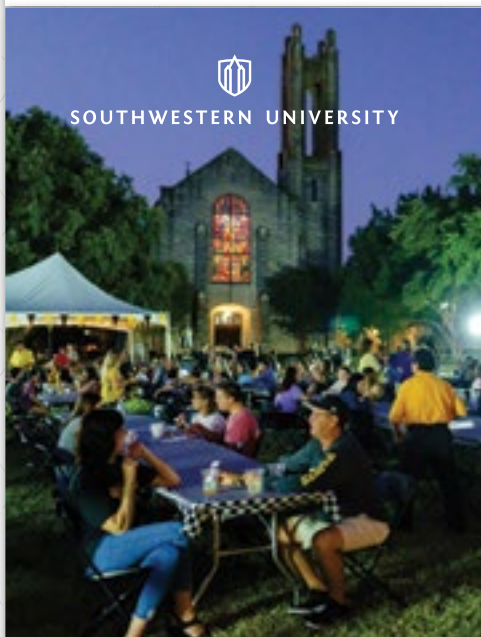
Your family will select a two-day Orientation session in June. Over the course of two days, your student will participate in critical Orientation programming, including course registration and social gatherings with fellow students. Additionally, parents are invited to robust programming to orient you to the logistics of being a Pirate Parent!



Sprog I – June 16-17

Sprog II – June 20-21

Sprog III – June 22-23




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Gather with your favorite Pirate for a celebration of the Southwestern community. Return to campus for the party of the year!

- + Jameson 5k
- + Parent Social
- + Pirate Athletics
- + Student Organization Events
- + Biergarten
- + Live Music

GREETINGS NEW PIRATE PARENTS!

I'm excited to welcome our new students for fall 2023! We are very excited to welcome you and your Pirates to Southwestern this summer at Sprog. Students will participate in curriculum planning, student life programming, advising, and registration during their two-day orientation. Students will also be assigned to an Orientation Leader who will guide and support them during Sprog and throughout the entire summer.

There will be a pre-registration process to help students enroll in key courses. Students will be pre-registered in most of their courses prior to Sprog. One course will be the First-Year Seminar (FYS, for first-year students) or Advanced-Entry Seminar (AES, for transfer students). The other course or courses will be introduction courses for their intended majors, when possible. If your student is undecided about their major, we will register them for general education courses. During Sprog, students will meet with their academic advisor to discuss additional courses and make any schedule adjustments.

So that we have the most recent and accurate information possible, we are requiring all incoming students to submit a survey to express their interests and provide us with additional information. The link to the survey is posted in the Checklist for Success. Students must complete the survey before June 7 to ensure enrollment in the courses. During Sprog, your student will participate in degree planning and advising sessions that will help them choose the rest of their fall courses. They will register for the remaining courses during Sprog, with help from their advisor, Orientation Leader, and University staff.

We will be offering Parent Orientation simultaneously with several sessions for you to participate in during your student's Sprog. However, there will be sessions that are meant for *students only*. Orientation is structured with an intentional separation between student and parents/families so that students can better immerse themselves academically and socially in their new community. We invite you to review materials (degree plans, university catalog, etc.) and discuss potential majors and course options with your student prior to their Sprog sessions. Your partnership is critical to your student's success at Southwestern. As such, we have created sessions as part of the Sprog program and throughout the next few months to prepare you for life as the parent of a Pirate. We hope that you will provide your students with support as they make independent decisions and encourage them to explore new opportunities for growth and development. Know that University faculty and staff are dedicated to helping your student create a rich and meaningful *Southwestern Experience*.



Jennifer Leach

Director of Advising and Retention
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Student Sprog To Do List

- **Register for Sprog**
- **Complete Housing Registration Form**
- **Submit Health Record**
- **Sign Overnight Contract**
- **Take Language Placement Exam**
- **Complete New Student Questionnaire**
- **Access your SUEID and establish your password**
- **Upload Pirate Card photo**
- **Complete the Personal Skills for a Diverse Campus online module**
- **Review the Checklist for Success at southwestern.edu/admission/next-steps/deposited-students**

Instructions for your Sprog experience

Over the course of two days, you and your student are invited to participate in the scheduled events on campus. Some of the sessions are designed for student participation only, while others are open to parents and students.

Prior to your Sprog Orientation date, you will receive an email confirmation with the final schedule. Because the sessions and housing arrangements for students include individualized advising and connections, we ask that your family attend on the days for which you registered.

 | <https://www.southwestern.edu/sprog-orientation/>

FAMILY SCHEDULE

PARENTS DAY ONE

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Parent Check in and Information

Receive your name tags, schedule, map, and other information. A light continental breakfast will be served.

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Parent Welcome

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations welcomes our guests and will provide context for the events happening for the next two days.

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Navigating Online Resources for Parents

Get a quick tour of the various virtual systems that you and your Pirate will be using while at SU.

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Welcome & Shaping Your SU Experience

University staff will welcome incoming students and parents to SU. Dr. Jennifer Leach, Director of Advising and Retention, will share information about Southwestern's unique curriculum and how your student can get the most out of their advising experience at Sprog.

12:00–1:30 p.m.

Lunch with Southwestern Leadership

Members of the Southwestern senior leadership team will talk about the ways in which their divisions support students and parents and will answer your questions about the future of SU.

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Transition Tips

Get the details you need to prepare for your Pirate's move to SU. Representatives from Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Dining Services will be presenting the most critical information you need to know now and answering your questions.

2:40–3:10 p.m.

Academic Accommodations

Your student may be eligible to receive accommodations based on the nature and functional limitations of a documented disability. Learn more about the process at this session.

3:15–4:15 p.m.

Parent Round Table Conversations

Join fellow parents and University staff in small conversations around potential scenarios that may await your student at Southwestern and how you can best prepare and respond in those situations.

4:30–6:00 p.m.

Parent Social

Wrap up your day with a casual social gathering and enjoy a happy hour beverage while sampling some sweet and savory selections from our campus Dining Services! Dining Services staff will be present to answer your additional questions about meal plans and accommodating a variety of dietary needs.

FAMILY SCHEDULE (CONT.)

PARENTS DAY TWO

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8:00–9:00 a.m.

Residence Hall Checkout

Students will be checking out between 8-9 am, and will need to connect with you to load their overnight bag into your car.

9:00–9:50 a.m.

Campus Tours + Residence Hall Tours

Join us for a guided walking tour of campus, with stops at the first-year residence halls.

10:00–10:45 a.m.

Panel with the Professors

Faculty will answer questions about curriculum, majors/minors, and high-impact experiences available through their departments.

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Billing, Payments, and Financial Aid, Oh My!

This information session covers billing and payments, waivers, financial aid, and how to access your student's financial information.

12:15–1:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead Lunch

Begin with the end in mind! Our most successful students start exploring career options and planning high-impact experiences early in their time at SU. Learn about opportunities for career exploration, planning, networking, internships, research, and study abroad from the staff in the Center for Career & Professional Development and the Center for Integrative Learning.

1:45–2:15 p.m.

Tales & Traditions

As the first institution of higher education in the state of Texas, Southwestern has a rich and colorful history! Enjoy this fascinating tale of how a pioneer's dream became a first-class national liberal arts university!

2:15–3:15 p.m.

Current Parent Panel & Sprog Farewell

Hear from parents about the changing dynamic as a parent of an emerging adult, and how to navigate this transition as a family.

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Pirate Athletics Meeting

New student athletes and their parents will meet with athletics staff.

MOVE IN DAY

INFORMATION ABOUT MOVE-IN DAY

GREETINGS SU PARENTS!

To our newest Pirate Parents,

Welcome to the SU Community! We are so excited for your student to join our residential community in August. Our entire Housing and Residence Life team is ready to help your student transition to college, establish lifelong friendships, and explore all that Southwestern has to offer. Your student is an equal partner in the creation of their own residential experience and overall success at Southwestern. It is important to us that they feel at home but also feel empowered to contribute to the community they will soon be a part of. We provide the residence halls, the student staff, and the programmatic opportunities, but there is no community without you and your student.

We look forward to welcoming you and your student to campus on Move-in Day!



Sincerely,
Autumn Lange, MBA
Coordinator of First-Year Housing





MOVE-IN PARENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Parent Check-in and Information Table & Family Hospitality Lounge

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Bishops Memorial Lounge

Stop by to pick up your pre-purchased brunch tickets, name tags, a campus map, and other helpful information. Staff will be available all day to answer your questions.

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Residence Hall Move-In (by Appointment)

Various Locations

Your student has selected a designated arrival time. Please adhere to their selected arrival window.

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Pirate Photo Booth

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Bishops Memorial Lounge

Take a photo with your Pirate as a keepsake.

10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Brunch in the Commons

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Mabee Commons

Tickets may be pre-purchased for \$15/adult and \$7/child through the Move-in Day registration form.

MOVE-IN SCHEDULE - CONTINUED

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Campus Tours

Tours depart from the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Bishops Memorial Lounge

If you have not previously visited campus, take a walking tour with a member of the Admission team. Pre-registration required.

1:00–1:15 p.m.

Legacy Photo

Julie Puett Howry Center

Does your incoming Pirate have an alumni connection in the family? If so, join us for the Legacy Photo!

1:30–2:00 p.m.

Interfaith Family Blessing

In Front of the Lois Perkins Chapel

Led by Chaplain Ron Swain and faith leaders from other traditions, this short family blessing will be held around the University seal. Following the blessing, families are invited to the Chapel Courtyard to meet our Chaplain and enjoy cold refreshments.

2:00–2:45 p.m.

Ask Anything Panel

F.W. Olin Building, Room 105

For family members who missed Sprog or feel that a few questions remain on your mind, attend this panel with representatives from a vast array of student services and academics. Panelists will include representatives from advising and retention, fine arts, student life, academic affairs, student accounts, SUPD, dean of students, and dining services.

3:00–3:15 p.m.

Kiss & Cry

Remember, it isn't goodbye, it is 'see you soon!' Students will be busy attending events and making connections for the remainder of the afternoon and evening, so we encourage students and parents to give hugs and say farewell prior to Matriculation Convocation.

3:30–5:00 p.m.

Matriculation Convocation

Corbin J. Robertson Center, Robertson Courts

A signature Southwestern event. The special ceremony welcomes your student into the Southwestern community of learners. Dress is casual.

5:00–5:15 p.m.

New Student Photo

Corbin J. Robertson Center, Walzel Courts

The incoming class will line up for a panoramic photo. Goldbeck will have a table set up to take photo orders.

MOVE-IN GUIDELINES

It is imperative that your student and their “move-in crew” arrive on campus during the 30 minute window they signed up for. After 1:00 p.m., guests and family members must be escorted in the residence halls by their Southwestern student.

PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

Please help your student complete the following before Move-In Day*:

1. Education Modules
2. Emergency Contact Card
3. Student Health Forms

*Details will be shared via your student’s SU email address

FAMILY PACKING LIST

Residence Life and Housing has a coordinated move-in process that will allow you to unload your cars and get your students’ belongings to their room in an organized and safe manner. **Label all boxes, bags, and other items with your students’ name, building, and room number** in the event that volunteers are available during Move-In Day to assist you. We suggest the following items for an easy and efficient move in.

- Small furniture dollies and/or wagons
- Containers or suitcases that can stack and roll
- Comfortable clothing and shoes - there may be a waiting period to get inside the building. Black and gold Pirate gear recommended!
- Hand sanitizer/disinfectant wipes or disinfectant and paper towels
- Water and/or hydrating beverages (Gatorade, Powerade, etc.)



STUDENT PACKING LIST

LINENS/LAUNDRY/PERSONAL ITEMS

- Linens (all first-year beds are twin XL)
- Pillows
- Towels
- Laundry Basket/Bag
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets (Liquid detergent strongly encouraged)
- Hangers
- Alarm clock
- Computer and charger
- Study lamp
- TV (coordinate with your roommate)
- Headphones
- Umbrella/Rain Jacket
- Coffee pot/Keurig
- Flashlight
- Lamp
- Decorations that will make your space feel like home
- 3M Command Adhesive Strips for hanging things on walls
 - All rooms with cinderblock (All of Ruter, Mabee, parts of Clark rooms)
- Small nails or tacks – for hanging things on walls
 - All rooms with sheetrock (All of Brown-Cody, parts of Clark rooms)
- Microwave (coordinate with your roommate)
- Refrigerator—no larger than 4.3 cubic ft. (coordinate with your roommate)
- Small set of kitchenware (plate, cup, utensils)
- A power strip with a surge protector

- Cell phone and Charger
- Professional Attire for Events or Interviews

BATHROOM/TOILETRIES

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Bath/Face Cleanser
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Tweezers, Nail Clippers
- Razor/Shaving Cream
- Lotion/Facial Moisturizer
- Comb/Brush
- Hair Dryer

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Broom/dust pan or Swiffer style floor cleaner
- Disinfecting spray/wipes
- Bathroom cleaning products
 - The most common EPA registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface. No bottles of bleach or ammonia, please.
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Toilet bowl cleaner/brush

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ITEMS

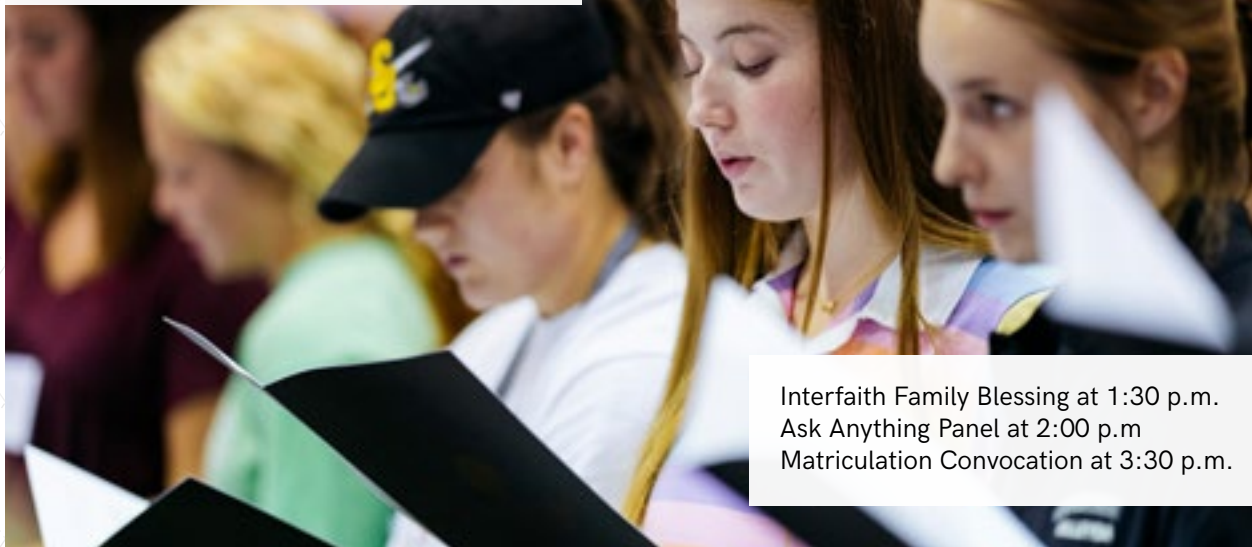
- Insurance Cards
- Prescribed medication
- Masks/Face coverings
- Hand sanitizer—with an alcohol solution of at least 70% alcohol
- Disinfectant/Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Soap
- First-Aid Kit

LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME

- Pets (except fish in under 10 gallon tank)
- Halogen lamps
- Candles and incense
- Hot plates
- Refrigerator larger than 4.3 cubic feet
- Anything with an open burner (hot plate, toaster, crock pot, portable grill)
- Extra furniture that the University already provides
- Wireless routers or wireless access points



Move-in Day Special Events



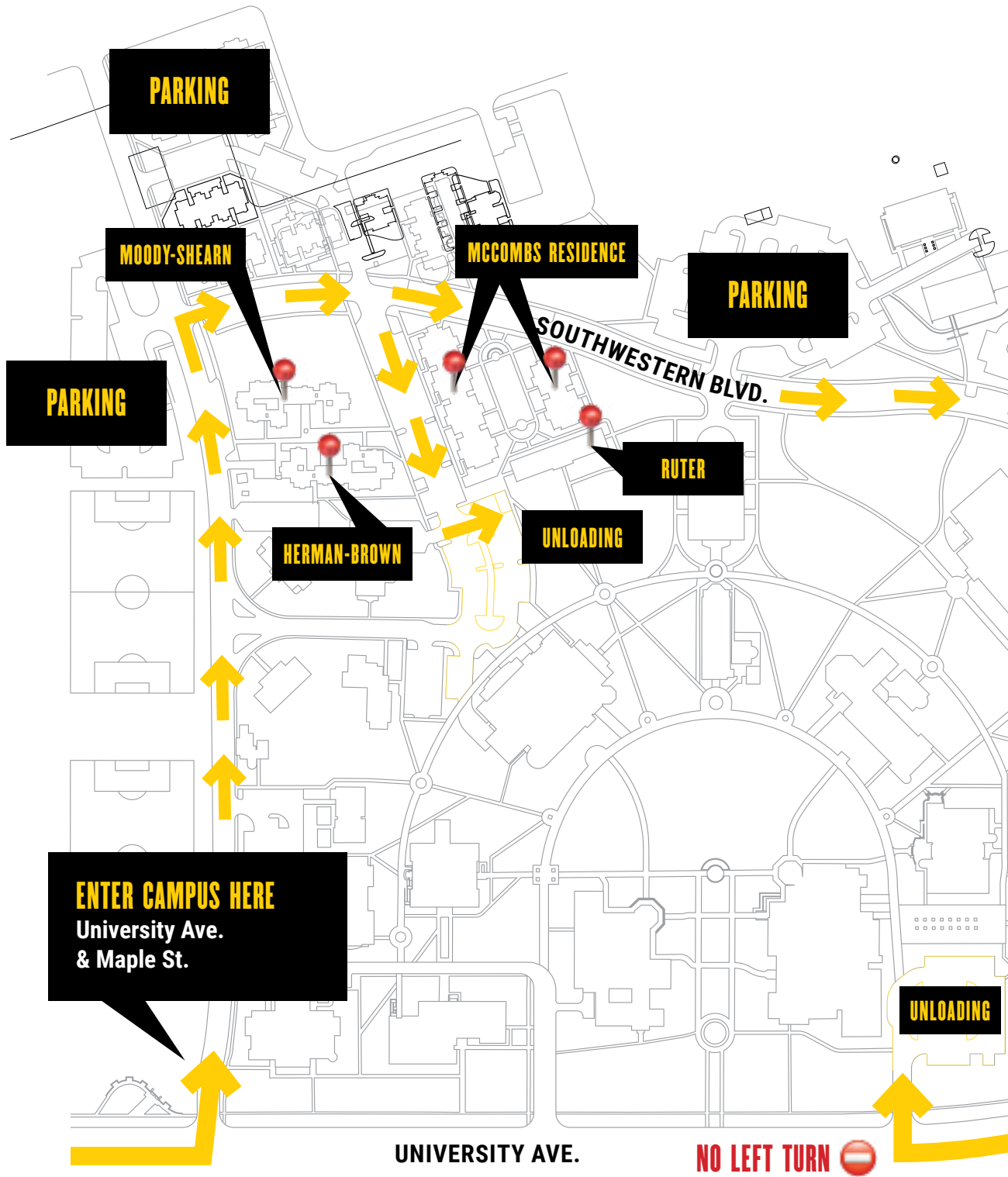
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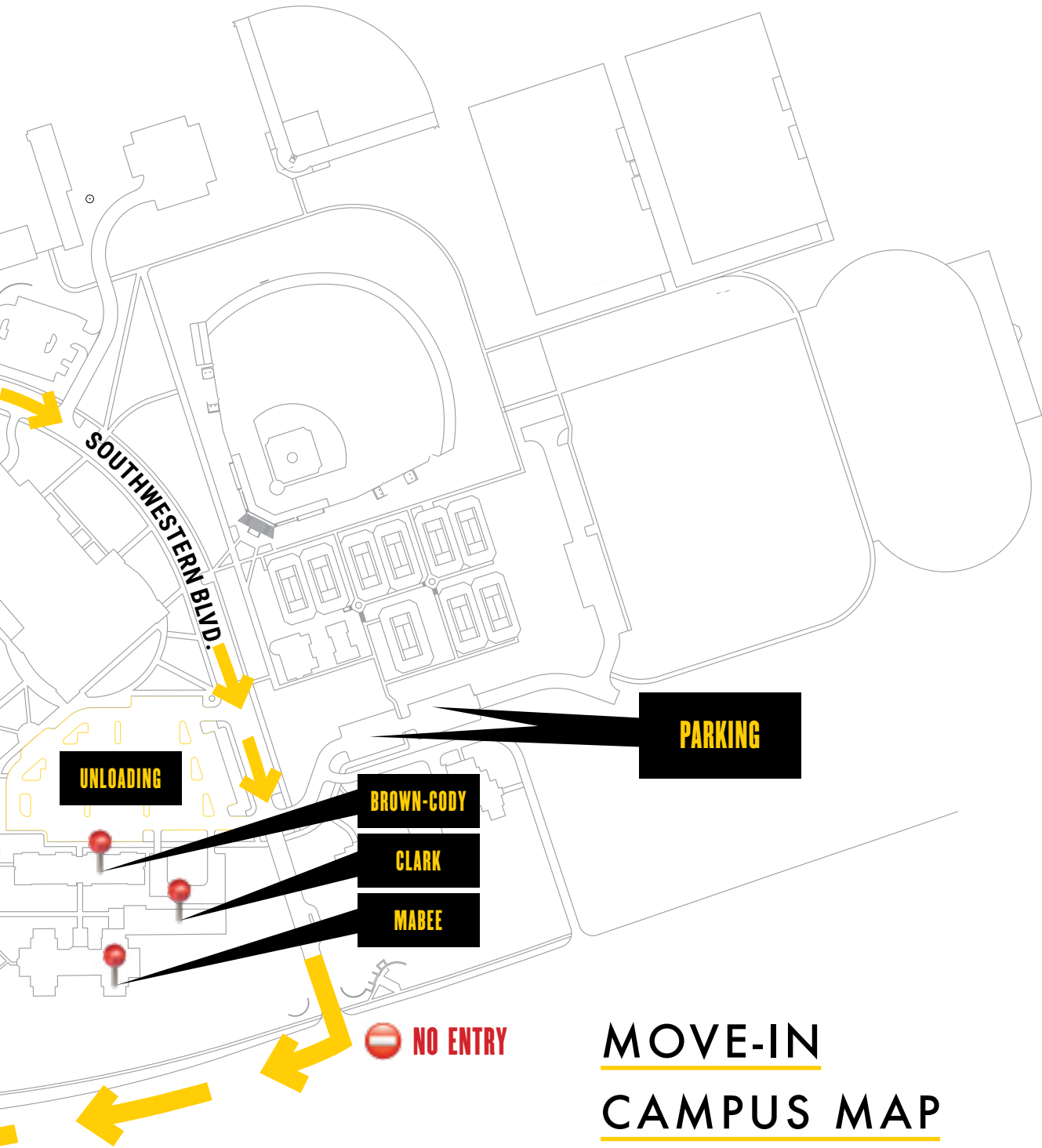
Post Office Hours

Ship something to campus? Need to pick up your Pirate's parking tag? The Post Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center and will be open Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Your student should bring a form of identification to pick up their packages!

POST OFFICE







MOVE-IN CAMPUS MAP



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CLEAR YOUR ACCOUNT

We encourage you and your student to check the Transact Payment Portal prior to move-in to confirm that there is no balance due. Note that students enrolled in a payment plan are good to go! Students who have not cleared their balance will be asked to do so prior to moving in.