

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS Center*

School: Southern Methodist University

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - 3.4-3.9 mid 50% SAT – 1280-1410 verbal & math ACT – 29-32

GPA -How is it calculated? All weights are taken off for Honors AP courses. They use a 4.0 scale

ACT/SAT – Do not require writing. Only superscore the SAT. Take highest composite score for the ACT

Rigor – Rigor of high school curriculum is considered for both admission and scholarships. What are the average AP requirements? SMU grants credit and placement for scores of 4 or 5 on most AP exams

Most popular majors at this school: More than 100 Majors & 85 Minors. They are highly ranked across the board for many majors.

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? N/A- Private

Does chosen major affect decision process? Only for Performing Arts majors in which an audition is required. All other incoming 1st year students are accepted as pre-majors in the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, regardless of their intended major.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes. 1/3 of all students participate in a study abroad program.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? The average student will have 3 internships before graduation; Voted #6 in US for internship Opportunities by Princeton Review in 2015

Research Opportunities? The Honors College offers funding for undergraduate research-
<http://www.smu.edu/Admission/Academics/Honors/EngagedLearning>

Special successes the school is known for: #1 Music School in U.S.

Scholarships: The Hunt Scholarship requires a separate essay, you tube video and teacher recommendations. This scholarship provides almost full tuition and a junior year study abroad. The Presidential scholarship provides full tuition and the junior year study abroad. There are several other scholarships as well. In order to be considered, applications must be submitted by January 15.

When are scholarship deadlines? January 15

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Private so In-state/Out of State Cost are Equal

Tuition & Fees	\$48,190
Housing & Dining	\$15,650
Total	\$63,840

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? **Mustang Days October 5 & November 13**

Applications

When are application deadlines? **Nov 1 Early Action & Early Decision I, January 15 Regular Decision & Early Decision II**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **No- but the Honors College requires 2 essays and 2 letters of rec.**

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? **Yes-for the Honors College**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **Only for the McNair Scholarship should student be selected as a candidate (This is the top scholarship with 100% tuition paid; they offer 20 per year)**

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? **Does not have “rolling applications”**

Does the school use the Common App? **Yes, but also have their own school ap as an option. The admissions rep recommends using the common application because most students look better from it.**

How many applicants are received per year?

How much is the application fee? **\$60**

Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? **Division I**

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? **Students must live on campus for at least 1st two years and may have a car**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Living communities are offered. Capstone Scholars live in living community for 1st 2 years of college**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc) **Campus is located in the heart of Dallas in Highland Park (similar to Buckhead in Atlanta)Dallas has everything – also one of the world’s fastest growing economies**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **6,391**

Total enrollment? **11,272**

Percentage of male: female – **52% male/ 48% female**

% of in-state: out-of-state students – **36% :57%**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life –

Where is the school located? **Dallas, TX**

How far is it from Milton? **800 miles**