

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 College Center*

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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 - 3.8 SAT- 1340-1460 ACT - 29-32

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

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? Do not require writing. Only super score the SAT. Take highest composite score for the ACT

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

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? SMU looks holistically at the applicants. Demonstrated interest is a benefit for applicants

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

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. 3rd oldest study abroad program in the US. 9th largest with 150 programs, something for every major.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? The average student will have 3 internships before graduation. A lot of opportunities because of proximity to Dallas.

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: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? 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?

Tuition & Fees	\$57,968
Room & Board	\$16,950
Total per Year (Two Semesters)	\$74,918

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Daily visits can be scheduled and Mustang days are Sept 24th , Oct 29th and Nov 5th

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students?

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?
Nov 1- Early Action & Early Decision I January 15 -Regular Decision & Early Decision II
Deadlines are important because of the amount of spaces for incoming freshmen. With Early Action you will hear by Dec 1st

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 the school use the Common App? Yes. The school has its own as an option but the admissions rep highly recommends using the common application because most students look better from it. For scholarship applications, using the Common App is important because the common app is more organized.

How many applicants are received per year? 15,000 There are 1,400 Freshmen and 10% for the Honors Program

How much is the application fee? \$60 Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? Division 1 in AAC

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Tickets are free to students

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Students must live on campus for at least freshman and sophomore years and may have a car.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or 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? 6,411 Total enrollment? 11,643

Percentage of male: female – 51% male/ 49% female Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 36%:57%

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 38% Greek with rush second semester

Where is the school located? Dallas, TX 7 Minutes to Dallas Love Field Airport. 12 miles to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport

How far is it from Milton? 800 Miles

Other:

Best neighborhood, safe

Awards for best advising and best freshmen orientation

Professors are top in their field

Student to faculty ratio 11:1

3 of 4 students receive financial assistance or scholarships

Demonstrated interest is important and helps earn points in the admissions process

Biggest class holds 100 people

Resources of a school that would be much larger in size. Lots of opportunities.