



SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad & International Student Services

COVID-19 and the Fall 2021 Semester (updated July 2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic is having an effect on the college experience in several different ways. The Office of Study Abroad & International Student Services would like to offer some information and insight to help you navigate this particular semester.

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 and Southwestern University's policies and protocols, check the [SU Campus Health & Safety page](#)

Please note that this information is subject to change.

Vaccinations

Southwestern University is requiring all students to be vaccinated for COVID-19 (any brand) prior to arrival on-campus. Students may confidentially submit their COVID-19 vaccination records through the patient portal on the Health Center website or via email at covidtesting@southwestern.edu.

What if I am unable to get vaccinated in my home country?

We understand that it may not be possible for all international students to receive the vaccine in their home country (outside of the U.S.) prior to arrival in the U.S. In this case, the student may begin the vaccination process upon arrival in Texas. **Students will not be required to arrive early or quarantine.**

Please contact the Office of Study Abroad & International Student Services (SAISS) to request assistance lemerym@southwestern.edu or bellandm@southwestern.edu. We will be happy to provide you guidance on how to schedule an appointment for the first vaccine shot at a local pharmacy or clinic during your first couple of days in Texas. You will then be required to obtain a second vaccine shot 3-4 weeks later. Two weeks after the final shot, you will be considered fully vaccinated. Until that time, you will need to wear a mask while on campus and follow protocols.

Student Exemption from Vaccination Requirement

To receive an exemption, a student must submit an original, [notarized exemption form](#) to the Health Center. This form should be mailed to the Health Center or the student should provide an original copy to the Health Center prior to moving into the Residence Halls.

COVID-19 Testing

Surveillance testing will continue during the Fall for students who have not been vaccinated.

Masks

Masks will no longer be required on campus for vaccinated students, faculty, and staff.

Academics

Southwestern University will be open and offering all courses in-person on campus for Fall 2021. Remote learning will not be offered.

Extracurriculars

There are many ways to connect with other students on campus! Along with monthly social events offered by the Office of Study Abroad & International Student Services, you can make the most of your time at SU by staying connected and informed.

Tips and tricks for making the most of your time at SU:

1. [Subscribe](#) to Campus Notices to receive a daily email digest of SU events and announcements.
2. Engage in programs through [Mosaic and the Residential Experience](#) to meet other SU students and connect with valuable resources on campus.
3. Get active! Check out the intramural sports and other activities available through [SIRA](#).
4. Join a [campus organization](#). With over 90 registered organizations on campus, there are numerous opportunities for involvement outside the classroom.
5. [Friday Night Live](#) offers lots of different sources of entertainment that are all about bringing people together to laugh, learn, and create!