

# Student Consumer Information

## Semesterly Disclosure Notifications

In compliance with federal law, the following notification is sent each semester to all students and employees. This notice contains information the University is legally required to convey to you and strongly encourages you to read it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **\*1. [Notice of Availability of Institutional and Financial Aid Information](#)**

[34 CFR 668.41 \(a\)-\(d\)](#), [34 CFR 668.42](#), [34 CFR 668.43](#)

DBU's Financial Aid Office provides a comprehensive program that includes academic and need-based scholarships, as well as grants, loans, and part-time campus employment designed to help eligible students meet expenses while enrolled at Dallas Baptist University. Additional information can be found at the DBU Financial Aid website by clicking and exploring the link above.

[DBU Annual Notification](#) (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) – DBU provides required information to students under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and under Section 485(a)(1), Section 485(f), Section 485(g), Section 485(h) and Section 485(j).

Prospective and enrolled students, faculty, and staff may contact the DBU Financial Aid for information or assistance at any time. Financial Aid Office phone: 214-333-5363, email: [finaid@dbu.edu](mailto:finaid@dbu.edu) or fax: 214-333-5586.

### **\*2. [Textbook Information](#)**

[20 U.S.C. 1015b](#) ([20 U.S.C. 1015b](#))

As of March 2024, DBU has moved to Slingshot as their campus bookstore provider. Information regarding required and recommended textbooks and supplemental material for courses may be found at <https://dbu.slingshotedu.com/>. Be sure to look at [Slingshots FAQ page](#) for in depth information on purchasing/rental option, available plans, and how to obtain pricing for your books.

For 2024-25, all new incoming (Freshman and Transfer) students are opted in to Slingshot Choice plan when they start their program with a preference for rental books set as the default. New incoming student's books will be sent to them based on their registration for the first day of classes and all the costs will be rolled into their university student account. Those students will stay opted in for future terms unless they choose to opt out. Current/returning students can opt into the Slingshot Choice plan if they desire. Students not in the plan or who have opted out can still place online orders from this website or the campus store. Slingshot recommends those not in the Choice Plan making a book/materials preference selection at least 3-4 weeks before classes begin.

Students can learn more about their textbooks online at the [DBU Bookstore](#).

### **[Disbursement For Books and Supplies](#)**

[668.164\(m\)](#); [668.16\(h\)](#); [668.42](#); [668.165\(a\)\(1\)](#)

Students may visit <https://dbu.slingshotedu.com/> to view faculty selected course material options and pricing for their classes.

- The DBU Bookstore offers rental, used and digital options wherever possible.
- Learn how purchases/rentals will be delivered,
- How to opt out of the Choice Model and other plan options available to students.



Please reference Textbook Information above.

### **Payments for Books and Supplies:**

The Slingshot DBU Bookstore accepts cash, all major credit cards, tap pay, ZIP, and Student Financial Aid.

**NOTE:** Students can use financial aid for online or in-store orders if they have sufficient credit in their account. Financial aid is one of the payment options on the website. If ordering in-store Students will need to receive a book card from the DBU Cashier's office to use SFA funds.

### **\*3. [Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program](#)**

[34 CFR 86.100](#) [34 CFR Part 86](#)

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires that DBU notify each student and employee of its programs to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. Dallas Baptist University has several programs to combat the misuse and abuse of alcohol and other chemical substances. Consumers may click the link below to view the DBU 2020-21 Biennial Report/Committee Review or contact **Jeremy Dutschke, Ph.D.** Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs for a written copy or additional information.

[DBU Drug Free Schools and Communities Act – Biennial Report 2020-2021](#)

**Note:** Students who enroll or employees who are hired after the annual distribution must receive the notification information. A copy of the of the DBU Biennial Report/Review is available upon request. Please contact [Jeremy Dutschke, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs](#) for a written copy or additional information.

### **\*4. [Student's Right to Know Information](#)**

Dallas Baptist University is required to report the overall graduation rate, also known as the "Student Right to Know" or IPEDS graduation rate. Graduation rates and retention rates are available through information reported at the College Navigator (IPEDs by clicking the link above).

### **\*5. [Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act \(EADA\)](#)**

By October 15th of each year, coeducational institutions of higher education that participates in any federal student aid program and has an intercollegiate athletics program must prepare an Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report and make it available upon request to students, potential students, and the public.

For information or to request a copy of DBU's Equity in Athletics Report, contact DBU Athletics, Ryon Phillips, Assistant AD and NCAA Compliance Coordinator, 214.333.5324; [ryon@dbu.edu](mailto:ryon@dbu.edu)

### **\*6. [2023 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report](#)**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or Clery Act requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on or around their campuses on Clery geography and produce an annual report available to the public on October 1.

DBU's 2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes crime statistics that have been reported over the past three years and have occurred on Dallas Baptist University owned or controlled properties. This report also serves as an important guide and resource to the DBU community regarding: • Access to Campus Property • Alcohol and Drugs • Campus Security • Crime Prevention • Crime Reporting • Emergency Notifications, Timely Warnings and Safety Alerts • Safety Tips • Response to Sexual Violence, Domestic/Dating Violence and Stalking • Student Discipline • Victim's Assistance Programs.

All enrolled students, campus employees, prospective students, and prospective employees are entitled to request a copy of the 2023 ANNUAL SECURITY & FIRE SAFETY REPORT. This year's report is available online at <https://www.dbu.edu/university-police/documents/security-and-fire-safety-report.pdf>. Printed copies may also be



requested by contacting the University Police Department, located on the first floor of the John G. Mahler Student Center or by calling 214.333.5555.

**\*7. [Privacy of Student Records – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)**

Dallas Baptist University provides information to enrolled students about the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)** as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Education, 34 C.F.R. Part 99, affords students attending, or who have attended, certain rights with respect to their education records. Students are considered to be “in attendance” once they have registered for courses for their initial term of enrollment. For additional information or assistance, students may contact the DBU’s [Registrar’s Office](#) for a consent/release form or call 214-333-5334 for additional assistance.

**\*8. [Dallas Baptist University Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX](#)**

Dallas Baptist University does not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, sex, disability, veteran status, genetic information, race, color, or national origin in any employment practice, admissions, education program, or educational activity, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, Texas, or local law (collectively referred to as Protected Characteristics). Under federal and state law, the University may discriminate on the basis of religion in order to fulfill its purposes.

To report: Sexual or gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, intimate partner violence, or retaliation for reporting one of these types of prohibited conduct, please visit <https://www.dbu.edu/title-ix/>, or contact us at 214-333-7286, or [TitleIX@dbu.edu](mailto:TitleIX@dbu.edu).

Dallas Baptist University desires to resolve student grievances, complaints, and concerns in an expeditious, fair, and amicable manner. Prospective and current students of DBU who desire to resolve a grievance should follow the [Complaints and Grievances](#) procedure by addressing the complaint to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Jay Harley, by phone at (214) 333-6812; by email at [jay@dbu.edu](mailto:jay@dbu.edu) or in office at the main campus (Sadler Global Missions Center, 2nd Floor). However, if an issue cannot be resolved internally after all avenues for resolution are exhausted, you may file a complaint with the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#).

**\*9. [Ethics Reporting](#)**

In order to report a risk-free anonymous and/or confidential ethics violation that may involve criminal, unethical, or otherwise inappropriate behavior in violation of Dallas Baptist University's policies, students and employees (faculty and staff) can go to our [Title IX webpage](#) and find the link in the right menu column that says REPORT AND INCIDENT. This form requests but doesn’t require the reporter to include their name.

**\*10. [Notification of Penalty for Making a False Alarm or Report](#)**

Pursuant to Texas Education Code 51.219 ([https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex.\\_educ.\\_code\\_section\\_51.219](https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex._educ._code_section_51.219)), Dallas Baptist University is notifying you of the penalty for the offense of making a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education.

[Education Code Sec. 51.219. NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY FOR FALSE ALARM OR REPORT](#)

[Penal Code Sec. 42.06. FALSE ALARM OR REPORT.](#)

**\*11. [Professional Licensure Notice](#)**

DBU offers multiple programs designed to lead to licensure or certification. For licensing board contact information, see the link above for a non-exhaustive list. This list is not comprehensive, and students interested in obtaining licensure in one of the SARA states should independently research state licensing requirements. It is highly recommended that students considering a program that may lead to a professional license, certification, or first professional credential



Speak directly to their program regarding licensure and seek this information and additional guidance before beginning a program.

State Authorization refers to the requirement that institutions of higher education obtain authorization for their distance education offerings from individual states, in accordance with each individual state's laws and regulations. The State of Texas and Dallas Baptist University are members of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

[NC-SARA Profession Licensure Resource website](#) for a detailed discussion of what students should consider in licensure programs as well as access to the NC-SARA [Professional Licensure Directory](#).

#### **\*12 [Criminal History and Occupational License Notice](#)**

If you are applying for admission to a program that may prepare you for an occupational license and/or if you later decide to change to such a program, Texas law requires that DBU notify you of your potential ineligibility to obtain a license due to prior criminal convictions. Additional information can be found in [Texas Occupations Code 53.001](#).

#### **\*13. [Success Data](#)**

Dallas Baptist University is committed to student learning and success as part of its mission to "provide Christ-centered quality higher education." To this end, DBU tracks and reports its performance regarding student retention, graduation rates, and other measures. For each of the measures published at the link above, a threshold of minimum acceptability is identified along with a justification, a goal for achievement is identified, and a brief narrative discusses DBU's evaluation of success in the identified area.

#### **\*14. [Higher Education Opportunity Act Required Disclosures](#)**

In August of 2008, Congress enacted the Higher Education Opportunity Act (the "Act") to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Several of the Act's provisions require the University to make specific information available to students and the public (see Appendix E). Additional disclosures can be found on the DBU Federal Compliance & Student Consumer Information webpage. If you need a written copy of this entire notification, please contact the DBU Financial Aid Office by calling 214-333-5363 or emailing [finaid@dbu.edu](mailto:finaid@dbu.edu).