

Facts 2008

PROFILE: Selective, independent, four-year, undergraduate, national liberal arts college consisting of The Brown College of Arts and Sciences and The Sarofim School of Fine Arts. Liberal arts and sciences curriculum. Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Chi honor society chapters.

SOUTHWESTERN'S CORE PURPOSE: Fostering a liberal arts community whose values and actions encourage contributions toward the well-being of humanity.

SOUTHWESTERN'S CORE VALUES: Promoting lifelong learning and a passion for intellectual and personal growth; fostering diverse perspectives; being true to one's self and others; respecting the worth and dignity of persons; encouraging activism in the pursuit of justice and the common good.

HERITAGE: First institution of higher learning in Texas, chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1840. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

LOCATION: Historic Georgetown, Texas, just north of Austin, the state capital. The Austin metropolitan area, of which Georgetown is a part, is known for its live music, theatre, film and art. *Fortune* magazine has named Austin one of the country's top five "intellectual capitals." *Money* magazine has named Austin one of the country's best places to live, based on factors such as low crime rate and high number of cultural opportunities.

FACULTY: Ninety-nine percent of tenured or tenure-track faculty hold doctorate or highest degree in their respective fields. Student/faculty ratio of 10:1, with an average class size of 14 students. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

STUDENTS: 1,270 men and women (2008-09). Minority students constitute 26 percent of the student body. Sixty-five percent of 1,923 applicants were admitted for Fall 2008. Of

349 entering first-year students in Fall 2008, 51 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of high school classes. The average SAT score was 1220. Ninety-four percent of students from Texas and six percent from other states and nations. Thirty-five states and ten nations are represented.

DEGREES: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts. No graduate degrees or programs are offered.

MOST POPULAR MAJORS: Biology, Business, Communication Studies and Psychology.

MAJORS: Accounting, American Studies, Animal Behavior, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biochemistry, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classics, Communication Studies, Composite Science (teaching field), Composite Social Studies (teaching field), Computational Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Feminist Studies, French, German, Greek, History, Independent Major, International Studies, Kinesiology, Latin, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physical Science (3:2 Engineering), Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Spanish and Theatre.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS: Medicine, law, education, engineering, theology.

PAIDEIA PROGRAM: Helps students make connections between what they are learning in the classroom and the world around them. In addition to a rigorous academic curriculum, program participants fulfill requirements in civic engagement, intercultural and diversity experiences, and undergraduate research and creative works.

CAMPUS: 701 acres, including a 100-acre academic campus and a 75-acre, six-hole golf course. Facilities include two live-performance theaters, a spacious sports/recreational center, a human performance laboratory, an aquatic animal research laboratory, an observatory and a teaching greenhouse. Eighty-five percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which includes Internet, cable and voicemail access.

LIBRARY: 360,713 volumes, including periodicals and special collections. 1,118 current periodical titles received. Limited Internet access and collection borrowing privileges through Texshare membership.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: More than 100 student organizations: scholastic and honorary, government, Greek, special interest and departmental.

OFF CAMPUS & INTERNATIONAL STUDY: New York Arts and Washington Semesters plus internships, both domestic and abroad. A London experience available each fall along with summer programs in Mexico, Argentina and Jamaica. Access to universities around the world through the International Student Exchange Program. Fifty percent of students study abroad. More summer and semester opportunities available through major study abroad organizations, such as the Institute for the International Education of Students and the School for International Training, among others. International student and foreign language clubs.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: More than 60 percent of Southwestern students volunteer on campus or in the community—a rate that is twice the national average. In 2007-08, Southwestern students contributed more than 15,600 hours of service to 77 different agencies or programs.

SUSTAINABILITY: Southwestern was the second university in Texas to sign the Talloires Declaration, a formal commitment to sustainability in higher education. Campus housing options include a “Green/Civic Engagement Hall.” Two new buildings under construction will be LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.

ATHLETICS: NCAA Division III competition in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field for men and women; men’s baseball, and women’s softball and volleyball. Member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with Austin College, Birmingham-Southern, Centre College, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, Trinity and the University of the South. Mascot: The Pirates. Twenty-five intramural sports and 9 club sports, including cheerleading, equestrian, handball, men’s and women’s lacrosse, Official’s Association, rock climbing, SU Dancers and volleyball. Nearly ninety percent of students participate annually in some form of organized physical activity.

SUCCESS AFTER SOUTHWESTERN: The post-graduation survey of 287 graduates of the 2007 class found that 92 percent of 282 respondents obtained either employment or graduate school acceptance within 10 months. Eight percent said they were still seeking employment, not seeking employment or traveling.

LECTURESHIPS & SYMPOSIA:

Brown Symposium Series

The Roy and Margaret Shilling Lecture Series

The Writer’s Voice

The Lurlyn and Durwood Fleming Scholar-in-Residence Program
in Religion

The A. Frank Smith, Jr. Distinguished Lecture Program

The Jessie Daniel Ames Lecture

The Willson Lectureships

The Artist Series

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING: Southwestern is one of 40 schools featured in Lauren Pope’s book, *Colleges That Change Lives*. The book says the University is “one of the few jewels of the Southwest whose mission is to prepare a new generation to contribute to a changing society, and to prosper in their jobs, whatever and wherever in the world they may be.”

Southwestern also is included in *The Princeton Review’s 2009 edition of The Best 368 Colleges*, a book its authors say chooses schools “primarily for their outstanding academics.” The book says Southwestern is “one of the best ‘sleepers’ in the nation... Academic excellence abounds, the administration is earnest and

helpful, and financial aid packages are frequently tremendous. If you could thrive in a small-town, close-knit environment, Southwestern definitely deserves a look.”

The 2009 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges, published by former New York Times Education Editor Edward Fiske, includes Southwestern in its list of 49 colleges and universities that are the Best Buys of 2009.

TUITION: \$27,940 tuition and fees (2008-09); room and board ranges from \$7,227-\$9,065. Nearly 52 percent of students get need-based financial aid, averaging a little more than \$17,849 a year, with another 32 percent receiving merit scholarships averaging \$7,781 a year.

ENDOWMENT: \$285 million (as of June 30, 2008).