

Facts 2003

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, pre-professional programs in medicine, law, engineering, business, education, theology and athletic training. Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Chi honor society chapters. Member of the Associated Colleges of the South and the Annapolis Group, a consortium of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions.

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 dynamic Austin. Three of the nation's 10 largest cities are within a three-hour drive.

FACULTY: 99 percent of tenured or tenure-track faculty hold doctorate or highest degree in their respective fields. Student/faculty ratio of 11:1. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

STUDENTS: 1,266 men and women (2002-03). 93 percent of students from Texas. 7 percent from out-of-state. 32 states and 5 nations represented. Minority students constitute 22 percent of the student body. 59 percent of 1,572 applicants were admitted for fall 2002. Of 342 entering students in Fall 2002, 60 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Their SAT scores averaged 1237. ACT scores averaged 27.

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

MAJORS: Accounting, American Studies, Animal Behavior, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Child Study & Language Development, Classics, Communication, Computational Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, 3-2 Engineering, English, Environmental Studies, Feminist Studies, French, German, History, Independent Major, International Studies, Kinesiology, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Spanish and Theatre.

CAMPUS: 700 acres, including a 100-acre academic campus and a 75-acre, nine-hole golf course and 525 additional acres. Highlights: two live-performance theaters; a language learning center; a spacious health and wellness center; a human performance laboratory; an aquatic animal research laboratory; and an observatory. 80 percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which includes internet, cable and voice-mail access.

LIBRARY: 322,373 volumes and periodicals and several special collections. Internet access and library card memberships available.

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

OFF CAMPUS & INTERNATIONAL: New York Arts and Washington Semesters plus internships, domestic and abroad. A London experience available each fall along with summer programs in Germany, Honduras, Mexico, England, Jamaica and Turkey. Access to universities around the world through the International Student Exchange Program. 50 percent of students study abroad. More summer and semester opportunities available through the Associated Colleges of the South and other major study abroad organizations, such as the Institute for Study Abroad and the Institute for the International Education of Students. International House residential/academic center, international student and foreign language clubs.

ATHLETICS: NCAA Division III competition in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, and tennis for men and women; baseball for men, and volleyball for women. Member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with Centre, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, Rose-Hulman, Trinity and the University of the South. Recent SCAC championships in baseball, volleyball, women's basketball and women's golf. Mascot: The Pirates. Intramural and club sports including cycling, disc sports, handball, lacrosse, rock climbing, water polo and women's fast-pitch softball. 90 percent student participation in 36 different intercollegiate, club, intramural and recreational activities.

SUCCESS AFTER SOUTHWESTERN: The post-graduation survey of 264 graduates of the 2001 class showed that 90 percent of 230 respondents obtained either employment or graduate school acceptance within 10 months. 8 percent said they were still seeking employment, not seeking employment or traveling. Information wasn't available for 2 percent.

LECTURESHIPS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS:

Brown Symposium Series - *Spiritualities of Resistance*, Feb. 2-4, 2003

The Roy and Margaret Shilling Lectures (past speakers: Jimmy Carter, Bill Moyers)

The Writer's Voice (past speakers: Joyce Carol Oates, Russell Banks, Michael Chabon)

The Jessie Daniel Ames Lecture Series (past speakers: bell hooks, Sut Jhally, Jill Dolan)

The A. Frank Smith, Jr. Distinguished Lecture Program

The Lurlyn and Durwood Fleming Scholar in Residence Program in Religion

The Willson Lectureships

The Artist Series

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

The 2003 *Princeton Review* College Guide has named Southwestern University the nation's 4th best "Academic Bang For Your Buck," recognizing Southwestern's value-added educational experience. The guide is based on a national survey of students.

"Southwestern University demonstrates that not everything in Texas has to be big to be the best. This small school is academically strong, and the combination of highly qualified

professors, diverse student body, and an abundance of extracurricular activities has allowed the university to build a solid reputation for itself." - *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*

Saludos Hispanos magazine has awarded Southwestern University its "Publisher's Salute to Educators of Distinction Award" for the commitment Southwestern has shown to diversity initiatives. The incoming fall 2002 class posted the highest percentage of minority enrollment in the history of Southwestern: 25 percent.

TUITION: \$17,570 tuition and fees (2002–03); room and board ranges from \$6,190 to \$6,940. Nearly 60 percent of students get need-based financial aid, averaging a little more than \$13,000 a year, with another 20 percent receiving merit scholarships averaging \$5,700 a year.

ENDOWMENT: More than \$280 million—one of the highest endowments per student in the nation (as of June 30, 2002).

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