

Facts 2004

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 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 10:1. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

STUDENTS: 1,265 men and women (2003-04). Minority students constitute 22 percent of the student body. 63 percent of a record 1,765 applicants were admitted for Fall 2003. Of 343 entering first-year students in Fall 2003, 47 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of high school classes. SAT scores averaged 1240. ACT scores averaged 26. Ninety-two percent of students from Texas and eight percent from other states and nations. 34 states and 5 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.

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.

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS: Medicine, law, engineering, business, education, theology and athletic training.

PAIDEIA: A distinctive academic option for select students that provides opportunities to compare, contrast and integrate knowledge and skills gained in various areas of study. Under the guidance of "Paideia Professors," students discover the powerful connections between the University's rigorous academic experience and dynamic programs outside the classroom through leadership, collaborative learning, service and intercultural experiences.

CAMPUS: 701 acres, including a 100-acre academic campus and a 75-acre, nine-hole golf course and 526 additional acres. 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-three percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which includes internet, cable and voice-mail access.

LIBRARY: 323,945 volumes and periodicals and several special collections. Internet access and library card memberships available.

OPPORTUNITIES: More than 105 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 2002 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 & SYMPOSIA:

Brown Symposium Series - Artic Journey, Feb. 12-13, 2004

The Roy and Margaret Shilling Lecture Series - The Archbishop Desmond Tutu, March 26, 2004

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

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:

2004 U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges"

Southwestern climbed from 57th to 52nd in *U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges"* ranking. This places Southwestern in the top half of what the magazine deems America's 110 "Top Liberal Arts Colleges" nationally and positions the University as the leading liberal arts college in Texas.

The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges, 2004 Edition

The Insider's Guide, produced by Kaplan Publishing, calls Southwestern, a "hidden treasure" for "top students only" with facilities that are "top notch." The guide notes that "Southwestern students feel as though they enjoy the best of both worlds; they can head into an exciting city when they want to, and then return to a tranquil, intimate campus."

Peterson's Competitive Colleges, 2003-04

Competitive Colleges lists 401 U.S. and Canadian colleges "for high-achieving students." In selecting schools for entry, the guidebook measured "the competitiveness of the admission environment...over a meaningful period of time by entering-class statistics, such as GPA, class rank, and test scores." The 401 schools listed "routinely attract and admit an above average share of the nation's high-achieving students."

TUITION: \$18,870 tuition and fees (2003–04); room and board ranges from \$6,492 to \$7,282. Nearly 58 percent of students get need-based financial aid, averaging a little more than \$18,000 a year, with another 25 percent receiving merit scholarships averaging \$6,630 a year.

ENDOWMENT: More than \$265 million—one of the highest endowments per student in the nation (as of June 30, 2003).

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