

Facts 2007

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: 1,277 men and women (2006-07). Minority students constitute 23 percent of the student body. Sixty-five percent of 1,955 applicants were admitted for Fall 2006. Of 345 entering first-year students in Fall 2006, 50 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class. SAT middle 50 percent range (critical reading (verbal) and math combination): 1130-1320. ACT middle 50 percent range: 23-29. Ninety-four percent of students from Texas and six percent from other states and nations. Thirty-two states and six 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, child study & language development, classics, communication studies, computational mathematics, computer science, economics, English, environmental studies, feminist studies, French, German, 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 and athletic training.

PAIDEIA: Southwestern University's Paideia[®] Program aims to enrich its students' liberal arts educations by integrating in-class and out-of-class academic and non-academic activities. The Paideia[®] Program fosters and promotes connections between civic engagement, intercultural and diversity experiences, and undergraduate research and creative works through a series of one-credit hour seminar sessions and through frequent one-on-one meetings with Paideia[®] Professors.

CAMPUS: 701 acres, including a 100-acre academic campus and a 75-acre, nine-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-three

percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which includes internet, cable and voice-mail access.

LIBRARY: 341,503 volumes and periodicals, and several special collections. Internet access and library card memberships available. 1,106 current periodical titles.

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, both domestic and abroad. A London experience available each fall along with summer programs in Germany, Mexico, England, Jamaica and Turkey. 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 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 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; men's baseball and women's volleyball. Member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with Austin College, Centre, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, 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. Ninety-percent student participation in 36 different intercollegiate, club, intramural and recreational activities.

SUCCESS AFTER SOUTHWESTERN: The post-graduation survey of 264 graduates of the 2005 class found that 96 percent of 257 respondents obtained either employment or graduate school acceptance within 10 months. Four 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 the 57th best liberal arts college in the country, according to the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings. It is the top-rated national liberal arts university in Texas.

Southwestern is one of 40 schools featured in Loren 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 2007 edition of *The Best 361 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."

TUITION: \$23,650 tuition and fees (2006–07); room and board ranges from \$6,600 to \$8,680. 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: \$280 million—one of the highest endowments per student in the nation (as of June 30, 2006).

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