

Facts 2006

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 vibrant 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, with an average class size of 14 students. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

STUDENTS: 1,310 men and women (2005-06). Minority students constitute 23 percent of the student body. Sixty-seven percent of 1,760 applicants were admitted for Fall 2005. Of 329 entering first-year students in Fall 2005, 49 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of high school classes. SAT middle 50% range (critical reading (verbal) and math combination): 1160-1320. ACT middle 50% range: 24-28. Ninety-one percent of students from Texas and nine percent from other states and nations. Twenty-nine states and seven 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: 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. 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 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. Ninety-percent student participation in 36 different intercollegiate, club, intramural and recreational activities.

SUCCESS AFTER SOUTHWESTERN: The post-graduation survey of 300 graduates of the 2004 class found that 91 percent of 294 respondents obtained either employment or graduate school acceptance within 10 months. Nine percent said they were still seeking employment, not seeking employment or traveling. Information wasn't available for two percent.

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: In the annual *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings, Southwestern was once again the top-rated national liberal arts university in Texas. Southwestern moved up one spot in the overall rankings for national liberal arts colleges from 62 to 61.

Southwestern also was named among the 300 "best and most interesting" colleges and universities in the 2006 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, edited by former *New York Times* education editor Edward B. Fiske. The guidebook noted that Southwestern students "are concerned with the world around them, as well as active within the community."

Southwestern also was featured in *Princeton Review's The Best 361 Colleges*, and was one of the 440 schools profiled in the 2006 edition of *Peterson's Competitive Colleges*. The latter noted that "SU's facilities are exemplary among schools of its type."

TUITION: \$21,900 tuition and fees (2005–06); room and board ranges from \$6,370 to \$8,202. Nearly 50 percent of students get need-based financial aid, averaging a little more than \$17,790 a year, with another 30 percent receiving merit scholarships averaging \$8,294 a year.

ENDOWMENT: More than \$279 million—one of the highest endowments per student in the nation (as of June 30, 2005).

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