Founded in 1840, Southwestern offers a welcoming and inclusive living and learning environment that supports and nurtures different perspectives, values, and experiences. Our top-ranked integrated arts and sciences curriculum develops students’ ability to make connections across different ways of knowing and to create innovative solutions to complex problems. Students engage in dynamic classroom discussions and real-world learning experiences that empower them to think in broader, more collaborative, and in original ways.

Southwestern University is the most selective, diverse, undergraduate, liberal arts institution in Texas.

- 42% of students identify as people of color.
- 16% of students are from outside the state of Texas.
- 54% of students are female.
LIBERAL ARTS ARE THRIVING AT SOUTHWESTERN

Look around the Southwestern campus and you’ll see building activity everywhere, more than $120 million worth including two new residence halls to house our growing student numbers and an athletics complex that will bring football back to campus for the first time in 75 years.

As we anticipate our 184th academic year with one of our largest incoming classes and one of our lowest acceptance rates, we also welcome our new students to the fastest-growing city in America. With companies such as Apple, Google, Samsung, Dell, and Tesla just minutes away, Southwestern is a vital component in a dynamic marketplace that is redefining the liberal arts for the 21st century.
Southwestern is growing within and beyond its historic campus, revitalizing existing buildings and constructing new facilities that will connect to a remarkable new project, a planned liberal arts community on more than 500 acres east of campus. In all, the more than 700 acres that comprise the Southwestern campus make it bigger than Disneyland or The University of Texas at Austin.

**MOOD-BRIDWELL RENOVATION**
The landmark Mood-Bridwell Hall is currently undergoing an extensive renovation that blends 21st century technology with the building’s deep history. Mood-Bridwell will provide inclusive community gathering areas, an exciting performance space, electronic classrooms, and a coffeehouse. The upper terrace, which has charmed generations of students, will be reopened for outdoor classroom use and social gatherings.

**MIXED-USE RESIDENCE HALLS**
The University has begun work on two new mixed-use residence halls that will be completed in the fall 2025 semester. More than just housing, these buildings—to be built along LEED Gold sustainability standards—are specially designed to enhance the student experience, featuring classrooms and study spaces that integrate living and learning. With workout and fitness rooms, comfortable lounges, and other gathering spaces, the residence halls will be places for students to stay healthy and active while making connections and building friendships.

**WELCOME CENTER**
One of the new residence halls, specifically designed for first-year students, will be conveniently located next to a new Welcome Center on the east end campus. In addition to housing the Admission and Financial Aid offices, the Welcome Center will also feature a new bookstore, art gallery, and a film theater. In addition, a coffee and sandwich cafe and mini market will be available to students who want to grab a quick meal or a midnight snack. The Welcome Center will greet visitors to campus at a new entrance off University Avenue, and will serve as a focal point for first-year residence halls.

**ATHLETIC FACILITY UPDATES**
Southwestern is planning a new mixed-use athletics complex on the current football practice field site that will bring football action back to campus and provide a new venue for special events, including Commencement. Southwestern has also invested in dozens of new upgrades to athletic facilities, including renovation of the women’s locker rooms and building a new team meeting room and creative studio.

**LIBERAL ARTS COMMUNITY**
More than 500 acres that spread out east of campus will be the site of a new mixed-use community that will celebrate and showcase Southwestern’s liberal arts culture. This unique community will serve as a model for how the liberal arts can drive and foster business and technological innovation, cultural enrichment, and sustainable development.
INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN TEXAS AND THE SOUTHWEST.

NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE IN TEXAS FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY
(U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT)

CAREER SERVICES IN TEXAS
(THE PRINCETON REVIEW)

BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN TEXAS FOR MAKING AN IMPACT
(THE PRINCETON REVIEW)

#1 THEN.

#1 NOW.
Southwestern students earned an impressive record of national recognition for their academic achievements earning prestigious honors and awards.

- **69** SUMNERS SCHOLARS
- **22** FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS
- **18** KEMPER SCHOLARS
- **17** GILMAN SCHOLARS

The **Phi Beta Kappa Society** is the nation’s oldest honorary society, with chapters at 293 of the foremost institutions of higher education across the country.

**Historical Highlights**

- THREE OF THE FIRST FIVE RHODES SCHOLARS IN TEXAS GRADUATED FROM SOUTHWESTERN.
- SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ALPHA CHI WHICH TURNED 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.

- **765** STUDENT INITIATES
- **31** FACULTY, STAFF, & TRUSTEE MEMBERS
- **17** HONORARY & ALUMNI MEMBERS
- **1 of 11** CHAPTERS IN TEXAS
TOP 5 MAJORS
- Business
- Psychology
- Biology
- Kinesiology
- Communication Studies

MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR THE CLASS OF 2023—THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION.

100%

98%

OF STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED OR IN GRADUATE SCHOOL WITHIN 10 MONTHS OF GRADUATION. WE WILL ACHIEVE 100% WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

SU's full orchestra includes music majors as well as students from all fields on campus.

Students in Southwestern's Financial Analyst Program are responsible for managing over $1 million of the University's endowment.

According to the Fiske Guide to Colleges, students of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts are notable for producing graduate-level creative work.

STUDENT SUCCESS

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI

LAW SCHOOLS
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Northeastern University
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas

MEDICAL SCHOOLS
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas Health Science Center
- University of Texas Medical Branch
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Washington University

GRADUATE SCHOOLS
- Harvard University
- Baylor University
- Dartmouth College
- Rice University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago

OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP, FIELD EXPERIENCE, STUDENT TEACHING, OR A CLINICAL PLACEMENT, HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

60%

OF STUDENTS HOLD A FORMAL LEADERSHIP ROLE IN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION, NEARLY DOUBLE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

57%

OF STUDENTS COMPLETE A CAPSTONE OR SIMILAR PROJECT.

100%

OF STUDENTS COLLABORATE WITH A FACULTY MEMBER ON A RESEARCH PROJECT, HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

1/3

70+ COUNTRIES WHERE STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD.
TOTAL GRADUATES IN THE CLASS OF 2023: 386
STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO: 11:1
FULL-TIME FACULTY: 130
STUDENT BODY: 1471
Southwestern has created many beloved traditions throughout its 184-year history.

>24,000

The number of alumni, students, parents, and friends who have attended homecoming in the last 15 years.

5

The number of times the Rutersville College bell rings during each commencement convocation, representing Southwestern and its four root colleges.

108

The number of years Southwestern has held its candlelight services dating back to December 6, 1915.

For more than a century, graduating seniors have ascended the hidden staircase within the Cullen Tower to sign their names along its walls.

Superstitious students make offerings of food to “Monstrance for a Grey Horse,” a sculpture by artist James Acord, before finals for good luck.

The president, administrators, faculty, and staff serve late-night breakfast to kick off finals week.
SUSTAINABILITY

Southwestern is committed to sustainable practices and eco-friendly policies.

One of the first universities in the nation to be a 100% wind-powered campus.

100%

Four Leed-Certified buildings (2 current and 2 coming soon).

Business in Georgetown to have greywater recycling.

1st

Newly renovated greenhouse for student use.

Southwestern is certified as an affiliate of the Bee Campus USA Program in recognition of the university’s effort to conserve pollinators.

Southwestern earned a STARS Gold Rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Southwestern received Tree Campus Higher Education Recognition for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Historical Highlight

In 2007, Southwestern became the second university in Texas to sign the Taillores Declaration, an action plan for incorporating environmental sustainability into higher education.
Located in Georgetown, Texas, Southwestern University provides the best of both worlds: a historic campus in a picturesque town with convenient access to the culture, food, and music scenes of America's coolest city, Austin.

**10**

**NATIONAL SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES**

**National Sororities:** Alpha Delta Pi (1908), Alpha Kappa Alpha (2015), Alpha Xi Delta (1992), Delta Delta Delta (1911), Kappa Delta Chi (2010), and Zeta Tau Alpha (1906)

**National Fraternities:** Kappa Alpha Order (1883), Kappa Sigma (1886), Phi Delta Theta (1886), and Pi Kappa Alpha (1910)

**700**

THE NUMBER OF ACRES THAT MAKE UP THE SOUTHWESTERN CAMPUS, MAKING IT BIGGER THAN DISNEYLAND AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN.

**60+**


**Historical Highlight**

**IN 1942, SOUTHWESTERN PURCHASED A DAIRY FARM—ITS 125 JERSEY COWS Supplies MILK TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY.**

**STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOUNTAINWOOD OBSERVATORY, A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY FOR ASTRONOMY EDUCATION AND STUDENT RESEARCH.**

**GRADUATING SENIORS ARE ABLE TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT A MARDI GRAS BALL FILLED WITH MASKS, KING CAKE, AND MORE! THERE’S EVEN A KREWE COURT.**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY**

Every year, Southwestern hosts **SUnity Day**, an all-day cross-campus event committed to building community among students, faculty, and staff through our focus on unifying our community by making connections across difference. From yoga to a community art project to field games, the day offers an opportunity for everyone to get involved and interact with their fellow Pirates.
ADVENTURE AWAITS

Southwestern Outdoor Adventure provides opportunities to explore nature and develop outdoor skills in a fun and safe environment. You will have the chance to hike, backpack, camp, rock climb, cave, mountain bike, kayak, and paddle board throughout Texas and beyond, including a hiking excursion to Tanzania’s Mount Kilimanjaro! The SU Outdoor Adventure Program offers day trips as well as multi-day adventures for the Fall and Spring semesters.

LED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OUTDOOR RECREATION BRANDON BARGO, HOST OF THE HIGHPOINTERS ON PBS AND AMAZON PRIME.

SOUTHWESTERN STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OVER 10 OUTDOOR TRIPS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR.

SADDLE UP!


Historical Highlight

DURING WORLD WAR II, SOUTHWESTERN’S ENROLLMENT MORE THAN DOUBLED AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A V-12 NAVY COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM ON CAMPUS.
ATHLETICS

Our student-athletes excel both on and off the field.

- **20** The number of varsity athletic teams competing at the NCAA Division III level
- **34** The number of Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) championships
- **66** The number of All-Americans among all sports
- **31** The number of Southwestern baseball players who went on to play in the pros

All 20 men’s and women’s varsity sports will move to the Southern Athletic Association starting in the 2025–26 academic year, with the pirate football team making an early switch to the SAA in fall 2023.

With a well-earned reputation for athletic and academic excellence, the member schools of the SAA represent the best of Division III sports.

Men’s and women’s tennis have ended their seasons with national ranks for the past 7 years. The 2022–23 season landed men’s tennis #14 and women’s tennis #21 in the nation.


On November 5, 1908, Southwestern University’s football team defeated the Texas Longhorns 11-9.

Southwestern defeated the University of Texas at Austin 52-12 in the first intercollegiate baseball game in the state.
SEE FOR YOURSELF

GET TO KNOW OUR AMAZING STUDENTS. CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL TO DISCOVER THEIR AMAZING RESEARCH, SEE THEM IN ACTION ON THE ATHLETIC PLAYING FIELDS, AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR SOUTHWESTERN EXPERIENCES.