

Facts 2011-2012

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. Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society.

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: Cultivating academic excellence; Promoting lifelong learning and a passion for intellectual and personal growth; Fostering diverse perspectives; Being true to oneself 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.

Faculty: Ninety-nine percent of tenured or tenure-track faculty hold doctorate or highest degree in their respective fields. Student/faculty ratio of 11:1, with an average class size of 14 students. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

Students: 1,347 men and women (2011-2012). Minority students constitute 27 percent of the student body. Sixty-four percent of 2,613 applicants were admitted for Fall 2011. Of 349 entering first-year students in Fall 2011, 45 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The average SAT score was 1221. Eighty-seven percent of students are from Texas and 13 percent are from other states and nations. Thirty-three states and 10 countries 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, Classics, Communication Studies, Composite Science (teaching field), Composite Social Studies (teaching field), Computational Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Feminist Studies, French, German, Greek, 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 and theology.

Paideia® Program: Helps students make connections between what they are learning in the classroom and the world around them. In addition to a rigorous academic curriculum, program participants fulfill requirements in civic engagement, intercultural and diversity experiences, and undergraduate research and creative works.

Campus: 701 acres, of which 100 acres is used for the academic campus. 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. Seventy-seven percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which offers Internet, cable and voicemail access.

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

Off Campus and International Study: New York Arts and Washington Semesters plus internships, both domestic and abroad. A London experience available each fall along with summer programs in Mexico, Argentina and Jamaica. 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 major study abroad organizations, such as the Institute for the International Education of Students and the School for International Training, among others. International student and foreign language clubs.

Civic Engagement: More than 60 percent of Southwestern students volunteer on campus or in the community—a rate that is twice the national average. In 2010-11, Southwestern students reported spending 20,219 hours engaged in activist and community service work.

Sustainability: Southwestern was the second university in Texas to sign the Talloires Declaration, a formal commitment to sustainability in higher education. In 2009, Southwestern also signed the College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Southwestern has two LEED-certified buildings: the Wilhelmina Cullen Admission Center and the Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning.

Athletics: NCAA Division III competition in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field for men and women; men's baseball and lacrosse, and women's softball and volleyball. Member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with Austin College, Birmingham-Southern, Centre College, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, Trinity and the University of the South. Mascot: The Pirates. Twenty-two intramural sports and four club sports: SU Cheerleaders, SU Dancers, Handball and Women's Lacrosse. More than 80 percent of students participate annually in some form of organized physical activity.

Success After Southwestern: The postgraduation survey of 274 graduates of the Class of 2010 found that 92 percent of the 272 respondents obtained either employment or graduate/professional school acceptance within 10 months. Eight percent said they were still seeking employment, not seeking employment, volunteering or travelling.

Lectureships and 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

What Others Are Saying: Southwestern is one of 40 schools featured in Lauren 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 2012 edition of *The Best 376 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... Academic excellence abounds, the administration is earnest and helpful, and financial aid packages are frequently tremendous. If you could thrive in a small-town, close-knit environment, Southwestern definitely deserves a look.”

Tuition: \$33,440 tuition and fees (2011-12). Room rates range from \$4,200 for a two-person room in the oldest residence hall on campus to \$10,280 for a one-bedroom apartment in the newest residential center. Meal plans ranging from \$1,980 to \$5,670 are available.