

## **Facts 2013-2014. Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas**

**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:** All tenured or tenure-track faculty hold a doctorate or the highest degree in their respective fields. Student/faculty ratio of 11:1, with an average class size of 15 students. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

**Students:** 1,536 students, of whom 31 percent are from underrepresented groups. Eighty-nine percent of students are from Texas and 11 percent are from other states and nations. Thirty-six states and nine countries are represented.

**Admission:** Fifty-two percent of applicants were admitted for Fall 2013. Of 491 entering first-year students, 37 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The average SAT score was 1165.

**Degrees:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, 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, Animal Behavior, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biochemistry, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classics, Communication Studies, 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, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Spanish and Theatre.

**Certification Programs:** Education

**Pre-professional Advising:** pre-med, pre-dental, pre-vet, pre-law, pre-engineering.

**Paideia:** Beginning in the fall of 2014, all students will experience Paideia through the Southwestern curriculum by completing three interconnected cluster courses and a team-taught interdisciplinary seminar, all focused on a shared theme. Civic engagement and study abroad experiences will be available within the themes, providing students opportunities to make connections between their work in and outside of the classroom. Competitive and need-based student scholarships of up to \$2500 will be available for study abroad/intercultural learning experiences.

**Campus:** 701 acres, of which 100 acres is used for the academic campus. Facilities include two live-performance theaters, a spacious sports/recreational center, an aquatic animal research laboratory, a GIS lab, an observatory, a community garden and a

teaching greenhouse. Seventy-seven percent of students live in residential housing on campus, which offers Internet, cable and voicemail access.

**Student Organizations:** Approximately 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 places such as Argentina, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Peru and Spain. 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 70 percent of Southwestern students volunteer on campus or in the community—a rate that is twice the national average. Students give more than 47,000 service hours annually at more than 100 local non-profits and agencies.

**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 for men and women in basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field; men's baseball and football, and women's softball and volleyball. Member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with Austin College, Centenary College, Colorado College, University of Dallas, Schreiner University, Texas Lutheran University and Trinity University. Mascot: The Pirates. Twenty-two intramural sports and four club sports: SU Cheerleaders, SU Dancers, Handball and Fencing. More than 80 percent of students participate annually in some form of organized physical activity.

**Success After Southwestern:** Of the 284 graduates of the Class of 2012, 91 percent had obtained employment or been accepted into graduate or professional school within 10 months. In 2013, the Princeton Review ranked Southwestern #7 in the country for Best Career/Job Placement Services.

**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 2014 edition of *The Best 378 Colleges*, a book its authors say chooses schools "primarily for their outstanding academics." The book says Southwestern "provides a very engaging learning experience and allows undergrads to reach their full potential."

**Tuition:** \$35,240 tuition and fees (2013-14). Room rates range from \$4,420 for a two-person room in the oldest residence hall on campus to \$12,300 for a one-bedroom apartment in the newest residential center. Meal plans ranging from \$2,084 to \$5,974 are available. Ninety-five percent of students enrolled for the fall 2013 semester received financial aid from Southwestern, totaling \$27,768,108. Students in the fall 2013 entering class received more than \$9.8 million of institutional assistance.

**Endowment:** \$252,949,637 as of June 30, 2013