

Facts 2016-2017. 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 12:1, with an average class size of 10 students. Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

Students: 1,489 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-five states and fourteen countries are represented.

Admission: Forty-five percent of applicants were admitted for Fall 2016. Of 381 entering first-year students, 36 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The average SAT score was 1171.

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: All students experience Paideia through the Southwestern curriculum by completing three interconnected cluster courses and a team taught interdisciplinary seminar, all focused on a shared theme. Community engagement and intercultural learning experiences are available within each of the thematic clusters, 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 are 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, a geographic information systems (GIS) lab, and observatory, a community garden, and a teaching greenhouse. Seventy-two 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: Southwestern offers many opportunities for students to study away from campus on domestic and international programs. Students may choose from faculty-led programs, an exchange opportunity through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), or studying through a major study abroad organization, such as the School for International Training (SIT), Academic Programs International (API), or the Institute for the International Education of Students. Each fall semester, two faculty take a group of students to utilize the city of London as their living classroom, while during the summer several opportunities are available in Argentina, Peru, and Spain. Currently, 45 percent of Southwestern students study abroad at least once during their college career.

Civic/Community Engagement: Fifty-five percent of Southwestern students volunteer on campus or in the community. Students gave more than 21,900 service hours annually at local non-profits and agencies. Southwestern offered more than 30 Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) classes and 419 students took at least one CEL class.

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. In addition, Southwestern was the first university in Texas to change to 100% wind energy, a major move forward that also helped our community, Georgetown, become an all wind city.

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, Trinity University, University of Dallas, Texas Lutheran University, and Schreiner University. Mascot: The Pirates. Intramural sports and four club sports: SU Cheerleaders, SU Dancers, Ultimate Frisbee, and Fencing. More than 80 percent of students participate annually in some form of organized physical activity.

Success After Southwestern: Of the 295 graduates of the Class of 2015, 91 percent had obtained employment or been accepted into graduate or professional school within 10 months. The Princeton Review's *Best 379 Colleges*: 2017 Edition ranked Southwestern #4 nationwide for Best Career 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*. *USA Today College* ranks Southwestern as the top national liberal arts college in the state of Texas based on what students do following graduation. *Forbes'* "American's Top Colleges" ranks Southwestern #160 in private colleges in the country and the leading national liberal arts college in Texas. *Forbes* ranks Southwestern the top liberal arts college in Texas for grateful graduates and return on investment. *Washington Monthly* ranks Southwestern first among Texas liberal arts colleges and in the top 50 nation-wide based on our contribution to the public good. *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* features Southwestern as one of 44 Best Buy colleges and universities in the country. Southwestern is also 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: \$39,060 tuition and fees (2016-2017). Room rates range from \$4,810 for a two person room in the oldest residence hall on campus to \$13,380 for a one-bedroom apartment in the newest residential center. Meal plans ranging from \$2,138 to \$6,148 are available. Ninety-eight percent of students enrolled for the fall 2016 semester received financial aid from Southwestern, totaling \$31,728,578. Students in the fall 2016 entering class received more than \$8.7 million of institutional assistance.

Endowment: \$239,942,890 as of June 30, 2016