

Facts 2017-2018. 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 17 students (excludes independent study and internship classes). Collaborative research and publication with students is common.

Students: 1,396 students, of whom 33% are from underrepresented groups. 90% of students are from Texas and 10% are from other states and nations. 34 states and 12 countries are represented.

Admission: 43% of applicants were admitted for fall 2017. Of 362 entering first-year students, 37% ranked in the top 10% of their high school classes. The average SAT score was 1207 (new version) and the average ACT score was 26.9.

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: Business, Psychology, Communication Studies, Biology, and Kinesiology.

Majors: Anthropology, Applied Physics, 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, International Studies, Kinesiology, Latin, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, 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 - the Philosophy of Making Connections: All Southwestern students participate in Paideia experiences throughout the curriculum. The First-Year or Advanced-Entry Seminar introduces students to the practice of making connections, with a special focus on incorporating perspectives from multiple disciplines. All other courses explicitly acknowledge the connections between ideas within their own course material; many will point to intersections with other courses. All majors include an opportunity

to consider how various skills and ideas connect across the department or program and culminate in a Capstone experience. In addition to these integrated Paideia experiences, Southwestern encourages students to choose a more intensive Paideia path that includes elements above and beyond the graduation requirements for all students and leads to the designation of Paideia with Distinction.

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. 72% 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: A London experience available each fall along with programs in places such as France, Italy, Costa Rica, China and Australia as well as access to universities around the world through the International Student Exchange Program. 40% of students study abroad. More summer and semester opportunities are 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: In the 2016-2017 Academic year, over 55% of students volunteered on campus or in the community. Students gave more than 22,000 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. In addition, Southwestern was the first university in Texas to change to 100% wind energy.

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. Twenty-two intramural sports and two club sports: SU Cheerleaders, SU Pom Squad. The most popular recreational sports on campus are intramural basketball, dodgeball, flag football, and volleyball. More than 60% of students participate annually in recreational sports programs.

Success After Southwestern: Of the 328 graduates of the Class of 2016, 91% had obtained employment or been accepted into graduate or professional school within 10 months. The 2018 edition of Princeton Review's *The Best 382 Colleges* ranked Southwestern #12 in the country for Best Career/Job Placement Services and #11 in the country for Impact Schools.

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 is also included in The Princeton Review's 2018 edition of *The Best 382 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: \$40,560 tuition and fees (2017-2018). Room rates range from \$4,930 for a two person room in the oldest residence hall on campus to \$13,710 for a one-bedroom apartment in the newest residential center. Meal plans ranging from \$2,138 to \$6,148 are available. 97% of students enrolled for the fall 2017 semester received financial aid from Southwestern, totaling \$31,383,340. Students in the fall 2017 entering class received more than \$8.7 million of institutional assistance.

Endowment: \$255,545,708 as of June 30, 2017.