

Board of Trustees Cohort Group

These are the colleges the Board of Trustees uses when making comparisons to Southwestern University. Some of these institutions have been selected due to similarities with Southwestern and others are good examples of best practices (aspirational*) that the Board would like Southwestern to work towards. (established spring 2021)

1. Austin College, TX
2. Centre College, KY
3. Connecticut College, CT
4. Dickinson College, PA*
5. Franklin & Marshall College, PA*
6. Gettysburg College, PA*
7. Kenyon College, OH*
8. Lawrence University, WI*
9. Macalester College, MN*
10. Occidental College, CA
11. Rhodes College, TN
12. Sewanee: The University of the South, TN
13. The College of Wooster, OH
14. Trinity College, CT
15. Trinity University, TX

Strategic Planning Committee Cohort Group

The Strategic Planning Committee identified colleges similar to or with slightly more resources than (aspirational*) Southwestern in terms of the number of enrolled students, endowment per student, number of faculty, and standardized test score performance. These colleges can be used as a comparison group for a variety of purposes, including: department reviews, IPEDS reporting, and evaluation of survey results. (established spring 2018)

1. Allegheny College, PA
2. Bates College, ME*
3. Centre College, KY
4. Hendrix College, AR
5. Kalamazoo College, MI
6. Kenyon College, OH*
7. Lawrence University, WI*
8. Reed College, OR*
9. Wheaton College, MA
10. Whitman College, WA*

Student Enrollment Cohort Group

These are the colleges students most often choose to attend (ordered from highest to lowest) instead of accepting a place at Southwestern University. (since 2018)

1. Trinity University, TX
2. The University of Texas at Austin, TX
3. Texas A&M University, TX
4. St. Edward's University, TX
5. Austin College, TX
6. Baylor University, TX
7. Texas State University, TX
8. Texas Tech University, TX / Texas Christian University, TX (tie)
9. University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, TX
10. The University of Texas at Dallas, TX / University of Houston, TX (tie)