



SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF ADMISSION

Guide for Transfer Students





Education for Tomorrow

Southwestern University—Texas’s first institution of higher learning—was chartered in 1840. We have educated top scholars for the past 179 years and proudly remain the top-ranked liberal arts and sciences college in the state.

Here, you will engage in a collaborative intellectual environment designed for the exploration and discovery of new ideas and ways of thinking that will empower you long after graduation. In today’s constantly evolving world, it’s crucial that your college experience prepare you for not only the jobs of today but also those of the future. Southwestern gives you those critical skills necessary to adapt, create, and solve complex challenges throughout your career and life.

As a transfer student at Southwestern, you’ll have the opportunity to join our ranks and further your education in an environment that places a high value on exploration and innovation. Your distinctive experiences and ideas will be valued during class discussions, faculty-mentored research, internships, and other projects.

This guide provides helpful information across a variety of topics, including admission, scholarship opportunities, and majors and minors offered. We realize that each student is unique and comes to us with a different background. Therefore, we encourage you to contact us directly with specific questions.

At Southwestern, we value diversity—not only in class profile but also in diversity of thought. We encourage you to apply, and we will strive to make it as easy as possible for you to seamlessly transition to our warm, welcoming campus.

Sincerely,



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GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Deep in the Heart

Southwestern University is located in historic Georgetown, just a short drive north of Austin—the social, cultural, and political center of Texas. With an average annual high temperature of 79 degrees, it's an excellent location for a number of year-round outdoor activities, cultural events, live music, and of course, great food.

Additionally, *Business Insider* found the Austin area to be one of the most desirable places for recent college graduates to live and work. Our close proximity to the Texas capital provides students with access to a wide range of internships, volunteer programs, and an abundance of employment opportunities. Visit southwestern.edu to tour our beautiful campus.

OFFERINGS

Majors & Minors

Anthropology
Applied Physics
Art (Studio)
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classics
Communication Studies
Computational Mathematics
Computer Science
Economics
Education
English
Environmental Studies
Feminist Studies
Financial Economics
French
German
Greek
History
Independent Major
International Studies
Kinesiology

Latin
Latin American & Border Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre

MINORS ONLY

Animal Studies
Architecture & Design Studies
Chinese
Data Science
Design Thinking
Early Modern Studies
Exercise & Sports Studies
Health Studies
Race & Ethnicity Studies



**Southwestern is known nationwide
for our preprofessional pathways:**

Pre-Medicine
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Pre-Law
Pre-Engineering
Pre-Ministry
Pre-Physical Therapy



ABOUT ADMISSION

General Information

REQUIREMENTS

Students submitting a transfer application must complete a minimum of 12 credits prior to semester of entry (this excludes dual credit, concurrent enrollment, early college, and courses taken the summer immediately after high-school graduation). Southwestern evaluates all candidates using multiple factors to help reach admission decisions. Beyond the admission application, Southwestern requires a written essay, official high-school and college transcripts, and a College Conduct Report. Instructor evaluations, a personal statement, copies of SAT or ACT score results, and the personal interview are optional. Please note that Southwestern requires full-time enrollment and offers a traditional learning environment; evening, weekend, or online courses are not offered.

RECOMMENDED GPA

While we have no GPA minimums, successful candidates generally earn a 3.0 GPA or better in full-time college-level work. Developmental courses will not be considered when calculating a GPA.

CREDIT EVALUATION

Once admitted, the Office of the Registrar will complete an official external transfer credit evaluation. Students will receive this information before they are required to submit an enrollment deposit. A minimum of 64 total credits (two years) and 60% of your major must be completed at Southwestern in order to earn a degree. Southwestern accepts a grade of C- or better on all transferable



nondevelopmental coursework. Online coursework is generally reviewed on a course-by-course basis for transferability. Students needing assistance with coursework selection prior to transferring should contact the Admission Office for guidance.

HOUSING POLICY

Students who have had less than four full-time semesters or less than 48 combined hours in college* will be required to live in University residence halls (if space is available) and must purchase a meal plan from the University's food service provider, if applicable. Military veterans and students who are 22 years of age or older, married, or have children are exempt from this housing policy. Students who wish to appeal the stated policy based on extenuating circumstances are asked to submit a housing exemption form for committee review.

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Southwestern has developed specific academic associations with community colleges that regularly enroll transfer students at our institution. These partnerships include Austin Community College, Central Texas College, Collin College, North Central Texas College, Tarrant County College, and Temple College.

**Excludes dual credit, concurrent enrollment, early college, and courses taken the summer immediately after high-school graduation.*





A SOUTHWESTERN TRADITION

During their last semester, seniors climb the spiral staircase of Cullen Tower to sign the tower's walls, adding their signatures to those of former students from over 100 years ago.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Get Rewarded

UPFRONT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Southwestern offers a comprehensive program of scholarships and awards to transfer students with strong academic preparation. Please note: Your application for admission will also serve as your application for general scholarships.



The average transfer student merit scholarship is **\$19,000** per year.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Applications must be submitted before July 1 for fall semester enrollment and before November 15 for spring semester enrollment.

FINCH SCHOLARSHIP

Southwestern's Finch Scholarships are awarded in the following amounts annually, depending on a recalculation of your cumulative GPA in transferable nondevelopmental coursework:

\$22,000 — 3.7 to 4.0 cumulative GPA

\$19,000 — 3.4 to 3.6 cumulative GPA

\$15,000 — 3.0 to 3.3 cumulative GPA

PTK AND NSCS ADD-ON SCHOLARSHIP

Southwestern provides additional scholarship support for Phi Theta Kappa and National Society of Collegiate Scholars membership. This scholarship is awarded annually and can only be added to the Finch Scholarship:

\$5,000 — PTK and NSCS membership

HYER SCHOLARSHIP

Transfer students in their first year of college (with 30 hours* or less) who submitted a freshman application to Southwestern and were offered admission the previous semester or year are eligible to have their freshman scholarship reinstated if the amount is greater than the Finch Scholarship. Please note: This scholarship cannot be combined with the PTK/NSCS Scholarship.

**Excludes dual credit, concurrent enrollment, early college, and courses taken the summer immediately after high-school graduation.*



LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Legacy students (defined as children or grandchildren of Southwestern alumni or as siblings of alumni or current students) enrolling at Southwestern will be eligible for an annual scholarship of **\$1,000**.

SAROFIM FINE ARTS AWARDS

Music, Theatre, and Art Scholarships

Sarofim scholarships often will have the additional criteria of an audition or portfolio submission. Students choosing to major in the fine arts are eligible for awards in vocal and instrumental music, theatre (acting or design), or studio art. See the Sarofim School of Fine Arts webpage for scholarship amounts, requirements, dates, and general information: southwestern.edu/sarofim.

THE FINE PRINT

Scholarship GPA evaluations are based on a minimum of 12 transferable credits. Amounts are awarded based on availability of funds. Southwestern admission staff will recalculate a GPA when a student has attended multiple institutions. Developmental courses are excluded when factoring overall GPA. All scholarships and financial aid require admission to be awarded. The total amount of Southwestern merit- or need-based scholarships, awards, or grants cannot exceed the cost of tuition. Once awarded, a minimum Southwestern GPA is required to retain scholarships and financial aid from semester to semester.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Within Reach

PERSONALIZED FINANCIAL AID PACKAGING

When it comes to financial aid, everyone's situation is different, and Southwestern takes that into account. We partner with students and their families to navigate the financial-aid process and help explore every possible financing option available.

APPLICATION FOR AID

To apply for financial aid, please submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the appropriate deadline. The FAFSA can be securely filed at fafsa.gov. Be sure to select Southwestern by entering our school code: **003620**.

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Fall Semester: July 1

Spring Semester: November 15

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

Beyond merit scholarships, Southwestern offers a variety of assistance options. Amounts will vary based on an individual's demonstrated need. FAFSA submission is required.

Need-Based Grants: Southwestern, State (TEG), and Federal (Pell/SEOG)

Low-Interest Loans: Federal (Stafford/PLUS) and Private Loans

Work-Study: Southwestern and Federal

Payment Plan: Monthly, interest-free payment plans available through Southwestern



AID AVAILABLE

100% of transfer students receive scholarships and/or financial aid.



TOPS IN TEXAS

Princeton Review ranks SU's Center for Career & Professional Development #1 in Texas and #6 in the U.S.



HIGH SUCCESS

91% of graduates are employed or in graduate school within 10 months.

VETERAN BENEFITS

Southwestern welcomes the opportunity to partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to administer the following benefits to support veterans and veteran dependents who wish to attend as full-time students.

Post-9/11 GI Bill®: You may be eligible if you served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 10, 2001.

- Assistance with tuition and fees
- A Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH/MHA)
- Money for books and supplies (up to **\$1,000** per school year)

Yellow Ribbon Program: The Yellow Ribbon program allows degree-granting private colleges and universities in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the tuition and fee amounts payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

Vocational Rehabilitation: For postsecondary training at a college, vocational, technical, or business school.

DEA/Chapter 35: The Dependent's Educational Assistance (DEA) Program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents and survivors of certain veterans.



GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.





APPLICATION INFORMATION

How to Apply

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Common Application for Transfer Students:
commonapp.org

ApplyTexas Application for Transfer Students:
applytexas.org

Note: If a student submitted an application to Southwestern when in high school, it may be reactivated (if within two years) by filling out and submitting the Application Reactivation Form. Go to **southwestern.edu**, and type "Transfer Application Reactivation Form" in the search box for more information.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Deadline: Apply on or before April 1 for fall semester application and scholarship consideration. After this date, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis until July 1.

Spring Deadline: Apply on or before October 1 for spring semester application and scholarship consideration. After this date, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis until November 15.

Note: University rankings, facts, and statistical data are current as of October 2019.


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STUDENT-TO-
FACULTY RATIO

56%
OF CLASSES HAVE
20 STUDENTS OR
LESS

19
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

2/3
OF ALL STUDENTS
COMPLETE
AT LEAST ONE
INTERNSHIP FOR
ACADEMIC CREDIT

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