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GUIDE FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS



SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

BUILDING BETTER TOMORROWS

Southwestern University—Texas’s first institution of higher learning—was chartered in 1840. We have educated top scholars for the past 185 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 temperature of 80 degrees, it's an excellent location for a number of year-round outdoor activities, cultural events, live music, and of course, great food.

In addition, 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	Generic Special Education*
Applied Physics	German
Applied Movement and Sports Studies*	Greek
Art (Studio)	Health Studies*
Art History	History
Biochemistry	Independent Major
Biology	International Studies
Business	Kinesiology
Chemistry	Latin
Chinese*	Latin American & Border Studies
Classics	Mathematics
Communication Studies	Music
Computational Mathematics	Neuroscience*
Computer Science	Philosophy
Data Analytics*	Physics
Design Thinking*	Political Science
Early Modern Studies*	Psychology
East Asian Studies*	Race & Ethnicity Studies*
Economics	Religion
Education	Sociology
English	Spanish
Environmental Studies	Theatre
Feminist Studies	
French	

**Indicates minor only*

Southwestern is known nationwide for our preprofessional pathways:

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

Students submitting a transfer application must complete a minimum of 12 credits prior to their 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 asked to submit an enrollment deposit. A minimum of 64 total credits (two years) and 60% of the major must be completed at Southwestern in order to earn a degree. Southwestern accepts a grade of C- or better on all transferable non-developmental 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 contact the Admission Office for more information.

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 structure's walls, adding their signatures to those of graduates dating back to 1912.



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.

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, non-developmental coursework:

- \$25,000** — 3.7 to 4.0 cumulative GPA
- \$22,000** — 3.4 to 3.6 cumulative GPA
- \$18,000** — 3.0 to 3.3 cumulative GPA
- \$14,000** — Up to 2.9 cumulative GPA

The average transfer student merit scholarship is **\$23,000** per year.

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

Princeton Review ranks SU **#1** in Texas and **#2** in the nation for Best Career Services.

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 first-year application to Southwestern and were offered admission the previous semester or year are eligible to have their first-year scholarship reinstated if the amount is greater than the Finch Scholarship. Please note: This scholarship cannot be combined with the PTK and NSCS Scholarship. In addition, Brown, Dixon, and Garey Scholarships cannot be reinstated.

**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 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 music (vocal or instrumental), 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

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®.

Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E): Formerly known as Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment, VR&E provides services to eligible Servicemembers and Veterans with service-connected disabilities to help them prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment or achieve independence in daily living.

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



Southwestern ticked a lot of boxes for me. It's a smaller school. You have more intimate relationships with your professors ... Two years before I applied, Southwestern became my dream school.



DAVID OTTERSTETTER '22
U.S. ARMY

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>.



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Student-to-faculty ratio

87%

of classes have 25 students or less

17

Average class size

71%

of graduates over the last five years
completed at least one internship



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. Contact the Admission Office 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 December 2024.



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