



The Austin College Difference

“This 160-year old community of learning, with its 1,350 students, will excite you, stretch you, expand your world, and make you believe in yourself. This college does marvelous things to multiply talents and to develop character.”

– Loren Pope, *Colleges That Change Lives*

Challenging Academics

- The freshman **Communication/Inquiry** course provides a foundation in skills for communication and critical thinking.
- Every student is assigned a **faculty mentor** who serves for the full four-year experience.
- The student to faculty ratio is **12:1**.
- **97%** Faculty members are **experts** in their fields and 97 percent hold a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree.
- Student research is conducted in direct **partnership with faculty**, often leading to published research and presentations.
- 94 percent of faculty members recently have published or presented scholarly **research**.
- **80%** Austin College graduates experience an 80 percent acceptance rate into **medical schools** and other **health science programs** (two-year average).
- Academic excellence is recognized through induction into national honor societies, including **Phi Beta Kappa**.
- Austin College is among the top three producers of undergraduate **Fulbright awardees** in the State of Texas.
- **117 scholar-athletes** were named Academic All-Conference, and two varsity programs were honored nationally as All-Academic Teams in 2012.

Adventurous Learning

- The four-week **January Term** offers in-depth study and intensive research courses, career exploration, and internships, both on campus and around the world.
- **70%** of graduates have at least one **international study** experience during college.
- **83%** of students complete an **internship** during their college experience.
- Intercollegiate **athletic programs** involve 25 percent of the student body.
- **16,000** Each year, students contribute more than 16,000 **community service** hours locally and internationally.
- Over the past five years, 195 Austin College scholar-athletes have been named **All-SCAC** athletic honorees.

A Welcoming Community

- Austin College is a **residential** college, with more than 80 percent of students living on campus.
- **70** More than 70 student **organizations** offer opportunities for leadership and involvement.
- Opportunities for **career exploration** are offered to every student through Career Services. All students begin this experience their freshman year.
- Our affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA) enables us to cultivate a vital, **inclusive atmosphere** that supports each student's faith journey.
- **36%** The Austin College community embraces **diversity** in all forms. More than 36 percent of the student body represent ethnic and racial minorities.
- **Varied religious traditions** are reported by students, with 66 percent identifying as Christians and 11 percent representing other faiths including Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and Jewish.

"Did You Know?"

- Our internationally renowned **Model United Nations** (Model UN) program routinely places at the highest levels, winning year after year in international competition that simulates actual UN delegation interaction.
- The Jordan Family Language House offers an **immersive residential learning experience** in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. Students speak the target languages and learn from native speakers who live in each wing of the house.
- **63%** of graduates enter **graduate or professional school** within five years of graduation.
- Austin College offers renowned **pre-professional** preparation for law, medicine, dentistry, the ministry, engineering, and other graduate programs. Students, in consultation with the faculty mentor, select an appropriate major in keeping with professional school requirements.
- **80%** of alumni report increased interest and activity in citizenship and **civic engagement** because of their Austin College liberal arts education.

National Recognition

- The Princeton Review and the Center for Green Schools included Austin College in the 2012 *Guide to 322 Green Colleges*, highlighting the Unplugged energy conservation competition and other campus Thinking Green Initiatives.
- "This small liberal arts college enjoys a **big reputation ...**"
— *Texas College Guide, Texas Monthly*
- *Parade Magazine's* "College A-List" included Austin College as a top **pre-medical program**. "You don't need to attend a fabled Ivy to get a big-league education."
- The Institute of International Education *Open Doors* report has ranked Austin College **#1 in the nation** for **international study** four times in the past seven years for percentage of undergraduate participation among baccalaureate institutions.

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