INQUIRE WITHIN AUSTIN COLLEGE
Colleges that change lives don’t just teach students. They inspire them to learn more. To dream big. To make a difference. And to inquire within.
Paying attention?
With an average class size of 23 students (often fewer in your major) and a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, your professors definitely pay attention to you.

A great starting point.
In Communication/Inquiry—a signature Austin College course on one of 20 interesting topics annually—faculty expect you to ask the questions. This first-year seminar boosts intellectual curiosity and builds critical thinking skills, all while strengthening abilities in research, communication, and technology.

Collaborative learning at its best.
Austin College isn’t a “learning factory” where you’ll sit in big classes, take multiple choice tests, and rarely speak with your professors. In fact, it’s just the opposite. Austin College is an academic community where you will take an active role in learning with talented professors and attentive students.
“Inquire” (c. 1290) stems from the Latin word “inquærere,” which means “investigate” or “ask, seek.” That’s exactly what happens at Austin College. As you delve into your subjects, you discover that learning is an active, ongoing process. To begin the journey, inquire within.

**Honor roll.**
Austin College is one of only 280 schools in the nation with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa—one of the most prestigious American honor societies.

**Multiple choices.**
You will complete many courses beyond your major—from the humanities to the sciences, as well as interdisciplinary courses that merge ideas from several departments. We encourage you to select classes that will truly broaden your perspectives, not just meet specific requirements. The benefits? Customized course work and a more meaningful program of study.
“I’ve really been encouraged to learn beyond my major. Rather than taking only business courses, I’ve taken classes that really stretch me—like Creative Writing and The History of Western Culture.”
Academic cross training. That’s how one Austin College professor describes the liberal arts. “Just like athletes combine exercises to work different muscles, we want you to connect disciplines—to see how subjects overlap,” says Max Grober, associate professor of history.

Unusual connections. Austin College professors collaborate to merge subject areas—even some that seem unlikely matches, such as psychology and the environment or physics and music.
Where will January take you?
The depths of the ocean? The heights of Mount Kilimanjaro? January can take you to an array of international locations—from Beijing to Berlin—for compelling courses and unforgettable life lessons. Closer to home, opt for intensive research, an amazing internship, or on-campus classes ranging from Capitalism in the Movies to Religion & Rock Music.

320 hours that can change your life.
Austin College funds summer internships (about 60 per year) that allow for the ultimate career inquiry. You’ll spend 320 hours not only working in your chosen field but also reflecting on what you have learned—and what that means for your life’s goals.

Research your options.
We offer research opportunities that are demanding and diverse. “Austin College has a tradition of research in the natural sciences, and now we’re seeing research growth in the social sciences and humanities,” says Michael Imhoff, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty. “Research is perhaps the highest level of learning, because we ask students to work with undistilled information and make sense of it.”
Learning = Doing. Central to the inquiry process at Austin College, this equation will drive much of your educational experience. Expect to be challenged and changed through powerful, practical experiences that lift learning to a whole new level.

EXPERIENCES
AUSTIN COLLEGE

Get “GO”ing!
Through our innovative Global Outreach “GO” Fellowships, you can pursue life-changing international service projects in countries ranging from Ghana to Guatemala and Pakistan to Peru. Whether you work with orphans, care for the elderly, teach English, offer healthcare assistance, or improve economic development, you’ll gain valuable experience and improve the lives of others worldwide.

What would you do with $1,000,000?
That’s a question we pose to business and economics students managing our student investment fund. They decide which stocks to buy and sell—all with real money. We have one of the largest and most successful student investment funds of any undergraduate liberal arts college in the nation.

austincollege.edu/experiences
“Whether you work with faculty to conduct a research project, complete an internship, or pursue some other career exploration project, you can definitely find opportunities here that you may not experience at a larger place.”

LISA BROWN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY
Recent Real-World Internship Sites*

Accenture Consulting
American Airlines
Amnesty International
Carolina Herrera New York
Centro de Arte Para la Paz in El Salvador
Children’s Medical Center of Dallas
Dallas Museum of Art
Deloitte & Touche
Dodd Animal Hospital
Goldman Sachs
Gray’s Harbor Historical Seaport
Health Revolution in Washington, D.C.
Hospital San Vicente de Paul in Costa Rica
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge
Latino Cultural Center in Dallas
Monarch School in Houston
River Performing and Visual Arts Center in Dallas
San Antonio Academy
San Antonio Missions
Shakespeare Dallas
Sherman Chamber of Commerce
Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas
TARP Worldwide in Washington, D.C.
Texas Fair Trade Coalition in Austin
TMI Sports Medicine
U.S. State Department in Peru
University of Texas Health Science Center
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Weinstein Company in Los Angeles
World Affairs Council of Oregon in Portland

* Selected examples only; contact the Office of Admission to learn more about real-world experiences awaiting you at Austin College.
Anonymity is not an option.
What makes our professors stand out from those of other institutions? According to one longtime professor: “We have an unwavering commitment to our students—an ethos that says we will challenge you and get to know you as a person. If you want to be anonymous, choose a different school.”

Considering other colleges?
Consider this. You’ll look a long time before you find a school with students as exceptional as ours. Three-fourths graduated in the top one-fourth of their high school classes. They are intelligent and involved, dedicated and down-to-earth, caring and community-minded. They take their studies seriously, but they also know how to have some serious fun.

On your honor.
Austin College students receive national and international recognition (not to mention financial rewards) for academic achievement. In recent years, our students have earned honors including Fulbright Grants, Truman Scholarships, and Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarships.
Inquiry doesn’t occur in a bubble at Austin College. It can happen at any time and in any place, like in classes, over coffee, during office hours, or on weekend bike rides. Central to our campus culture, inquiry stems from professors and peers who want to learn more about the world and about you.

**Friends for life.**
Whether you relate to students who are exactly like you or nothing like you, expect relationships that are the real deal. Explains Michael Brahce, a music and communication studies major, “It doesn’t take long to realize that the friends you make here are the ones you’ll have the rest of your life.”

**Faculty who put you first.**
Teaching (not research) is the top priority for our professors. Experienced and articulate, they bring a collective and personal commitment to their students that surpasses class time and scheduled office hours. They’re also experts in their fields. Among full-time faculty, 97 percent hold Ph.D.s or the highest degree in their fields.
“I want to be the cheerleader next to you, not the sage on the stage. More than anything, I hope to ignite your passion for discovery so you’re always hungry to learn more.”

MICHAEL HIGGS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
What's in it for you?
Our faculty members know you not just as a student, but also as a person. That means they can tell when you’re trying your hardest—and when you’re not. Austin College professors set the bar high, but they also are fair and open-minded. Expect to be challenged, and supported, like never before.

Get engaged!
Count on candid conversations about real-life issues. “This is a place where students engage one another, talk about things that really matter—even issues of difference—and become a genuine community of individuals,” notes Kirk Everist, assistant professor of communication studies.
Lead on!
From the Posey Leadership Institute to practical experiences in your daily life, we offer plenty of ways to be a leader. Says Tim Millerick, vice president for Student Affairs and Athletics: "Austin College students gain valuable leadership experience as they plan all kinds of activities—seeing them from the initial concept to the finished product."

Seek the spotlight?
From a newly formed Improv Troupe to the A Cappella Choir, opportunities in theatre, music, and the arts are available to all students regardless of major. A new arts complex—with a beautiful gallery and workspace to create everything from painting to pottery—provides even greater accessibility to the arts for all students.

Go Greek with a twist.
Since our eight fraternities and six sororities have no national ties, Greek life at Austin College differs from what you might find at other schools. Explains Ann Huston, environmental studies major: "Programs are local, so they have unique qualities that national ones don’t have." Another benefit? Greek events are generally open to all students, not reserved for a select few.
Some of the greatest lessons learned at Austin College may come from joining a club, playing a sport, performing on stage, being a leader, going Greek, serving others, taking a stand. Inquiring within.

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Committed to the greater good.
Unlike many schools, Austin College doesn’t have a service requirement. Truth is, we don’t have to. Nine out of ten students choose to get involved in service efforts ranging from our Great Day of Service to weekly visits with Hispanic families in need of ESL outreach. Our students average 12,000+ hours of service annually.

No experience required.
This is the motto for student organizations at Austin College. If you’re interested, you’re involved! Choose from 60+ existing student organizations or start something new. Notes Jessica Bufford, a political science major from Vancouver, Washington: “You don’t have to choose just one organization. You can be as involved as you want to be.”

Renew your spirit.
Proud of its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Austin College features faith-building opportunities for students of every religious tradition. No matter what your faith, you’ll feel welcome on our diverse and open-minded campus.

austincollege.edu/involvement
“Our Student Life team does a great job of offering fun things to do that are not expensive—perfect for college students! It’s amazing how they cater to everyone and build a strong sense of community at the same time.”

JAMES COLEY
RELIGION AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES
THE COLONY, TEXAS
It's good to be a 'Roo.

In addition to varsity athletics and cheerleading, we also have an active (and competitive) intramural program—complete with a new intramural complex and top-notch fitness facilities open to all students. We offer student-led classes in yoga, kickboxing, and various dance styles, too.

What more can we say?

Plenty! We have much to share about athletics, student groups, technology, peer counseling, health services, campus security, food services, and more. Inquire about these topics (and any others) online at austincollege.edu.

Varsity Athletics

The Austin College Kangaroos compete within the NCAA Division III Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, participating in six varsity sports for men and six varsity sports for women.

MEN'S
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Football
- Lacrosse*
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

WOMEN'S
- Basketball
- Lacrosse*
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

*club sport
A sense of definition.
Ever been at one of those big universities where lines between campus and city are blurred? It can be overwhelming! At Austin College, our well-defined campus is spacious, but not sprawling. You can still walk from one end to the other in less than 15 minutes.

Looking for someone?
Check out a few of our most popular hangouts—the Kangaroo Coffee Company (get your Starbucks here), the Pouch Club, the comfy lounges or student organization offices in Wright Campus Center, and several outdoor gathering spots.

A commitment to community.
One distinctive feature of Austin College is that we require students to live on campus for three years. The reason? Simply put, it builds the strongest bonds. And even when students can move off-campus as seniors, many choose to stay because they appreciate the convenience and camaraderie they find on campus. Learn about your living options at austincollege.edu/communityliving.
It won’t take you long to realize that our strong community spans far beyond our 70-acre campus. In fact, the Austin College community extends into Sherman, stretches into the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and reaches out to the world.

COMMUNITY

Your new hometown.
Just north of Dallas, the community of Sherman is a growing area (pop. 38,000) listed among Money magazine’s “most livable cities.” Here’s why: Sherman features restaurants, shopping, recreation, and culture you might expect only in larger cities, but it’s missing big-city pollution, traffic, and crime. It’s an ideal place to live and learn.

A quick road trip.
Whether you’re craving pro sports, world-class museums, power shopping, or some good Indian food, the Metroplex is a short drive away. One of the 10 largest population centers in America, Dallas-Fort Worth is an international center for technology, the arts, and culture—so the Metroplex features unlimited opportunities for career exploration, too.

Campus life that’s hoppin’.
What else would you expect from the Kangaroos? With on-campus activities, area attractions, Lake Texoma recreational opportunities, and the excitement of the Metroplex, your social calendar can be as full as you want it to be.
“As part of the Posey Leadership Institute, I spent Jan Term going through an intensive leadership training program with business leaders in Dallas. It was pretty incredible to experience that in my first year at Austin College.”
Search the world over.
You won’t find another school of our size with a greater emphasis on all things global. Hundreds of Austin College students explore the world each year through study abroad semesters, January Terms courses like “World War II Europe,” that take them to the sites of significant historical and current happenings, and service or internship opportunities around the globe. Even more, we stress international connections across the curriculum as today’s world demands global awareness and understanding for future success.

#1 in international study.
Austin College has been ranked #1 in the nation for international study three times in the last five years by the Institute of International Education for percentage of undergraduate participation among baccalaureate institutions. During the past decade, 70 percent of our graduates had at least one international study experience in college, visiting 99 countries.

Check your English at the door.
Instead, brush up on your Chinese, French, German, Japanese, or Spanish—because if you’re one of nearly 50 students living in Jordan Family Language House, you’ll be immersed in your target language and culture nearly 24/7. This innovative language residence is a rarity among colleges and universities nationwide.
Recent Graduate Destinations

SELECTED EMPLOYERS
American Cancer Society
AmeriCorps
Archon Group, Singapore
Bank of America
Dallas Children’s Museum
Dallas Semiconductor
Ernst & Young
Federal Reserve Bank
Ford Motor Credit
Frito Lay
Goldman Sachs, New York
IBM
JP Morgan Chase
Litton Loan Services
Lockheed Martin
Mitsubishi Corporation
Peace Corps
State Farm Insurance
Teach For America
Texas Instruments

United Nations
United Way
W.W. Norton Publishing, New York & Atlanta

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS
American University
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Duke University
Emory University
Johns Hopkins Medical School
Harvard Law School
Harvard University
Notre Dame University
Ohio State University
Princeton Theological Seminary

Rice University
SMU
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Policy
Texas A&M University, College of Engineering
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Texas Tech Law School
University of Minnesota
University of Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center Houston
Dental Branch
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Washington University-St. Louis
Yale University
Inquiring minds want to know—what is the **most valuable aspect** of the Austin College experience? Graduates say it is the way we **prepare you** so completely for the things you expect in your life ... and the things you don’t.

**HORIZONS**

**Life is a journey.**
Our liberal arts foundation prepares you well for your first job or professional or graduate school. What’s more, it teaches you to understand the complexities of our interconnected world—and to act as a force of change. Visit austincollege.edu/careerservices to see where recent graduates are working, serving, and pursuing advanced degrees.

**Got any plans?**
Our liberal arts courses, some amazing mentors, and the capable staff in the Office of Career Services will help you discover your options. Explains Margie Norman, director of Career Services: “We are available to work with you the whole time you’re here, from your first semester all the way through graduation.”

**Take on the world.**
Our graduation rates and placement rates are well above the national averages. From the finest graduate programs to the most rewarding careers, Austin College equips you to be an engaged citizen within a global community.

austincollege.edu/careerservices
Ready to apply yourself?
Admission to Austin College is selective. However, if you are a strong student with a desire to inquire within, we encourage you to join us. Take the first step by completing the Common Application at www.commonapp.org or Apply Texas at www.applytexas.org

Invest in your future.
Seventy-five percent of our students earn merit-based academic scholarships, and more than 90 percent receive some form of financial assistance.

'Roo reminders.
Whether you apply under our "Early Action" or "Regular Decision" option, please note appropriate deadlines online. Be sure to submit the necessary forms on time to maximize opportunities for financial assistance. Visit austincollege.edu/apply for details.

Honestly? Words and pictures can’t capture what it feels like to be at Austin College. A personal visit provides a great starting point, but to fully appreciate this place, you have to do more than walk around campus. You have to inquire within.
Founded
1849; oldest college in Texas under original charter

Type
Private, four-year national residential liberal arts college

Affiliation
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Recognition
Included among Colleges That Change Lives by Loren Pope

Academics
Approximately 45 undergraduate majors and minors, including pre-professional programs; Master of Arts in Teaching program

Students
1,314 undergraduates and 20 graduate students; 35 percent ethnic minority, 44 percent men and 56 percent women; 75 percent in top quarter of high school graduating class

Attention
12:1 student-faculty ratio; average class size of 23 students

Faculty
104 full-time faculty members, 97 percent with Ph.D.s or the highest degrees in their fields

Athletics
12 NCAA Division III varsity teams competing in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

Campus
70 acres on our main campus, plus five environmental research areas and a recreation area at Lake Texoma

Location
Sherman, Texas—a growing community of about 38,000 residents located just north of Dallas on Highway 75

See our Virtual Tour:
austincollege.edu/virtualtour

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