

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

- **96%** of May 2015 graduates completed their degrees in **four years or less**.
- **12:1** The student to faculty ratio is 12:1, and all students are assigned a **faculty mentor** for four years.
- **98%** Faculty members are **experts** in their fields, and 98 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.
- Austin College is a top producer of **Fulbright** awardees in Texas.
- **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 one of only 283 schools in the nation with a chapter.
- **198** Over the past five years, 198 Austin College **scholar-athletes** have been named All-SCAC athletic honorees.
- **New Academic programs** have been added in Neuroscience, Public Health, East Asian Languages & Cultures, Non Profit Organizations & Public Service, and Global Management.
- **90%** of grads pursuing **graduate school** are enrolled and **93%** of grads seeking a career are **employed** in the first year after college.

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.
- **2/3** of graduates have at least one **international study** experience during college.
- **82%** of students complete an **internship** during their college experience.
- **Advocacy Teams** compete in **Mock Trial**, **Mediation**, and **Moot Court** programs with tournaments hosted in the on-campus courtroom and nationwide.

A Welcoming Community

- Austin College is a **residential** college, and nearly 80% of students live on campus.
- **16,000** Each year, students contribute more than 16,000 **community service** hours locally and internationally.
- **68** More than 68 **student organizations** offer opportunities for leadership and involvement.
- **NCAA Division III athletics** involve over 40% of the student body offering 16 varsity programs.
- Our affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA) enables us to cultivate a vital, **inclusive atmosphere** with students identifying as Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and Jewish.
- **40%** The Austin College community embraces **diversity** in all forms. More than 40% of students represent ethnic and racial minorities.

“Did You Know?”

- Our internationally recognized **Model United Nations** program routinely places at the highest levels, 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.
- Austin College offers renowned **pre-professional** preparation for law, medicine, dentistry, the ministry, engineering, and other graduate programs.
- The **Williams Student Investment Fund** (SIF) of \$1 million provides real world experience in the stock market, managed by students. At some schools, students are making virtual investments. At Austin College it's the real deal.
- Opportunities for **career exploration** are offered to every student through Career Services. Students begin this experience their freshman year.
- Austin College has converted to **100% wind-powered electricity** - at a net savings due to energy conservation.

National Recognition

- Austin College is named a **“Best Buy,”** quality academic offerings and affordable cost, in *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2016*.
- **Princeton Review** and the **Center for Green Schools** have once again included Austin College in their guide to green schools. **LEED certified construction, wind power**, and other Austin College **Thinking Green initiatives** are responsible for our inclusion in the 5% of the nation's schools that make the cut.
- Austin College is consistently ranked among the top colleges in the nation for percentage of participation in **international study**, by the Institute of International Education.
- *Forbes* has included Austin College in *America's Top Colleges 2015*, an annual list of the 650 top undergraduate schools that, according to *Forbes*, relates particularly to what **students get out of a college education**.

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