Outcomes

Austin College graduates can be found around the globe in successful and fulfilling careers as business leaders, physicians, lawyers, nonprofit managers, ministers, educators, social service providers—and in countless other areas.

A Career Services tracking program indicates that 90 percent of first-year Austin College graduates are employed, in graduate school, or completing other post-graduation certification programs. Another 5 percent are involved in prestigious fellowships (Teach For America, Fulbright, etc.) or service programs (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, teaching English internationally).

Since 2010, Austin College graduates have been awarded 12 Fulbright grants and 11 graduates have been accepted in the prestigious Teach For America program. Others have been selected for assignments through Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, AmeriCorps, or the Peace Corps.

What Others Say

• Austin College is one of the 40 original schools profiled in the influential book Colleges That Change Lives, written by former New York Times education editor Loren Pope, as well as the 2012 updated edition based on all new tours and interviews.

• Sustainability awareness on campus gained the College a spot in the 2012 Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges. The Princeton Review, in collaboration with the Center for Green Schools, saluted the “nation’s most environmentally responsible green colleges.”

• Austin College is one of only 280 schools in the nation with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most recognized honor society.
Academic Skills Center
Austin College is committed to helping students maximize their academic potential. The Academic Skills Center provides assistance in developing skills for study and writing, as well as content-specific peer tutoring in many academic areas. The Academic Skills Center director also works individually with students to accommodate learning differences. The center is used by students at all areas of need and learning. Whether a student wants to transform a B to an A or is struggling to understand course concepts, center staff members are available to help.

Austin Teacher Program (ATP)
Austin College offers a rigorous five-year experiential teacher education program combining an undergraduate liberal arts degree with the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.

Communication/Inquiry (C/I)
C/I serves as the foundation course in the undergraduate curriculum. The student's faculty mentor serves as the instructor in the seminar course taken during the fall term of the freshman year. Students in each C/I section explore a particular topic of interest while further developing abilities in writing, oral communication, and other facets of intellectual inquiry.

Career Study Off Campus (CSOC)
In this program, students assume initiative and responsibility for creating a learning experience that meets the Austin College standards for academic credit while providing a substantive view of a particular profession. Student-prepared CSOC proposals must include academic content and clear and concise goals and learning objectives. Students are accountable for the learning outcomes through faculty evaluation, site supervisor evaluation, and personal reflection and assessment of the internship experience.

Global Outreach (GO) Fellowship Program
The GO program was created to promote innovative experiential servant leadership opportunities around the world for Austin College students, thereby cultivating the next generation of local, national, and global leaders. Students selected during the application process receive fellowships that will support their participation in projects or internships fostering engagement with community development issues. Established in 2008, the program awards approximately 10 fellowships each summer. Student projects have taken them around the globe, from Guatemala to Pakistan, from Russia to Ghana.

Greek Life
Austin College Greek social organizations are local, meaning they are unique to Austin College and have no national affiliations, though some are more than 50 years old. There are 10 local fraternities and six local sororities. The College also has a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national, co-ed service fraternity.

January Term (JanTerm)
Between the fall and spring terms, Austin College students take one class during January Term. Options include on-campus courses, internships, independent study opportunities, and courses that include travel in the U.S. or beyond.

Jordan Family Language House
The Jordan Family Language House provides a residential living immersion experience for study of German, Spanish, French, Japanese, and Chinese language and culture. The coeducational facility is home to 48 students and five native speakers. While in public areas of the Language House, residents speak and interact in their target language.
Kangaroos
The Austin College sports mascot is the Kangaroo (quick and feisty!!), and students and alumni are proud to be 'Roos. The College competes in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference with varsity competition in football and baseball (men), volleyball, softball, and cross country (women), as well as men's and women's teams in soccer, basketball, swimming and diving, and tennis.

Lake Campus
The Robbie Kubela Rogers Lake Campus is a 30-acre site on Lake Texoma that is available to members of the College community for recreation, retreats, meetings, and camping.

Mentor
Each student at Austin College is assigned a mentor who serves as the student's academic advisor and as the instructor for the Communication/Inquiry (CI) course. Launched nearly 30 years ago, the mentor program is an Austin College hallmark that exemplifies the bond between faculty and students. In addition to helping students select courses, mentors may guide students in pursuing internships, study abroad, research, or other activity that will enrich the educational experience. Many mentors and students develop relationships that last far beyond the four years at Austin College.

Pre-Professional Programs
Austin College offers excellent pre-professional preparation for law, health sciences, ministry, and engineering, as well as other professional and graduate schools. Pre-professional advisors have been designated for health sciences, law, theology, and engineering. The advisors can help each student, in consultation with the faculty mentor, to select an appropriate major in keeping with professional school requirements.

'Roo Route
The 'Roo Route is a fixed bus route between Austin College and a number of area businesses. The service runs Mondays through Fridays from 4 p.m. to midnight and is free to Austin College students.

Service Station
The student-led Service Station connects Austin College students with volunteer opportunities in local communities. Campus-wide service events are held each term in addition to many on-going individual and group projects.

Study Abroad
Over the last 10 years, 70 percent of Austin College graduates have had at least one international study experience during college, traveling to at least 99 countries. In a world growing increasingly more interconnected, the ability to navigate the world and its differences is considered critical to quality education.

Teaching faculty (FTE): 104
Percentage of tenured or tenure-track faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree: 97.1%
Student to faculty ratio: 11:1
Average class size: 16

For Austin College faculty members, teaching and student learning—not their own academic research—are the main priorities. They bring a commitment to their students that surpasses class time and scheduled office hours. They are experts in their fields, certainly involved in research and academic pursuits, yet often including students in the research and presentations to further their learning process. As one faculty member has expressed, “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.” Austin College faculty continue to be honored for their contributions and academic accomplishments. In recent years, four Austin College faculty have been selected as Fulbright Scholars, another as a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor of Texas, and another as Texas State Historian.

Graduation Rate
The five-year graduation rate for Austin College students is 76.4 percent. The national average, by most recent available data, for private four-year colleges is 54.7 percent, and for public four-year institutions, 36.6 percent.
Entering 2013 First-Time Freshmen
- 364 freshmen
  - 50.3% female
  - 49.7% male
- Middle 50% of SAT verbal and math scores: 1250
- Students in top 10% of high school class: 34.6%

2013-2014 Student Population
- 1,224 students, including 37 studying abroad
  - 51.1% female
  - 48.9% male

Geographical Representation
35 states, 15 countries (most commonly represented are China, Korea, Mexico, England, and Kenya)

Ethnic/Racial Representation
- 58.0% White
- 15.5% Hispanic
- 14.5% Asian
- 1.6% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 0.1% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 0.9% Two or More Races
- 6.0% Black
- 0.6% Not Reported
- 2.8% Non-Resident Alien

Religious Representation
- 16% Roman Catholic
- 11% Baptist
- 7% Presbyterian
- 7% Other Religions
- 6% Methodist
- 6% None
- 5% Muslim
- 4% Other Christian Denominations
- 3% Hindu
- 2% Jewish
- 1% Buddhist
- 1% Hindu
- 1% Buddhist
- 16% Roman Catholic

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