



## The Austin College Difference

“This [165]-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 2016 graduates completed their degrees in **four years or less**.
- **13:1** The student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1, and all students are assigned a **faculty mentor** for four years.
- **98%** Faculty members are **experts** in their fields, and 98% of fulltime faculty hold a Ph.D. or 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 (two-year average) into **health science programs** (medicine, dentistry, etc.).
- Academic excellence is recognized through induction into national honor societies, including **Phi Beta Kappa**. Austin College is one of only 286 schools in the nation with a chapter.
- **208** Over the past five years, 208 Austin College **student-athletes** have been named All-SCAC athletic honorees.
- Popular **interdisciplinary academic programs** have been added in Neuroscience, Public Health, East Asian Languages & Cultures, Nonprofit Organizations & Public Service, and Global Management.
- **90%** of our **graduate school** applicants are enrolled and **93%** of those seeking a career are **employed** in the first year after college.

### Adventurous Learning

- The four-week **January Term** includes courses offering in-depth exploration—on campus and around the world; intensive research opportunities; and career investigation through internships and shadowing experiences.
- **2/3** of graduates have at least one **international study** experience during college.
- **75%** 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 around the nation.

### 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.
- **70** More than 70 **student organizations** offer opportunities for leadership and involvement.
- **NCAA Division III athletics** involve more than 25% of the student body in 16 varsity teams.
- Our covenant with the Presbyterian Church (USA) encourages a vital **inclusive atmosphere** in which students from many traditions live out their faith commitments in ways that are authentic for them.
- **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 French, German, and Spanish. The **East Asia Global Leadership Wing** offers dedicated instruction and practice of leadership behaviors in a global context.
- Austin College offers renowned **pre-professional** preparation for law, medicine, dentistry, the ministry, and engineering, as well as guidance and gateways for graduate programs.
- Students manage the **Williams Student Investment Fund** (SIF) of \$1 million and gain real-world experience in the stock market. 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 and the **'RooVisors** program. Students begin this experience their freshman year.
- Austin College achieves **100% renewable electricity** with wind power as the primary source.

### National Recognition

- Austin College is named a **“Best Buy,”** providing quality academic offerings and affordable cost, in *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2017*.
- **Princeton Review** and the **Center for Green Schools** have included Austin College in their guide to green schools. **LEED-certified construction**, **wind power**, and other Austin College **Thinking Green initiatives** led to 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* and *America's Best Value Colleges 2016*. The annual guide lists undergraduate schools that provide students **with the most value for the dollar**.

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