Access and Community

Developing as engaged global citizens is at the heart of the Austin College experience. By graduation, more than two-thirds of our students will have spent time studying internationally. And, the campus community recognizes the tremendous value of welcoming individuals from around the world to our student body and the lessons to be learned as international students share their cultures and experiences. While some special services are available to help international students adjust to life on campus, they quickly are integrated into the student body, taking advantage of the programs and opportunities available to our students.

Austin College has a student body of approximately 1,300 students, including residents of Texas (a state larger than many European countries!) and 32 other U.S. states, plus 36 international students, representing Brazil, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Mexico, Nigeria, South Korea, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and Vietnam. The student community includes individuals of diverse ethnic and religious heritages and myriad interests and talents. At Austin College, students want to learn about other cultures and heritages so some of the largest organizations on campus are cultural groups like Asian Student Association—and members include Asians and non-Asians alike.

In a close-knit, residential college community, students can quickly make connections, become involved in activities, and form lifelong friendships. Students live on campus for at least three years and enjoy the camaraderie and the convenience of campus life.

Where is Austin College?

Austin College is located in Sherman, Texas, a community of approximately 38,000 residents that becomes home to our students. A quick trip south to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex offers additional entertainment and internship opportunities.

International Student Support

An International Student Advisor (ISA) is available to support students enrolling from outside the United States socially and academically as they adjust to life in the U.S. and at Austin College and to familiarize them with campus and community resources. In addition, through the College’s Student Ambassador Program, international students are connected with American students—and are able to assist one another in cultural understanding. The group enjoys cultural exchanges and socializing as well as some off-campus outings. The ISA also is available to discuss students’ academic experiences and make them aware of services that might be helpful. Through the Admission Office, current international students are paired with prospective students from abroad to provide perspective and guidance as international students make college decisions.

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 15 Fulbright grants and 14 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.
Like all students, international students have a faculty mentor throughout their Austin College experience. All freshmen complete a freshman seminar course, Communication/Inquiry, in fall term. Students explore a particular assigned topic while further developing abilities in writing, oral communication, research skills, and other facets of intellectual inquiry. The course instructor becomes the students’ mentor, who helps students in degree planning and toward pursuing internships, study abroad, research, or other areas that will enrich their educational experience.

Learning doesn’t come only from textbooks and Austin College students add a depth of meaning to their studies by applying theories and facts learned in the classroom to “real life” situations, like these examples:

- **Model United Nations Teams** that have a long history of success in competition;
- **The Student-Managed Williams Investment Fund**, in which students are managing a $1 million (plus) portfolio of investments using real dollars, not theory and imagination;
- **Mock Trial and Mediation Teams** that gain skills in communication and public speaking while learning about processes of law;
- **Undergraduate Research Projects** alongside faculty that may result in journal publication or presentation at professional associations;
- **Peace Corps Prep Program** that helps students acquire skills needed in Peace Corps service;
- **Career Study Off Campus (CSOC)**, in which students, often during January Term, spend significant time working alongside professionals to better understand the demands and diversity of various careers;
- **Study Abroad Opportunities** that allow students to better understand the world and learn about themselves in the process;
- **Posey Leadership Institute**, in which students gain understanding of leadership styles and theories and then put those theories into action through various on- and off-campus activities.

### Examples of Distinctive Austin College Programs

#### January Term or JanTerm

Between the fall and spring terms is the one-month JanTerm in which students take only one course. This allows the opportunity to study one course in depth, explore a new area of study, or complete an internship. Taking only one course also allows faculty to add travel to their courses to enhance study, whether that travel is within Texas, across the country, or around the world. Imagine a course exploring biology in the rain forests of Costa Rica or the glacial processes that shape the landscape of Iceland. JanTerm makes it possible.

#### Jordan Family Language House

Jordan Family Language House provides an immersion experience for those studying French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish language and culture. The residence is home to 48 students of these languages plus five native speakers. While in public areas of the house, residents speak and interact in their target language. Students planning a study abroad semester often live in the house to improve their language skills before traveling.

#### Pre-Professional Programs

Austin College has earned an excellent reputation for preparing students interested in careers in medicine and health sciences, law, engineering, and ministry. Pre-professional advisors, in conjunction with a student’s mentor, can help students select courses and activities that will support their application to professional and graduate schools.

#### Study Abroad

More than two-thirds of Austin College graduates of the last decade 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.

#### Global Outreach (GO) Fellowship Program

The GO program promotes experiential servant leadership opportunities, thereby cultivating local, national, and global leaders. Students selected during the application process receive fellowships that foster engagement with community development issues. Student projects have taken them around the globe, from Guatemala to Pakistan, from Russia to Ghana.
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**Student Body**

**Entering 2015 First-Time Freshmen**
- 355 freshmen
  - 51.3% female
  - 48.7% male
- Median SAT verbal and math score: 1220
- Students in top quarter of high school class: 72%

**2015-2016 Student Population**
- 1,272 students, including 16 studying abroad
  - 52.7% female
  - 47.3% male

**Faculty**

Teaching faculty (FTE): 106
- Percentage of tenured or tenure-track faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree: 98%
- Student to faculty ratio: 12:1
- Average class size: 15

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**Graduation Rate**

Of the Class of 2015 May graduates, 96 percent completed their degree in four years or less.

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**TOM SAMONIG**

Sophomore from Portsmouth, England

Thomas Samonig ’18 of Portsmouth, England plans to complete majors in business administration and economics at Austin College. He quickly became involved in campus life and has been able to live out a dream: playing football in Texas. “It was a goal of mine to play college football at any level,” Thomas said, “but the opportunity to play in Texas was more of a dream. Having watched Friday Night Lights (a television program about football in Texas), I was pretty aware of how big a deal it was! Being on the team here, I have never felt such a sense of brotherhood. It is clear that everyone here is here to win and work hard, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t enjoy the grueling process,” he laughed.

“Adjusting to life here has been easy and the international student staff is very helpful,” said the sophomore. “I had so much fun over my first year, not just at the College but in Texas as a whole. Austin College just feels like home.”

“I would encourage any international student to come here. This College has been great to me for the whole of the time I have been here, helping me navigate financial issues and through the Visa process. Not only is Austin College a great school, the professors know who you are. At a big school you won’t get the one-on-one time you get with professors here.”
Areas of Study
- Accounting
- African Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Finance
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classical Civilization
- Cognitive Science
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing Studies
- East Asian Languages and Culture
- Economics
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Ethics
- Exercise and Sport Science
- Film Studies
- French
- Gender Studies
- German
- Global Management
- Global Science, Technology, and Society
- Greek
- History
- International Economics and Finance
- International Relations
- Japanese
- Latin
- Latin American and Iberian Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Neuroscience
- Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Southwestern and Mexican Studies
- Spanish
- Teacher Education
- Theatre
- Western Intellectual Tradition

Special Program:
- Student/Mentor-Designed Major

Pre-Professional Preparation:
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Theology

Master of Arts in Teaching

NCAA Division III Athletics (Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference)

It's good to be a 'Roo. (We're quick as Kangaroos!)

In addition to varsity athletics, we also have an active (and competitive) intramurals program.

Men's
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Distance Track
- American Football
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Women's
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Distance Track
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

How to Apply
- Apply Online: www.austincollege.edu/apply

Check List:
- Common Application (www.commonapp.org) or ApplyTexas (www.applytexas.org)
- Transcript
- ACT or SAT Scores
- Letters of Recommendation (Counselor and Teacher)

Application Deadlines
- First-Year/Freshman:
  - Early Decision: November 1
  - Early Action I: December 1
  - Early Action II: February 1 (Scholarship Priority Deadline)
  - Regular Decision: March 1

- Transfer:
  - January 15: Spring Admission
  - August 15: Fall Admission

Scholarships

General Academic Scholarships:
All students who complete the admission application will be considered for one of these scholarships.

For requirements and deadlines, visit www.austincollege.edu/scholarships

Invest in Your Future

2016-2017 New Student Costs
- Tuition & Fees: $37,340
- Room & Board: $12,082

99% of all freshmen entering in Fall 2015 received gift aid, with an average award of $28,745.

To receive an estimate of your cost, visit our True Cost Calculator: www.austincollege.edu/calculator

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