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# **Southwestern Christian University**

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This catalog is effective beginning with the Fall Semester of 2010 and continuing through the Main Summer Sessions of 2015.

Students who were enrolled at SCU prior to the 2010 Fall Term and who have maintained matriculation without interruptions of no more than one year will not be subject to the new policies, and the University catalog in use during their initial matriculation will be used unless the student, in collaboration with their advisor, signs a transfer consent. All new students beginning fall 2010 will be subject to the policies outlined in this catalog. This catalog is intended to remain in place for a five year period before substantive changes are made.

## MISSION

Our Mission is Our Purpose....

*Southwestern Christian University  
is a Christ-centered liberal arts institution  
equipping students for a life of learning, leadership, and service;  
integrating faith, learning, and living;  
and empowering graduates  
to excel  
and to positively impact  
their world for Jesus Christ*



# SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

## LEGAL NOTICES

The provisions of this publication are not to be regarded as the irrevocable terms of a contract between the student and Southwestern Christian University. Changes are effected from time to time in admission requirements, academic requirements, general regulations, tuition, fees, financial aid and scholarship policies. A curriculum or graduation requirement, when altered, is not made retroactive unless the alteration is to the student's advantage and/or can be accommodated within the span of years normally required for graduation.

For information on educational expenses, student affairs, or financial aid, the student should contact his/her advisor or the respective administrative office. Information on current tuition and fees is published in the current semester's class schedule.

### **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY:**

Southwestern Christian University, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Higher Education Act), does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, qualified handicap or disability in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This provision includes but is not limited to admission, employment, financial aid and education services.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

With certain exceptions provided by law, Southwestern Christian University cannot release information concerning students to prospective employers, government agencies, credit bureaus, etc., without the written consent of the student. Students and alumni applying for jobs, credit, graduate school, etc., can expedite their applications by providing the university with written permission to release the specific records, and to which parties the releases should be made.

The student's written consent is not required for the disclosure of grades, disciplinary action, or other information to parents of dependent students as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Unless a student has submitted credible evidence of non-dependency, parents requesting information may generally be granted access upon submission to the college of an affidavit or other evidence of federal income dependency.

Southwestern Christian University hereby designates the following student information as public or directory information. Such information may be disclosed by the institution for any purpose, at its discretion.

- 1) Student's name
- 2) Local and permanent addresses
- 3) Telephone number
- 4) Date and place of birth
- 5) Major field of study
- 6) Sex
- 7) Academic classification
- 8) Participation in officially recognized organizations, activities and sports (including weight and height)
- 9) Educational institutions previously attended
- 10) Dates of attendance at Southwestern Christian University
- 11) Degrees and awards granted
- 12) Part or full-time enrollment status
- 13) Photographs
- 14) Church membership
- 15) Parent's name, address and telephone listing
- 16) Current class schedule

Currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. To withhold disclosure, written notification must be received at Southwestern Christian University, in the Registrar's Office, prior to September 15. Forms requesting the withholding of "Directory Information" are available in the Registrar's office.

Southwestern Christian University assumes that failure on the part of any student to specifically request the withholding of "Directory Information" indicates individual approval for disclosure.

### **Right of Access**

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, eligible students are entitled access to official educational records directly related to the student, including the right of inspection and review. Access will generally be granted within 48 hours of the request, but if delay is necessary, access must be granted no later than 45 days after the request. For academic records, requests for access should be directed to the Office of the Registrar in accordance with University regulations. (Parents of a dependent student as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 are entitled access to official educational records of that student.)

### **Access Rights**

The right of access shall include:

- A) The right to be provided a list of the types of educational records which are maintained by the institution and are directly related to the student;
- B) The right to inspect and review the content of those records;
- C) The right to obtain copies of those records, which may be at the expense of the eligible student or parent. Parents of a dependent student as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 are entitled access to official educational records of that student;
- D) The right to a response from the institution to reasonable request for explanations and interpretations of those records;
- E) The right to an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of those records under subpart 111 of this part: and if any material or document in the educational record of a student includes information on more than one student, the right to inspect and review only such part of such material or document as relates to the student or to be informed of the specific information contained in such part of such material.

### **Hearing**

- A) The hearing shall be conducted and decided within a reasonable period of time following the request for the hearing.
- B) The hearing shall be conducted, and the decision rendered by an institutional official or other party who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.
- C) The eligible parents or student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under subpart C. section 99.20 of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
- D) The decision shall be rendered in writing within a reasonable period of time after the conclusion of the hearing.

### **COMPLETION RATE**

Southwestern Christian University encourages students to complete their course of study and degree in a timely fashion. Twenty-five percent of the students matriculating in 1995 earned either an Associate of Arts or Bachelors degree, or completed their respective course of study.