

Concordia University Texas | Bachelor of Science in Biology

Discover Your Path in Science and Stewardship

Lead Through Science. Serve the World.

Austin, Texas, USA | concordia.edu/biology

Study in Austin

Austin was named the **#1 Best College Town in America for 2026** by *WalletHub* and **#9 Best Place to Live** by *U.S. News & World Report*. The city is known worldwide for innovation, safety, and opportunity, making it an ideal destination for international students.

Major industries

Healthcare, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Biomedical Research, Environmental & Sustainability Sciences, and Public Health—supporting careers in medicine, research, and global health

2.5 million+ Residents

The Austin Metro area was the #2 fastest-growing large metro in the U.S.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

40+

hospitals and healthcare facilities, including top-ranked centers

50,000 +

international professionals and students

300 days

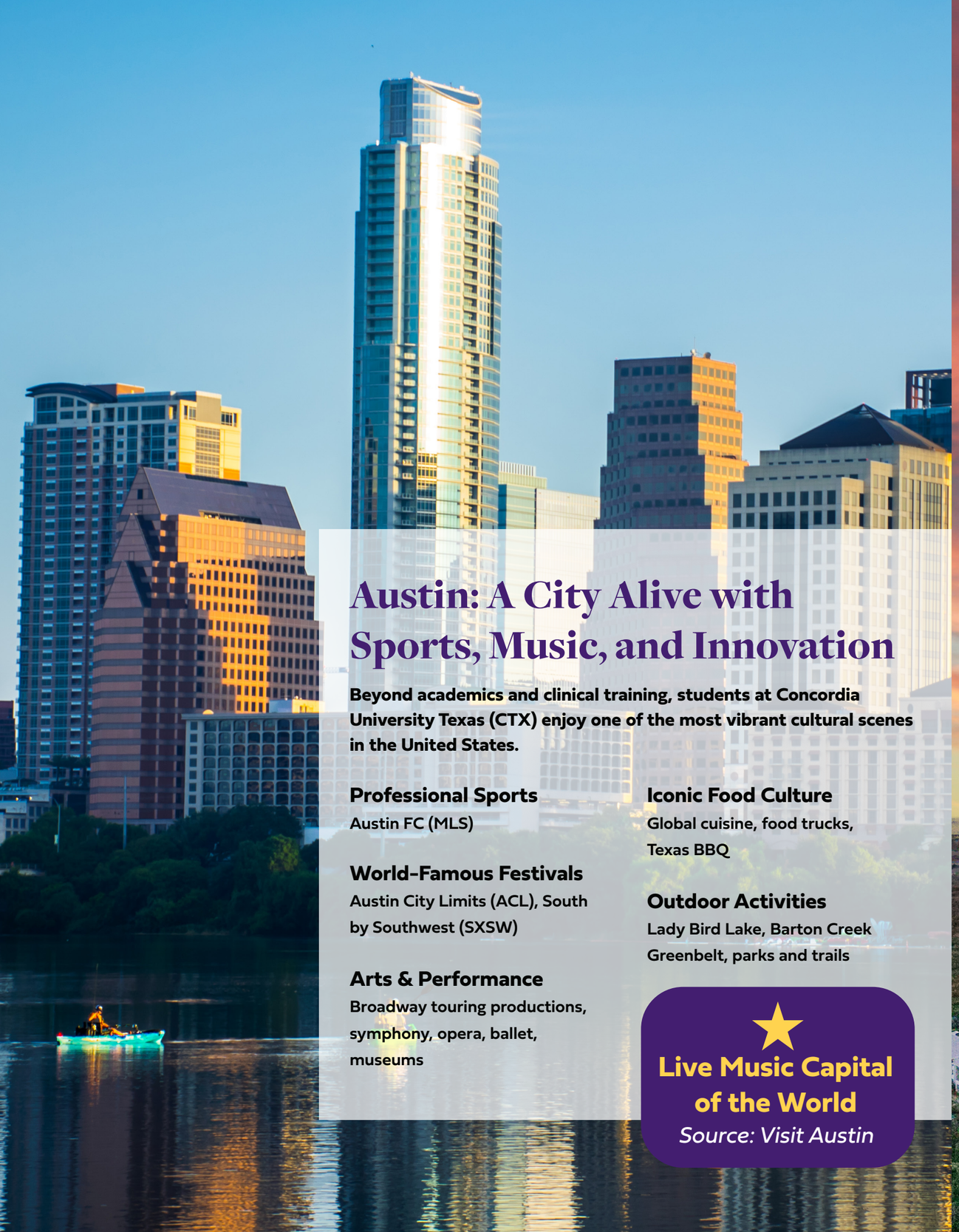
of sunshine per year in Austin



Rated one of the fastest-growing tech hubs in the world

Source: TrueUp

Warm climate and high quality of life



Austin: A City Alive with Sports, Music, and Innovation

Beyond academics and clinical training, students at Concordia University Texas (CTX) enjoy one of the most vibrant cultural scenes in the United States.

Professional Sports
Austin FC (MLS)

World-Famous Festivals
Austin City Limits (ACL), South by Southwest (SXSW)

Arts & Performance
Broadway touring productions, symphony, opera, ballet, museums

Iconic Food Culture
Global cuisine, food trucks, Texas BBQ

Outdoor Activities
Lady Bird Lake, Barton Creek Greenbelt, parks and trails

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Live Music Capital of the World
Source: Visit Austin

A Campus Designed for Connection and Growth

Founded in 1926, Concordia University Texas is a private, Christian university in Austin, Texas. Students benefit from small classes, personal support, and a safe 435-acre campus set in a nature preserve near downtown.

Faith, ethics, and academics are integrated to prepare graduates to serve others with skill and compassion.

435 acre
nature preserve campus

Modern residence halls for international students

Walking trails, study lounges, and student activity spaces

13:1
Small class sizes with personal faculty engagement

"Concordia fostered an environment of support and guidance while providing an excellent education. That foundation prepared me for long-term professional growth."



Dan Darden
Biology Graduate
Technical Support Engineer, Semiconductor Industry

Study in the Heart of Innovation

Austin provides Biology students with strong pathways in science, healthcare, biotechnology, and environmental fields. At Concordia University Texas, students learn through rigorous coursework, hands-on discovery, and Christian values—preparing to lead in medicine, research, and stewardship as part of a global community.

Austin Technology & Innovation

Austin is home to leading global technology companies, including:

- Apple
- Google
- Tesla
- Dell Technologies
- IBM
- Meta
- Samsung Semiconductor
- Oracle
- Amazon/AWS
- Indeed

Why Study Biology at Concordia University Texas?

At Concordia University Texas (CTX), the Biology program combines rigorous scientific training, personalized faculty mentorship, and hands-on research experiences within a supportive academic community. Students graduate prepared for medical school, graduate study, research careers, biotechnology industries, and global scientific leadership.

Students benefit from:

- Strong support for pre-med, pre-physical therapy, and graduate school preparation
- Personalized faculty mentorship, small classes and lab sizes, faculty-guided research projects
- Unique field-based learning on a 250-acre nature preserve campus





Degree

Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Duration

4 years (full-time, summer semesters optional)

STEM-designated program

Eligible international students may apply for:

- 12 months of OPT
- 24-month STEM OPT extension

Total: Up to 36 months of U.S. work authorization (subject to federal guidelines)

Learn More:
Bachelor of Science or Arts in Biology Course Sequence

Program Structure & Timeline

The biology degree at Concordia University Texas follows a clear, structured pathway designed to help international students stay on track academically and make steady progress toward graduation and future careers.

Phase of Study	What You Complete	Typical Timing
Foundational Coursework	General education, introductory biology, chemistry, math, and supporting science courses	Years 1-2
Upper-Division Biology Sequence	Upper-division BIO courses, advanced laboratories, research experiences, and optional internships or fieldwork	Years 3-4
Total Time to Degree	Completion of all academic requirements for the BS or BA in Biology	Approximately 4 years

Career Opportunities

A Biology degree from Concordia University Texas provides a strong foundation for careers and graduate study in healthcare, research, environmental science, and related fields worldwide. Through rigorous academics, hands-on learning, and personalized faculty support, students graduate prepared for the next step in their academic or professional journey.

272,635
Currently Employed

$69,672
Average Salary

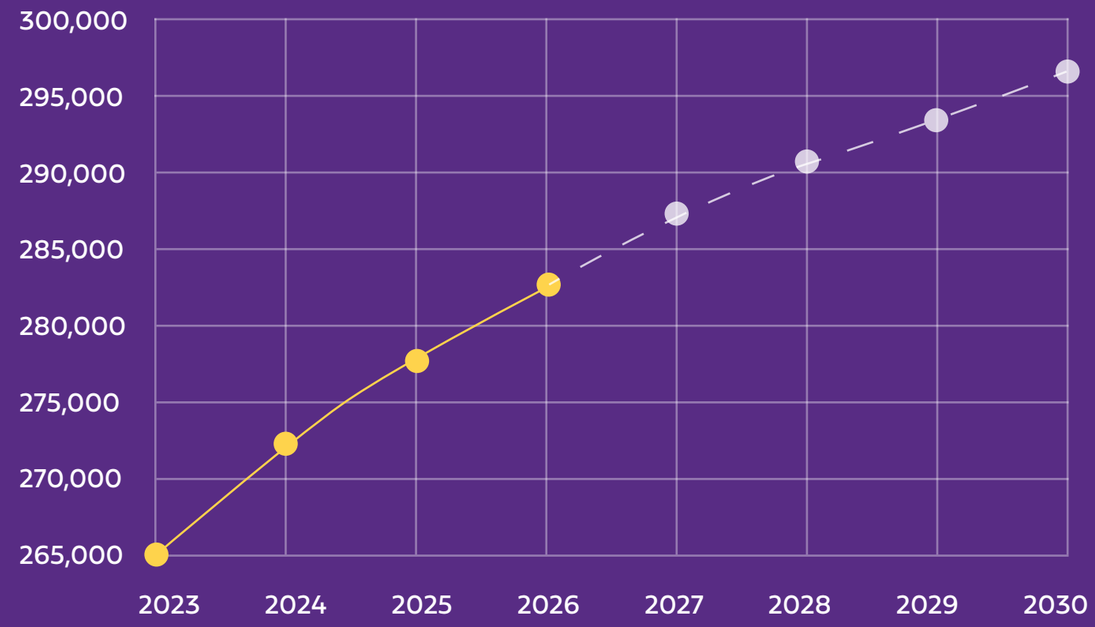
4,501
Job Postings

Top Occupations by Income in Texas

Natural Sciences Managers	**$130,145**
Postsecondary Teachers	**$86,523**
Biological Scientists, All Other	**$80,409**
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	**$61,860**
Forensic Science Technicians	**$55,886**



Employment Trends in Texas



Annual Employment Numbers

6.5% **Past Growth** 2023-2026

4.8% **Projected Growth** 2026-2030

Biology Graduates Pursue Pathways Such As:

- Physician or Physician Assistant
- Dentist or Dental Professional
- Veterinarian or Animal Health Professional
- Environmental Scientist or Ecologist
- Research Scientist or Laboratory Technician
- Physical or Occupational Therapist
- Biotechnology or Pharmaceutical Professional
- Educator or Science Communicator

Some career pathways may require additional graduate study, professional training, or country-specific licensure.

A Globally Recognized Biology Degree

Concordia Texas Biology graduates are known for scientific rigor, ethical leadership, and adaptability across laboratory, clinical, and field settings. Whether pursuing careers or advanced study in the U.S. or abroad, graduates are well prepared for long-term success in medicine, research, and environmental science.

International Student Pathway

International students begin with a strong foundation in biology and progress into hands-on coursework and research. This structured pathway supports planning for graduation, **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** eligibility (subject to federal guidelines), and preparation for graduate or professional study.

Learn Alongside Scientists. Grow Through Discovery.

At Concordia University Texas, Biology students do more than study science. They practice it alongside faculty who know them by name.

Professors personally lead laboratory and field research experiences, mentoring students in hands-on scientific inquiry. Students gain real-world experience using professional-grade equipment and research methodologies that prepare them for graduate study, healthcare careers, and scientific leadership.

Concordia Texas Biology faculty:

- Personally lead hands-on laboratory and field biology courses
- Provide individualized academic support in small classes
- Mentor students through research, internships, and field experiences
- Guide professional school and graduate program applications
- Write strong, personalized letters of recommendation and offer career advising



"At Concordia University Texas, Biology students learn to lead through science on a global stage. Our program emphasizes hands-on, experiential learning that prepares students to address worldwide challenges in health, sustainability, and research. Through international fieldwork, global collaboration, and cross-cultural discovery, students see how biology connects people and ecosystems across borders. They graduate as confident, compassionate leaders ready to innovate, serve, and make a meaningful impact in communities around the world."

Dr. Mary Kay Johnston (Left) and Dr. Jen Hofmann (Right), Program Coordinators, Biology

A Community Where You Belong

Concordia Texas is a Christ-centered university where students from all backgrounds are welcomed, respected, and supported. Students at CTX live and learn in a safe and beautiful environment.







Belonging Starts Here

- 20+ student organizations
- Chapel and faith-centered events
- Faculty mentorship
- Community events and service opportunities

Faith, Purpose, and Support Systems

Students grow in purpose through chapel gatherings, service opportunities, and mentorship with caring faculty and staff.

Concordia University Texas is rooted in the Lutheran tradition and welcomes students of all faiths, as well as those still exploring their beliefs.









Weekly chapel and faith-centered events

Faculty mentors who support personal and academic growth

A respectful community built on compassion and purpose

Academic and Well-Being Support

At Concordia University Texas, Biology students gain career-ready skills through hands-on laboratory and field experiences, guided by close faculty mentorship. Personalized support and Christian values shape an academic environment that prepares students for professional pathways, graduate study, and service-driven leadership.









"The academic support you will get here is phenomenal. The support has been huge in making sure that the career goals I have are mapped out well. They look beyond the four years, and that's just incredible."

- Jimmy, Business Major, Tanzania

At CTX, You Will

- Live in a safe and supportive residential community
- Study on a peaceful campus near downtown Austin
- Be known by name and supported by dedicated faculty
- Find belonging in a faith-guided, welcoming environment
- Build academic confidence and personal well-being
- Have on-campus work opportunities



This supportive environment helps students thrive academically, personally, and professionally.

"Concordia University Texas gave me the opportunity to network with professionals in my field."

- Claudia, MBA Graduate '25, Honduras



Residential Life: Your Home on Campus

Living on campus helps international students feel grounded, supported, and connected from day one.



Dining on Campus

Students choose flexible meal plans and enjoy fresh meals with diverse options. The dining hall is a central place to gather and connect.

19-meal plan per week

14-meal plan per week

Shared Amenities

- Suite-style rooms
- Community kitchens
- Laundry facilities
- Study rooms
- Key-controlled access

Microwaves and refrigerators are provided in each room in Alumni and Founders Halls. Students living in Regents Hall have access to fully equipped community kitchens.



Regents Hall

Community-focused living with large lounges, study areas, and shared social spaces. Features an outdoor amphitheater, patio, and modern mail center.

Founders Hall

Modern residence hall with bright gathering spaces, community kitchens, and flexible study areas. Known for a friendly, social atmosphere.

Alumni Hall

Suite-style hall offering community lounges, game areas, and quiet study rooms for a balance of comfort and connection.







Tornado Trail: Nature at Your Doorstep

CTX sits on a 435-acre nature preserve with direct access to the Tornado Trail, a peaceful walking and jogging path for exercise, reflection, and time with friends.



International Admissions Requirements & Process

Our admissions process for international students is designed to be straightforward and supportive every step of the way.



Requirements

- ☐ Completed online application and $50 application fee
- ☐ Submit Transcript - International secondary/high school transcripts may be evaluated by Concordia University Texas for admission purposes. In some cases, CTX may require a credential evaluation from a NACES-recognized provider, such as WES. Students who have completed post-secondary coursework outside the U.S. may be required to submit a course-by-course evaluation if seeking transfer credit.
- ☐ Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 80 overall / IELTS 5.5+ / Duolingo 105+)
- ☐ Copy of passport and proof of financial support

Process

Step 1: Submit your application and required documents.

Step 2: Receive your academic admissions decision.

Step 3: Submit your proof of financial support.

Step 4: Receive your Form I-20 for F-1 visa processing.

Step 5: Schedule your visa appointment and prepare for arrival in Austin, Texas.

Step 6: Pay the $3,000 enrollment deposit, within 7 days of visa issuance. The enrollment deposit is applied directly toward tuition upon enrollment.

Concordia University Texas's admissions and international support teams are available to guide you through each step, ensuring a smooth and transparent process for all international students.

Concordia University Texas is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students



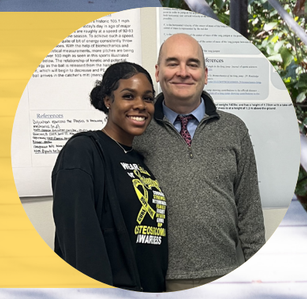
"The professors become part of your community. Many people don't get that level of communication and long-term support from their professors."

Talia Freeman
Biology Graduate | Certified Arborist
Plant Healthcare Business Developer



"Stay on top of your work, build strong relationships with your professors, and stay disciplined. That support helped me earn admission into an Occupational Therapy program."

Zakari Perry
Biology Graduate



Understanding Tuition & Cost of Attendance

Concordia University Texas | International Undergraduate Students | 2026-2027

Pursuing a university education in another country is a significant investment and an important decision. This one-page guide outlines tuition and estimated costs associated with studying at Concordia University Texas. All amounts below reflect the 2026–2027 academic year and are shown in U.S. dollars (USD).

What You Pay for Classes

Annual Undergraduate Tuition (International Students):

- $25,900 per academic year (Includes tuition and general fees. Required textbooks are provided at no additional cost.)
- This covers Fall and Spring semesters only
- Full-time enrollment means 12–18 credit hours per semester

Housing Costs (Living on Campus)

If you live on campus, housing costs depend on the type of room you choose. These prices are for the entire academic year.

- Single Room (1 student per room): $17,000
- Double Room (2 students per room): $8,500
- Triple Room (3 students per room): $5,900
  *Limited Space Available**

Meal Plans

Students who live on campus choose a meal plan. Prices below are for the academic year.

- Meal Plan A (19 meals per week): $5,440
- Meal Plan B (14 meals per week): $5,100



Global Distinguished Scholar Award | *Up To* $32,000*

This award recognizes academically strong international students pursuing a degree at Concordia University Texas. Eligible students may receive a merit-based scholarship of up to $32,000 over four academic years (up to $8,000 per academic year). Students who meet the academic requirements of a 2.5 GPA are automatically considered for this award at the time of admission. Recipients must maintain full-time enrollment and remain in good academic standing to retain the award.

Estimated 2026-2027 Expenses

Cost Categories	
Tuition & General Fees: *(Includes tuition and general fees. Required textbooks are provided at no additional cost.)*	$25,900.00
Global Distinguished Scholar Award*:	($8,000.00)
Per Academic Year Net Tuition & Fees: *(Includes tuition and general fees. Required textbooks are provided at no additional cost.)*	**$17,900.00**
Estimated Supplies:	$323.00
On-Campus Housing: *(Double Occupancy)*	$8,500.00
Meal Plan: *(14 Meals a week)*	$5,100.00
Estimated Transportation:	$1,950.00
Estimated Personal Expenses:	$1,500.00
Estimated International Health Insurance:	$2,505.00
Total Estimated Academic Year Cost of Attendance: *(Includes tuition and general fees. Required textbooks are provided at no additional cost.)*	$37,778.00

**Up to $8,000 per year distributed over four academic years.*
**Net tuition reflects Global Distinguished Scholar Award applied.*



Take the Next Step Toward Your Future

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