

Concordia University Texas

Where Curiosity Meets Career-Ready Confidence

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Austin, Texas, USA

concordia.edu/chemistry

Study in Austin

Austin was named the **#1 Best College Town in America for 2026** by WalletHub. The city is known worldwide for innovation, safety, and opportunity, making it an ideal destination for international students.

Major Industries

Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare & Biomedical Research, Environmental & Sustainability Sciences, Energy & Advanced Materials, and Technology Manufacturing

50,000 +
international professionals and students

2.5 million+
Residents
Austin metro population

300 days
of sunshine per year in Austin

40+
hospitals and healthcare facilities, including top-ranked centers

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, 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

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

Study in the Heart of Innovation

Austin combines cultural vibrancy with expanding opportunities in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, energy, and environmental sciences. Chemistry students benefit from a city known for innovation and scientific growth. At Concordia University Texas, you'll explore the structure and reactions that shape our world through challenging coursework and hands-on lab experience. Grounded in Christian values, you'll graduate prepared to serve in healthcare, research, industry, and global scientific advancement.

Students may pursue internships or research experiences with laboratories, healthcare organizations, environmental agencies, and technology companies in the Austin region.

Austin Technology & Innovation

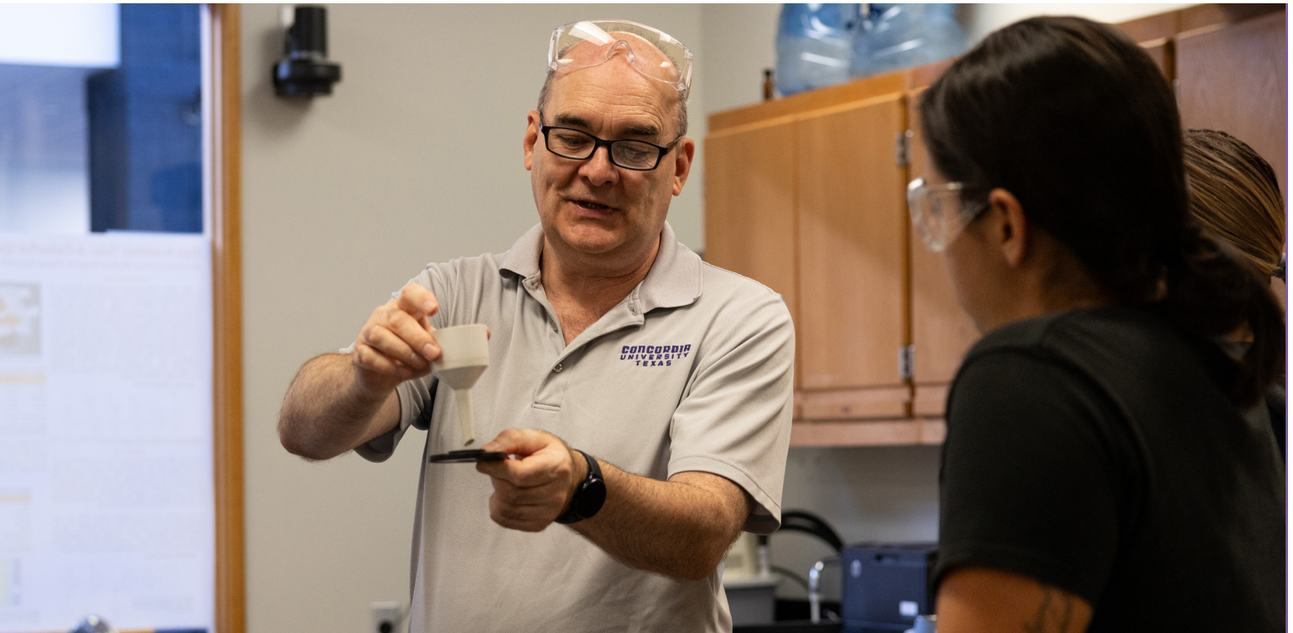
Austin is home to leading global technology companies, including:

- Apple
- Google
- St. David's HealthCare
- IBM
- Meta
- Baylor Scott & White
- Oracle
- Amazon/AWS
- Indeed
- Samsung

Why Study Chemistry at Concordia University Texas?

At Concordia University Texas, curiosity meets career-ready confidence. Our Chemistry program combines academic excellence, hands-on laboratory training, and Christian values to prepare you for meaningful work in healthcare, industry, research, chemical engineering, and environmental science.

- **Small Classes, Global Impact:** Study in a 13:1 learning environment where faculty mentor you personally and prepare you for international careers.
- **Research from Year One:** Hands-on laboratory experience from year one. Students begin laboratory training early, building practical skills essential for research, healthcare, and industry careers.
- **Global STEM Pathways:** Prepare for medicine, pharmacy, biotechnology, energy, research, and graduate study.
- **Applied Career Preparation:** Gain practical laboratory and analytical experience that prepares you for internships, global employment, and competitive graduate programs.
- **Ethics in Science:** Develop the character and leadership needed to serve communities across cultures.



Program Overview

The Chemistry major begins with a strong foundation in core scientific coursework before advancing into upper-level chemistry classes with immersive laboratory experiences, collaborative faculty-guided undergraduate research, applied, problem-focused projects and laboratory investigations. This progression develops the knowledge, technical skills, and ethical perspective needed for careers in science, healthcare, industry, and graduate study.





Degree

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Duration

4 years (full-time; summer semesters optional)

Pre-Health & Graduate Preparation:

Advising and coursework aligned with medical school (MD), pharmacy (PharmD), dentistry, physician assistant programs, and graduate research degrees (MS/PhD)

Distinctive Learning Environment:

435-acre nature preserve campus supporting field-based learning

STEM-Designated Major:

Eligible students may qualify for up to 36 months of OPT (12-month OPT plus a 24-month STEM extension), subject to federal eligibility requirements.

Program Structure & Timeline

The Chemistry 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 chemistry, math, physics, and supporting science courses	Years 1–2
Upper-Division Chemistry Sequence	Upper-division chemistry courses, advanced laboratories, research experiences, and optional internships or project-based learning opportunities	Years 3-4
Total Time to Degree	Completion of all academic requirements for the BS in Chemistry	Approximately 4 years

What this means for international students:

You begin with a strong foundation in chemistry and supporting sciences, then advance into upper-level labs and research in Austin's growing science and technology hub. This clear academic pathway helps you plan confidently for graduation, Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunities (in accordance with federal guidelines), and applications to graduate or professional programs in medicine, pharmacy, research, chemical engineering, or environmental science

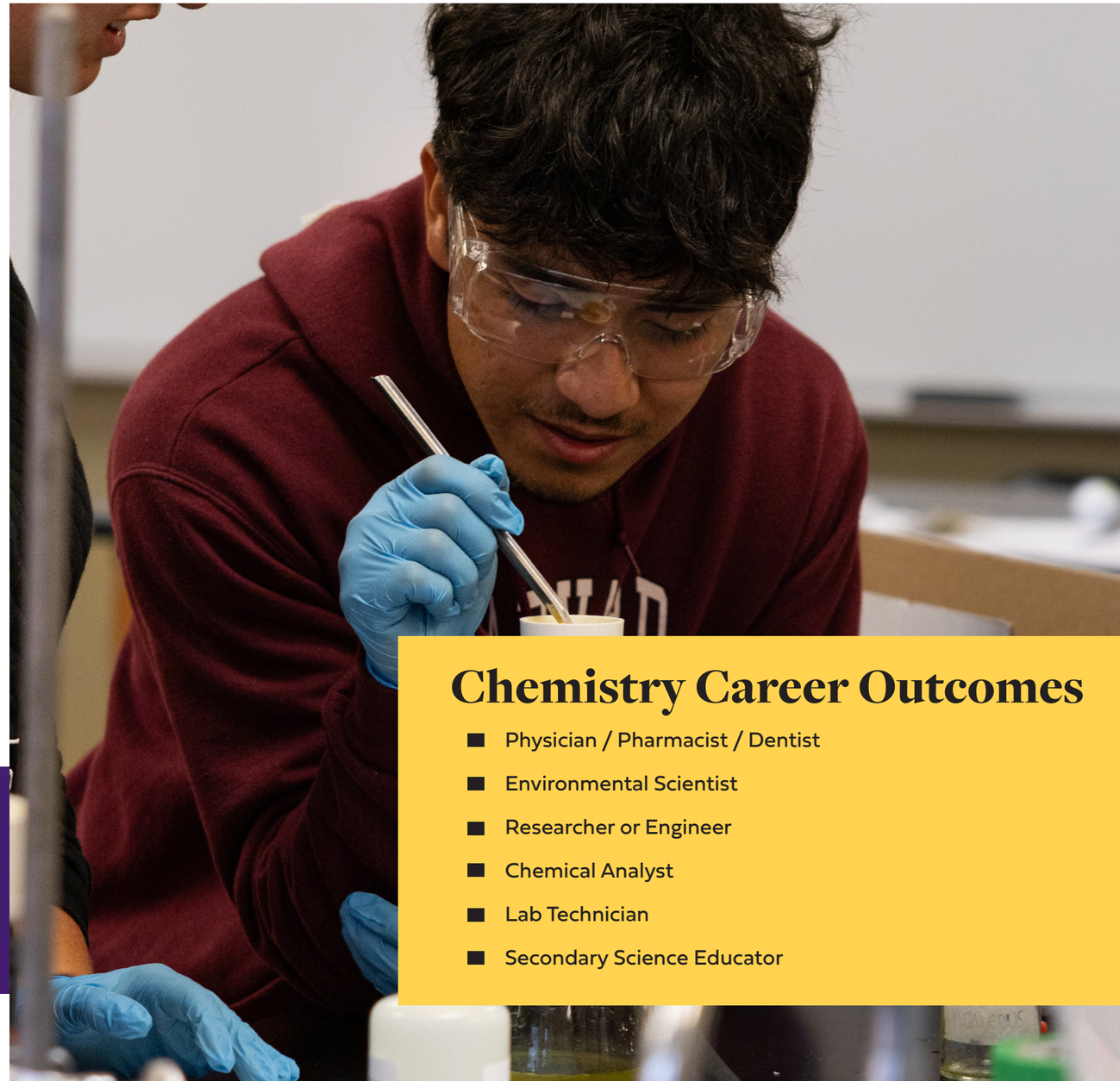


"Concordia University Texas provided strong academic support and practical learning experiences that prepared me for professional success. Through team projects and faculty mentorship, I developed leadership, problem-solving, and collaboration skills that I use in my career today. When challenges felt overwhelming, my professors encouraged me and helped me grow with confidence."

- Hang Mai, International Student & Concordia University Texas Graduate

Career Opportunities

A Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Concordia University Texas opens doors to a wide range of professional pathways in the United States and around the world. With rigorous academic preparation, extensive, hands-on experience in modern laboratories and project-based settings, and access to Austin's vibrant science, technology, and healthcare networks, Concordia University Texas Chemistry graduates are well-prepared to make an immediate impact in today's evolving scientific, industrial, and health-related fields.



Chemistry Career Outcomes

- Physician / Pharmacist / Dentist
- Environmental Scientist
- Researcher or Engineer
- Chemical Analyst
- Lab Technician
- Secondary Science Educator

Strong Outcomes and Career Preparation

Chemistry at Concordia Texas prepares you for your next step. Graduates enter medical and pharmacy programs, research laboratories, biotechnology and energy companies, or continue to graduate school.

As a STEM-designated major, international students may be eligible for up to 36 months of Optional Practical Training (12-month OPT plus a 24-month STEM extension), according to federal guidelines.





"I chose Concordia University Texas because I wanted a university that would support me and help me succeed. As a first-generation college student, I found professors who truly cared about my growth and made sure I had the academic support I needed. Through campus organizations and service opportunities, I built leadership skills and strong relationships that shaped my college experience."

- Mercedes Sotelo, Concordia University Texas Graduate





A Globally Recognized Chemistry Degree

Graduates of the Concordia University Texas Chemistry program are known for scientific rigor, ethical leadership, and adaptability in laboratories and research environments across the world. Whether you plan to work in the United States, return home to serve your community, or pursue advanced education in chemistry, pharmacy, chemical engineering, materials science, or related fields, your training at Concordia University Texas helps position you for long-term success in a wide range of global careers.

A Community Where You Belong

Concordia Texas is a Christ-centered university where students from all backgrounds are welcomed, respected, and supported. CTX Students live and learn in a safe, 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, Chemistry students gain career-ready skills through hands-on laboratory research, analytical training, and close faculty mentorship. Personalized support and Christian values shape an academic environment that prepares students for professional pathways, graduate study, and service-driven leadership in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, energy, advanced materials, research, and environmental science.



Student Success Team
offering academic and financial guidance

Free tutoring
through Tutor.com + peer tutoring

Counseling services and wellness resources

Personalized advising
for international students



"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.

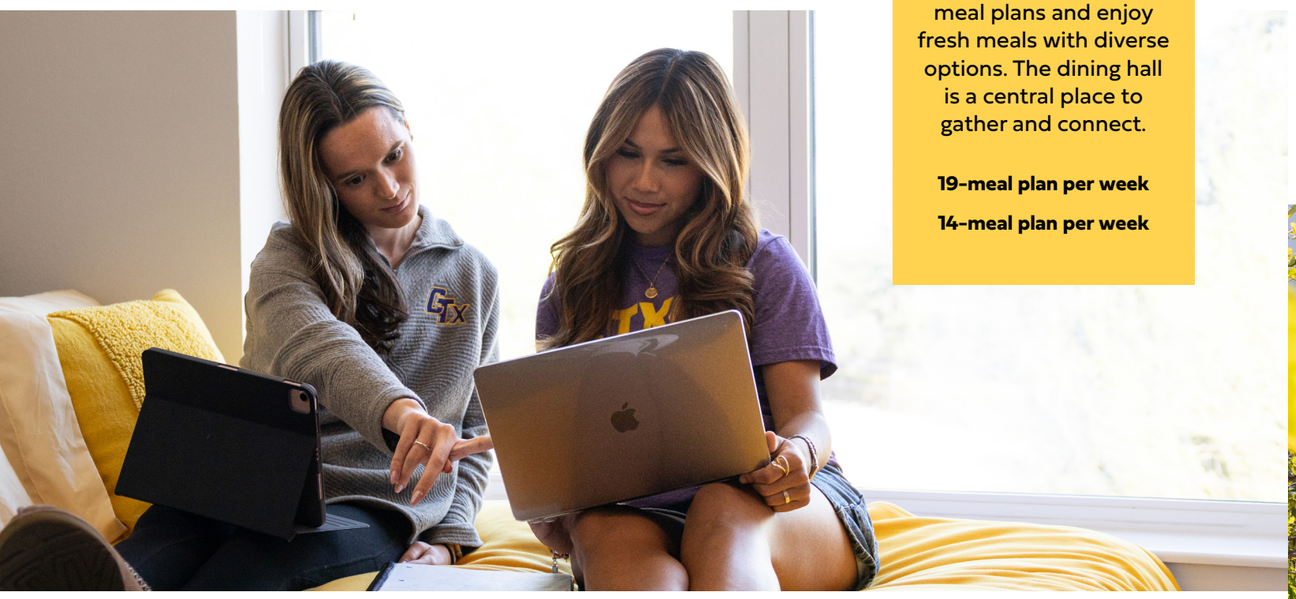
"CTX gave me the opportunity to network with professionals in my field."

- 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.



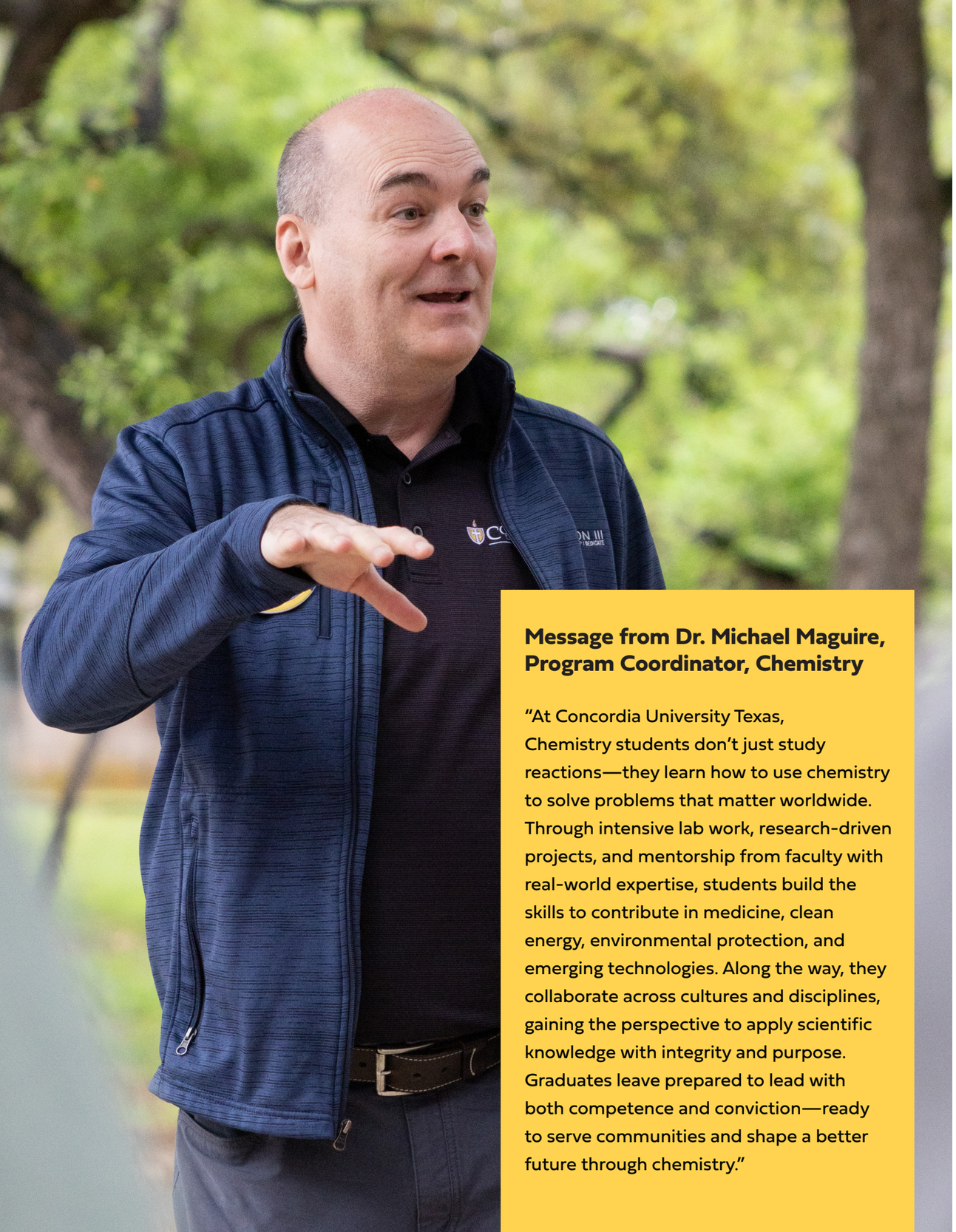




Tornado Trail: Nature at Your Doorstep

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.





Message from Dr. Michael Maguire, Program Coordinator, Chemistry

"At Concordia University Texas, Chemistry students don't just study reactions—they learn how to use chemistry to solve problems that matter worldwide. Through intensive lab work, research-driven projects, and mentorship from faculty with real-world expertise, students build the skills to contribute in medicine, clean energy, environmental protection, and emerging technologies. Along the way, they collaborate across cultures and disciplines, gaining the perspective to apply scientific knowledge with integrity and purpose. Graduates leave prepared to lead with both competence and conviction—ready to serve communities and shape a better future through chemistry."

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

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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