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University of Arizona



Shape the world in your own unique way at the University of Arizona, one of the nation's best investments for academic quality and return on your tuition dollars. With hundreds of majors to choose from and even more experiential learning opportunities, you can create an educational journey that aligns with your interests, values, and strengths. And while you focus on achieving your big-picture goals, we'll do our best to help you understand your financial aid options and figure out your path ahead. No goal is too ambitious when you're an Arizona Wildcat.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach **New Start**

Get a jump start on your transition to college via New Start, a six-week bridge program the summer before your first year. Earn college credits, get comfortable navigating the university and its resources, and form new friendships. Learn more: <https://newstart.arizona.edu>

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid**

We're ready to help you navigate your financial aid options, which may include scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study. Once you apply, you'll automatically be considered for merit scholarships. And once you're admitted, you'll gain access to our scholarship-matching tool—Scholarship Universe. Learn more: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu>

> Academic Advising & Support **Student Success District**

Located in the heart of campus, our Student Success District is designed to help you collaborate, experiment, and elevate your academic studies, career outlook, and personal wellness. Get access to library spaces, 3D printing, data studios, career coaching, tutoring, and so much more. Learn more: <https://studentsuccess.arizona.edu>

> Student Life & Support **First Cats**

We're proud that more than 30 percent of Wildcats are first-generation college students. First Cats helps them find community, stay motivated, and flourish during every stage of their academic career, from the transition to college to preparing for life after graduation. Learn more: <https://thrive.arizona.edu/first-cats>

> Academic Advising & Support **The A Center**

If you're unsure about what to major in, the A Center provides advising for Undeclared, Transitional, Pre-Health Professions, and Pre-Law students. Advisors will connect you with opportunities for academic exploration, degree pathways, leadership development, and much more. Learn more: <http://theacenter.arizona.edu>

> Academic Advising & Support **Student Engagement & Career Development**

Whether you know exactly what career you want or you're still figuring it out, Student Engagement & Career Development offers career advising and connections to internships, research projects, volunteering, and other opportunities that will help you uncover your passions and build experience to impress employers. Learn more: <https://career.arizona.edu>

> Student Life & Support **Cultural and Resource Centers**

Find community and get involved in causes you care about at one of Arizona's cultural and resource centers. Each center provides opportunities for leadership development, as well as a welcoming and inclusive environment where you can find a home away from home. Learn more: <https://diversity.arizona.edu>

University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ
www.arizona.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	37,979
Acceptance Rate	87%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 17:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	5%
Black	4%
Hispanic	28%
International/non-resident	5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	49%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	570-680
SAT Math	570-690
ACT	21-29

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	64%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General; Physiology, Pathology and Related Sciences; Communication and Media Studies; Public Health

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$14,721
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,240
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,651
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,785
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$18,520
\$110,001+	\$20,230

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/cost/npcc>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	28%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,620
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$208/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$59,979
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University of Arkansas–Fort Smith



The University of Arkansas – Fort Smith has never really fit the mold of a typical university—and we've never really wanted to. Our passion isn't to replicate how higher education's always been done, but to redefine it for the good of our students. And we mean all of them. From high school seniors to senior professionals, first-generation students to second-chance underdogs, our goal has always been to provide each student with the most relevant education that honors their unique, personal situation and life goals.

That means providing an abundance of academic options, including a range of courses and credentials that include certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees, and an abundance of opportunities beyond the classroom.

This well-rounded, comprehensive, flexible, and dynamic set of options and opportunities lead to unbounded possibilities for all those who call UAFS home.

> Special Admissions Policy **Lion Scholars**

The Lion Scholars program offers intentional connections to academic support services to assure your success at UAFS. Students that do not meet the unconditional admissions requirements are eligible. Requirements: Composite ACT score of 15 with minimum developmental level scores in each subsection (13 math, 15 reading, and 15 English). SAT and ACCUPLACER equivalents are acceptable, AND a cumulative high school GPA of 2.25 or higher.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Freshman Merit Scholarships (Multiple Options)**

Scholarships are for four years or completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. Renewal is based upon the completion of 24 hours per academic year. Students must also earn a 3.0 GPA for Platinum, Gold, and Silver renewal and 2.5 GPA for Bronze and Lion Pride scholarships. Merit scholarship housing stipends are valid for Lion's Den housing for up to two years. Your admission application also acts as your application for both merit and foundation-based scholarships. There is no need to submit a separate scholarship application!

> Open House, Fly-in, Visit **Den Days**

Step into the shoes of a full-time student at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. You'll talk directly with professors in the programs of your choice and receive personal tours of the classrooms and labs associated with each area. Whatever your career goal—entering the field of health care, leading a classroom, transforming the world of art, owning your own business, or anything in between—you'll learn how UAFS can help you achieve it. Of course, college isn't just about what happens in the classroom, which is why you'll also gain access to some of UAFS's most popular student facilities. You'll tour the multi-million dollar Boreham Library, Academic Success Center, Writing Center, Lion's Den housing, and Recreation and Wellness Center—better known as the RAWC. (Play your cards right and you may get to tackle the 35-foot-tall climbing wall!) You'll even enjoy lunch with your classmates in the Lion's Den Dining Hall. Helpful admissions, financial aid, and housing advisors will be on hand to help answer your questions and assist you in the application process.

University of Arkansas–Fort Smith
Fort Smith, AR
www.uafs.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	4,143
Acceptance Rate	100%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	52%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 19:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	2%
Asian	5%
Black	4%
Hispanic	18%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	10%
Unknown	0%
White	59%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	69%
Graduation Rate	39%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Precision Metal Working; Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Technologies; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$10,737
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$9,197
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$9,530
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,055
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$13,361
\$110,001+	\$12,307

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://uafs.edu/tuition-and-aid/net-price-calculator.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	38%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,250
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$193/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$41,102
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Azusa Pacific University



Azusa Pacific University is a community of difference makers—disciples and scholars seeking a transformational education experience. At APU, you can discover your higher calling and make an impact in the world for Christ. APU is a community that reflects its location in the heart of Southern California. Just 20 miles east of Los Angeles—one of the most diverse cities in the country—APU welcomes students from many cultures and backgrounds in an environment that sees each individual as a reflection of God's image. This diversity led the U.S. Department of Education to recognize APU as a Minority-Serving Institution, including recognition as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). APU offers 63 bachelor's degrees in addition to master's and doctoral degrees. Several APU offices, centers, and programs support the diverse needs of students, including the Academic Success Center, the Center for Career and Community-Engaged Learning, and programs for first-generation college students, as well as the initiatives below.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Success Coaches and Academic Success Launch Program (ASLP)

In addition to an assigned Academic Success Coach, the ASLP provides all students with equal opportunities to demonstrate their academic ability at the collegiate level. Students who are admitted to ASLP will gain an increased awareness of on-campus resources, create personal and academic goals, and will be able to implement strategies to maintain good academic standing at APU through the Academic Success Lab course.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach C.H.A.M.P.

Each year, this nine-week program introduces the idea of college to 600 at-risk fourth graders from six local elementary schools. This program includes intensive small-group work during the regular school day, a campus visit to APU, a graduation ceremony held in the Felix Event Center, opportunities for membership in the C.H.A.M.P. Alumni Association, and parent workshops about college.

> Student Affairs Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity

In support of the university's broader mission of advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity (SCRD) designs and implements an array of services and programs that promote equity-minded recruitment and retention, leadership development, identity development, and the pursuit of holistic success for APU's diverse student population, especially historically underrepresented students. SCRD's efforts expand identity and cultural awareness for all students, faculty, and staff; promote equity; and model racial reconciliation, unity, and an appreciation of all cultures and nations.

> College Success Support TRIO Student Support Services

TRIO, a student support services program, provides first-generation college students and others with support as they navigate the college journey. The program offers support services and resources in a positive, engaging environment to help students navigate college, build their sense of belonging and confidence, and strengthen their self-efficacy. The program aims to increase the college retention and graduation rates of first-generation students.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach TRIO Upward Bound

TRIO Upward Bound supports aspiring first-generation college students at Azusa High School who exhibit academic potential by providing holistic programming and financial and academic support. TRIO Upward Bound equips participants to graduate from high school, apply to college, and complete an associate or bachelor's degree.

Azusa Pacific University
Azusa, CA
www.apu.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,344
Acceptance Rate	87%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	40%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	13%
Black	6%
Hispanic	38%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	4%
White	28%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	510-630
SAT Math	470-610
ACT	21-28

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	79%
Graduation Rate	72%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Psychology, General; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$19,968
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,907
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$19,768
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,999
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,048
\$110,001+	\$28,810

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.apu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/financialaid/calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	49%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,219
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$246/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$66,677
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Claremont McKenna College



Since its inception in 1946, Claremont McKenna College has been committed to providing its students with a robust and rigorous world-class liberal arts education. Education at CMC is rooted in the interplay between the double helix of theory and action—this is the place where the world of ideas and the world of events come together as one. Today, CMC ranks among the nation's premier liberal arts colleges, enrolling 1,300 young men and women who are eager to engage in intellectually stimulating discussions, seek to develop practical solutions to today's challenges and needs, and who expect to make significant contributions to their communities. With a need blind policy—students are admitted without regard to their family's financial resources—and pledge to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted US citizens and permanent residents, CMC is committed to ensuring diversity in its student body.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **PREVIEW CMC!**

Each October, CMC hosts a visit program for high school seniors from historically underrepresented communities—first-generation American, first-generation to college, etc.—who demonstrate strong academic excellence and genuine interest in exploring all that CMC has to offer. To apply, visit <https://www.cmc.edu/admission/visit/diversityflyin>.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Need-Blind, Scholarships, Scholar Community**

CMC is need-blind for our US citizens and permanent residents and meets 100% of the student's demonstrated need. We are proud to be a QuestBridge College Partner, and partner with many other organizations. Our robust Scholar Community Program is comprised of individual experiential learning communities to support students in a variety of disciplines. For more information please visit: www.cmc.edu/admission/scholarships

> First Year Experience & Transition **Welcome Orientation Adventure (W.O.A.)**

Our orientation program is a 10-day experience where new students connect with upperclassmen guides who guide and mentor them through their first year. All students participate in a W.O.A. trip and attend sessions on course planning and a host of CMC resources. A faculty mentor will also advise students on course curriculum.

> Student Life & Support **The C.A.R.E. Center (Civility, Access, Resources, Expression)**

The C.A.R.E. Center is a major catalyst on campus for creating an environment to help foster learning about our own identity, respecting others, and making the community a more inclusive place. This happens through weekly education workshops, dialogues, and identity-based discussions. CMC also offers additional resources, including office hours at the Queer Resource Center, the Office of Black Student Affairs, the Student Disability Resource Center, Chicano/Latino Student Affairs, and the Chaplain's Office.

> Student Life & Support **Sponsored Internships & Experiences Program (SIE)**

All students should have the opportunity to explore careers and take advantage of experiential learning. SIE provides funding for students, particularly in their first and second summers, to pursue domestic and international experiences of 4-12 weeks in length. For the summer of 2024, 464 students were sponsored with an average stipend of \$3,995.

Claremont McKenna College
Claremont, CA
www.cmc.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,383
Acceptance Rate	10%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	16%
Black	6%
Hispanic	16%
International/non-resident	15%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	4%
White	35%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	710-760
SAT Math	730-790
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Political Science and Government; Research and Experimental Psychology; International Relations and National Security Studies; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$19,489
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$8,000
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,341
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,161
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,384
\$110,001+	\$52,737

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/claremontmckenna>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	16%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$13,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$143/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$104,736
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Otis College of Art and Design



Established in 1918, Otis College of Art and Design offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide variety of visual and applied arts, media, and design. Core programs in liberal arts, business practices, and community-driven projects support the College's mission to prepare diverse students to enrich the world through their creativity, skill, and vision.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Open House**

At Open House, students and their families and friends can participate in art and design workshops, meet current students, faculty and department chairs, and receive one-on-one counseling about Admissions and Financial Aid. First-generation students will also have the opportunity to learn about the full range of student services offered at the college.

> Student Life & Support **Career Services**

Career Services educates and empowers students to achieve professional success. The department helps students move from college to career through individualized career advising, internship and job fairs that link students to industry pros, workshops and special events, recruiting opportunities, and much more. A great fact for first-generation students to know is that 96% of Otis Alumni are employed within one year of graduating!

> Pre-College Summer Experience **Summer of Art**

Summer of Art is a four-week intensive pre-college experience for students ages 15+ that includes hands-on studio courses in a variety of disciplines. Students typically create enough work in the program to develop a full portfolio. Scholarships are available.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach **Portfolio Preparation Courses**

Otis College offers weekend courses focused on portfolio development. They are a great way for students in the L.A. region to come to the campus weekly to boost their creative skills. First-generation students can apply for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition if admitted.

> Academic Advising & Support **Student Learning Center (SLC)**

First-generation students can partner with our SLC anytime throughout their studies. Our SLC tutors offer support for students to grow as individuals, scholars, and artists. Students are also assigned to one-on-one peer and academic mentors to ensure their success at the college. Any help or support students need, we have someone on-campus to help them out.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Otis College offers various resources and scholarship opportunities including merit-based scholarships for academic and artistic achievement, need-based grants, Yellow Ribbon (for veterans and veteran dependents) benefits, and more. 92% of Otis students receive financial aid. First-generation students receive one-on-one counseling by Admissions and Financial Aid Counselors.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **The Core**

The Core experience begins in the first year at Otis College. Students of diverse backgrounds come together to complete the Foundation Program, a dedicated year of experimenting, skill building, and ultimately choosing their major. Throughout the 4-year experience, students take Liberal Arts and Sciences courses, as well as a community-based arts engagement program called Creative Action. The College also hosts a welcome event for incoming first-generation students the summer before they begin their studies, to help them feel connected to the community and to learn about the many resources available on campus.

Otis College of Art and Design
Los Angeles, CA
www.otis.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,264
Acceptance Rate	83%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	32%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	17%
Black	6%
Hispanic	20%
International/non-resident	26%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	.0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	2%
White	22%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	77%
Graduation Rate	70%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Art & Design, Game & Entertainment Design, Animation, Fashion, Fine Arts, Product & Toy Design

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$44,792
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$40,314
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$43,306
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$44,132
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$47,426
\$110,001+	\$50,319

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.otis.edu/otis-net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	41%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$51,787
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Pomona College



Established in 1887, Pomona College is a private liberal arts college in Claremont, California, about 35 miles east of Los Angeles. We offer a comprehensive curriculum, with 48 majors in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Pomona is a close-knit and diverse community of accomplished scholars, scientists, entrepreneurs, and artists who are passionate about making a difference in the world. There are approximately 1,747 students who come from 64 nations and 49 U.S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. With a student-faculty ratio of 7 to 1, our students work closely with their professors in the classroom, in the lab, and in the field. And our location—within an hour of Los Angeles and the mountains, desert, and beaches—provides countless opportunities for field study, research, and internships. Pomona College admits domestic applicants regardless of their ability to pay and then meets the full demonstrated need of all admitted students.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Perspectives on Pomona (POP)

The Pomona College Access Team works to fulfill the mission of recruiting and admitting diverse groups of students to the College. Through the Fall Perspectives on Pomona (POP) fly-in program, we offer prospective students insights into life at Pomona College, opportunities to learn and connect directly with our inspiring professors, and invitations to open discussions with our current students about life at Pomona. Fall POP allows for in-person exploration of all the layers of our community and its resources. While the Fall POP program is open to all eligible high school seniors, the programming is focused on furthering the academic journey of students who come from underrepresented groups, are first-generation or low-income, and who identify as a member of other historically marginalized communities. We offer both in-person and virtual fly-in opportunities.

> Student Life & Support FLI Scholars at Pomona

First-generation and/or low-income students at Pomona College form one of the largest student groups on campus: FLI Scholars. This chapter includes QuestBridge Scholars, as well as any and all students who identify as first-generation and/or low-income. The chapter offers peer mentoring, social events, workshops and support for its members.

> First-Year Experience & Transition New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation—which includes an on- or off-campus Orientation Adventure—helps new students transition to the Pomona community and find a sense of belonging. Our first-year Sponsor Program ensures that all students are part of intentional small groups who live near each other in a residence hall and benefit from Sponsors, Pomona students who act as mentors for the first year.

> Special Admissions Policy Test-Optional

Pomona College has a test-optional policy for students applying for first-year or transfer admission.

Pomona College
Claremont, CA
www.pomona.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,699
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	17%
Black	10%
Hispanic	16%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	4%
White	32%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	750-790
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	96%
Graduation Rate	95%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Mathematics; Computer Science;
 Neurobiology and Neurosciences; Public
 Policy Analysis

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$18,084
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$5,903
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$6,238
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$3,409
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,130
\$110,001+	\$40,785

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/pomona>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	7%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$11,782
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$125/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$77,779
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



California State University-Sacramento



California State University-Sacramento
Sacramento, CA
www.csus.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	28,544
Acceptance Rate	93%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	50%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 24:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	20%
Black	6%
Hispanic	39%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	3%
White	22%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Free</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	81%
Graduation Rate	70%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Criminal Justice and Corrections; Communication and Media Studies; Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$10,911
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$7,900
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,563
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,829
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$16,182
\$110,001+	\$19,866

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/Pages/csu-costs.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	24%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$15,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$159/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$64,876
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Sacramento State has a diverse student body of over 30,000 and a highly knowledgeable faculty, with 98 percent of our full-time professors holding the highest degree in their fields. Each year, our seven colleges award 6,500 degrees to students who pick from 58 undergraduate majors and 41 master's degrees, six post-baccalaureate certificates, and two doctoral degrees. Miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails stretch along the nearby American River Parkway, linking our campus and student housing with recreational areas such as Folsom Lake. What makes Sacramento State unique is our focus on tailoring our services to first-generation students. Overseen by Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs (SASEEP), we have a myriad of resources that address first-generation students' needs to foster enrollment and success throughout the college years.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **DEGREES Project**

The DEGREES Project (Dedicated to Educating, Graduating and Retaining Each and Every Student) is designed for first-generation students and students who need support along their college journey.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **EOP First Year Orientation / EOP Summer Bridge Academy**

EOP First Year Orientation is designed to help new EOP students get off to the right start by learning about academic requirements, learning more about EOP, and learning about campus programs and services. Students cannot register for classes unless they attend Orientation. In addition, all incoming EOP admitted first-year students are required to participate in the EOP Summer Bridge Academy, a unique six-week summer program for students in the EOP Program.

> Academic Advising & Support **SASEEP – Student Academic Success & Educational Equity Programs**

SASEEP is the overarching program for these equity programs: The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), the College Based Educational Equity Programs (CBEEP), and much more.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **PARC – Peer Academic Resource Center**

PARC delivers a long-awaited goal of fostering student success. This faculty-guided, student-led Center not only strives to increase student retention and graduation rates, but also prepares students for their future professional success through the provision of academic support.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Center for First-Generation Student Initiatives**

The Center for First-Generation Student Initiatives collaboratively builds a collegial network of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who identify as first-generation and their supporters to promote, support, and advance first-generation student success while ensuring first-generation personal, professional, academic, and social collegiate experiences are woven into the culture and climate of the university.

The Center for First-Generation Student Initiatives serves as a hub to scale resources to support and connect first-generation students to maximize their college experience. It also fosters a collaborative ecosystem that integrates students' holistic development and experiences to optimize progress to degree completion.

A flagship program of the Center for First-Generation Student Initiatives, the First-Generation Institute is an innovative and student-centered program designed to celebrate and promote the retention and completion rates of first-generation college student success.

Stanford University



Stanford's community of students, faculty, and staff come together in the pursuit of learning and personal growth. Opportunities for discovery begin in the classroom and extend into the rich academic life of campus laboratories, libraries, studios, and beyond. Learning also happens outside the classroom in a vibrant residential and extracurricular system. In the Class of 2028, 21% of first-year students are first generation to college students. Stanford meets the full demonstrated need, without loans, for every admitted undergrad who qualifies for financial aid.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Office of Undergraduate Admission

Partnering with community-based organizations and educators, the Office of Undergraduate Admission provides information sessions, counselor workshops, and regional events to help students prepare for a transition to higher education.

Students are encouraged to register for virtual and in-person information sessions, student forums, and other programs at admission.stanford.edu/engage. Students can also explore Stanford virtually through a 360-degree, student-hosted video tour.

> Pre-College Summer Experience College Preparatory Workshops

Stanford offers college preparatory workshops through programs such as the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), College Life and Undergraduate Education for Interested Natives (CLUE-IN) Day, and the Stanford Hmong Outreach Program Promoting Education (SHOPPE).

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Leland Scholars Program & Stanford Summer Engineering Academy

The Leland Scholars Program (LSP) facilitates the transition to college for incoming Stanford first-years who may be the first in their families to attend college, attended under-resourced high schools, or are from low-income backgrounds. LSP provides both social and academic coaching over a four-week, in-person residential program. The Stanford Summer Engineering Academy (SSEA) is a four-week summer experience that prepares students for college-level engineering studies and campus life.

> Student Life & Support Stanford Centers for Equity, Community & Leadership (ECL)

The Centers for Equity, Community & Leadership (ECL) share a mission grounded in values of justice, equity, and belonging at Stanford and beyond. The ECL staff empowers students to be bold collaborators and innovative leaders, preparing them to navigate a complex world with the most vulnerable in mind.

Stanford's community centers include the Asian American Activities Center, Black Community Services Center, El Centro Chicano y Latino, First Generation and/or Low-Income Student Success Center, the Markaz Center, the Native American Cultural Center, Queer Student Resources, and the Women's Community Center. Stanford also has organized ethnic-themed houses—Casa Zapata, Muwekma-tah-ruk, Okada, and Ujamaa—to encourage students to critically explore their identities and responsibilities to community.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid Office

We are committed to providing a comprehensive need-based financial aid program that makes it financially possible for admitted students to attend. Our admission program is need-blind, meaning, for all but some international applicants, financial status will not affect the admission decision. We meet the full demonstrated need, without loans, for every admitted undergrad who qualifies for financial assistance.

Stanford University
Stanford, CA
www.stanford.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,761
Acceptance Rate	4%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	26%
Black	7%
Hispanic	18%
International/non-resident	11%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	10%
Unknown	<1%
White	26%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-780
SAT Math	770-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	97%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Human Biology;
 Engineering, Other; Engineering-Related
 Fields; Economics

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$10,851
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	(\$1,386)
\$30,001-\$48,000	(\$1,876)
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$3,637
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$7,332
\$110,001+	\$45,276

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

financialaid.stanford.edu/npc

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	6%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$12,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$127/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$124,080
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of Redlands



Where your dreams become aspirations and your aspirations become achievements, that is the Redlands experience. Since our founding in 1907, we've fulfilled our promise to provide a transformative education in an environment of academic rigor and personal responsibility, where you can blend what you learn in the classroom with life skills to create positive change in the world.

We are Redlands, where curiosity finds inspiration; where selflessness becomes service; where small classes encourage debate and debate sparks insight; where creativity and innovation open doors and change lives; and where diversity enriches us all.

Redlands is where you come to be seen, heard, and celebrated.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach I'm Going To College

The "I'm Going to College" Program is an initiative of the Office of Campus Diversity and Inclusion geared to educate first-generation and underrepresented students about higher education. Our mission is to work with children from a young age to plant the idea of college so that by the time they are high school students, they are already preparing for their college career. This program addresses the lack of awareness among first-generation college students about their opportunity to gain a first-class, individualized education at the University of Redlands and similar institutions.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Affordability and Attainability

Over 90% of our students receive some form of financial assistance making Redlands affordable and attainable. Students are automatically considered for merit scholarships, with the top award being \$35,000. Additionally, students who contribute to the Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native community may apply for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Excellence in Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship aims to help develop future leaders in Native communities. To learn more about this scholarship opportunity visit, www.redlands.edu/sanmanuel scholarship.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Students Together Empowering Peers

Students Together Empowering Peers (STEP), formerly known as PUEDE, is one of the most highly efficient mentoring programs offered at the University of Redlands. The mission of the STEP program is to provide resources and support for first semester, first-generation college students in order to ease their transition into higher education.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge is a five-day, intensive program designed to facilitate the immersion into collegiate life for first-generation college students. During Summer Bridge, students live in the residence halls and connect with their peers and professors, while being introduced to resources and opportunities available at the University. Of the students who participate in this program, 91% are retained and graduate within four years.

> Student Life & Support Book Lending Program

The Book Lending Program is an initiative to ensure the academic success of every first-generation student. Funded through alumni donations, this program provides books for students who could not otherwise afford to purchase them. Books are returned at the end of the course, to be used by other students the next semester. When needed, the program may cover other classroom necessities, such as lab fees. The program works alongside the library and faculty members to ensure the availability of books and classroom materials.

University of Redlands
Redlands, CA
www.redlands.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,301
Acceptance Rate	82%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	34%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	5%
Black	5%
Hispanic	42%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	1%
White	38%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	563-650
SAT Math	550-628
ACT	25-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	80%
Graduation Rate	72%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Psychology, General; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Communication Disorders Sciences and Services; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,202
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$20,351
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$22,827
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,214
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,344
\$110,001+	\$36,038

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.redlands.edu/admissions-and-aid/first-year/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	86%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$72,690
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University of San Diego



The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic institution committed to advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing leaders dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service. The university is a nationally ranked, co-educational and residential university serving students of diverse backgrounds from across the country and around the world. USD supports the belief that academic excellence requires inclusive engagement with diverse groups and varying perspectives, and it recognizes that the benefits of a rich, diverse learning community are most likely realized when institutions demonstrate high levels of commitment to inclusion and diversity. USD actively supports recruitment and retention of under-represented students, staff, faculty, and administrators in pursuit of the compositional diversity required to achieve excellence.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Upward Bound

The University of San Diego's Upward Bound program strives to create an educational and multicultural learning community of students who demonstrate a strong desire to participate in higher education. Students, families, and staff involved in USD Upward Bound engage in a highly motivational, relevant, challenging, and empowering curriculum which promotes a deeper personal and cross-cultural understanding.

> Academic Advising & Support Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a federally funded grant by the US Department of Education to serve 420 eligible undergraduates at USD. The program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with college requirements, and serves to retain and motivate students toward successful completion of their postsecondary education at USD. Services provided include: academic counseling/advising, tutoring, career counseling, personal counseling, faculty/student mentoring, cultural activities, grant aid, FAFSA assistance, Summer Bridge Program, time management techniques, note-taking techniques, test-taking techniques, essay writing improvement, reading strategies, and graduate school application assistance.

> Student Life & Support Diversity & Equity Coalition

The Diversity & Equity Coalition (DEC) is a student organization that specifically focuses on and is committed to engaging in diversity recruitment, outreach, and retention efforts at the University of San Diego. Members of DEC participate, coordinate, and assist with multicultural recruitment events, such as our day visit experience and other activities geared toward making the University of San Diego a more diverse and inclusive campus community.

University of San Diego
San Diego, CA
www.sandiego.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	5,569
Acceptance Rate	53%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	8%
Black	4%
Hispanic	24%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	3%
White	47%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Free</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	81%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Finance and Financial Management Services;
 Marketing; Communication and Media
 Studies; Accounting and Related Services;
 Business Administration, Management and
 Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$29,725
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$19,659
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,964
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,611
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,219
\$110,001+	\$42,844

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.sandiego.edu/admission-and-aid/undergraduate/tuition-and-financial-aid/net-price-calculator.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	33%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,940
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$243/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$86,522
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Colorado College



Founded in 1874, Colorado College is a selective liberal arts college located in the heart of the Rocky Mountain West at the foot of Pikes Peak (Tava Mountain) in Colorado Springs. Colorado College provides rigorous and experiential learning opportunities through a unique academic schedule: the Block Plan. Dividing the year into eight three-and-a-half week blocks, during which students take one course at a time, our innovative Block Plan provides students with the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in subject matter through a wide array of learning experiences.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Funded Campus Visits**

Colorado Colleges offers two funded campus visit programs during the academic year. Experience Colorado College (ECC) provides a fully funded travel grant for prospective high school seniors to attend an open house in October. Discover Colorado College (DCC) is for admitted students to attend an admitted student open house and is also fully funded. Both experiences provide students with the opportunity to get a better sense of what CC has to offer while getting to engage with students, faculty, and staff in-person here on-campus!

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Bridge Scholars Program**

The Bridge Program is a unique learning experience dedicated to helping incoming first-years successfully transition academically and socially from high school to college. Students invited to participate—typically graduates of under-resourced high schools, members of historically underrepresented populations at CC, or first-generation college students—have the opportunity to improve writing, reading, and critical thinking skills while establishing a support group of invaluable relationships with CC faculty, staff, and peers.

> Student Life & Support **The Butler Center**

The Butler Center at Colorado College supports cross-cultural inclusion and success through various advising and mentorship programs, including the First Generation Program, which provides support to students who are the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university. On-campus housing options include the Glass House, a multicultural themed house located on the East Campus, as well as the Enclave, an experimental learning community for students interested in understanding “ethnic enclaves” and “safe spaces” in higher education and the community.

> Student Life & Support **Antiracism Commitment**

Throughout CC history, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), and other people from marginalized groups have been at the forefront of fighting discrimination. In 2019, Colorado College publicly launched its Antiracism Implementation Plan to support the entire college community in disrupting cycles of oppression. We were one of the first academic institutions to make such a commitment. The plan is ambitious and essential; it provides a roadmap for diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism efforts among students, faculty, staff, and college leaders.

> Scholarships & Financial Aid **Making a CC Education Affordable**

There is no fee to apply to CC and we meet 100% of your family's eligibility for need-based financial aid. \$53 million in financial aid is awarded annually. Visit <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/admission/financialaid/net-price-calculator-myintuition/index.html>.

Colorado College
Colorado Springs, CO
www.coloradocollege.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,174
Acceptance Rate	16%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	14%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	5%
Black	3%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	1%
White	67%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730
SAT Math	740
ACT	33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	94%
Graduation Rate	87%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Ecology, Evolution, Systematics, and Population Biology; Natural Resources Conservation and Research; Sociology; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,892
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$10,762
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$9,664
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$13,311
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$30,471
\$110,001+	\$47,237

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/admission/financialaid/net-price-calculator-myintuition/index.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	24%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,257
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$194/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$65,222
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Central Connecticut State University



Central Connecticut State University
 New Britain, CT
www.ccsu.edu
 Public • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,500
Acceptance Rate	77%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	36%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 14:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	5%
Black	13%
Hispanic	18%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	2%
White	56%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	480-590
SAT Math	460-570
ACT	18-24

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	74%
Graduation Rate	59%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Criminology;
 Accounting and Related Services; Business
 Administration, Management and Operations;
 Marketing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$16,210
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,705
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,494
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,913
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$17,462
\$110,001+	\$20,234

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.ccsu.edu/financialaid/npc.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	49%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,300
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$236/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,562
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CCSU is a leading comprehensive public university, designated as a NASPA First-Gen Forward Institution, a designation program for higher education institutions committed to first-generation student success. Excellent professors and a wide array of academic programs (over 100 majors/minors) prepare students for success in whatever field they choose. Nearly one third of our students are the first in their family to attend college. The University is committed to both access and excellence and offers a campus that warmly welcomes and supports all. We believe diversity is a strength. CCSU's educational excellence has been nationally recognized.

> Scholars & Leadership Honors Program

The Honors Program is open by competitive admission to academically superior students, usually defined as those who meet any one of the following qualifications: Top 20% of high school class, 1100+ combined SAT scores (on new 2016 version), or Verbal SAT score of 600+. Please note that these qualifications alone do not guarantee automatic admission to the program. Students who have equivalent qualifications are also encouraged to apply. The program objectives aim for high academic standards of achievement.

> Academic Advising & Support Learning Center & Success Central

Academic advising at CCSU is an ongoing collaboration between undergraduates and our professional academic and faculty advisors. Every semester participating students meet with their advisor to make sure they're where they want to be on their academic journey.

Success Central supports first- and second-year students to get off to a great start by matching them with a junior or senior peer mentor trained to help students be successful at CCSU. Students are supported in areas key to success such as time-management, study tips, dealing with a particular issue, balancing life demands and classes, gaining experience in their major, and making friends. Success Central is free to CCSU students.

The CCSU Learning Center is engaged in innovative approaches to academic support that underscore our belief that every student has the potential to be an independent and successful learner. The Learning Center values collaboration and works with many departments in both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

First-Year Connected (FYC) is a Central program designed specifically for first-year or first-generation students. Students will be matched with a knowledgeable, compassionate University staff member who will be your non-academic coach.

> Pre-College Prep TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) and SSS

The TRIO programs are federal outreach programs designed to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college students, and/or individuals with disabilities as they progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to baccalaureate programs. CCSU is home to (3) TRIO Programs: TRIO Student Support Services (Regular and Teacher Prep) and Educational Talent Search.

> Special Admissions Policy Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program is a five-week summer program designed for students who have the potential and the desire to do college-level work, but do not meet CCSU's regular admissions standards. EOP students live on campus in CCSU residence halls during the summer with all expenses paid. Graduates of the summer program are admitted to CCSU as full-time matriculated students.

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Eastern Connecticut State University



Eastern Connecticut State University is a public, mid-size liberal arts university located in Willimantic, Connecticut. Founded in 1889 as a teacher's college, Eastern now offers over 150 unique programs of study (majors, minors, and concentrations). The university is nationally recognized for its involvement in undergraduate research and is ranked among the top institutions in the north by *U.S. News and World Report*. Eastern is known for its strong undergraduate programs and unique core curriculum that emphasizes critical and analytical thinking and hands-on experience for its students. New programs of study include a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, a Data Science major, a Cannabis Studies minor, and a Social Media concentration within the Communication major. Approximately 35% of Eastern's population are first-generation students and 31% are students of color. Eastern is a member of the Coalition for College, a prestigious group of 150+ universities across the country who have a demonstrated commitment to student access and success.

> Student Life & Support University Opportunity Program Office

The UOP is a designated and centralized resource that houses many of the opportunities outlined below. They collaborate with other campus staff and faculty to create high-impact success programs and wraparound services for students from underserved and other unique populations.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation STEP/CAP

The Summer Transition to Eastern Program/Contract Admission Program (STEP/CAP) is an equal opportunity program for students who show strong academic promise but do not meet the traditional admission criteria. Upon successful completion of the six-week summer program, students are admitted to Eastern full-time and receive additional support services for a successful career at Eastern.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid TheDream.US

Eight years ago, Eastern partnered with TheDream.US to bring DACAmented/UnDACAmented recipients living in "lockout" states to campus to earn a bachelor's degree on a full scholarship. Connecticut's DACA recipients (and students who meet DACA immigration criteria) may apply for the National Scholarship to cover Eastern's tuition costs. Over 200 Eastern students have received a TheDream.US scholarship.

> Student Life & Support Swipe It Forward

The Swipe It Forward program allows current students with unused meal plan swipes to donate up to five swipes to a student experiencing food insecurity. Eastern's food service provider matches the meals donated to double all donations.

> Student Life & Support On-Campus Job Opportunities

Eastern increases access for students to work during college by offering over 700 on-campus jobs through both the Federal Work Study Program and Eastern's Operating Fund.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Promise Programs

As a partner with Promise programs in Hartford, New Haven, and Waterbury, Eastern provides matching scholarships to each Promise student attending Eastern, in addition to any need-based financial aid they receive. Promise Scholars have a guaranteed job on Eastern's campus as well as a full-time advisor to provide them with the support they need to successfully transition to college.

Eastern Connecticut State University
Willimantic, CT
www.easternct.edu
Public • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,534
Acceptance Rate	74%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	32%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO	14:1
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RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	9%
Hispanic	13%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	6%
White	65%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional; Contact admissions office for exclusions

SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	80%
Graduation Rate	60%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General
Studies and Humanities; Business/
Commerce, General; Psychology, General;
Communication and Media Studies; English
Language and Literature, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$18,092
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$13,872
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,295
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$15,911
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,737
\$110,001+	\$21,396

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.easternct.edu/financial-aid/costs/net-price-calculator.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	58%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,250
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$257/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$56,469
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Quinnipiac University



Quinnipiac is a private, coed university enrolling 6,800 undergraduate and 3,000 graduate students in business, communications, education, computing and engineering, health sciences, law, liberal arts and sciences, medicine, nursing, and social work. Quinnipiac provides a well-rounded, rewarding college experience, striving to nurture a diverse and inclusive community where each member is acknowledged and respected and has the necessary resources to thrive as individuals and together.

Located in suburban Hamden, CT, midway between New York City and Boston, Quinnipiac offers students a wide range of opportunities, including access to state-of-the-art facilities, a multitude of student clubs and organizations, fitness, recreation, intramurals and club sports. Career development, personal counseling, academic support services, small class sizes, individual attention from professors (11:1 student to faculty ratio), study abroad, and Division I athletics round out the QU college experience.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach College Exploration Program

The Office of Admissions hosts groups of area middle and high school students on campus to foster a "college-going" mindset, demystify the college environment, and help students view a college education as a beneficial and attainable path for their future.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation First Year Immersion Program (QU FYI)

QU FYI is a two-week residential summer program for admitted first-year, underrepresented students. The program helps facilitate a successful transition to university life, improve academic performance, and increase retention through social, cultural, and academic initiatives.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships

The University awards need-based financial aid as well as merit aid. The Office of Financial Aid works with families to help them navigate the financial aid process and explore their options.

Quinnipiac partners with the New Haven Promise Scholars program to provide financial assistance to high-performing high school seniors from the local community.

> Student Life & Support Department of Cultural and Global Engagement (DCGE)

DCGE provides an environment that supports and encourages students to celebrate their cultural heritage together, offering programs for historically underrepresented students to receive mentoring and leadership skills training, as well as opportunities to engage in open, honest conversations about issues of equity, social justice, and other sensitive topics.

QU supports 18 cultural student organizations committed to diversity, enhancing student experience, and building inclusive spaces for underrepresented groups.

> First-Year Experience & Transition QU Enriching Student Transitions (QUEST)

The QUEST program provides a means for first-year historically underrepresented students to connect directly with peer and professional mentors to aid in their success and adjustment to the college environment.

> Academic Advising & Support The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons is a rich hub of resources where students receive guidance on assignments and course work as they cultivate individual learning preferences. Professional academic support staff and certified peer tutors work directly with students to create an individualized academic improvement plan, designed to capitalize on each student's strengths, to help achieve course and learning goals.

Quinnipiac University
Hamden, CT
www.qu.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,021
Acceptance Rate	84%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	4%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	2%
White	74%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	87%
Graduation Rate	77%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences, Other; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Marketing; Finance and Financial Management Services; Research and Experimental Psychology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$39,682
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$33,296
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$32,709
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$33,699
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$38,821
\$110,001+	\$42,979

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.qu.edu/paying-for-college/undergraduate/costs-and-budgets/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	57%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$83,759
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Trinity College



Trinity College is a small, private liberal arts college in the heart of Connecticut's capital city of Hartford. Trinity's urban location and global reach drive students to engage the liberal arts with a spirit of innovation and independence, all while preparing to face the world boldly and become leaders in their fields. The college is committed to a vibrant multicultural community, offering programs and resources that support and help give voice to a diverse student body. Though they come from 47 states and 86 countries, Trinity students are united by their independence, curiosity, and an insatiable desire to follow their passions—on campus, in Hartford, and around the world.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid First-Generation Fee Waiver

In an effort to create more access to higher education, Trinity College has eliminated application fees for first-generation students. Applicants automatically qualify for the fee waiver by checking the appropriate box on the Common Application indicating that they would be the first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree.

> First Year Experience & Transition Orientation Programs

The Summit-to-Success (S2S) Scholars Program supports traditional first-year college students, first-generation college students, transfer students, and IDP Adult Learners. S2S is a high-impact, cohort-based program designed to support new students' successful transition to and academic engagement in college.

The Trinity F1RST (First Gen) Program engages students in energizing conversations and activities where they practice skills critical for achieving success in a collegiate setting: self-advocacy, eco-system development, academic success, and design thinking. Students complete the experience having produced an individualized plan for a dynamic first semester at Trinity.

The P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Respect for Inclusive Diversity in Education) Welcome Weekend is a three-day program primarily designed to help students from underrepresented backgrounds/identities become acquainted with the campus and make a successful transition to Trinity's academic and social environment.

> First Year Experience & Transition The Bantam Network

The Bantam Network is at the heart of Trinity's first-year experience. The purpose of the Bantam Network is to provide continuous support to students in their transition to college and throughout their Trinity experience by connecting them to faculty, staff, and the city of Hartford. This support comes from the unique Nest system that gives students a combination of Nest Advisors and Community Mentors.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Bantam Bound

Bantam Bound provides high school seniors the opportunity to attend sessions that explore both the academic and social aspects of the Trinity community, focusing on diverse perspectives including the experiences of first-generation, Native & Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and students of color. All students who submit a Bantam Bound application will receive a Common Application fee waiver!

Trinity College
Hartford, CT
www.trincoll.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,141
Acceptance Rate	36%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	6%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	14%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	4%
White	61%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-720
SAT Math	640-750
ACT	30-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	83%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Political Science and Government;
English Language and Literature, General;
Public Policy Analysis; Area Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$37,118

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$13,519
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,341
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,866
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,486
\$110,001+	\$49,303

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/trinitycollege>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	14%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$244/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$90,779
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Wesleyan University



Wesleyan University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that attracts a diverse student body from all over the world. It is dedicated to the outreach and support of underrepresented students in the United States and beyond. Over 42% of undergraduates (domestic and international) are students of color and 13% are first-generation college students. Wesleyan University meets 100% of demonstrated financial need of all admitted students. Located in the small New England city of Middletown, Connecticut, Wesleyan offers students the flexibility of an open liberal arts curriculum in a collaborative learning environment supported by renowned faculty, cutting-edge facilities, and unique research opportunities. Campus can be described as a vibrant intellectual atmosphere populated by students who champion inclusivity and differences in thought and engagement.

➤ Open House, Fly-In, Visit Visit Support Programs

The Office of Admission hosts two Open Houses each fall inviting high school students to visit campus, connect with Wesleyan's diverse community, and discover the impact of Wesleyan's distinctive educational experience. The Office of Admission provides full visit support (including transportation, accommodations, and meals) for a select number of high school seniors from historically underrepresented backgrounds in higher education. Eligible students include those who identify as Black/African-American; Hispanic/Latinx; Asian-American; American Indian; Native Alaskan; and/or Pacific Islander, as well as first-generation college students and/or students from families with limited financial resources.

➤ Academic Advising & Support Pathways to Inclusive Education (PIE)

PIE is a collective of cohort programs whose purpose is to remove obstacles along the pathways to secondary and postsecondary education for students who come from historically underrepresented backgrounds. The PIE programs include Wesleyan Math and Science Scholars Program; the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program; Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship; and Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math-Science Programs. PIE provides holistic support that empowers and equips students as they journey to, through, and beyond Wesleyan.

➤ Summer Bridge & Orientation First Things First (FTF): Pre-Orientation Program for First-Generation and Low-Income College Students

First Things First Pre-Orientation program provides our first-generation and low-income students with an intentional, supportive, and robust introduction to the Wesleyan community, including two weeks of virtual programming in July and three days of in-person programming in August prior to general orientation. Students participate in panels and events that connect them with campus opportunities and resources; conversation spaces where students can support one another through their college transition; and a variety of workshops through which students can develop the tools and strategies that will serve them well during their time at college.

➤ Student Life & Support Programming & Campus Resources for First-Generation and Low-Income College Students

Some of the key on-going programs and initiatives include:

First Things First: Next Steps Series – Wesleyan's FTF programming takes on new life during the academic year. The Next Steps Series provides workshops, dialogue spaces, and social events throughout the year.

Career Support – Wesleyan's Gordon Career Center provides funding for summer experiences, including internships, as well as grants to offset costs associated with career preparation, such as interview attire and/or graduate school entrance exam fees.

Wesleyan University
Middletown, CT
www.wesleyan.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,006
Acceptance Rate	14%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	9%
Black	5%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	3%
White	54%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-750
SAT Math	660-760
ACT	31-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	95%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Psychology; Political Science and Government; Area Studies; English Language and Literature, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,340
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$5,122
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$3,847
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$6,975
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$15,364
\$110,001+	\$44,356

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/afford-aid/index.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	20%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$17,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$180/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$73,897
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Western Connecticut State University



Western Connecticut State University changes lives by providing all students with a high quality education that fosters their growth as individuals, scholars, professionals, and leaders in a global society.

To achieve this, we

1. Offer undergraduate and graduate programs that weave together liberal arts and professional education and instill a desire for life-long learning.
2. Sustain a vibrant, inclusive campus that connects individuals through co-curricular programs, cultural events, and service to the community.
3. Attract student-centered faculty who are passionate teachers and accomplished scholars.
4. Establish partnerships that create opportunities for internships, research, and experiential learning.

VALUES

Excellence. We value outstanding achievement realized through persistence, effort, honest feedback, and self-reflection.

Curiosity. We value the questions that drive learning, innovation, and creativity, which serve as the beginning and the desired outcome of education.

Dialogue. We value the conversations that explore diverse perspectives and encourage shared understanding.

Engagement. We value the interactions with ideas, peers, and community that are essential to a vibrant university environment.

Opportunity. We value the possibilities created by affordable, accessible educational environments in which students can grow into independent thinkers and confident leaders.

Respect. We value the right of all people to be treated with dignity and fairness and expect this in our policies, classrooms, and community.

> Special Admissions Policy Educational Achievement and Access Program

The Western Connecticut State University EA²P (Educational Achievement & Access) Bridge Program is designed to empower individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their academic pursuits and open doors to higher education. Available to full-time and first-time students, EA²P Bridge supports students from diverse backgrounds in their pursuit of higher education, address academic readiness, skills development, and personalized support.

Students who enter the university through the EA²P Bridge Program participate in a one-week, residential summer academy before the first semester at WCSU. The summer academy serves as a foundation for students' success at WCSU and provides participants with tools and experiences to acclimate to campus. During the one-week *WCSU Bridge to College Experience* students:

- Move in early (for residential students)
- Partake in team building activities to bond with classmates
- Attend educational workshops that will aid students' transition to college
- Develop relationships with faculty, staff, and students that will help them be successful in their first year
- Become familiar with WCSU resources and support networks at the university



Western Connecticut State University
Danbury, CT
www.wcsu.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,679
Acceptance Rate	84%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	34%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	5%
Black	9%
Hispanic	27%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	1%
White	52%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test Optional; Contact admissions office for exclusions

SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	52%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Psychology, General; Criminal Justice and Corrections; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$16,707
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$15,298
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,634
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,169
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$18,640
\$110,001+	\$20,784

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.wcsu.edu/admissions/netprice/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	52%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,147
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$256/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$59,115
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Yale University



Yale is one of the world's great research universities, with a total student population of more than 14,500 in Yale College and fourteen graduate and professional schools. Yale College alone educates almost 6,500 students each year from all 50 states in the U.S. and from more than 80 other countries. For all its size and scope, Yale holds firmly to its traditional emphasis on undergraduate life and teaching. If you are considering Yale, please do not hesitate to apply because you fear the cost will exceed your family's means. Yale College admits students on the basis of academic and personal promise and without regard to their ability to pay. All aid is need-based. Once a student is admitted, Yale will meet 100% of that student's demonstrated financial need. This policy, which applies to U.S. citizens and to international students alike, helps to ensure that Yale will always be accessible to talented students from the widest possible range of backgrounds.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Multicultural Open House/Fly-In Program**

The Multicultural Open House was created in 1992 to celebrate the many intersecting identities of Yale students. Through a one-day program, visitors can get a glimpse into the resources, opportunities, and campus partners that exist to support and encourage students of all backgrounds. Yale in MOHtion is Yale's student fly-in program centered on Multicultural Open House (MOH). Applications are open to eligible high school seniors attending high school in the United States and its territories in the summer. Admitted students who demonstrate significant financial need qualify for a travel stipend to attend Bulldog Days in the spring.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Student Advising Programs**

Students are welcomed to campus by their FroCos (First-Year Counselor) and Peer Liaisons. FroCos are seniors who can be sources of information and assistance throughout the year. They offer suggestions about curricular and extracurricular choices, take an interest in your concerns, and give firsthand advice on how best to use the academic and other resources of the College. Peer Liaisons are upperclassmen who help connect students to the wealth of support and programming initiatives based in the LGBTQ Resource Center, the University Chaplain's Office, the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, La Casa Cultural: the Latino Cultural Center, and the Native American Cultural Center.

> Scholars & Leadership **Science, Technology and Research Scholars (STARS)**

The Science, Technology and Research Scholars (STARS) Program is designed to support women, minority, economically underprivileged, and other historically underrepresented students in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics. The STARS program provides undergraduates an opportunity to combine course-based study, research, mentorship, networking, and career planning in the fields of science and technology. The program seeks to improve student performance and persistence rates in all STEM disciplines.

> Academic Advising & Support **Residential College Dean and Head of College**

The 14 residential colleges each have a dean and a head in residence. The residential college dean serves as the chief academic and personal adviser to students in their colleges. If a student is having difficulty, the college dean can often help by referring the student to the many resources available around campus. The heads of college preside over the colleges and shape their social and intellectual life. The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) provides academic resources including myriad writing and tutoring programs, academic strategies workshops, and resources for language learners. The Office of Educational Opportunity promotes educational equity and ensures that all undergraduates have widespread and ready access to Yale's educational, advising, and co-curricular opportunities.

Yale University
New Haven, CT
www.yale.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,639
Acceptance Rate	5%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	22%
Black	8%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	1%
White	35%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Flexible</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	740-780
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	98%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; History; Political Science and Government; Computer and Information Sciences; Cell/Cellular Biology and Anatomical Sciences

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$18,535
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$341
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$1,751
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$5,283
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$14,152
\$110,001+	\$45,628

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

admissions.yale.edu/estimate-your-cost

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	6%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$12,975
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$138/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$100,533
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of Delaware



At the University of Delaware our students and faculty don't just spend their time in the classroom. They get into the lab, the library and the community to make their ideas a reality—engineering bridges, advancing cancer research, uncovering history...making history. As a student at UD, we challenge you to work toward the advancement of knowledge, making innovations that will ensure a better future.

UD will give you the support and tools to unleash your creativity and make your mark on the world.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach College Readiness Scholars Institute (CRSI)

The College Readiness Scholars Institute is a program exclusive to first-generation high school students (9-12th grade) from Delaware, immersing them in an academic experience that will transform the way they understand campus and college culture. CRSI is a two-week program that provides an introduction to college life and an understanding of scholarship and leadership.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Upward Bound Classic and Math/Science

UD's Upward Bound programs are federally funded TRIO programs that provide exciting educational opportunities to prepare area students for college and beyond. Both Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Math/Science are year-round programs that provide free college prep workshops, summer academic courses, academic advisement and tutoring for first-generation students and students from modest income households.

> Student Life & Support The First Gen Network

The First Gen Network, supported through Residence Life and Housing, is a collection of resources on campus seeking to connect first-generation college students to each other and to the broader University of Delaware student body. The First Gen Network provides a space for first-generation college students to share their stories about both their upbringing and their success. Each month they host a workshop that focuses on community building, skill development, and storytelling. The First Gen Network gives students the option of in-person campus meetings and for students to participate in online workshops.

> Student Life & Support We're First

We're First is a student-run organization designed to be a support network for first-generation college students. It introduces peers to on-campus resources and mentorship, and creates a space for students to forge a community with one another.

> Student Life & Support National First-Generation Celebration

National First-Generation Celebration is held in November. This is a day where we celebrate our first-generation students at UD and their success. UD's faculty, staff, and students celebrate by distributing first-gen swag and inviting students, faculty, and staff to serve as speakers.

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Newark, DE
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	18,665
Acceptance Rate	74%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	16%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	6%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	2%
White	68%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	600-680
SAT Math	590-680
ACT	26-31

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	81%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Finance and Financial Management Services; Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Marketing; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$17,713
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,644
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,783
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,209
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,968
\$110,001+	\$25,149

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.udel.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/financing-your-degree/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	49%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,572
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$261/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$72,950
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



American University



At American University, passion inspires meaningful impact, changemakers find community, and the world's greatest challenges meet their match. Our undergraduate experience centers on empowering lives of purpose, advancing knowledge through active scholarship, and partnering with our home city of Washington, DC. Whatever your passion, an AU education is a launching pad for those who want to lead the way toward positive change. Our campus has eight schools and colleges, offering 170 academic programs, and is home to more than 13,000 students. Our student body is cosmopolitan and globally diverse, with all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and over 110 countries represented. 33 percent of undergraduates identify as students of color, and over 10 percent of students self-identify as the first in their family to attend college.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Summer Transition Enrichment Program (STEP)

The Summer Transition Enrichment Program (STEP) at American University provides incoming first-year students with the tools and resources they need for a head start as an Eagle. The primary goal of STEP is to help students succeed in the classroom. This intensive eight-week residential program is built to support the transition to college. It provides students with an academic and social edge, while familiarizing them with Washington, D.C. and AU's campus resources. The program's primary focus is academic success; however, we also encourage students to form lasting friendships through regular social and extracurricular activities.

> Student Life & Support Center for Diversity and Inclusion

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) works to advance American University's commitment to respecting and valuing diversity by serving as a resource and liaison for students, staff, and faculty on issues of equity through education, outreach, and advocacy. To achieve this mission, the Center is dedicated to enhancing multicultural, first-generation, LGBTQ, and women's experiences on campus. The Center sponsors many programs to promote campus-wide education on specific topics affecting individual communities, as well as cross-cultural forums that discuss broader issues. We also offer advising to students who want to learn more about how they can maximize their experience on campus.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid

American University offers a comprehensive financial aid program based on recognition of both academic excellence and demonstrated financial need. We work with families to supplement their financial resources and make an AU education possible. To assess a family's need, we use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs. Also, all AU applicants are automatically considered for merit aid (scholarships) based on their academic achievements.

American University
Washington, DC
www.american.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,669
Acceptance Rate	41%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	8%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	3%
White	56%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-730
SAT Math	630-700
ACT	29-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	88%
Graduation Rate	79%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

International Relations and National Security Studies; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Political Science and Government; Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$43,412
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$25,678
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$22,059
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$30,528
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$34,332
\$110,001+	\$50,571

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.american.edu/financialaid/cost-estimator.cfm>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	36%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$241/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$77,370
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



The Catholic University of America



Located just three miles north of the U.S. Capitol, The Catholic University of America is dedicated to pursuing truth, promoting human flourishing, and preparing leaders for the nation and the world. Founded in 1887 as the nation's second oldest research university, we educate over 5,000 students as they strive for academic, moral, and spiritual excellence in a diverse and vibrant city. Our welcoming community flows from the heart of our Catholic mission, embracing students of all beliefs and backgrounds.

Our 12 schools offer more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs, supported by 32 research centers and facilities, all within the largest and most sustainable campus in Washington. Our unique location provides unparalleled access and opportunities for internships and jobs, as well as unforgettable college experiences, including world-class museums, theaters, music, sports, and national parks.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Open House and Other Campus Visit Opportunities

We host on-campus information sessions and campus tours six days a week, Monday through Saturday, during much of the academic year.

There are also open houses and special events for students interested in specific areas of study, including architecture, engineering, music, and social work. Students unable to attend one of our scheduled events are encouraged to contact the Office of Admission to ask if a personalized visit can be accommodated. We also offer support for travel expenses for admitted students from distant locations to visit our campus.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Catholic University Grants and Scholarships

Catholic University offers more than \$71 million in merit and need-based aid to undergraduates each year. Scholarships, federal work-study, and other forms of financial assistance are also available. Merit scholarships currently range from \$17,000 to \$36,000, in addition to several full-tuition awards for each class. Need-based grants are available from \$1,000 to more than \$40,000 annually, based on completion of the FAFSA.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Take Flight Program

To help first-generation college students make the transition from high school to college, we offer a unique first-year experience program called Take Flight. The program empowers students to easily access all the resources available on campus, reach their personal and academic goals, develop healthy habits, and fully engage in campus life.

> Academic Advising & Support Center for Academic and Career Success

Through the Center for Academic and Career Success students are assigned an undergraduate advisor (this is in addition to a faculty advisor within your chosen major) who will support them for all four years. Undergraduate advisors help students make decisions about academic interests; provide guidance, resources, and solutions that lead to academic success; and help students discover career interests and find internship, job, and graduate school opportunities. Our integrated approach to academic and career success provides individual support that helps students flourish in their studies and prepares them for a career that will bring joy and satisfaction.

The Catholic University of America
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,958
Acceptance Rate	86%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	12%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	8%
Hispanic	16%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	3%
White	63%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Free</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	88%
Graduation Rate	76%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Political Science and Government; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Psychology; Architecture; Business Administration, Management, and Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$33,417
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$24,529
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$20,499
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$23,829
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$30,696
\$110,001+	\$38,121

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://financial-aid.catholic.edu/costs/net-price-calculator.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	46%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$73,250
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Florida International University



Florida International University is Miami's public research university and in less than five decades has become a top 100 public university, according to *U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges*. FIU offers more than 190 degree programs so that you'll be ready for wherever the future takes you. FIU is Miami! FIU has two campuses and multiple centers, including sites in Madrid, Spain; and supports artistic and cultural engagement through its three museums: Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian-FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU. Where others see challenges, we see opportunity. Our research and service efforts take aim at the unique issues Miami faces in climate change, globalizing economy, major population shifts and more. Half sprawling city, half tropical wilderness, all progress. We're proud to call Miami our home. It's a dynamic hotspot for innovation and creation. Come see why the Future Is Us!

> Student Life & Support Fostering Panther Pride (FPP)

FIU's FPP program offers tailored academic and support services to students identified as formerly in foster care or homeless. Launched in 2013, the primary goal of FPP is to assist former foster care youth and homeless students in their transition to FIU, their retention and graduation, and their pursuit of securing employment or graduate studies upon receiving their bachelor's degree.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Golden Scholars Summer Bridge Program

The Golden Scholars bridge program is an alternative admissions program for under-represented students. Priority is given to first-generation students and high school seniors who are residents of the State of Florida. Students selected to be Golden Scholars will participate in an intensive six-week residential summer bridge program that offers academic preparation, individualized advising, and personal attention from faculty and staff. Upon successful completion of the bridge program, students will matriculate into the fall term as fully admitted FIU students.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Golden Promise

FIU will use a combination of federal, state, and FIU grants/scholarships to guarantee 100% tuition and fees to Florida residents with a \$0 EFC. Students must be a first time in college freshman; a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; a Florida resident; submit a FAFSA prior to enrollment at FIU; and have an EFC = \$0.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid TheDream.US

FIU is a proud partner of THEDREAM.US, an organization working with undocumented immigrant youth who came to this country at a young age. They provide mentorship and scholarships at the undergraduate and graduate level.

> Academic Advising & Support Center for Diversity & Student Success in Engineering and Computing (CD-SSEC)

The mission of the CD-SSEC is to provide prospective and current students of the college with opportunities and services that will enhance their academic experiences and increase their rate of success in school and their future careers. The office supports the college through recruitment, retention and enrichment programs, such as mentorship, undergraduate research opportunities, peer-to-peer tutoring, internship, and pre-college outreach activities. Scholarships are also available.

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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	39,277
Acceptance Rate	64%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	61%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 24:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	12%
Hispanic	67%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	2%
Unknown	0%
White	9%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

SAT/ACT required	
SAT Reading and Writing	550-640
SAT Math	510-610
ACT	21-26

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	90%
Graduation Rate	69%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Biology, General; Communication and Media Studies; Hospitality Administration/Management

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$8,722
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$6,727
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$7,856
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$10,602
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$14,086
\$110,001+	\$17,155

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://controller.fiu.edu/departments/student-financials-systems/bursar-cashiers/calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	25%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$16,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$175/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$60,249
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University of Florida



The University of Florida is among the nation's top-ranked, academically diverse public universities. UF offers more than 120 majors in 16 colleges. Only five universities in the nation offer that many academic options on one campus. UF is a leader in artificial intelligence, creating AI across the curriculum and home to the world's third-fastest AI supercomputer in higher education. Our campus attracts the best and brightest in every field and connects them with world-class resources. We offer undergraduate research opportunities, 1000+ student organizations, residential living and learning communities, and an inclusive environment to foster students' signature experiences.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Office of Academic Support

The Office of Academic Support (OAS) for Undergraduate Affairs provides enrichment services to all UF students, emphasizing students who are first-generation and students served through OAS Success Programs—UF PROMISE, Student Support Services (UF SSS), the Leadership Advancement Program (LAP-2), and PUSH4IT. OAS provides primary academic support services to both incoming and currently enrolled students. These services provide students with the academic assistance, social skills, and resources necessary to reach their full potential. oas.aa.ufl.edu

> First-Year Experience & Transition Center for Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement

The Center for Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement hosts a series of pre-arrival transition programs for diverse student populations as they enter UF. These programs are population specific but open to all students who are interested. The programs include dynamic community building experiences, peer mentoring, faculty and staff connections, along with personal, professional, and academic development workshops. Students who participate are prepared to successfully navigate UF with a community of peers, faculty, staff, and alumni as resources. multicultural.ufl.edu

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program

The Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program provides a full need-based scholarship to first-generation, low-income Florida residents who are admitted as freshman UF students. The MFOS Program meets the full cost of attendance for all four years of college including tuition, housing, books, food, etc. In addition, scholars have a peer mentor, personal guidance and coaching, and are introduced to a network of UF staff/faculty/alumni who are here to celebrate them and champion their success. Our scholars are both financially and personally supported so they thrive at UF and beyond. sfa.ufl.edu/mfos

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring University Multicultural Mentoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP supports first-year students in their transition to the University of Florida campus community by pairing them with a faculty/staff mentor. In addition to having a mentor, mentees are invited to participate in several activities that will help them to begin building a professional network. multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/ummp

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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	33,673
Acceptance Rate	23%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	23%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	11%
Black	5%
Hispanic	24%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	51%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>SAT/ACT required</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	650-730
SAT Math	650-760
ACT	28-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	88%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Biology, General; Psychology, General; Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$6,275
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$2,033
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$3,599
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,897
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$14,440
\$110,001+	\$15,203

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/ufl>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	12%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$15,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$159/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$71,588
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Georgia State University



With six campuses throughout metro Atlanta, Georgia State University provides its world-class faculty and more than 50,000 students with unsurpassed connections to the opportunities available in one of the 21st century's great global cities. A national leader in graduating students from diverse backgrounds, Georgia State provides a rich experience with award-winning housing, hundreds of student clubs and organizations, and one of the most diverse student bodies in the country. Students, faculty, and alumni enjoy a unique campus personality and culture based on ambition, hard work, dedication, and perseverance. At Georgia State's Perimeter College, students can enjoy one of Perimeter's five community campuses or choose an online experience. Perimeter has over 30 pathways to earn an associate degree.

> Special Admissions Policy Perimeter College at Georgia State University

Perimeter College consists of five campuses in the metro Atlanta area. The college is the major provider of associate degrees and student transfer opportunities in Georgia and a gateway to higher education, easing students' entry into college-level study.

Through the college, Georgia State serves the largest number of dual enrollment, international, online, transfer, and first-time freshman students in the University System of Georgia.

> Scholarship and Financial Aid Georgia State Scholarships

Georgia State students are eligible for a number of scholarships, including:

Centennial Merit – These awards range from \$500 to \$3,000. No application required. Students who apply to Georgia State's Atlanta Campus no later than November 15 are automatically considered.

Campus Atlanta Scholarship – These awards allow students to pay a portion of in-state tuition rates or full in-state tuition rates. No application required. Students who apply to Georgia State's Atlanta Campus no later than November 15 are automatically considered.

> First Year Programs and Transition Student Success Programs

Georgia State has the staff, resources, and systems to help students grow, learn, and achieve their goals. We've been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as the No. 1 public university for undergraduate teaching and No. 4 for our first-year experience, for the innovations it has made to give all students an outstanding learning experience. To learn more, go to: <http://success.students.gsu.edu>.

> Student Life and Support Clubs and Athletics

With over 400 student organizations, Georgia State has many ways for students to get involved. The Multicultural Center offers many programs to promote student success. To learn more, go to <http://multicultural.gsu.edu>.

The Latinx Student Services and Outreach (LASSO) is a very popular group that is a unit under the area of Student Retention and Undergraduate Studies at Georgia State University. The primary function of LASSO is to promote an inclusive community that enhances the success of Latinx students. Learn more at: <http://success.students.gsu.edu/latinx-outreach>.

To learn more about all of the clubs and activities, go to: <http://campuslife.gsu.edu>. And to learn more about Georgia State's new football stadium and Athletics department, go to: <http://georgiastatesports.com>.

Georgia State University
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	28,439
Acceptance Rate	67%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	52%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 26:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	16%
Black	43%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	3%
White	18%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional; Check with college for exclusions

SAT Reading and Writing	520-630
SAT Math	500-620
ACT	19-26

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	77%
Graduation Rate	56%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Information Systems; Psychology, General; Biology, General; Marketing; Finance and Financial Management Services; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$17,202
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$15,393
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,828
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,359
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,227
\$110,001+	\$21,407

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://admissions.gsu.edu/cost-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,903
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$222/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$47,384
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Columbia College Chicago



Columbia College Chicago is a creative liberal arts college focused on rigorous academics, hands-on learning, collaboration, and career preparation. With more than 120 years of deep experience, we encourage students to take creative risks, develop an authentic voice and author the culture of their time. Columbia offers an inclusive learning community and an educational philosophy that weds theory with practice. Columbia gives students the opportunity to practice and perfect their craft from day one while grounding them in a liberal arts curriculum. Our location in Chicago—one of the most vibrant, forward-thinking cities in the world—provides students access to an array of cultural and professional experiences, and our award-winning faculty of working professionals prepare graduates for successful careers and leadership roles in their field.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships

Columbia offers scholarships to incoming students in three categories: academic merit; financial need; and creative work samples.

All admitted students are automatically considered for academic merit scholarships.

All students who submit a FAFSA or alternate FAFSA are considered for scholarships based on financial need.

All students who submit the required materials are considered for scholarships based on their creative work samples. Required materials and deadlines can vary based on intended major, please see colum.edu/fra or colum.edu/bfa for more details.

Students who submit a FAFSA will also receive an award letter detailing their eligibility for federal and state grants and loans.

> Special Admissions Policies Test Free

As part of our mission-driven commitment to access and equity, Columbia has never required standardized test results for admission. Students have always had the option to share (or withhold without penalty) their SAT or ACT scores. However, recent reflection and examination of our mission in the context of our institution-wide work to become anti-racist has led us to conclude that being “test optional” is no longer sufficient.

The standardized tests that many colleges have come to rely on have a deep history of bias. As a result, they have often served to exclude BIPOC and other underrepresented students from the professional opportunities and socioeconomic advancement afforded by higher education. Further, we know from years of reviewing applications and getting to know our students that these tests don't tell us anything important about their ability to succeed at Columbia.

For these reasons, standardized test scores do not play any role in Columbia's determination of a student's admissibility or in awarding scholarships. We do not want to see your test scores, please do not send them to us.

Columbia College Chicago
Chicago, IL
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,378
Acceptance Rate	95%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	41%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	17%
Hispanic	26%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	44%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-free</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	65%
Graduation Rate	54%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Design and Applied Arts; Film/Video and Photographic Arts; Drama/Theatre Arts and Stagecraft; Graphic Communications

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$26,457

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$22,898
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$23,354
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$26,813
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$29,966
\$110,001+	\$31,503

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://colum.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	59%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$265/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings \$42,195

Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Elmhurst University



Located 25 minutes away from Chicago, Elmhurst University provides a close-knit community in a safe and beautiful arboretum campus with access to the countless opportunities of a world-class city. With over 70 majors and an emphasis on professional development, Elmhurst is recognized for being one of the best value schools in the Midwest, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Most importantly, its student-centered faculty and staff provide resources and support to empower you throughout your academic journey and beyond.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships

At Elmhurst, every admitted student receives scholarships based on their academic merits. All scholarships are renewable and stackable. In addition, Elmhurst hosts scholarship competitions for various student populations, including first-generation, service-committed, and transfer students. Winners can receive a full-tuition scholarship and all participants are offered renewable annual financial aid to attend.

> Student Life & Support Student Success

We believe that finding the right balance between academics and a vibrant social life is a priority. At Elmhurst, you will find over 100 organizations with many engaging activities for everyone. To promote your professional development, we offer opportunities at our Weigand Center for Professional Excellence from resume building to finding internships. Strong support systems throughout the university, and the Office of Equity and Inclusion, will make sure you feel like you belong. At Elmhurst University, you can feel confident you will acquire the skills, leadership, and experiences to succeed in all aspects of your life.

> Special Admissions Policy Test Optional

If you believe your high school transcript and writing abilities are more representative of your potential, we encourage you to apply under this option. However, you may choose to have test scores considered. If you have previously sent scores to Elmhurst and are applying test-optional, they will not be considered.

> Mental Health & Wellness Services

Counseling Services provides a variety of services to help students understand their problems and themselves, achieve more satisfying relationships, improve their academic performance, and make more effective life and career choices. These services include counseling for individuals, couples and groups, workshops on campus that cover topics such as managing stress, self-care, and mindfulness, and a serenity room where students can relax and find relief from the stresses of being a student.

In addition, we partnered with Uwill to offer undergraduate students free immediate access to teletherapy through its easy-to-use online platform. Uwill is a private, secure, and confidential mental health crisis solution. In addition to Uwill, our students have access to TAO, which is an online mental health platform that provides a variety of resources for understanding and managing mental health and wellness.

Elmhurst University
Elmhurst, IL
www.elmhurst.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,897
Acceptance Rate	76%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	38%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	8%
Black	5%
Hispanic	28%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	4%
White	49%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	500-630
SAT Math	480-610
ACT	20-27

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	78%
Graduation Rate	70%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Education; Special Educations Secondary, and Elementary; Biology; Business Administration; Music; Psychology; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Speech Pathology; Computer Science; Accounting and Finance

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,415
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$17,050
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$18,959
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$20,602
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,296
\$110,001+	\$28,551

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/admission/financial-aid/tuition-fees/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	55%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,489
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$217/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$61,462
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Northwestern University



Northwestern (just north of Chicago) is a world-class, private, research university committed to excellent teaching, innovative research, and the personal and intellectual growth of its students. Northwestern's international reputation and open community draw talented students from diverse social, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Across six undergraduate schools (arts & sciences; engineering; communication; journalism; education & social policy; and music), we offer 175 academic majors, minors, and certificates and nearly 4,700 undergraduate courses. Northwestern's 8,000 undergraduates experience a vibrant student life with more than 500+ organizations to choose from and 19 Big Ten athletic teams to cheer for. Committed to college affordability and access, Northwestern offers loan-free, need-based financial aid, meeting 100% of demonstrated need for admitted students throughout their four years of college.

> Student Life & Support Student Enrichment Services (SES)

Student Enrichment Services (SES) partners with first-generation, low-income, and DACA/undocumented students to foster identity development, navigate campus resources, and build community. Through campus-wide partnerships and advocacy, SES strives to build an inclusive Northwestern community that is welcoming, supportive, and accessible for all students.

> Student Life & Support Quest+ (First Gen & Low Income Network)

The Quest Scholars Network (QSN) has a two-fold mission: to create a welcoming community of QuestBridge affiliated students on campus and to help provide advocacy and opportunities to low-income and first-generation students at Northwestern University.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation McCormick School of Engineering—EXCEL

EXCEL is a five-week program that recruits incoming engineering first-year students who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity issues. The program aims to build a cultural community of support among future leaders in the field of engineering. During EXCEL, students live in residential halls, attend specialized classes, and participate in leadership activities.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Summer Academic Workshop (SAW)

SAW is facilitated by Student Enrichment Services, in partnership with the Cook Family Writing Program and the School of Communication. During this three-week program, participants take part in co-curricular workshops and events curated for first generation and/or lower income (FGLI) students. Participants also earn course credit.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Experience

The First-Year Experience area within the Office of New Student and Family Programs is responsible for providing programs, processes, and communication that will help to enrich the first year for students at Northwestern. In collaboration with various departments, offices, and academic areas, Northwestern strives to support students throughout their academic and social transition to the community.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Loan Free Need-Based Aid

Northwestern University offers financial assistance to students on the basis of demonstrated need. Northwestern is among a small group of private institutions that continue to meet 100% of demonstrated institutional financial need of applicants with loan-free financial aid packages.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Fly-In Program for Admitted Students

Each year, the Office of Undergraduate Admission provides this opportunity to a select group of admitted students, allowing them to visit campus during one of the open house events (Wildcat Days) for admitted students in April. Students visit campus, stay overnight, and learn about university life.

Northwestern University
Evanston, IL
www.northwestern.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	8,837
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	21%
Black	7%
Hispanic	14%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	3%
White	40%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	95%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Journalism; Psychology;
General; Political Science and Government;
Neurobiology and Neurosciences

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$25,057
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$3,393
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$2,389
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$6,079
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,672
\$110,001+	\$48,102

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/northwestern>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	19%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$15,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$159/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$89,363
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Saint Xavier University



Saint Xavier University is a distinguished four-year private institution founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846. Chicago's first Catholic university and the first Mercy institution of higher learning in the world, Saint Xavier provides a transformative educational experience to 3,500 students at its Chicago campus with dozens of diverse majors, minors, interrelated tracks and preparation plans in the College of Liberal Arts and Education and the College of Nursing, Health Sciences and Business. SXU is consistently recognized as one of the best colleges in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Student Advising Center and Career Development Center

The Student Advising Center and Career Development Center use a holistic approach to foster student development and success, both in college and after graduation. The centers provide services, both in-person and virtually, across a variety of topics, including academic and career development, student success and leadership development, as well as student support.

> Scholars & Leadership Synergy Leadership Summit

The Synergy Leadership Summit is an annual student-led leadership conference with educational sessions, student-led panels, engaging activities, and service projects to help students understand various aspects of leadership and work to become diverse, inclusive, and innovative leaders.

> Student Life & Support Registered Student Organizations

Choose from a roster of student organizations and organized groups on campus, including academic, honorary and professional, cultural, service and social justice, spiritual, special interest, government, and more.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Via – First-Year Orientation

Incoming students participate in a four-part first-year orientation program. Each program is created and designed to make transition to college life as smooth as possible. During the process, students will learn ways to get involved on campus, gain tools for success and meet members of the SXU community, including faculty, staff, and students.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships and Financial Aid

Undergraduate students receive aid from a number of sources. All students who file for financial aid are considered for federal, state, and institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, or work study. In addition, new students may qualify for one of our academic scholarships. These are awarded to incoming freshmen based on high school grade-point average and ACT/SAT scores and to transfer students based on college GPA.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Programs

From the summer before the first semester through the end of the first academic year, all first-year students will participate in a number of programs designed to welcome, acclimate, engage, and support new students. These programs include: Via, Cougar Trax, Welcome Week, and Transitions.

Saint Xavier University
Chicago, IL
www.sxu.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,963
Acceptance Rate	84%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	55%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	12%
Hispanic	50%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	2%
Unknown	1%
White	32%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	74%
Graduation Rate	59%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Business/Commerce; Psychology, General; Marketing; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$12,688
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$9,778
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$10,370
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,553
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$16,070
\$110,000+	\$17,728

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.sxu.edu/tuition-aid/calculator.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	86%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,223
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$236/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,656
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Southern Illinois University–Carbondale



As real as it gets— that's a Saluki. Hands on. The opportunity to explore, discover, and create. Work one-on-one with top-notch faculty. Join on-going research or launch your art project. Ask questions and find answers. Make yourself heard. We believe in know-how, not know-about. Internships, publications, portfolios, research or academic presentations, you'll do as you learn. In every major. That's what you can do at SIU. Visit <https://admissions.siu.edu/get-help/request-info.php> to request information.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **First Saluki Center**

The First Saluki Center provides peer mentoring, tutoring, workshops, textbooks, and tuition assistance scholarships to support, guide, and encourage first-generation students so they will succeed academically, persist in their education, and graduate from SIU Carbondale. SIU student mentors are Saluki upperclassmen and graduate students, who assist and connect first-generation students to resources on- and off-campus.

> Scholarships & Financial Aid **The Saluki Commitment**

The Saluki Commitment is our pledge that all incoming students who meet certain criteria are guaranteed that tuition and mandatory fees will be fully covered for four (transfer students) or eight (freshman students) consecutive semesters. In other words, if you qualify for the Saluki Commitment and your financial aid package does not completely pay for your tuition and mandatory fees, we will close the gap to make sure there are no financial barriers between you and your education.

> Academic Advising & Support **Student Support Services**

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) utilizes a holistic approach to provide support services for students by focusing on the academic, social, and cultural aspects of their college experience. Through academic counseling, individualized advice with course selection, tutoring, workshops, career exploration, and social and cultural activities, SSS helps students build a solid foundation for academic success.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **New Student Programs**

New Student Programs helps connect students and families to SIU and the Saluki community through various programs including New Student Orientation, Weeks of Welcome, and Saluki Startup. These connections facilitate the integration of families into the intellectual, cultural, and social climate of SIU and Carbondale.

> Exploratory Student Advisement **Saluki Success Initiative**

The Exploratory Student - Saluki Success Initiative Program (EXP2) is designed to provide academic support to a select group of students who show potential for college-level work but do not meet standard SIU admissions requirements. EXP2 provides students with academic support services during their first year that are designed to assist them in meeting SIU undergraduate requirements and in progressing toward graduation. Services include mandatory academic coaching, advising, mentoring, and tutoring for students as they take college-level courses that apply to their intended degree programs.

> Student Life & Support **Office for Access and Accommodations**

We are committed to assuring that students with disabilities receive equal, effective, and meaningful access to all campus programs, resources, and services. We provide support services to students with disabilities and work closely with faculty and staff in an advisory capacity to provide disability education awareness around ensuring equal access within courses, physical structures, and in the online environment.

Southern Illinois University–Carbondale
Carbondale, IL
www.siu.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,922
Acceptance Rate	92%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	37%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	17%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	0%
White	66%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	460-580
SAT Math	440-560
ACT	19-27

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	73%
Graduation Rate	56%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Subject Areas; Air Transportation; Accounting and Related Services; Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians; Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies/Technicians

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$16,729
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$12,260
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,266
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$15,793
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,934
\$110,001+	\$23,874

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://siu.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	48%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,543
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$53,390
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University of Illinois Springfield



University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) is ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as the #1 regional public university in Illinois, #3 in the Midwest, a best value, and an A+ school for B students. UIS is part of the world-class University of Illinois System which includes universities in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign. UIS offers 56 undergraduate programs of study in four colleges: Business and Management; Health, Science, and Technology; Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; and Public Affairs and Education. They also support 17 NCAA Division II teams. 30% of students are Asian, Black, Latino, or Multiracial, and an additional 7% are international. UIS students come to its 746-acre campus from two US territories (Guam, Puerto Rico), 45 countries, and 48 states. The average class size is 13, and 86% of faculty hold the highest degree in their field.

Admission applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so students can apply anytime right up until the start of classes without the additional stressors of rigid admission deadlines. Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT scores. Admission and scholarship decisions will not take test scores, or the absence of test scores, into consideration. The Guaranteed Professional Program Admission between UIS and the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) School of Nursing secures admission to UIC nursing for the most academically competitive first-year students.

Domestic students not residing in Illinois who have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.25 can receive a scholarship worth over \$9,000 that makes in-state tuition available nationwide. 95% of UIS undergraduates and graduates are employed, continuing their education, performing service or in the military within six months of graduation.

Email admissions@uis.edu, call toll-free 877 977 4847 or text 217 441 2590 anytime.

> Student Life & Support **Student Life**

In pursuit of a vibrant community, Student Life will foster campus pride, engage and empower students, and encourage a sense of belonging.

> Scholars & Leadership **Capital Scholars Honors Program**

The UIS Capital Scholars Honors Program provides a challenging, interdisciplinary, educational experience in which the most academically competitive students gain understanding and leadership skills to engage the world.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Visit UIS (on-campus and online)**

Prospective students can tour campus Monday through select Saturdays; meet one-on-one with an online admission counselor Monday through Thursday until 7pm; engage with other UIS staff and faculty; and learn more about what UIS alumni do.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Necessary Steps Mentoring Program (NSMP)**

NSMP is a living learning community designed to transition first-generation students to the challenges and demands of college life and transform students into scholars.

> Academic Advising & Support **The Learning Hub**

The Learning Hub is part of the Center for Academic Success and Advising (CASA) and offers help to students in improving skills including: writing, math and statistics, accounting and economics, computer science, exercise science, science, and academic/study skills. Plus, through a peer tutoring program, students taking virtually any subject are eligible for assistance.

University of Illinois Springfield
Springfield, IL
www.uis.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,348
Acceptance Rate	82%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	37%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	2%
White	63%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	498-620
SAT Math	490-600
ACT	20-27

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	71%
Graduation Rate	57%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Computer Science; Psychology, General; Accounting and Related Services; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$11,807
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$8,593
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$7,369
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,246
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$14,937
\$110,001+	\$17,077

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.uis.edu/sites/default/files/calculator/npcalc.htm>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	41%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,128
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$203/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$57,103
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Holy Cross College



Holy Cross College is a Catholic, residential, coed, four-year institution of higher learning, offering an applied liberal arts curriculum. Holy Cross College is committed to helping students develop their passions and skills through a practical and personalized academic experience that educates both the heart and mind. We strive to provide a transformative education, forming scholars, citizens, leaders, and disciples who will make a positive impact on the local and global community. Our unique partnership with the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College offers our students countless academic and extracurricular opportunities across our tri-campus community.

> Academic Advising & Support Advising & Tutoring

During their first year, first-generation students have regular one-on-one meetings with a personal mentor as well as an academic advisor. Personalized tutoring and academic support are available through our Math and Writing Centers and include pre-writing assistance, revision of essays, term papers, and personal creative writing. All of this helps first-generation students to succeed and persist; over 80% of first-year, first-generation students return their second year.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning Common Good Practicum

All students complete a core curriculum with courses such as the Common Good Practicum and Seminar, Career Internship, and Global Perspectives, which develop students as "Scholars, Citizens, Leaders, and Disciples." During their time at Holy Cross, students participate in their choice of community engagement over the span of a semester. This experience of community engagement helps students gain valuable self-knowledge about the ways in which they are called to serve in the world. We describe vocation as the place where "one's passion and gifts meet the needs of our world." The Common Good Practicum is a fantastic way to discover both!

> Student Life & Support Resources & Activities in the Tri-campus

Students at Holy Cross College are invited to take advantage of academic resources, join student clubs and organizations, as well as attend athletic and social events at our neighboring institutions, Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame. This allows Holy Cross students to enjoy the benefits of a larger academic community while attending a smaller, close-knit college.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Mentoring & Transition

All first-year students at Holy Cross College receive personal assistance through the Offices of Student Success. Students are ensured 1-on-1 academic advising and personal mentoring; easy access to counseling, academic skill building, and meetings with their professors; along with workshops and access to online tools. All of these services provided by the Student Success Team support students in their transition to college life and academics and throughout their years at Holy Cross College.

> Student Life & Support First-Generation Student Organization

This organization is dedicated to the support of first-generation students, who make up over 25% of our student body, in all aspects of their college experience. The First-Generation Student Organization provides resources and networking opportunities to promote academic, professional, and personal success. Additionally, the First-Generation Student Organization raises awareness of the unique challenges of first-generation students, as well as celebrates their accomplishments across campus and among peers, faculty, and staff.

Holy Cross College
Notre Dame, IN
www.hcc-nd.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	422
Acceptance Rate	76%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	27%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	2%
Black	6%
Hispanic	25%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	54%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	610-703
SAT Math	593-670
ACT	29-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	50%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Business/Commerce, General; Communication and Media Studies; Psychology, General; Theological and Ministerial Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,681
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$13,741
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,880
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,602
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,472
\$110,001+	\$36,831

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.hcc-nd.edu/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	62%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$254/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$50,416
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Bates College



Bates College was founded in 1855 by people who believed strongly in freedom, civil rights, and the importance of a higher education for all who could benefit from it. Bates educates the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. With ardor and devotion, "Amore ac Studio," we engage the transformative power of our differences, cultivating intellectual discovery and informed civic action. Preparing leaders sustained by a love of learning and a commitment to responsible stewardship of the wider world, Bates is a college for coming times.

We are one of America's leading selective liberal arts and sciences colleges, and we are home to almost 2,000 undergraduates from across the globe who live, learn, and grow together with dedicated faculty, staff, and community members on our Lewiston, Maine campus. Here are some additional details about what makes Bates great.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Bates is affordable

Bates meets 100 percent of each family's calculated financial need. This is true regardless of a student's citizenship or where they attend high school. Bates offers more than \$40 million in grant aid to students annually. The average grant aid we provided enrolled students in the most recent class — money that doesn't have to be repaid — is just over \$60,000

> Student Life & Support Bates is inclusive

Bates was the first coeducational college in New England. In fact, we admitted women, Black Americans, and international students as early as the 1870s. At Bates, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a community-wide opportunity to discuss, teach, and reflect on the legacy of the U.S. civil rights icon. The day includes keynote speakers, workshops, artistic performances, and an annual Bates-Morehouse debate.

Bates students come from all across the United States and the globe. In the most recent class, 29 countries outside of the U.S. were represented (10% of the class) and 38 states and Washington, D.C. make up the rest of the class. Ten percent are the first in their families to attend college, and 33% of U.S. citizens are students of color.

> Student Life & Support Bates students are engaged and active

Through the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships, we move beyond the classroom to partner with organizations that support our community, teach in local schools, and put theory into practice every day.

More than 95% of students live on campus, and Bates students are guaranteed housing all four years they attend Bates. We have never had fraternities or sororities. Instead, Bates students are engaged in one or more of the 100+ clubs on campus. And about 40% of Bates students participate in a varsity sport.

> Student Life & Support Bates prepares you for a successful career.

Through the Center for Purposeful Work (PW), the possibilities with a Bates degree are vast. Professional staff and current Bates students at PW help you connect to internships, job shadowing, funding for off-campus work, resume and cover letter support, and more. Within six months of graduating, 99 percent of recent seniors surveyed were gainfully employed, attending graduate school, or engaged in a prestigious fellowship (like a Fulbright).

There are many ways to connect with us. Visit in person or virtually, attend virtual events, or explore the many ways to learn about life at Bates by visiting the link via the QR code on this page. And when you're ready to apply, we look forward to reading your application!

Bates College
Lewiston, ME
www.bates.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,790
Acceptance Rate	14%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	10%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	5%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	0%
White	62%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	710-750
SAT Math	700-780
ACT	32-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	92%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Biology, Economics, Environmental Studies, Politics, Psychology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$29,341

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$4,512
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$5,529
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$10,800
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,211
\$110,001+	\$45,686

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/bates>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	13%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,275
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$151/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$69,498
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



St. John's College (Maryland)



St. John's College is often called "the most contrarian college in America." Or "the most rigorous college in America." Or "the most intellectual college in America."

Centered on reading and discussing the greatest books in history, with teachers such as Plato, Shakespeare, Euclid, Nietzsche, Einstein, Austen, and Du Bois, students at St. John's are original and unconventional, love big questions and discussion, and are excited to join a rigorously intellectual community of thinkers and seekers.

All students at St. John's explore our great books curriculum of interdisciplinary classes focused on philosophy, classics, literature, politics, religion, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, music, history, language, and more. With a 7:1 student to faculty ratio, every class is a discussion led by one or two faculty members. Instead of choosing a major, all students graduate with a BA in the Liberal Arts. The college currently ranks #5 in Professors Get High Marks and #13 for Best Classroom Experience.

Over 70% of Johnnies attend graduate school, particularly in law, business, scientific research, and journalism. The college is among the best for students receiving PhDs in the humanities and sciences.

On the Annapolis campus, 500 students experience a historic college town along the Chesapeake Bay. Annapolis is close to Washington, DC, with many nearby museums and cultural offerings. Founded in 1696, the college is the third oldest in the United States, and students embrace long-held traditions such as waltz parties, intramural sports, and the famous annual croquet match against the Naval Academy. Popular student groups include musical ensembles, community service organizations, and the college's theatrical troupe. Students can transfer between the campuses in Annapolis, MD, and Santa Fe, NM.

In the last decade, St. John's has raised \$325 million to lower the cost of tuition and increase both merit scholarships and need-based financial aid. All Pell Grant recipients receive matching grants that double the value of their Pell Grant. As a result, the college has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other news outlets for the distinctiveness of the curriculum and the radical approach to college affordability.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Summer Programs

Both residential and virtual pre-college summer programming is offered. Summer Academy is a residential program, where high school students explore ideas by some of the world's greatest thinkers in on-campus, discussion-based classes led by St. John's faculty. Summer Seminars offer small online group discussions of a text led by faculty and current students. Financial assistance is available.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Visit Program

Prospective students are encouraged to visit campus, tour, and observe classes to see our distinctive education in action. Additionally, the college offers travel reimbursements for admitted students. Online options, including meeting one-on-one with your counselor, are also available.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Support

The college offers support including mental and physical health resources, academic tutoring in every subject, and robust community building events. The Pritzker Bridge Program supports the success of our incoming first-generation, lower income, and international students by intentionally facilitating their transition to college and connecting them directly to key members of the St. John's community.

St. John's College
Annapolis, MD
www.sjc.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	462
Acceptance Rate	50%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	2%
Hispanic	6%
International/non-resident	14%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	2%
White	67%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-740
SAT Math	590-720
ACT	30-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	80%
Graduation Rate	67%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$26,243
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,984
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$22,440
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,100
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,393
\$110,001+	\$34,123

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.sjc.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	46%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$51,584
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



St. Mary's College of Maryland



St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College. We are "National" by distinction; "Public" by our commitment to access, inclusion, and affordable institution; "Honors" by our intellectually ambitious students who want to engage in an academic environment where they have the chance to connect and work closely with top-notch faculty. We prepare our students academically and professionally to engage in the world around them and become productive, responsible, and thoughtful global citizens. We strive for greater inclusion, diversity, and equity among our students, faculty, and staff. It's the St. Mary's Way.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Campus Visits

There is a place for you at St. Mary's College of Maryland. We encourage students to visit our campus to see for themselves. Visit www.smcm.edu/admissions to select a date and to take part in a campus visit where they can sit in on an information session and experience a tour from one of our student ambassadors. The website also provides you with Open House dates and ways to RSVP.

> First-Year Experience and Transition The Core Curriculum

Our core curriculum, *Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery* (LEAD), is the foundation of our student's academic learning. LEAD weaves thoughtful and purposeful academics with credit-bearing professional skill development and hands-on opportunities. Students learn how disciplines and the world connect, the power of collaboration, communication, essential job skills, critical thinking, and creative problem solving. Our Honors College Promise guarantees that our students will be afforded intern, faculty led research, and international study opportunities.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Office of Student Financial Assistance

Even with our affordable public college tuition, our Office of Student Financial Assistance partners with our students and their families to bridge the gap between the cost of attending and what a student and family can reasonably pay. All applicants are considered for our merit scholarships and are encouraged to complete the FAFSA application. Our Landers Scholars Scholarship is a high financial need scholarship awarded to four new students per year.

> Student Life & Support Office of Student Activities / Athletic Department

There are close to 100 clubs and organizations for students to participate in, focusing on faith, culture, hobbies, as well as club and intramural sports. Our Office of Student Activities help our students build communities within communities, creating families away from home. Our athletic department consists of 21 Division III men and women NCAA athletic teams.

> Academic Advising & Support Office of Student Success Services

Student academic support is provided through the Office of Student Success Services (OS3). Each student has an academic adviser who helps with class scheduling, developing academic goals, exploring career interests, tutoring and mentoring services, and for students that are interested, planning for graduate school.

> Scholars & Leadership Sum Primus and the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Programs

Sum Primus is a living-learning community for first-generation students. Sum Primus includes an early move-in program, peer mentors, and shared academic experiences. The DeSousa-Brent Scholars Program is offered to a select number of incoming students who are from underrepresented student groups. The program provides each scholar with supplementary and preparatory courses, regular motivational events, and mentoring to cultivate their academic and leadership potential.

St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Mary's City, MD
www.smcm.edu
Public • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,618
Acceptance Rate	69%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	12%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	69%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	590-710
SAT Math	540-660
ACT	28-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	82%
Graduation Rate	73%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Biology, General;
 English Language and Literature, General;
 Economics; Natural Resources Conservation
 and Research

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$18,736
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$5,213
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$9,457
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,754
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,612
\$110,001+	\$24,818

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.collegenpc.com/SMCM>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	42%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$223/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$60,110
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Amherst College



Amherst College prepares students to make a difference in the world. Since its founding in 1821, Amherst has demonstrated steadfast confidence in the value of the liberal arts and the importance of critical thinking. Diversity, defined in its broadest sense, is fundamental to Amherst's mission, and Amherst is widely acknowledged to be a national leader in expanding college access for low-income students. Today, its financial aid program is among the most substantial in the nation, and its student body is among the most diverse. The college enrolls students from nearly every state and approximately 60 countries, and for the past several years over 45 percent of Amherst's students have been U.S. students of color. Through the Five College Consortium, Amherst students can also take courses and participate in activities at Smith, Mount Holyoke and Hampshire Colleges, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, providing access to an unusually broad and diverse collection of curricular and extracurricular options. Small classes, an open curriculum, and a singular focus on undergraduate education ensure that leading scholars engage daily with talented, curious students, equipping them for leadership in an increasingly global and complex world.

➤ Open House, Fly-In, Visit Access to Amherst (A2A)

As part of Amherst College's commitment to a diversity of perspectives and life experiences, the Office of Admission hosts Access to Amherst (A2A) in the fall. A2A is available to all prospective rising high school seniors who reside in the U.S. The program is a fully-funded campus visit opportunity, and the schedule centers the experience of students from marginalized communities, offering sessions on selective admission, affordability, liberal arts, and success in college. If you have an interest in attending, we encourage you to apply no matter your demographic background, economic situation, or citizenship status.

➤ Student Life & Support Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Office of Identity & Cultural Resources

The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI) and the Office of Identity & Cultural Resources (OICR) work collaboratively to support and sustain the growth of a just, equitable, vibrant and intellectually challenging educational environment. This includes six centers on campus which provide support, education, and programming for students: the Center for International Student Engagement, Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, Class & Access Resource Center, Multicultural Resource Center, Queer Resource Center, and Women's and Gender Center.

➤ Scholarship & Financial Aid Application Fee Waivers

As part of Amherst's commitment to expanded college access for students from all backgrounds, application fee waivers are available to all first-generation applicants and all applicants for whom the application fee would present a financial hardship. Fill out the fast-and-easy Quick Pass questionnaire on Amherst's website to see if you qualify for our application fee waiver.

➤ Summer Bridge & Orientation Mammoth Summer Bridge Programs

Matriculating students from first-generation and low-income (FLI) families are eligible for an invitation-only three-week residential summer bridge program which provides additional support in the academic year through Amherst's Intensive Advising Program, STEM Incubator Program, Summer Bridge Research Institute, and Meiklejohn Fellows Program. Summer Bridge covers all costs for the program, including travel to campus, and provides an opportunity before the start of the school year to build community and to engage in conversations about the benefits and challenges of being a FLI student at Amherst. The Summer Bridge Program offers three tracks: Summer Humanities and Social Science Program, Summer Science Program, and Summer Quantitative and Social Science Program.

Amherst College
Amherst, MA
www.amherst.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,898
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	24%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	14%
Black	11%
Hispanic	16%
International/non-resident	11%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	2%
White	38%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	700-760
SAT Math	720-790
ACT	32-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	96%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Mathematics; Economics; Research and Experimental Psychology; Computer Science; English Language and Literature, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$25,035
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$7,895
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,119
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,409
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,178
\$110,001+	\$50,853

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/amherst>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	11%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$13,740
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$146/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$77,644
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Babson College



You've got uncommon ambitions. Why should your college be any different? Babson gives students the best of a traditional undergraduate experience, alongside an immersive, interconnected learning program that's anything but common.

At Babson, students of all backgrounds develop an entrepreneurial mindset with the confidence to ask questions about the future, and the insight to answer them today. Experience the best aspects of an undergraduate program, while building connections with your professors and fellow students in ways completely unique to Babson. Through a curriculum that blends business with the liberal arts and sciences, hands-on experiences, global opportunities, and a diverse campus community, you'll develop into the entrepreneurial leader the world needs now.

Studying business doesn't mean you have to give up on fun. Babson offers students a dynamic and engaging student life experience with something for everyone—athletics, Greek life, clubs, organizations, annual events, and more. And if it doesn't exist, our students take the initiative to create communities, opportunities, and moments that contribute to a vibrant and thriving campus community.

And, wherever you go next, the Babson network—43,000 strong across 129 countries—will be there to help you succeed.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Conference (NFTE)

Babson currently hosts the northeast regional conference of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. This organization, which provides both training to students and teachers, helps young people from low-income communities build skills and unlock their entrepreneurial creativity. In addition, Babson offers the NFTE Scholarship, a four year, full tuition scholarship.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Babson's Summer Study

Babson provides a living/learning laboratory for high school students to focus on applying and advancing their knowledge in business and entrepreneurship. Students earn college credit and learn from top-ranked faculty in a challenging and ambitious campus atmosphere. They will differentiate themselves from their peers in college applications and have the opportunity to build their network by meeting with business leaders and industry experts, engaging with real time business challenges, and launching a venture by the end of the program.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Access Babson

This fall program will provide prospective seniors with the opportunity to experience our diverse, multicultural, and inclusive community, through engaging with current students, faculty, and staff and learning more about residence halls, classes, and many other resources.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Diversity Leadership Award

The Diversity Leadership Award is a four-year full tuition scholarship awarded to students with the greatest potential for leadership in creating an inclusive community. Scholars receive student mentoring, are provided with unique leadership development opportunities, and are able to participate in distinct academic, social, and cultural activities and events.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Posse University Partner

Babson College participates in the Posse Foundation, a program that brings talented inner city youth to campus to pursue their academics and to help promote cross-cultural communication.

Babson College
Wellesley, MA
www.babson.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,709
Acceptance Rate	22%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	13%
Black	4%
Hispanic	16%
International/non-resident	29%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	2%
Unknown	4%
White	31%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-730
SAT Math	690-780
ACT	30-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	95%
Graduation Rate	94%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$34,994
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,765
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,344
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$20,854
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$28,556
\$110,001+	\$55,303

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/babson>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	29%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,00
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$212/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$123,938
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Bentley University



Bentley University is a national leader in business education, and challenges students to be a force for positive change at the intersection of leadership and understanding. By combining business education with the arts and sciences, students gain critical thinking and practical skills that prepare them to lead successful, rewarding careers. The community encourages hands-on learning through corporate partnerships, internships, service-learning and study abroad. Bentley is committed to ensuring social and cultural diversity in all aspects of campus life.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation MOSAIC Experience

The MOSAIC Experience is a two-day pre-orientation program for incoming students of color and first-generation students and their allies. The program gives students the opportunity to network through a series of workshops, information sessions, and social events before orientation to acclimate to life at the university. Students are given tools for academic and personal success, and most importantly make meaningful connections as they bond as a community.

> Student Life & Support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Bentley celebrates our differences and encourages curiosity. Diverse backgrounds, beliefs and life experiences all come together making it a vibrant place to learn, live, and explore. Through conversation, programs and events, we're shaping the world we want to live in. Check out our new major in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, developed to support the growing demand in this field and to prepare our students to lead the conversation.

> Student Life & Support Multicultural Community

The Multicultural Center is the campus hub for diversity and inclusion activities and supports by providing a safe space for students to engage and get support. We believe exposure to other cultures and perspectives is an important part of your business education.

> Student Life & Support Bentley Black Student-Athletes (BBSA)

This organization was founded by and for Black student-athletes. BBSA is inclusive of all the university's Black student-athletes and was created to provide an environment conducive to understanding, recognizing, and appreciating the contributions of this group. It also allows Black student-athletes to have a stronger collective voice and to show how they excel in the classroom and in the world as leaders.

> Student Life & Support First-Generation College Students

Bentley's inclusive environment embraces the first-generation student, developing opportunities for them to interact with each other, instilling confidence to reach their full potential and recognize their accomplishments and contribution in the classroom and the community. Bentley was inducted into the First-Gen Forward, a recognition program acknowledging higher education institutions for their commitment to first-generation student's success.

> Student Life & Support First-Gen Presidential Fellows

This prestigious leadership program is offered to incoming first-generation, first-year students and covers the full estimated cost of attendance.

> Student Life & Support Gender and LGBTQ Community

Bentley welcomes, values, and supports students of all gender identities and sexualities. The Gender and Sexuality student lounge is a welcoming and inclusive space where students can engage others and advance social justice issues.

Bentley University
Waltham, MA
www.bentley.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	4,070
Acceptance Rate	58%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	10%
Black	4%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	14%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	57%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	618-690
SAT Math	640-730
ACT	28-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	90%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Finance and Financial Management Services;
Accounting and Related Services; Business
Administration, Management and Operations;
Business, Management, Marketing, and
Related Support Services, Other; Marketing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$39,699
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$21,131
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$25,117
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$28,129
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$36,002
\$110,001+	\$48,742

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.bentley.edu/undergraduate/myintuition>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	42%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,023
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$265/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$120,959
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Boston University



Boston University is the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, the first African American psychiatrist in the United States. It was the first university in the nation to award a Ph.D. to a woman and to award a medical degree to a Native American student. It is a world-recognized, private teaching and research university offering more than 300 programs of study in the liberal arts and professions. Students are prepared for success through rigorous academics, cutting-edge research with faculty, and internships in the U.S. and abroad. At BU, students experience the city of Boston as an extension of the campus, and can explore the world through global curriculum and faculty, and more than 80 study abroad opportunities.

> Student Life & Support The Newbury Center

The Newbury Center was created to foster the success of first-generation college students. The center provides programming and services such as professional development workshops and social events to help students thrive on and off BU's campus.

> Student Life & Support The Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground

Named for BU's aforementioned first Black dean (and mentor to alumnus Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), the center embraces Dr. Thurman's philosophy of inclusion, shared experiences, and meaningful friendships. It is a place where expression in all its forms is embraced.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid AffordableBU and the BU Scholarship Assurance

BU will meet 100% of demonstrated financial need for admitted first-year students eligible for need-based financial aid. The University guarantees your BU need-based aid will not be reduced for any of your four years here, as long as you meet academic and deadline requirements.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Trustee and Presidential Scholarships

The Trustee Scholarship is BU's most prestigious merit-based award, recognizing students with extraordinary academic and leadership abilities and covers full tuition and mandatory fees. The Presidential Scholarship is a half-tuition scholarship awarded to the best and brightest first-year students from around the globe. Applications must be received by December 1 to be considered for both scholarships, and Trustee Scholarship applicants must submit one additional essay. High school seniors who have been chosen as National Merit finalists and designate BU as their first-choice college may also be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First Year 101 (FY101)

FY101 is a one-credit class that serves as a semester-long introduction to BU and college life. Each section is taught by a BU administrator and upperclassman peer mentor. Through discussions, activities, and field trips, you will investigate the social, academic, and cultural dimensions of student life at BU, all while making deep connections with your peers. There is even a special section of the course reserved for first-generation college students.

Boston University
Boston, MA
www.bu.edu
Private • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	17,501
Acceptance Rate	19%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	20%
Black	4%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	22%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	4%
White	34%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-740
SAT Math	700-780
ACT	31-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	94%
Graduation Rate	88%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Communication and Media Studies; Economics; Psychology, General; Computer Science

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$26,170
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,832
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,835
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$15,046
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$23,922
\$110,001+	\$46,244

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.bu.edu/finaid/aid-basics/cost-of-education/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	34%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$247/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$65,000
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Harvard University



From world-renowned professors to life-long friendships, students at Harvard find a community that welcomes them, challenges them, and exposes them to new ideas daily. With over 450 student organizations to join, 50 concentrations to study, 17 first-year dorms and 12 upper-level houses to live in, in addition to hundreds of faculty members and more than 7,000 students to befriend, each student experiences a different piece of Harvard College over the course of four years. While Harvard is renowned for its academic excellence, we strongly believe that one of our greatest strengths is the exceptional community. We are committed to ensuring all admitted students have the opportunity to attend Harvard, regardless of financial circumstances.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Harvard College Recruitment Coordinators

The Admissions and Financial Aid Office has several initiatives designed to encourage talented students from all backgrounds to learn more about Harvard. Through these programs, prospective students can get in touch with current Harvard students to hear about their experiences and to ask questions about admissions and financial aid.

The Harvard First Generation Program (HFGP) focuses on directing college awareness to future first-generation college students and shares information about first-generation student life at Harvard. Email: firstgen@fas.harvard.edu.

The Harvard Financial Aid Initiative (HFAI) serves as a touchstone for those looking to learn more about the application and financial aid process and raises awareness about college affordability. Email: hfaif@fas.harvard.edu.

The Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Program (UMRP) focuses on providing information about Harvard's diverse campus community and the application process. Email: umrp@fas.harvard.edu

> Scholarship & Financial Aid The Harvard College Griffin Financial Aid Office

Harvard is committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need. For many families, the expected parent contribution is between zero and 10% of family income, with no contribution for parents with incomes under \$85,000 a year. For low-income students, there is additional assistance through the Student Events Fund and the Winter Coat Fund, as well as for helping with student health insurance and the expenses of starting college.

> Student Life & Support First-Generation Programming

Harvard Primus

Harvard Primus is a student organization that seeks to build community and to advocate for first-generation students on campus. Harvard Primus not only hosts fun events to bring the first-generation community together, they also collaborate with many campus offices to provide programming and resources for first-generation students.

FYRE (First-Year Retreat Experience)

FYRE is a pre-orientation program that supports first-generation, low-income, and under-represented first-year students. Spanning five days in August, student leaders help first-years get oriented to campus and share their own stories of transitioning to Harvard. FYRE provides students with the resources and community to thrive at Harvard.

First Generation Harvard Alumni

The FGHA Mentorship Program pairs first-generation students with alumni mentors who were also first-generation. Alumni mentors add to the existing advising network for first-year students.

Harvard University
Cambridge, MA
www.harvard.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,124
Acceptance Rate	3.5%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	21%
Black	9%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	3%
White	35%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

SAT/ACT Required	
SAT Reading and Writing	740-780
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	34-36

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	98%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Social Sciences; Economics; Computer Science; History; Applied Mathematics

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,626
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$2,829
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$2,696
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$2,835
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$8,962
\$110,001+	\$39,143

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://college.harvard.edu/financial-aid/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	4%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,971
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$160/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$101,817
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Lasell University



Offering more than 60 undergraduate and graduate academic programs, Lasell University has a deep commitment to personal growth and professional connections. We'll challenge you to apply what you learn through a host of initiatives on campus, in our community, and among the cultural and business opportunities of nearby Boston. Every Lasell student completes at least one professional internship prior to graduation; earning Lasell University recognition as a national leader in experiential learning.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Schedule your visit at lasell.edu/visitus**

Lasell University offers a variety of opportunities to visit campus in-person or virtually. Options include personal guided campus tours, self-guided tours, information sessions, interviews, open houses, opportunities to shadow classes, and more. The Office of Undergraduate Admission offers in-person tours of campus Monday through Friday and on select Saturdays during the year.

> Special Admissions Policy **Lasell is test score optional**

Lasell University is a test-optional institution. We firmly believe that there is more to a student than their test scores and so we evaluate each of our applications on a holistic basis. We pay close attention to a student's scholastic record, extracurricular involvement, personal essay, and (optional) interview. Students who believe the results from the SAT or ACT support their candidacy for admission are encouraged to submit their scores. SAT and ACT scores are not used in consideration of merit scholarships. Admitted students are also encouraged to submit the FAFSA for consideration of additional financial assistance.

> Academic Advising & Support **One-to-one professional advising**

Lasell provides all first-year students with a full-time professional advisor. Advisors assist students with developing educational and career goals, succeeding academically, planning internships, and meeting graduation requirements. Lasell also recognizes the individuality of each student's learning style so the Academic Achievement Center provides free academic support services through a variety of programs.

> Academic Offerings **Flexible and customizable programs**

Select the academic major that most closely fits with your career goals. Add a minor to expand your learning experience into related areas, or a completely different one that interests you. Our 3-Year Degree program lets you accelerate your courses in most academic areas to get a faster start on your career. Our Accelerated Master's Program lets you earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in as few as five years for an extra credential as you start your job search.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Generous financial aid awards are available**

We believe that quality higher education should be available to all. At Lasell, you will find a wide range of financial assistance and cost-saving academic programs. Every accepted student receives an automatic review for generous Lasell University Awards. Students who apply for financial aid may be qualified to receive even more assistance.

Lasell University
Newton, MA
www.lasell.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,236
Acceptance Rate	73%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	32%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	11%
Hispanic	14%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	5%
White	63%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	510-640
SAT Math	485-628
ACT	22-26

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	75%
Graduation Rate	63%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Communication and Media Studies; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Specialized Sales, Merchandising and Marketing Operations; Design and Applied Arts; Criminology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$28,558

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$21,776
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$22,079
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$27,840
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$28,982
\$110,001+	\$32,298

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://lasell.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	77%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$49,705
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Mount Holyoke College



At Mount Holyoke, a gender-diverse women's liberal arts college, students from nearly all U.S. states and 73 countries make up our student body of 2,200. The hallmark of the Mount Holyoke experience? A sense of belonging and inclusion. We're intentionally diverse—and we go beyond the compositional to encompass lived and meaningful exchanges across and at the intersection of identities, both visible and invisible. Here, we believe in the power of dialogue and of learning through listening and understanding experiences and perspectives that differ from our own. We do that work under the guidance of some of the top-ranked faculty in the nation (per *The Princeton Review*), in the context of more than 100 clubs and organizations, and via our five thriving cultural centers. Are you ready to belong? Learn more at mtholyoke.edu/admission.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Mosaic

At Mount Holyoke, we recognize that a mosaic represents much more than a work of art. Each of us has a distinctive story, and when we come together as a community, form artwork that reflects the intersections and connections of our unique experiences and identities. This fully-funded program allows students to immerse themselves in the Mount Holyoke experience and invites them to become a piece of the MHC mosaic. Application for the program opens early summer.

> Special Admissions Policy Test-Optional Admission

At Mount Holyoke, applicants can choose whether to submit their test scores for consideration. It's been this way for over 20 years. Instead of relying on a single number to assess a student's potential, we strive to understand applicants within the diverse and nuanced contexts of their everyday lives.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Making Education Affordable Through Grants & Scholarships

Mount Holyoke College ensures affordability by meeting the full calculated financial need of every admitted student. This commitment allows students from diverse economic backgrounds to access a high-quality education without the burden of unmet financial needs. By providing comprehensive financial support, Mount Holyoke fosters an inclusive academic environment where all students can thrive.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Generation Low-Income Partnership (FLIP)

Mount Holyoke is proud to have been named a First-Gen Forward institution. The recognition is in part due to FLIP, our First-Generation and Low-Income Partnership, which exists to provide community, advocacy, and resources—from weekly networking to exclusive resources like our Student Safety Net Fund—for first-generation and/or low-income students as they navigate the college experience.

> Student Life & Support Cultural Centers, Spiritual and Identity Spaces

Mount Holyoke's five cultural centers are college-owned facilities established for the designated use of groups historically marginalized within U.S. society. The cultural and spiritual and identity spaces serve as spaces of support, education, networking, and sanctuary. Additionally, they provide programming and resources to increase cultural awareness and allow students from targeted groups to explore their own identity and develop leadership skills in a supported, empowered way.

Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, MA
www.mtholyoke.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,183
Acceptance Rate	40%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	21%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	5%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	23%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	51%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	690-770
SAT Math	660-770
ACT	30-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	85%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Research and Experimental Psychology;
 Biology; English Language and Literature;
 Economics; International Relations and
 National Security Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$31,444
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$17,822
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$21,476
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,975
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,914
\$110,000+	\$45,825

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://mtholyoke.edu/myintuition>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	45%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,902
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$243/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,418
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Northeastern University



Northeastern University is a leader in experiential education integrating rigorous classroom studies with real world opportunities across the globe. Anchored by the nation's largest, most innovative cooperative education (co-op) program, students alternate classroom learning and professional work experience. Northeastern offers students several other experiential learning opportunities, including student research, service-learning, and global learning experiences. Students will join a vibrant community in one of our three undergraduate campuses—Boston, MA; Oakland, CA; and London, UK—or through one of our partner institutions through The N.U.in Program or NYC Scholars. Each location offers a unique environment with excellent academic, residential, and recreational facilities.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid \$470 Million in Financial Aid

Northeastern is committed to making college accessible and affordable for all students interested in pursuing their passions. The university is awarding \$470 million in merit and need-based assistance for the 2024-2025 academic year. Northeastern participates in federal and state aid programs, payment plans, as well as private educational loans. In addition, Northeastern offers a number of scholarships that are awarded to students who are well prepared for success in college and demonstrate strong leadership and community values.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Torch Scholars Program

The Torch Scholars Program is a bold and innovative scholarship initiative awarded to individuals who have overcome exceptional odds and who demonstrate the potential to excel academically. Torch Scholars receive full tuition, fees, and room and board, as well as significant personal and academic support throughout their undergraduate careers.

> Student Life & Support A Diverse and Global University Community

On each of our undergraduate campuses, Northeastern boasts a rich blend of cultures, languages, religions, and traditions—our community is one of the strongest, most diverse, and most global. The university supports and celebrates these characteristics through many centers, institutes, and programs including the John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute, Asian American Center, Chabad at Northeastern, Latinx Student Cultural Center, LGBTQA Resource Center, Hillel Jewish Community, Catholic Center, Spiritual Life Center, Center for Intercultural Engagement, and Office of Global Services.

> Student Life & Support Building an Inclusive Community

Northeastern is a welcoming and engaging community that is comprised of students, faculty, and staff from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences drawing from across the United States and all over the globe. The university values the contributions of all its members and works to support its under-represented populations through a network of active cultural centers, mentoring programs, and student organizations. In recruiting students, Northeastern reaches out to a wide variety of geographically distant locations, nationally and internationally, and works closely with a host of support programs through the Center for Community Service.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Legacy Mentoring and Leadership Program

The Legacy Mentoring Program provides a sense of belonging, retention, and academic success for those who identify with the African Diaspora. Legacy offers workshops and programming to foster the growth of students in the following areas: academic excellence, personal and professional wellness, leadership development, cross-cultural dialogue, and community and social responsibility.

Northeastern University
Campuses in Boston, MA; Oakland, CA;
London, UK
www.northeastern.edu
Private • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	21,330
Boston Admit Rate	5%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	19%
Black	6%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	14%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	1%
White	42%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	700-760
SAT Math	740-790
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	90%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business; Computer and Information Sciences; Mechanical Engineering; Economics; Chemical Engineering

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,521
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$2,227
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$2,715
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$9,324
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,469
\$110,001+	\$46,187

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/financial-tools-and-calculators/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	29%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,350
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$257/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$92,538
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Olin College of Engineering



Olin is an extraordinary learning community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, corporate and educational partners, and others who are bound by a vibrant culture of innovation and a vision to change engineering education to make it a fun, engaging, meaningful, and powerful experience. We believe strongly in advancing engineering as a bridge to equity, opportunity, and progress for humanity on a global scale.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Olin Mix & Mingle Fly-In**

The Olin Mix & Mingle Fly-In is for high school seniors who may lack the financial resources to visit campus, but have a strong potential for Olin's collaborative, project-based engineering curriculum.

> Academic Advising & Support **Academic Support**

Every Olin student has an advisor who offers guidance on a student's progress to graduation, major requirements, course options, and more. Instructors, course assistants (CAs), Academic Resource Co-Designers (ARCs), and peer tutoring offer academic support. ARCs are peer-trained support resources that can assist students in non-content related tasks and skills, such as time management, study strategies, organizational skills, processing teaming situations, effective communication with faculty, and more!

> Special Admissions Policy **Candidates' Weekends**

Each year, we invite 250-275 applicants from our applicant pool to Candidates' Weekends (CWs). We provide financial support for travel to campus so that everyone can participate in person. You'll interact with faculty, current students, and alumni to experience aspects of student life and celebrate with the community. CW is for learning more about other candidates in the context of Olin's unique, highly collaborative setting.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Olin Tuition Scholarship**

Olin is committed to affordability and access through both need-based and merit-based financial aid. Currently valued at more than \$115,000, the half-tuition Olin Tuition Scholarship currently benefits admitted students for 8 semesters of full time study. Olin's generous need-based financial aid program meets full demonstrated financial need and requires submission of the FAFSA by February 15.

> Special Admissions Policy **Test Optional**

We are extending the temporary suspension of our standardized test requirement for the 2025-26 application cycle (for 2026 enrollment). Students who do not submit scores will not be penalized or be at a disadvantage. All applications will continue to be evaluated through Olin's holistic review process.

> Student Life & Support **Student Affairs and Resource**

The Office of Student Affairs and Resources (StAR) supports and celebrates students and their unique and intersecting identities through intentional and purposefully inclusive support, education, programming, resources, and opportunities.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Olin First Year Introduction (OFYI)**

OFYI is a course that serves as an introduction to different aspects of life and resources at Olin. Teaming and feedback, professionalism, space stewardship and ethics, mental health, financial literacy, identity formation and diversity, academic support, post-graduate planning, and curriculum and registration are some examples of topics that are covered in this course.

Olin College of Engineering
Needham, MA
www.olin.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	356
Acceptance Rate	19%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	21%
Black	3%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	11%
Unknown	6%
White	42%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	720-770
SAT Math	770-790
ACT	34-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	99%
Graduation Rate	96%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Engineering, General; Mechanical Engineering

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$25,924
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$1,819
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$680
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,292
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,970
\$110,001+	\$45,759

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/olin>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	23%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$207/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$129,455
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Regis College



Regis College is a coed inclusive and welcoming community located 12 miles west of Boston, Massachusetts that is rooted in the Catholic tradition and social justice values of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. These values include gracious hospitality, love and service to all without distinction, peaceful resolution of conflict, and care for the earth. We take pride in this legacy, understanding we are all God's children loved equally and without condition.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Partners in Excellence (P.I.E.) Mentoring Program

The Partners in Excellence (P.I.E.) mentoring program is designed to provide personal guidance and support to first-year students of color and first-generation students through the instruction of a tailored one-credit course and assignment of trained peer, faculty, staff, and graduate mentors.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Support and Success

Regis offers several retention and support services for all students including free tutoring, first-year experiences and early warning systems.

> Academic Advising & Support Self-paced Refresher Modules

Regis offers several academic programs to support students in the transition to college and in success in specific courses that students have historically found particularly challenging which are prerequisites for continuing in majors such as nursing.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships

100% of first-year students receive a merit scholarship or need-based financial aid.

> Academic Advising & Support First-Year Advisors

Incoming undergraduate students at Regis are assigned a First-Year Advisor to help them adjust to life as a college student and assist them at the start of their academic journey. After the first year, students are assigned a member of the faculty within their major who serves as their mentor until they graduate. Regis also offers the following academic support services to all undergraduate students: Academic Coaches, Peer Mentors, Writing Support Services, Internships and Career Placement Center, Student Disability and Accessibility Services, and the Center for Global Connections.

> First Year Experience & Transition Orientation and First-Year Seminar

The First Year Experience at Regis is comprised of New Student Orientation for all incoming students – both first-year and transfer students – and a three-credit First Year Seminar (FYS) course offered to all first-year students, instructed by each student's assigned First Year Advisor, in the fall. In the spring, students stay with the same classmates and are placed in a course that meets one of the university's Core Curriculum requirements.

> Student Life & Support Supporting Student Success at Regis

The Finucane and O'Sullivan Institute for Learning provides comprehensive tutoring services and student support coaching. Other offices at Regis provide resources for students interested in internship and career development, international opportunities, as well as an array of additional student engagement and support services, which includes: academic advising, the Center for Student Engagement, Center for Ministry and Service, Center for Health and Wellness, Center for Internship and Career Development, Center for Inclusive Excellence, and more.

Regis College
Weston, MA
www.regiscollege.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,095
Acceptance Rate	89%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	10%
Hispanic	19%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	1%
Unknown	21%
White	45%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	79%
Graduation Rate	70%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions; Dental Support Services and Allied Professions

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$29,482
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$23,781
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$26,397
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$30,781
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$31,638
\$110,001+	\$32,497

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.regiscollege.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/cost-and-financial-aid/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	69%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$270/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$52,873
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Smith College



Smith College educates women of promise for lives of distinction and purpose. Our open curriculum, with no core or distribution requirements, allows students the freedom to explore their interests and combine their passions across disciplines. With more than 50 areas of study, including the first engineering program at a women's college, the academic opportunities are endless! Smith is distinguished by a diverse student body, a gorgeous campus in the culturally vibrant town of Northampton, and participation in the Five College Consortium. Residential life is a highlight of the Smith experience, as students of all class years live together in 41 different houses.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Summer Programs

High school students from around the globe participate in Smith's Precollege Programs each summer. Programs include a College Readiness Workshop, Summer Science and Engineering, Sustainable Futures, Creative Writing, and Women, Gender, and Representation. All programs are for high school students entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Women of Distinction

The Women of Distinction program for high school seniors highlights opportunities offered by Smith College for African American, Asian American, Latin American, Native American, and/or first-generation college students. Housing, meals, and transportation to and from campus are included. Women of Distinction includes panels and workshops on academic and student life. Get an inside look at the Smith community by connecting with current students and faculty.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Springfield and Holyoke Partnership

Through this partnership, four graduates from Springfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts public schools are selected to receive a full-tuition scholarship for each of their four undergraduate years at Smith. Applicants are automatically considered for the scholarship; selection is based on academic record and leadership potential.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning The Education Initiative

Smith's Education Initiative is a service-learning program that provides opportunities for Smith students to transfer what they are learning in the classroom to real-world experiences alongside mentors across a range of educational settings. Our students apprentice in classrooms, schools, educational policy placements, and community organizations. Three core programs of the initiative include: The Smith College Mindich Teaching Fellowship, Project Coach, and Community-Engaged Scholarship & Research.

> Student Life & Support Student Support Groups

Smith offers an array of resources for underrepresented, first-generation, and low-income students. Students build community in cultural heritage organizations, CLIFS (Community for Low-Income and First-Gen Students), the First-Gen Out Loud cohort program, affinity housing, and more. The Common Goods Resource Center helps students access additional funding and resources, including winter clothing, toiletries, bedding, and school supplies.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid

Smith meets 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students who apply for financial aid by the deadlines. Loans are not included in our financial aid packages. Need is met with grants and work-study. Start-up grants of \$1,000 are awarded to students with the highest financial need. Our no-loan policy began in 2022; please note that data reflecting this change is not yet available.

Smith College
Northampton, MA
www.smith.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,506
Acceptance Rate	20%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	10%
Black	5%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	1%
White	52%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	720-770
SAT Math	690-770
ACT	32-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	93%
Graduation Rate	90%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology; Statistical and Data Sciences; Biology; Computer Science; Engineering; English Language & Literature; Government; Economics; Study of Women & Gender, and Art

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,823
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,678
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$16,389
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,903
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,619
\$110,001+	\$45,455

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/smith>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	13%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$17,550
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$186/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,881
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Davenport University



For more than 150 years, Davenport has stood apart from other universities because of its unrelenting focus on ensuring its graduates rise to the top of the job market. Its career-ready curriculum will empower you with real-world experience. You'll find Davenport provides an education that works for you with more than 80 bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs; small class sizes; seven-week courses; and classes held online or on campuses across Michigan. As a private, not-for-profit university with accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, Davenport delivers a quality education that's focused on your success. More than half of our students are first-gen, and we have custom programs and services to make sure you have what you need to succeed.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First-Gen Peer Mentoring Program**

Davenport provides first-generation students with several tools to tackle your first year of college. Our peer-mentoring program pairs first-gen students with upper-level students. We align all participants based on major, values, and interests. We have diverse participants, including students from many different backgrounds, cultures, majors, and experiences. Mentoring is a proven means to success, and our program is open to all first-year, first-generation students. Learn more: www.davenport.edu/iamfirstgen.

> Academic Advising & Support **Academic Advising**

Your Davenport University advisor will work with you throughout your tenure at Davenport. They will help you make decisions about specific courses needed for your degree and offer guidance to help you achieve your academic, career, and personal aspirations. They monitor your performance and progress and can help you work through struggles or challenges that may arise.

> Academic Advising & Support **Tutoring Services**

You can count on Davenport to have the people, services, and student resources in place to help you succeed. We offer free online tutoring services, available in English and Spanish, for all Davenport courses. Take advantage of this free service to improve your grades, your overall academic performance, and your confidence with one-on-one tutoring sessions.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Financial Aid Support**

From filing a FAFSA to understanding your financial aid options, our experienced financial aid counselors will help you navigate your tuition costs and more than 250 scholarship options. Today, 100% of incoming freshmen receive a scholarship or gift aid each year. Unlike student loans, these funds do not have to be repaid. Learn more: www.davenport.edu/financial-aid

> Academic Courses & Service Learning **From Class To Career**

Davenport University prepares students for high-paying careers. We work with employers to understand the qualifications they are looking for in an ideal candidate and ensure that our students exceed those standards. We provide career services to students and alumni for life. We are among the first in the U.S. to offer a 100% employment guarantee for certain programs. Learn more: www.davenport.edu/employment-guarantee.

> Student Life & Support **The Office Of Diversity, Equity And Inclusion**

At Davenport, we believe that engaging diversity, equity, and inclusion is essential to achieving educational and institutional excellence. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion promotes these core university values by creating an environment of equity and inclusivity that leverages diverse life experiences, ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives.

Davenport University
Grand Rapids, MI
www.davenport.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,412
Acceptance Rate	99%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	3%
Black	12%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	5%
White	65%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	76%
Graduation Rate	50%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Nursing; Business; Sports Management;
Marketing; Management; Accounting;
Cyber Defense; Finance; Human Resource
Management; Computer Science

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$17,760
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$17,260
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$21,620
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,209
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$18,334
\$110,001+	\$22,340

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://davenport.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	52%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$45,099
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Grand Valley State University



Grand Valley State University is a comprehensive, four-year public institution based in the metropolitan area of Grand Rapids, Michigan, that has established a reputation for preparing its more than 22,000 students to excel in virtually every field. Grand Valley has a rich history of educating first-generation students, who currently comprise 39% of our undergraduate student body. Our first-year retention rate for first-generation students is 68% and our six-year graduation rate is 64%, due, in part, to our programs that help first-generation students succeed.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Grand Valley Pledge**

The Grand Valley Pledge is a tuition-free program focused on helping to make a Grand Valley education accessible. Eligible students must apply and be admitted to Grand Valley State University, live in Michigan, be a first-year or transfer student, and have a family income of \$50,000 or less, as reported on the FAFSA.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **The Frederik Meijer First Generation Honors College Student Scholarship**

This award is a full-tuition scholarship for a select number of extraordinary freshmen who are the first in their immediate family to pursue a college degree. Incoming freshmen who are accepted into the Meijer Honors College by March 1 will automatically be considered—there is no additional application. Recipients in good standing in the Honors College may renew this scholarship, up to a maximum of eight semesters.

> Scholars & Leadership **McNair Scholars Program**

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to help academically talented students from historically underserved backgrounds reach their potential by earning a doctoral degree. Scholars participate in a 15-month program that includes academic and career counseling, tutoring, GRE preparation, and graduate school application and academic writing support. The program also includes a stipend of up to \$4,000, subsidized housing during the 12-week intensive summer research portion of the program, and other benefits.

> Academic Advising & Support **Oliver Wilson Scholars**

The Oliver Wilson Scholars program is a learning community that is designed to provide comprehensive academic, professional, and social support to students, in both group and one-on-one settings. The program focuses on easing the transition for students from high school to college, with a heavy emphasis on academic preparation, personal development, and skill building.

> Student Life & Support **TRIO Student Support Services**

The TRIO Student Support Service program at GVSU is committed to increasing the rates of academic achievement, retention, and graduation among historically underrepresented students. This is accomplished by providing holistic and individualized support services that maximize students' innate abilities and draw upon available resources within and outside of the university to benefit students, families, and the larger community.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Laker Connections**

The Laker Connections programs include: **Asian Student Achievement Program** (designed for students who identify as Asian), **Black Excellence** (designed for students who identify with the Black/African American culture), **Black Male Scholars** (designed for students who identify as Black men), **Laker Familia** (designed for students who identify as Latino/a/x), and **Mno'chigewin: Native Student Success Program** (designed for students who identify as Native American).

Grand Valley State University
Allendale, MI
www.gvsu.edu
Public • Suburban • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	19,002
Acceptance Rate	91%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	26%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	8%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	74%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	76%
Graduation Rate	69%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Marketing; Health and Physical Education/
Fitness; Finance and Financial Management
Services; Psychology, General; Health
Professions and Related Clinical Sciences,
Other

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$17,096
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,395
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,390
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,507
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,860
\$110,001+	\$23,541

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

https://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/price_calculator.htm

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	49%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$260/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$56,118
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University of Michigan



An early president declared that the University of Michigan would provide “an uncommon education for the common man.” More than 200 years after our founding in 1817, we remain committed to academic excellence, diversity, and serving the public good. We are recognized as a leader in higher education due to the outstanding quality of our 19 schools and colleges, internationally recognized faculty, and departments with more than 280 degree programs as well as opportunities for multidisciplinary study. U-M students come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. More than 682,000 living alumni make a difference around the world and provide a valuable network for graduates. We are committed to actively recruit and encourage prospective first-generation students; to make financial aid resources known and provide financial aid based on demonstrated financial need; and, once enrolled, to provide appropriate academic and cultural support that will help ensure first-generation student success.

➤ Pre-College Prep & Outreach **University of Michigan Detroit Center**

The University of Michigan Detroit Center mutually enriches university and Detroit communities through service, education, research, and the exchange of culture. Among its initiatives are the Semester in Detroit program, a unique urban immersion experience; Michigan Engineering Zone, a College of Engineering robotics program for high school students; and the Detroit Partnership, which connects U-M students with Detroit-based community partners for service learning opportunities.

➤ Academic Advising & Support **Summer Bridge Scholars and Comprehensive Studies Program**

The Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP) provides academic support for students who demonstrate outstanding potential for success at the University of Michigan. CSP is a Michigan Learning Community that also serves as an academic unit within the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. It offers a variety of academic support services, including the Summer Bridge Scholars Program, academic year course instruction, advising, tutoring, and first-year student interest groups. The program's aim is to develop self-directed, successful students.

➤ Student Life & Support **First-Generation Student Gateway**

The First-Generation Student Gateway serves as a central hub of information and support for students who are the first in their families to pursue a bachelor's degree. The office serves as a welcoming space for students and as a starting point to connect them with resources and support. The gateway provides resources on financial aid, programs, grants and scholarships, study abroad opportunities, career advice, and community-building activities. It also serves as a launching point for several partner offices, including Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs, the Comprehensive Studies Program, the Office of New Student Programs, and the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives.

➤ Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Peer Mentors**

The Mentorship Program is designed to help new students transition easily into campus life; attend events to build a supportive network of students, faculty, and staff; and find resources to succeed at U-M. Peer mentors are undergraduate students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) who volunteer to offer advice, respond to questions, and provide information about campus and community resources to incoming first-year students (mentees).

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, MI
www.umich.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	32,448
Acceptance Rate	18%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	18%
Black	4%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	5%
White	51%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	690-760
SAT Math	690-790
ACT	32-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	94%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer and Information Sciences, General; Research and Experimental Psychology; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Economics; Mechanical Engineering

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$16,792
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$5,713
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$7,376
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,621
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$17,865
\$110,001+	\$27,711

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

npc.collegeboard.org/app/umich

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	26%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$207/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$83,648
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Gustavus Adolphus College



At Gustavus, we encourage you to live your whole life. Our “do it all” mentality supports the pursuit of all your interests without compromise, in just four years. In the classroom, you will learn from our nationally recognized professors dedicated to your development and success.

Our commitment to a premier private education that’s affordable has led us to be ranked in the top 20 of “Most Affordable Hidden Gem Colleges for the Middle Class” (*College Raptor*) and ranked in the top 25 “Best Bang for the Buck Colleges” in the Midwest (*Washington Monthly*). After graduation, you’ll find Gusties working for Fortune 500 companies and attending top graduate programs just months after receiving their degree. Gusties get more out of college.

> Scholarships & Financial Aid Invest in Your Success

We make sure that a Gustavus education is affordable for all families, through merit-based scholarships, need-based financial assistance, and financing options. That’s why we’ve been ranked nationally for our commitment to social mobility and affordability. We help set you up to level up. Most applicants qualify for financial aid, so tell us about yourself and let us help you make it happen.

> Visit Campus More Than Just an Academic Institution

Sled down the hill behind Old Main on a cafeteria tray, gaze at the stars from atop the Olin Observatory, stroll through the Arboretum, or take center stage in Anderson Theatre. Our campus is the perfect backdrop to create friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. But don’t take our word for it. See for yourself when you visit campus—the best college in Minnesota, as ranked by the *Wall Street Journal*.

> Student Life & Support Center for Career Development

We work with you from day one to align your talents with meaningful opportunities. Nearly all Gusties engage with our Center for Career Development to find their passion, apply for internships, practice interview skills, and build their network. In addition, hundreds of Gusties are paired with an alumni mentor to get career advice in the Mentorship Program. And with more than 28,000 alumni in all 50 states and 56 countries, you can be sure there will be a Gustie ready to call your name when you graduate.

> Student Life & Support Center for Inclusive Excellence

At Gustavus, we’re united in our efforts for change. We are committed to improving how we listen, support, and lead our march toward diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Our Center for Inclusive Excellence provides critical resources as we empower our students to lead us to even greater change. We seek a community encompassing all identities and affinities with a rich blend of geographic, social, and economic backgrounds. And then we widen our lens even further by connecting academic experiences with global affairs and cultural differences.

Gustavus Adolphus College
Saint Peter, MN
www.gustavus.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,069
Acceptance Rate	78%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	24%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	3%
Hispanic	5%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	79%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	25-31

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	78%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Biology, General;
Business/Commerce, General; Health and
Physical Education/Fitness; Economics

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$24,224
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$13,796
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,862
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,341
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,887
\$110,000+	\$29,834

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://gustavus.edu/admission/financial-aid/calculator.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	56%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,774
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$284/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$65,607
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Macalester College



Macalester College is one of very few selective liberal arts & sciences colleges located in the heart of a major metropolitan area. Students live out the college mission of academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and service to society by embracing interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving. Academic, social, spiritual, community, and professional endeavors are all amplified by Macalester's location in the Twin Cities of Minnesota.

Macalester students come from more than 95 countries and all 50 states. They are curious, highly motivated, serious about their academics, and supportive of each other; more likely to work together for collective academic success than for competition. Supporting students from low-income, first-generation, and BIPOC backgrounds and communities is central to Macalester's mission. Macalester has several programs and partnerships in place to strive toward the success of all of its students, and continues to look for new ways to support students from all backgrounds.

➤ Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Macalester Fly-In Program**

Macalester's Multicultural Fly-In program offers prospective BIPOC students the opportunity to visit the Mac campus with all travel costs covered. Students will tour campus, attend classes, meet with admissions, experience the housing and dining facilities, and get to hang out with a Mac student. Bonus—they also get a tour of the Twin Cities! The Macalester Fly-In program is only offered to admitted students.

➤ Scholarship & Financial Aid **Questbridge**

Macalester is a QuestBridge partner and participant in the QuestBridge National College Match, a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. All students who apply for the QuestBridge National College Match scholarship may use their QuestBridge application to apply to Macalester. Macalester meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students, through QuestBridge or otherwise.

➤ First-Year Experience & Transition **Bridges and Barriers**

Through the Bridges and Barriers programs, students build community and explore ideas together, further clarify pathways to personal and academic success, and build networks of support among Macalester staff, faculty, and students. These hybrid opportunities are intentional, structured, and well-coordinated across various departments on campus, and the experiences of first-generation college students are centered to improve student success.

➤ Scholars & Leadership **Bonner Community Scholars Program**

The Bonner Community Scholars Program is a four-year civic engagement program providing leadership programming, academic support, engagement opportunities, and a social network. Being a Bonner Scholar involves a commitment not only to service, but also to learning how to be an effective change agent for one's campus, community, and beyond. Ideal Bonner candidates are passionate about civic engagement and eliminating systemic inequalities.

➤ Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **MOSAIC**

MOSAIC (Mentoring Opportunities For Students Across Identity and Culture) is a mentorship program coordinated by the Lealtad-Suzuki Center for Social Justice (LSCSJ). LSCSJ student employees will provide MOSAIC participants with informed peer advice, personal and cultural support, and help first-year students get connected to academic and administrative resources. Dialogues and workshops will boost understanding of diversity and inclusion and help students build community among each other, as well as help create a sense of belonging.

Macalester College
Saint Paul, MN
macalester.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,164
Acceptance Rate	28%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	8%
Black	6%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	0%
White	54%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	670-750
SAT Math	670-750
ACT	30-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	93%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Mathematics; Biology; Computer and Information Sciences; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$29,697
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$12,933
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,488
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,913
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,149
\$110,000+	\$40,691

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.macalester.edu/financial-aid/estimate/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	41%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$244/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$63,878
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St. Olaf College



St. Olaf doesn't produce ordinary college grads. It turns out Oles (Oh-Lees). St. Olaf's 3,000 students come from 100+ countries, nearly every state, and a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds. Oles choose from more than 85 majors, concentrations, and pre-professional tracks within the intense liberal arts academic program. The long-standing emphasis on global engagement broadens perspectives, and two-thirds of Oles study abroad. Oles aren't necessarily religious, but the college's religious tradition encourages deep self-reflection. Over 200 organizations flourish within an intensely residential setting. The vibrant Ole community accepts, supports, and encourages, generating lifelong friendships and invaluable connections. St. Olaf's beautiful 300-acre campus is located in Northfield, Minnesota, approximately 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **TRIO Student Support Services**

Student Support Services (SSS) is a student retention program sponsored by St. Olaf College with substantial support from the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the Northstar STEM Alliance, and the Hearst Endowment. The program is designed to help ensure academic success for St. Olaf students who meet federal eligibility guidelines and are committed to enhancing their academic experience at the college level. The program services range from advising and employment referral to sponsoring leadership activities; from Supplemental Instruction (SI) to graduate school preparation; from textbook assistance to financial aid advising. One of the truly unique features of the SSS program is its Summer Bridge Program which provides qualified students with a jump start on the academic year.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Connect for Success**

Connect for Success seeks to support, engage, and develop first-generation college students. Students in the program can connect with faculty, staff, and peer mentors to build a network of support. Students are invited to community-building events and programming designed for first-generation college students. Each year of matriculation at the institution will focus on a different learning objective coupled with network-based mentoring.

> Scholars & Leadership **Pre-Med/Pre-Law Scholars Opportunity**

The St. Olaf Pre-Med/Pre-Law Scholars Opportunity is a pilot program designed to promote the success of domestic US students from populations who are underrepresented in Medicine and Law. Accepted students will participate in enrichment activities, such as mentoring, community building, career exploration, academic advising and support, and leadership development.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Spring Fly-in Admitted Student Program**

Attracting and enrolling students from a broad range of backgrounds and life experiences is central to the mission of St. Olaf College. In conjunction with our special programs, St. Olaf Fly-In includes a student's airfare and transportation costs, in addition to providing housing and meals on campus during their visit.

> Special Admissions Policy **Test Optional Policy**

St. Olaf College does not require an ACT, SAT, or CLT score to be considered for admission. Though some students feel their test score is a strong component of their application, St. Olaf recognizes that this is not true for all applicants. We believe that a student's performance in high school coursework is the best indicator of success in college and know that there are barriers outside of students' control that affect standardized test performance. We want your application to empower you and for you to feel like it is the most accurate reflection of your abilities.

St. Olaf College
Northfield, MN
www.wp.stolaf.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,019
Acceptance Rate	56%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	3%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	11%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	67%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-730
SAT Math	640-750
ACT	28-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	90%
Graduation Rate	86%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Biology; Economics; Research and Experimental Psychology; Mathematics; Music

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$21,996
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$8,659
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,756
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$13,449
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,846
\$110,001+	\$32,917

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://wp.stolaf.edu/financialaid/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	46%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$65,543
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Columbia College



Since 1851, Columbia College has been equipping students to advance their lives through higher education. A private, nonprofit liberal arts and sciences college, we take pride in small classes, experienced faculty, and quality educational programs. At Columbia College, our mission is to improve lives. We work together to achieve this goal through listening compassionately and elevating the voices of students, alumni, staff, and faculty of color. We learn, take ownership, and collaborate to create a space that ensures each student, faculty, and staff member feels seen, heard, and valued. We are a safe place for open conversations as we continue to foster a college community that understands, respects, and values diversity, equity, and inclusion.

> Student Life & Support Campus Life

Columbia College is located in the center of a big college town and just steps away from downtown Columbia. Intramurals, student leadership programs, clubs and organizations, activities and events, athletic competitions, and community service programs are also available without leaving campus. The small campus environment makes it easy for students to make friends, find mentors, and connect with the Columbia community.

> Student Life & Support Grossnickle Career Services Center

Students have continuous access to resources that help to develop career readiness skills, as well as determine career interest for students who are undecided in their course of study. Students can also engage in resume development, interview preparation and can find help gaining employment during and after college.

> Student Life & Support Veterans Service Center

The Ousley Family Veterans Service Center provides a support network to facilitate the transition of veterans, military service members, and dependents to Columbia College. The center also strives to understand and address their unique student support needs while attending Columbia College.

> Student Life & Support TRIO Student Support Services

A federally funded program that helps students who qualify as first-generation, low income, or have a documented disability to graduate as quickly as possible with the least amount of debt.

> Student Life & Support Student Success

The Center for Student Success provides an opportunity for one-on-one appointments to create individual plans and ensure intentional steps are taken toward a student's goals. This provides a chance to talk through experiences that happen both in and out of the classroom with academic, personal, and financial situations.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring First Year Mentors

New students are connected to Student Leaders who act as peer support, Orientation Leaders, and assist in instructing the COLL 133 Foundations seminar.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Welcome Week Orientation Activities

Various activities and programs are available to new students as they acclimate to the academic and social aspects of college. These events aim to familiarize students with the resources and support available to them throughout their time at Columbia College. Events take place prior to the first day of class and continue throughout their first semester.

Columbia College
Columbia, MO
www.ccis.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	5,486
Acceptance Rate	100%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	45%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 20:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	2%
Black	21%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	2%
White	54%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	63%
Graduation Rate	33%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Business/Commerce, General; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Human Services, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$24,422
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$25,567
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$24,775
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$23,629
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,487
\$110,001+	\$22,593

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.ccis.edu/tuition-financial-aid/college-cost/net-price-calculator-day>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,879
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$253/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$45,378
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Saint Louis University



Guided by its Catholic, Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University — located in St. Louis, Missouri, with a campus in Madrid, Spain — offers a rigorous and deeply transformative education that helps more than 15,000 students develop into bold, confident leaders. It is known for its world-class academics, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and strong commitment to faith and service. SLU is a school community that prioritizes inclusion, celebrates diversity, and respects the dignity of every individual. Drawing on its Jesuit roots, the University is committed to ensuring that social justice and equity are an intrinsic part of the education it imparts, the resources it offers, and the community it serves in St. Louis and around the world.

> Special Admission Policies: Test-Optional Admission

Students can choose whether to submit standardized test scores as part of their SLU application; scores are not required for admission or scholarships.

> Academic Advising & Support RISE

RISE supports SLU students who are first-generation college students, come from marginalized backgrounds, and are Pell Grant recipients. Resources include tutoring, peer mentoring, counseling, and scholarship opportunities.

> Student Life & Support Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement (DICE)

DICE fosters a community of belonging and serves diverse needs across student communities. Its offices include the Center for Social Action, which promotes social awareness and advocacy through service opportunities; and the Cross Cultural Center for Global Citizenship, which promotes multicultural awareness and education, and provides support services to historically underrepresented and marginalized student populations.

> Scholarships & Financial Aid Access Academies Scholarship

This scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students with financial need who have graduated from one of 26 Access Academies Schools in the St. Louis area.

> Scholarships & Financial Aid Boys Hope Girls Hope Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students affiliated with Boys Hope Girls Hope — an organization that helps motivated students whose families demonstrate financial need and/or are facing adversity.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Billiken Beginnings

This workshop series is designed to offer support during the first eight weeks of the fall semester at SLU. Students focus on different challenges each week, gaining the skills they need to start the semester on a strong note.

> Student Life & Support Billiken Bounty Food Pantry

This on-campus pantry provides food-insecure students with groceries, information, and connections to other local and campus resources for personal and academic success.

Saint Louis University
St. Louis, MO
www.slu.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,332
Acceptance Rate	85%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	22%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	14%
Black	8%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	610-690
SAT Math	600-710
ACT	26-31

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	88%
Graduation Rate	72%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing, Health and Physical Education/Fitness, Psychology, Biology, Finance and Financial Management Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$26,548
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$22,096
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$23,142
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,320
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,109
\$110,001+	\$31,352

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	45%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$265/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$70,783
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Washington University in St. Louis



Located in the heart of St. Louis, WashU offers a supportive and intellectually rigorous environment where students of all identities and backgrounds thrive.

WashU's undergraduate program comprises five schools: The College of Arts & Sciences, Olin Business School, McKelvey School of Engineering, and Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts (College of Art and College of Architecture). Within these schools, we offer 100+ fields of study and 1,900+ courses. Here, you'll learn from world-renowned faculty, discover alongside classmates from across disciplines, and become a well-rounded individual prepared to make an impact in the world.

> Student Life & Support Taylor Family Center for Student Success

Serving as the central hub for first-generation and limited-income undergraduate students, the Taylor Family Center provides comprehensive programming, personalized mentorship, resources, and support that bridges the gap between aspiration and achievement through academic excellence, accessibility, leadership development, self-efficacy, and social impact.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships and Financial Aid

WashU is committed to meeting 100 percent of demonstrated financial need with no-loan offers for all admitted undergraduate students. In addition, we offer grants and campus store credit to offset costs associated with a new computer, school and housing supplies, and winter clothing.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Pre-College Programs

WashU's Pre-College Programs provide highly motivated students the opportunity to challenge themselves in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Both in-person and virtual programs are available for students from middle school to their senior year of high school.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit WashU Preview

WashU Preview is a selective, invitation-based program for high school seniors. Students will participate in an experience designed to introduce them to WashU's community, including academics, campus life, and special programs.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation First-Year Summer Academic Program (FSAP)

FSAP welcomes first-year students to the WashU community. During an intensive five-week academic program, students will take classes for credit, register early for fall classes, meet incoming first-year students and current students, attend social events, and meet the faculty and staff.

> Student Life & Support Center for Diversity & Inclusion (CDI)

The CDI supports and advocates for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from underrepresented and/or marginalized populations, creates collaborative partnerships with campus and community partners, and promotes dialogue and social change among all students.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid QuestBridge Scholars Program

WashU believes that all talented students should have access to higher education regardless of their financial background. That's why we've partnered with QuestBridge, a leading nonprofit that connects high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds to top colleges.

Washington University in St. Louis
Saint Louis, MO
www.washu.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,801
Acceptance Rate	12%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	16%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	20%
Black	9%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	2%
White	44%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	770-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	96%
Graduation Rate	93%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Research and Experimental Psychology; Finance and Financial Management Services; Biology, General; Anthropology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,768
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$194
\$30,001-\$48,000	(\$1,702)
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$3,869
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$18,405
\$110,001+	\$45,503

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/washustl>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	13%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$17,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$186/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$86,182
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University of Providence



University of Providence (UP) is a private, Roman Catholic liberal arts institution, located in Great Falls, Montana, founded by the Sisters of Providence. UP is a university for ALL students, with a mission to make higher education a reality for students from all different backgrounds. UP bridges academic programs with workforce needs to intentionally connect successful student outcomes with our commitment to serving our community. We welcome all faith traditions and offer a tight-knit community where students can build lasting relationships with faculty, staff, and each other. Within UP are two schools: the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Health Professions. Both schools serve the same mission: provide a liberal education for living and for making a living. UP students are uplifted through education, inspired by faith, and energized through community. UP creates engaged citizens who discover their whole selves, find their passion, and share it all with the world.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Argo Advantage**

The Argo Advantage sets the University of Providence apart from other schools with our exceptional commitment to affordability, value, and student success. It ensures that University of Providence students graduate on time and are career-ready as skilled and ethical leaders prepared to help shape a better world.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Academic Success Center**

The mission of the Academic Student Support Department is to provide individualized and holistic support to the students of the University of Providence. Staff work with students to guide them through this time of growth and opportunity by assisting them with challenges, promoting self-advocacy, connecting them to campus and community resources, and empowering them to create their own success as a student and graduate of UP.

> Career Services **Career Counseling**

The University of Providence Career Services is committed to preparing students for life after college by supporting their growth throughout their enrollment and beyond. From the first convocation through commencement and into a thriving career, UP is there to support our students. Students leave the University of Providence as life-long learners with the confidence to reach their personal and professional goals.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning **Faith and Service**

Campus Ministry at the University of Providence provides students with opportunities to experience the Provident love of God and to share this love with others through worship, retreats, faith sharing, and other opportunities for spiritual growth. At the Sister Providencia Center for Service Engagement, we firmly believe that every act of service is an exchange. The individuals we serve have many things to teach us. We help students seek out these learnings from their sacred encounters and apply them to their lives.



University of Providence
Great Falls, MT
www.uprovidence.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	593
Acceptance Rate	95%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	30%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	3%
Asian	4%
Black	6%
Hispanic	5%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2%
Two or more races	0%
Unknown	4%
White	73%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	410-420
SAT Math	310-320
ACT	17-22

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	63%
Graduation Rate	57%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,750
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$21,468
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$16,845
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$25,418
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,341
\$110,001+	\$23,669

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.uprovidence.edu/financial-services/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	48%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$199/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$48,296
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Dartmouth College



Dartmouth students and faculty are filled with an adventuresome spirit, embracing opportunities and challenges with curiosity, courage, and tenacity. Dartmouth is a fusion of renowned liberal arts college and leading research university where scholars at the forefront of their fields work closely with undergraduates to take on the world's greatest challenges. Dartmouth's setting in the college town of Hanover, New Hampshire encompasses extraordinary natural beauty and fosters a profound sense of place encouraging deep academic engagement. The College's holistic admissions process is designed to identify students who will thrive in this environment of curiosity and creativity. Dartmouth students share a passion for intellectual inquiry, a willingness to embrace adventure, and a desire to build a close-knit community.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Dartmouth Bound: Summer Program**

Offers talented rising high school seniors living and attending high school in the U.S. the opportunity to experience college life. Participants, regardless of citizenship, come from underserved communities, rural areas, are first-generation college goers, or attend low-income or under-resourced schools. During this fully funded program, including transportation to and from campus, participants attend workshops on the admissions and financial aid processes, interact with faculty, live in a residence hall, attend class, and make meaningful connections with current Dartmouth students.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Indigenous Fly-In**

Open to rising high school seniors living in and attending high school in the U.S. and Canada who identify as Native/Indigenous themselves or have demonstrated an interest in Native/Indigenous communities and/or Dartmouth's Native American and Indigenous Studies Department. During this fully funded program, including transportation to and from campus, participants receive an unedited view of life at the College from the perspective of members of the Native/Indigenous community, while interacting with faculty and staff, living in residence halls, attending classes, and making meaningful connections.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Full-Funding Financial Aid**

Dartmouth's financial aid program, one of the country's most generous, guarantees to meet 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students, regardless of citizenship. This includes a \$0 Parent Contribution for families earning below \$125,000 annually with typical assets. The aid comprises scholarships and grants, with no loans included in the offer to meet a student's demonstrated need, regardless of income or citizenship.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First Year Student Enrichment Program**

The First Year Student Enrichment Program (FYSEP) empowers first-generation students at Dartmouth to thrive academically and in the greater college community. Through a four-week pre-orientation program and ongoing support throughout their first year, FYSEP students gain a broad array of skills designed to help them make the most of their experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. FYSEP works with students throughout their time at Dartmouth through advising, activities, and workshops to continue to highlight and provide access to resources at the College.

> Student Life & Support **First Generation Office**

Dartmouth provides dedicated staff advisors for the broader first-generation and/or low-income community through the First Generation Office (FGO). Through mentorship, guidance, and targeted programming to connect students with resources and support systems throughout the College, the FGO helps students build strong networks and community.

Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH
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CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	4,410
Acceptance Rate	6%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	14%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	2%
Asian	15%
Black	7%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	14%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	3%
White	50%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>SAT/ACT Required</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	710-770
SAT Math	730-790
ACT	32-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	96%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Government; Computer Science;
Engineering Science; Psychological & Brain
Sciences

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$16,305
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$3,000
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$3,000
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$5,019
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$10,772
\$110,001+	\$31,251

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://admissions.dartmouth.edu/afford/estimate-your-cost>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	8%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,155
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$150/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$95,540
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Caldwell University



Caldwell University is a small, private, Catholic, liberal arts university located in Caldwell, NJ. At the core of a Caldwell University education is our liberal arts curriculum, designed to guide students to develop critical thinking skills, appreciate diverse cultures, and acquire a moral and civic awareness. Students develop the whole self as they absorb learning through our liberal arts core: the humanities; the physical and biological sciences, and mathematics; and the social sciences. Caldwell University enrolls approximately 2,200 full-time, part-time, and graduate students. Fully qualified faculty members, small class sizes, and a 13:1 student/faculty ratio provide close, personal attention. In part to expand its mission of access, Caldwell University has a test-optional admissions policy. Caldwell University has historically welcomed students from all different backgrounds. 51% of our undergraduate students identify themselves from a minority background and over half of our new students are the first in their family to attend college.

> Academic Advising & Support Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Academic Advising & Support

For New Jersey residents who meet the academic and economic requirements to qualify, our Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program provides an opportunity to attend Caldwell University by offering academic, financial, and support services to assist those students in meeting their educational goals. The EOF program has proudly graduated students year after year; students who go onto graduate school or reach their goals of becoming successful in the career of their choice. So give yourself a chance! With the help of the EOF program you can begin your Caldwell University experience today!

> Special Admissions Policy NEXUS

The NEXUS (Network for Excellence in Undergraduate Success) program is a support program for freshmen and sophomores at Caldwell University who would benefit from some added support to help make their college experience more productive. The eligibility is determined based on your high school transcripts and test scores if available. Acceptance into the NEXUS program offers a dedicated academic coach to assist students throughout your first two years of college; workshops focused on developing important skills to success in higher education (goal setting, test taking, time management); and free subject tutoring and writing assistance. The Academic coach will help you to develop and achieve individual goals, identify obstacles preventing your success, and identify how to overcome these obstacles and become a self-regulated learner. Students are also eligible for a Book Stipend or Free Summer Course (pending seat availability).

> Academic Advising & Support Advisement

At Caldwell University, we believe that academic advising is an integral part of a student's success and connection to the University. The professional advisors are available to help our traditional and adult undergraduates select courses, declare a major, understand the core curriculum, and connect them with opportunities and resources to enhance their academic experience.

Caldwell University
Caldwell, NJ
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,595
Acceptance Rate	66%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	47%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	17%
Hispanic	31%
International/non-resident	15%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	1%
Unknown	5%
White	27%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	500-620
SAT Math	510-700
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	64%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Biology, General; Accounting and Related Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$19,811
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$15,225
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$13,137
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,606
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,947
\$110,001+	\$28,375

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.caldwell.edu/financial-aid/netprice>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	71%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$265/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$53,843
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Montclair State University



Every moment is elevated at Montclair State University. Through our 300+ innovative programs across 13 schools, we empower students to rise above their own expectations and enter the world as leaders and change makers. As a nationally ranked doctoral research university with an intimate student-teacher ratio of 17 to 1, Montclair will prepare you for the world like no other institution can.

We believe in reflecting the world around us. Montclair is home to a richly diverse student population—including many first-generation students—of varied backgrounds, beliefs and identities. You'll find your home away from home on a mountain top overlooking New York City, where our close-knit, welcoming community will help you soar.

> Academic Advising & Support Office of Student Belonging

With 44 percent of this year's freshmen class being the first in their immediate family to attend college, Montclair has launched a new Office of Student Belonging to promote educational and personal growth. The office provides academic support and financial awareness, resources, and a family newsletter to first-generation college students. Students will also have an option to join the First-Gen Honor Society, Tri-Alpha.

> Special Admissions Policy SAT/ACT Optional

Our partnership with the Common App makes it easy to pursue admittance to the University, all while providing students with additional tools and services, including financial aid and scholarship information, virtual mentors, online portfolios, and more.

Additionally, our SAT/ACT test optional policy ensures, as much as possible, that the students selected for admission are capable of succeeding in our rigorous academic programs. It also supports our mission of servicing a talented student body that reflects New Jersey's broad socio-economic and ethnic diversity.

> Academic Advising & Support Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)

Montclair State University's EOF Program provides access for motivated state residents from underrepresented populations/areas that meet the income criteria and exhibit the potential for high achievement. The EOF Program provides quality academic support, leadership development, financial literacy, career enrichment, intentional counseling/advisement, and need based financial assistance to maximize the intellectual and social growth of all participants.

> Commitment To Affordability Red Hawk Advantage Award

We guarantee funding for eligible incoming first-year students to attend Montclair, allowing them to fulfill their dreams of earning a college degree without undue financial hardship. The Red Hawk Advantage Award program aligns with Montclair's mission to provide an affordable world-class education and a pathway to success for every student. Combined with the Garden State Guarantee, this means you could graduate with little to no debt.

> Student Life & Support Real-World Experiences: Study Abroad Programs and Internships

Preparing students for success is at the core of everything we do, and you'll be amazed how far Montclair can take you. From more than 200 study-abroad programs to hundreds of internships—many in New York City—you'll gain invaluable professional experience, hone your skills in the global marketplace, witness great moments, and be inspired by a multitude of cultures from around the world.

Montclair State University
Montclair, NJ
www.montclair.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	16,902
Acceptance Rate	91%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	45%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 17:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	13%
Hispanic	36%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	3%
White	37%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	480-610
SAT Math	470-590
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	80%
Graduation Rate	70%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Psychology, General; Human Development, Family Studies, and Related Services; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$15,677
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$10,917
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,146
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,381
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,660
\$110,001+	\$24,204

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://montclair.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$22,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$233/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$61,415
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Princeton University



Princeton University is a private, four-year, research university with the heart and soul of a liberal arts college. Located in central New Jersey, the University's commitment to undergraduate education is unique among leading research universities. Princeton's undergraduate students benefit from studying in one of the world's foremost research institutions, where faculty devote much of their time and energy to teaching and advising undergraduates. More than ever, through initiatives such as its generous financial aid program, Princeton's distinctive education is accessible to students from a broad range of cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds. With more than 70% percent of the Class of 2028 receiving financial aid and 16% of students in the enrolled class first in their families to graduate college, Princeton is committed to building a diverse campus community where students pursue new interests and learn from each other. In addition, Princeton meets 100% of demonstrated need, and it is possible for students to graduate free of debt.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Princeton's Financial Aid Program

Princeton's financial aid policy is one of the most generous in the country. For lower and middle-income students, Princeton is often more affordable than a state university. For families with a household income less than \$100,000, Princeton covers the full cost of tuition and room and board. More than 25% of Princeton's undergraduate student body is expected to receive this level of aid. Plus, every aid package relies on grants—not loans—and do not have to be repaid. Princeton is also a QuestBridge partner and participates in their National College Match program.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Freshman Scholars Institute

Our Freshman Scholars Institute (FSI) is an eight-week summer program that allows a cohort of entering students, primarily those who are first-generation college students and/or from lower socio-economic backgrounds, the chance to experience the intellectual, co-curricular, and social life at Princeton prior to the beginning of the fall semester. During the program, Freshman Scholars engage in seminar-style courses and/or laboratory research experiences, participate in a variety of co-curricular, community-building activities, and work closely with faculty members from a range of academic disciplines and fields. The FSI program is designed as a fellowship opportunity and is fully funded by the University.

> Student Life & Support Diverse and Inclusive Campus Centers and Organizations

The Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, Davis International Center, the Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity, and the Gender + Sexuality Resource Center provide student support and mentoring, educational opportunities for students and employees, community advising, and university-wide programming. The centers work intersectionally to best serve our students, many of whom have layered identities and experiences.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Advising at Princeton

Academic support services are available free for students, including the Writing Center, which offers one-on-one tutorials, and the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, which provides study halls and peer tutoring in select courses. The Scholars Institute Fellows Program (SIFP) provides all first-generation and lower-income students at Princeton with mentorship, academic enrichment, and scholarly community throughout their undergraduate years. Through our Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity we work to support first-generation, lower income, veteran, and non-traditional students at Princeton.

Princeton University
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	5,527
Acceptance Rate	6%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

5:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	24%
Black	8%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	2%
White	38%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-780
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	99%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Public Policy Analysis;
Economics; Political Science and Government;
History

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$8,143
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$2,841
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$2,370
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$6,943
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$13,557
\$110,001+	\$36,082

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://admission.princeton.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid-estimator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	3%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$10,320
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$109/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$110,066
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Rutgers University–New Brunswick



Rutgers University–New Brunswick
New Brunswick, NJ
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	36,090
Acceptance Rate	66%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO	15:1
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RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	33%
Black	7%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	2%
White	32%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	630-720
SAT Math	640-760
ACT	28-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	93%
Graduation Rate	84%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer and Information Sciences;
 Psychology; Human Resources Management
 and Services; Biology; Health and Physical
 Education/Fitness

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,675
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$14,026
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,893
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,950
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,099
\$110,001+	\$30,640

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://scarlethub.rutgers.edu/financial-services/tools-resources/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	41%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$74,479
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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, stands among America's highest-ranked public research universities, the oldest, largest, and top-ranked public university in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. As the flagship campus, and a First-Gen Forward Advisory Institution, Rutgers-New Brunswick is committed to removing barriers that have historically denied students access to higher education. To achieve this goal, the Office of the Provost (newbrunswick.rutgers.edu), Division of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (diversity.rutgers.edu), and other access and educational equity programs, provide holistic academic support and high-impact programming. Students achieve levels of academic success, earn prestigious fellowships, and gain attention from top-corporate recruiters.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Pre-College Outreach

Funded by the US Department of Education, **Upward Bound Math-Science** provides fundamental support and preparation to pre-college, first-generation students. Participants receive tutoring; academic test preparation; guidance in educational and career opportunities; financial literacy; connection to STEM careers, networks, and Rutgers faculty; and exposure to activities to promote leadership, cultural awareness, and self-confidence. (upwardbound.rutgers.edu)

> Scholars & Leadership Scholarly Leadership

The **Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation – LSAMP** (lsamp.rutgers.edu) is a National Science Foundation sponsored program, designed to increase the retention, graduation, and success of historically underrepresented students in non-medical STEM fields, promoting undergraduate research and post-baccalaureate enrollment.

Funded by the US Department of Education, **Ronald E McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program** (mcnair.rutgers.edu) provides academic year and summer programming to foster interest in research, assistance in the graduate school application process, and faculty mentoring opportunities.

> Academic Advising & Support Student Success

The **First-Generation Student Career Community** (careers.rutgers.edu) connects first-generation students to industry resources, career advice, job/internship and networking opportunities. Advisors help strategize plans to achieve post-graduation goals.

Named after Rutgers' most accomplished alum, the **Paul Robeson Success Institute (PRSI)** is a three-day high-impact experience open to first-generation, low-income, and/or historically underrepresented incoming and transfer students. PRSI springboards students into their first semester by facilitating connections with peer and community networks, and tools to navigate the academic and social norms of the university.

THRIVE Student Support Services (sss.rutgers.edu) is designed to increase the retention and graduation rates of first-generation, low-income students, and students with disabilities by providing academic tutoring, financial literacy, and more to promote success.

The **RU1ST Alliance** is a first-generation taskforce for policy research and advocacy. The Alliance explores student access and/or equity issues and recommends high-impact experiences.

> Peer, Staff, or Faculty Mentoring On-Campus Work Experience Network (OWN) Program

Coordinated by **Career Exploration and Success** (careers.rutgers.edu), OWN pairs first-generation students with a success mentor for leadership development.

Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



St. John's College (New Mexico)



St. John's College is often called "the most contrarian college in America." Or "the most rigorous college in America." Or "the most intellectual college in America."

Centered on reading and discussing the greatest books in history, with teachers such as Plato, Shakespeare, Euclid, Nietzsche, Einstein, Austen, and Du Bois, students at St. John's are original and unconventional, love big questions and discussions, and are excited to join a rigorously intellectual community of thinkers and seekers.

All students at St. John's explore our great books curriculum of interdisciplinary classes focused on philosophy, classics, literature, politics, theology, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, music, history, language, and more. With a 7:1 student to faculty ratio, every class is a discussion led by one or two faculty members. Instead of choosing a major, all students graduate with a BA in the Liberal Arts. The college ranks #3 for Smallest Classes and #10 for Professors Get High Marks.

Over 70% of Johnnies attend graduate school, particularly in law, business, scientific research, and journalism. The college is among the best for students receiving PhDs in the humanities and sciences.

The Santa Fe campus, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, is a one-minute walk to spectacular hiking, biking, and skiing in the United States. Santa Fe is also home to more than 250 art galleries, great food, and live music. Over 400 Johnnies embrace the stunning natural environment and rich cultural heritage of New Mexico, hiking 12,000-foot mountains, sculpting in the pottery studio, or chatting and studying in the iconic student-run coffee shop. Students are free to transfer between the campuses in Santa Fe, NM and Annapolis, MD.

In the last decade, St. John's has raised \$325 million to lower the cost of tuition and increase both merit scholarships and need-based financial aid. All Pell Grant recipients receive matching grants that double the value of their Pell Grant. As a result, the college has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other news outlets for the distinctiveness of the curriculum and the radical approach to college affordability.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Summer Programs

Both residential and virtual pre-college summer programs are offered. Summer Academy is a residential program, where high school students explore ideas by some of the world's greatest thinkers in on-campus, discussion-based classes led by St. John's faculty. Summer Seminars offer small online group discussions of a text led by faculty and current students. Financial assistance is available.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Visit Program

Prospective students are encouraged to visit campus, tour, and observe classes to see our distinctive education in action. Additionally, the college offers travel reimbursements for admitted students. Online options, including meeting one-on-one with your counselor, are also available.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Support

The college offers support including mental and physical health resources, academic tutoring in every subject, and robust community building events. The Pritzker Bridge Program supports the success of our incoming first-generation, lower income, and international students by intentionally facilitating their transition to college and connecting them directly to key members of the St. John's community.

St. John's College (New Mexico)
Santa Fe, NM
www.sjc.edu
Private • Rural • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	364
Acceptance Rate	54%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	30%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	2%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	66%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	660-740
SAT Math	590-720
ACT	28-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	73%
Graduation Rate	65%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,381
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$13,543
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,921
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$26,915
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$29,963
\$110,001+	\$33,765

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.sjc.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	58%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	-
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	-

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$44,985
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Barnard College



Barnard is a small, highly selective liberal arts college for women located in New York City. Our students are part of a diverse and close-knit community and study with leading scholars who serve as dedicated, accessible mentors and teachers in small, intimate classes. Barnard also enjoys a unique partnership with Columbia University, situated directly across the street, providing students with additional course offerings, extracurricular activities, NCAA Division I Ivy League athletic competition, and a fully co-ed social life. Our location in New York City grants students access to thousands of internship opportunities in addition to unparalleled cultural, intellectual, and social resources. Barnard's diverse student body includes residents from nearly every state and more than 58 countries worldwide. 44% of the student body identifies as students of color and 16% comes from non-college backgrounds.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Virtual Series

Barnard wants all students to feel empowered with the right information as they embark on the college journey. We offer many virtual opportunities to learn about the College and the application process. Students should follow us on Instagram and check our website to learn about program options and dates.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Barnard Bound

Barnard holds several open houses and in-person and virtual campus tour options throughout the year. In addition, Barnard Bound provides a taste of Barnard College for promising students who are current high school seniors, attending school in the U.S., who are first-generation in their families to attend a 4-year college and/or come from a low-income background. The two-day virtual program consists of panels, presentations, and breakout discussions featuring current students, alumni, faculty, and staff—all centered on what it means to be an underrepresented student at Barnard and in spaces of higher education.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid The Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid is committed to making a Barnard education affordable and helping each family make the best financial choices. Barnard College is 100% need-blind in the review of applications for US citizens and permanent residents and is need aware for transfer and international applicants. Limited grants are also available for international students and undocumented students. Barnard provides no merit scholarships, but for those families who qualify for aid, Barnard meets 100% demonstrated need with a combination of grant, loan, and job opportunities. Students must complete the FAFSA and the CSS Profile to apply.

> Academic Advising & Support Student Success

Barnard students have both a Faculty Adviser and a Class Dean to provide guidance as they develop their educational plans, including course selection. In addition, Access Barnard leverages the resources of the College and New York City as a whole to support students who identify as international, first-generation, or low-income as they navigate the American higher education system. Access Barnard seeks to bridge the gaps that first-time undergraduates often face as they transition into college.

Barnard College
New York, NY
www.barnard.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,126
Acceptance Rate	9%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	16%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	20%
Black	6%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	2%
White	37%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	720-770
SAT Math	720-780
ACT	32-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; English Language and Literature, General; Political Science and Government; Research and Experimental Psychology; History

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,999
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$9,117
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,162
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,087
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,150
\$110,001+	\$53,452

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://barnard.edu/financialaid/estimate-your-eligibility>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	35%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$191/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$80,516
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Clarkson University



Clarkson University is here to help you complete your journey to college. At Clarkson, we were built for first-generation students and their families. Together we can turn your interests and dreams into education and career goals that can help you give back to your communities while opening up new horizons for you. Through STEM degrees in engineering, business, sciences and health professions, we educate 4,300+ students and ignite connections across disciplines, industries, and communities to innovate world-relevant research and entrepreneurial solutions. Alumni earn salaries among the top three percent in the nation.

➤ Open House, Fly-In, Visit Journey Into Clarkson

At Clarkson, we pride ourselves on the personalized experience we create for students throughout the admissions and educational experience. Our dedicated Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office staff are here to help you understand how to apply to Clarkson, choose academic programs of interest, learn about our community, understand how to afford college, and answer all the questions you and your loved ones might have.

First-generation and transfer-prospective students can benefit from online and in-person events on Clarkson's campuses and throughout the country, in which they'll have a chance to meet current student mentors and our partner faculty, staff, and admissions counselors. You may be eligible to visit Clarkson at no cost through our special travel funds. Over 98% of Clarkson students receive financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study jobs. We automatically consider all students for merit scholarships based on your admissions application.

➤ Student Life & Support Student Support Services (SSS)

Clarkson's SSS provides services and programs that are designed to enhance all undergraduate and graduate students' academic performances and promote successful completion of their academic careers. The program provides academic coaching, tutoring, mentoring, career advice, financial literacy and assistance, in addition to workshops geared toward helping students acquire skills and knowledge that will lead to graduation. In addition to SSS, Clarkson offers the **FIRST CONNECTION**, a living learning community (LLC) that celebrates students who identify as first-gen. This LLC is designed to foster a support system among first-generation students. It will provide an inclusive environment and will help students connect with faculty and staff invested in their success. Students who choose to live in this community gain an extra layer of support in navigating the University, learning about resources and programs designed specifically for them, and connecting with fellow first-generation students.

➤ Pre-College Summer Experience Pre-Orientation Academic Programs

Clarkson wants to make the transition from high school to college as easy as possible. Students can move in 10 days early to get to know campus and take "springboard" courses. These courses, in the fields of calculus, business, computer science, chemistry, and physics, will be held in-person to support student confidence for their first semester. All sessions include both lecture and project-based learning components, mentorship from current students, academic skills coaches, and interactions with faculty. This program also gives students a chance to start making friends, participate in group activities, experience campus life, and more.

Clarkson University
Potsdam, NY
www.clarkson.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,587
Acceptance Rate	78%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	21%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 14:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	3%
Black	3%
Hispanic	6%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	80%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	580-680
SAT Math	610-690
ACT	25-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	82%
Graduation Rate	78%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Mechanical Engineering; Aerospace Engineering; Civil Engineering; Chemical Engineering; Business Administration, Health Professions

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$31,114

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$17,972
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$21,945
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$25,980
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$29,584
\$110,000+	\$36,207

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.clarkson.edu/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	68%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$89,696
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Colgate University



Colgate University is a highly selective residential liberal arts institution that offers 56 majors to a diverse student body of approximately 3,200 undergraduate students and supports 25 Division I athletic teams. The University's 575-acre campus in rural central New York is renowned for its beauty and for the important role it plays in the student experience. Colgate is committed to global engagement, student-faculty research, off-campus study, sustainable practices, and utilizing technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience. The Colgate community continues to expand diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) on campus, pursuing initiatives and goals outlined in its DEI Plan. These efforts, both immediate and long-term, reflect the University's commitment to the success of those who seek knowledge here—and, ultimately, to the world in which Colgate pursues its ambitious academic mission.

> Scholarship and Financial Aid The Colgate Commitment

The Colgate Commitment, a financial aid initiative in access and affordability, makes a Colgate education affordable to as many talented, high-achieving students as possible, regardless of their socioeconomic background. For eligible domestic students with typical assets, it significantly reduces student debt by adjusting or eliminating tuition based on the family's income levels. The University meets 100% of the demonstrated need of all admitted students. Colgate's No-Loan Initiative eliminates federal student loans from the financial aid awards of students from families with annual income up to \$175,000 and typical assets.

> Scholarship and Financial Aid QuestBridge

Colgate partners with QuestBridge, a national nonprofit that connects the most exceptional low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education. Students matched to Colgate through the QuestBridge National College Match receive a full-tuition scholarship.

> Summer Bridge and Orientation The Summer Institute

Colgate's Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUS) scholars program supports students who have demonstrated intellect, creativity, and determination in the face of significant challenges. OUS runs Colgate's Summer Institute, an intensive five-week gateway experience designed for 25–30 incoming students who, alongside their academic potential, show promise in the areas of leadership and community/civic engagement. During the summer session students complete two credit bearing courses that meet requirements needed for graduation.

> Student Life & Support First@Colgate

Recognizing that the unique experiences of first-generation students can present distinctive challenges, Colgate's first-generation student program, First@Colgate, offers these students support and guidance. Colgate's Center for Learning, Teaching and Research also acts as a support system for all students, and it is committed to assisting students with learning strategies and study skills, time management and organization, and peer tutoring.

> Student Life & Support The Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education (COVE)

COVE programs have contributed more than 538,000 hands-on volunteer service hours since 2001. Students learn the leadership skills needed to create lasting social change through a variety of collaborative civic projects serving the areas of child and youth mentoring, food and shelter, educational enrichment, and community health.

Colgate University
Hamilton, NY
www.colgate.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,124
Acceptance Rate	12%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	5%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	64%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	700-750
SAT Math	710-780

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	94%
Graduation Rate	91%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Political Science and Government; Research and Experimental Psychology; Computer Science; Neurobiology and Neurosciences

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$24,052
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$7,139
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$10,148
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$15,208
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,226
\$110,000+	\$51,325

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/colgate>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	11%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$10,577
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$159/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$85,139
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Columbia University in the City of New York



Columbia maintains an intimate residential campus within one of the world's most vibrant cities. Our renowned Core Curriculum attracts free-minded scholars and connects all undergraduates. Ideas spill out from cutting-edge research labs and seminar-style classrooms, electrifying dining halls, residential lounges, gatherings on the steps of Low Library, and popular neighborhood hangouts.

Please note: Fast Facts combines Columbia College, Columbia Engineering and General Studies data. For school-specific data, visit <https://opir.columbia.edu/cds>

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach College Access Outreach

Columbia Undergraduate Admissions collaborates with hundreds of community based and college access organizations nationwide, such as College Horizons, Chicago Scholars and Jack Kent Cooke, and is a QuestBridge partner institution. Students can take a virtual tour of campus and connect with current students in the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, a student group that assists Admissions to recruit a vibrant and dynamic first-year class.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Programs for Underrepresented Students

Low-income, first-generation, and underserved students interested in engineering and applied sciences are invited in August of their senior year to apply to Engineering Preview at Columbia, a 3-day program on campus. Seniors from rural and small towns are invited to apply to our 3-day STARS Fly-In program. Columbia also has programming in April for admitted students; many students qualify for funding for travel to and from our campus.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Need Based. Need Blind. Full Need. No Loans.

Columbia meets 100 percent of the demonstrated financial need for all students admitted as first years, without loans and regardless of citizenship status. For students from families with incomes under \$66,000 annually, parents are not expected to contribute to the cost of attendance. Additional funding is available for study abroad, research, internships, and community service. Columbia awards more than \$214 million annually in grants and scholarships.

> Academic Advising & Support Multicultural Affairs

Multicultural Affairs aims to strengthen and support Columbia's richly diverse community. MA advises over 40 cultural and identity-based student organizations and oversees the Columbia Mentoring Initiative, a mentorship program that connects first-year students with returning student mentors and alumni. Multicultural Affairs also leads the @ Columbia Series, offering social and cultural support, resources, programming and advocacy for students. The @ Columbia Series includes the First Gen/Low Income @ Columbia, Students of Color @ Columbia, LGBTQ @ Columbia, and International @ Columbia.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Success Programs (ASP) and First-in-Family Programs (FIF)

Advising at Columbia College and Columbia Engineering is multifaceted. Each student is paired with an academic Advising Dean as well as a major advisor from the corresponding academic department. The Academic Success Programs supplement this advising system for selected students by providing a 5-week summer bridge program, transitional programming, tutoring, skill-building seminars, educational and personal advising and mentoring.

The First-in-Family Program offers year-long academic support, professional development, and cultural enrichment opportunities for every first-generation college student at Columbia.

Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY
www.columbia.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	8,902
Acceptance Rate	4%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	22%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	18%
Black	7%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	19%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	2%
White	32%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-780
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	34-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	92%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Computer Science; Political Science and Government; Research and Experimental Psychology; History

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$23,497
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$6,184
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$4,569
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,385
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$15,114
\$110,001+	\$45,873

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/gscolumbia>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	15%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$102,491
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Cornell University



Founded in 1865 as both a private, co-educational university and the land-grant institution of New York State, Cornell University educates the leaders of tomorrow and extends the frontiers of knowledge to serve society. The university community fosters personal discovery, growth, scholarship, and creativity, and engages individuals from every segment of society. Valuing enrichment of the mind, Cornell pursues understanding and knowledge beyond the barriers of ideology and disciplinary structure.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Centers for Student Equity, Empowerment, and Belonging

Sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, these centers support Cornell students in the development of their social and cultural identities. These centers have multiple objectives, including providing experiential learning opportunities to prepare students to be agents of change, hosting educational events focused on contributing to social and cultural capital development, and fostering an inclusive campus climate of respect and accountability.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Pre-Collegiate Summer Scholars Program (PSSP)

PSSP offers select students a chance to live and learn on campus before the start of their first year. Students are chosen by their college and are either required or invited to participate as part of their admission to Cornell. Throughout the six-week program, students take classes and get to know their peers, faculty, and academic advisors. The PSSP experience also includes field trips, guest lectures, and a wide range of engaging social and cultural activities.

> Special Admissions Policy New York State Opportunity Programs

Cornell offers both a Higher Education Opportunity Program and an Education Opportunity Program. Both are programs for New York State residents who possess neither the traditional academic profile nor the financial means to afford college, but who do have the potential for success in a competitive academic environment. Students accepted under the EOP/HEOP programs receive academic counseling, assistance completing the financial aid application, and a financial aid package to make a Cornell education affordable.

> Academic Advising & Support The Learning Strategies Center

Providing tutoring and supplemental courses in biology, chemistry, economics, mathematics, and physics, the Learning Strategies Center is the central academic support unit for Cornell students. Semester long courses, workshops, individual consultations, and website resources offer assistance in improving general study skills.

> Academic Advising & Support Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI)

Cornell's Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives facilitates academic and personal adjustment to Cornell for the diverse student community. It encourages institutional change, when necessary, to ensure that the University embraces its diverse student population. The Office also offers referrals to campus-wide services, announcements of events and scholarships, and a student produced yearbook. Additionally, OADI identifies and supports Cornell's first-generation students through individual advising, networking, and student success programming.

Cornell University
Ithaca, NY
www.cornell.edu
Private • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	15,676
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	23%
Black	7%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	6%
White	33%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

*Testing requirements vary;
Check with college directly*

SAT Reading and Writing	710-770
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	96%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Biology; Human Resources Management and Services; Hospitality Administration/Management; Computer and Information Sciences

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$29,651
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$4,375
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$5,017
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,006
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,728
\$110,001+	\$48,783

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/cornell>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	23%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$148/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$104,043
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Fashion Institute of Technology



As one of New York City's premier public institutions and a part of the State University of New York, FIT is an internationally recognized college for design, fashion, art, communications, and business. We're known for our rigorous, creative, and dynamic academic programs; experiential learning opportunities; academic and industry partnerships; and commitment to research, innovation, diversity, and entrepreneurship.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Pre-College Programs

FIT's more than 130 pre-college programs teach hands-on skills while helping students explore the things they love. Students study with FIT faculty, alumni, and various guest instructors.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Visits and Campus Tours

FIT offers several opportunities to visit and tour the campus throughout the fall and spring.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

A pre-freshman program held during the month of July is required of students offered admission to FIT through its EOP. The rigorous four-week program is designed to acclimate entering EOP students to FIT's academic expectations and demands. The pre-freshman program is designed to further self-confidence and competence. The summer program curriculum includes non-credit courses that introduce students to their majors and prepares them for college-level liberal arts courses, as well as enrichment activities such as Broadway theatre and outdoor experiential learning.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Theme Weeks & Annual Traditions

FIT has a long and rich history that links generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Learning about and taking part in our traditions is an important way for students to become a part of the FIT community. These traditions include Weeks of Welcome, Family Day, RHA Block Party, Grad Week, Stress Relief Week, Wellness Week, and much more!

Weeks of Welcome – The Weeks of Welcome (WOW) program is a three-week long post-orientation series of events. It is a balanced combination of learning, excitement, and new experiences.

Family Day – Family Day gives the family members of our students the chance to strengthen their own ties to FIT. Family Day includes special events and activities, including campus tours, faculty presentations, and performances.

Wellness Week – FIT celebrates wellness with fun, physical and spiritual resources, and events.

> Student Life & Support Student Activities Board (SAB)

SAB initiates and coordinates educational, social, and cultural campus programming. An entirely student-driven programming board, the SAB is supervised by the Department of Student Life.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Advisement Center

At the Academic Advisement Center, students work one-on-one with an advisor who can strategically guide them through their college careers.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning Service Learning & Community Service

Through community service and service learning projects, we offer opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom while making an impact on the community.

> Student Life & Support Clubs & Organizations

The Department of Student Life supports 60+ student-run clubs and organizations at FIT.

Fashion Institute of Technology
New York, NY
www.fitnyc.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,635
Acceptance Rate	53%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	33%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 17:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	13%
Black	9%
Hispanic	22%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	0%
White	39%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	87%
Graduation Rate	83%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Design and Applied Arts; Specialized Sales, Merchandising and Marketing Operations; Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,229
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$17,848
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$19,437
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$24,718
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,854
\$110,001+	\$28,956

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.fitnyc.edu/admissions/costs/net-price-calculator.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	31%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$12,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$127/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$62,696
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Fordham University



At Fordham, you'll receive a rigorous education in New York, one of the world's greatest cities. Fordham students choose from more than 70 majors and minors in areas such as STEM, business, media, the arts, and more across our two New York City campuses—Rose Hill, located in the Bronx, and Lincoln Center, located in Manhattan. Our three undergraduate colleges in the liberal arts, sciences, and business offer challenging courses, small class sizes, and thriving communities of driven learners and doers who reflect the diversity of New York City. Our students come from around the country and the world, and about 22% of our student body is first-generation college students. We are committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse student body and enhancing the work of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and our new vice president for equity & inclusion and chief diversity officer. We also offer multiple prospective student information sessions on topics such as being a first-generation college student and diversity and belonging. Once on campus, we provide students with individual academic advising and student support and success deans, who are focused on helping students achieve their goals. Because of this, our graduates are changemakers in politics, education, business, media, science, the performing arts, and beyond.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Federal TRIO Program | Pre-College Program | STEP

The Fordham University TRIO—Academic Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and complete their postsecondary education. Our Pre-College Program and Summer Leaders Academy give high school students a chance to earn college credits while experiencing what life on campus is like. For New York students, we offer the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), which prepares underrepresented and economically disadvantaged junior high and high school students for college and careers in STEM and health.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Types of Scholarships

At Fordham, more than 95% of our first-year students receive some type of financial aid—need-based grants, merit aid, or both. We also participate in many scholarship programs to help our students afford the cost of college. The Metro Grant is a \$15,000 grant awarded to incoming first-years commuting to Fordham from their permanent residences in New York City or the surrounding areas. The Fordham Recognition Scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic records who have also received one of the following designations: National Merit Semifinalist, National Hispanic Scholar, National African American Scholar, National Indigenous Scholar, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Scholar, or National First-Generation Scholar. These entering first-year students are in the top of our admit student pool as defined by our holistic admission review process. HEOP provides economically and educationally disadvantaged students from New York state with access to a Fordham education. For more information on HEOP, visit fordham.edu/heop.

> Academic Advising & Support Resources

Fordham's goal is to provide students with support to help them succeed, both in college and in the future. Our academic advising program starts by helping first-year students discover their passions, and grows to help upper-level students achieve their degrees. Our Career Center hosts a Diversity Networking Banquet every fall to give employers an opportunity to attend a networking reception followed by dinner with students who are interested in opportunities with their companies. For New York students, our Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) prepares minority and economically disadvantaged students for careers in fields in which they are historically underrepresented. For information, visit fordham.edu/cstep.

Fordham University
Bronx and Manhattan, NY
www.fordham.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	9,843
Acceptance Rate	54%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	21%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 14:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	13%
Black	6%
Hispanic	18%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	50%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-730
SAT Math	660-750
ACT	30-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	88%
Graduation Rate	81%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Economics; Communication and Media Studies; Finance and Financial Management Services; Psychology; Biological Sciences; Political Science; Computer Science

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$41,004
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$29,634
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$32,108
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$36,545
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$41,529
\$110,001+	\$47,981

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://fordham.clearcostcalculator.com/student>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	47%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$250/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$85,569
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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



A world-class university reflects the world. Rensselaer strives to create an inclusive environment that develops true intellectual, geographic, gender, and ethnic diversity in its students, faculty, and staff. With 200 years of leadership and innovation, RPI prides itself on providing an intellectually rigorous undergraduate education based on technological advances in the laboratory, classroom, and studio. Its commitment to diversity is focused on engaging the best talent available and preparing students to work, communicate across cultural boundaries, and emerge as leaders in the global community.

Real-world experiences are an essential component of a Rensselaer education. Through co-op and internship opportunities, students will integrate their studies with productive, paid work experience. Rensselaer students have recently landed co-ops at companies like Apple, Disney, Google, IBM, Nike, and many more.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach **STEP: Science & Technology Entry Program**

STEP is funded by the New York State Department of Education. The Science and Technology Entry Program prepares secondary school students, who are either economically-disadvantaged or minorities historically under-represented in scientific, technical, health-related, and licensed professions, for entry into postsecondary degree programs in scientific, technical, health-related fields, and the licensed professions.

Rensselaer activities occur after school and Saturdays during the school year, and in the summer. RPI supports students entering grades 7 through 12 attending its partner schools, as well as students who live in neighboring communities.

> Pre-College Summer Experience **The Rensselaer PREFACE Program**

PREFACE is a two-week residential summer experience for talented high school sophomores and juniors, who will enter 11th or 12th grade in the fall of the coming year and who have expressed a strong, early interest in pursuing a career in the engineering and technological professions. It is for high school students from groups that have been historically under-represented or underserved in the fields of technology, science, and engineering. Rensselaer faculty and corporate leaders introduce students to the various engineering disciplines and field through lectures, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and project-based learning modules.

> Student Life and Support **Under-Represented Minorities and Women in Engineering**

Under-Represented Minorities and Women in Engineering provides scholarships and resources for these populations that are typically under-represented in STEM fields. Rensselaer believes that today's modern, complex world requires exceptional multidisciplinary leaders to solve problems at home and abroad.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy, NY
www.rpi.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	5,886
Acceptance Rate	65%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	19%
Black	5%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	5%
White	43%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-740
SAT Math	700-780
ACT	30-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	89%
Graduation Rate	87%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Mechanical Engineering; Aeronautical Engineering; Biomedical Engineering; Architecture; Computer & Systems Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Business and Management

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$34,399
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$21,439
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$19,848
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$27,920
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$31,807
\$110,001+	\$42,335

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/rpi>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	48%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$252/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$102,051
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Rochester Institute of Technology



Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is one of the world's leading technological universities. Known for excellence in STEM, the visual arts, business, humanities and more, RIT attracts diverse, ambitious, and creative students. What sets RIT graduates apart is the unparalleled real-world experience they receive through RIT's co-op and internship program. Co-op allows students to earn a full-time salary, test career options, and make the type of professional connections that lead to outstanding outcomes, all before graduation. RIT offers a comprehensive financial aid program with 100% of students receiving aid. And with a vibrant campus life, 300+ student clubs, hundreds of performing arts opportunities, and more, RIT is a place where students come together to collaborate, innovate, and thrive.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach The Upstate Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ULSAMP)

The Upstate Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation was formed to attract and maximize the potential of students from underrepresented populations, specifically African-American, Latino American and Native American (AALANA) attending college in Upstate New York who are enrolled in STEM fields. Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the ULSAMP program will work across the alliance of 7 Upstate colleges and universities to increase recruitment and the subsequent graduation rate of both first-time freshmen and transfer students, by enhancing academic experiences and opportunities.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HWSC)

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection links urban adolescents to a support network of youth advocates and employers. at Rochester Institute of Technology commits up to five \$12,000 per year renewable scholarships to students who successfully complete the program and enter the Institute as full-time freshmen, and up to five \$12,000 per year renewable scholarships for students who enter as full-time transfer students from Monroe Community College.

> Academic Advising & Support Coaching & Academic Success Division of Diversity & Inclusion (DDI) Tutoring Program

The DDI Tutoring Program provides academic tutoring to students participating in DDI support unit programs (MCAS, HEOP, FSP, McNair/LSAMP, I'm First) in any subject area, but particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) courses and those courses that traditionally challenge the populations of students who participate in DDI programs. Peer-to-peer tutoring is a best practice approach for helping improve retention and graduation rates for underserved students. To increase access, there is also a new Virtual Tutoring model. Using the BlueJeans Teleconference system, students can seek tutoring in certain subjects right from their computer or mobile device.

> Summer Bridge Division of Diversity & Inclusion (DDI)

The DDI Summer Experience is a four-week summer academic enrichment, confidence and community building program that includes the Multicultural Center for Academic Success (MCAS) and the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP). The program offers students a unique opportunity for one-on-one coaching with RIT staff members, to engage in peer-led social activities with fellow classmates, to have the opportunity to build a foundation of study skills, and so much more! Every student will be assigned to one 3-credit foundation course. Taking your first RIT class during the summer is an exciting commitment. The coursework is enriched through a variety of co-curricular events and cohort-building activities. Students engage with the RIT community beyond the classroom and embrace the balance of academics with the collegiate experience.

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY
www.rit.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	13,152
Acceptance Rate	67%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	12%
Black	5%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	64%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	630-710
SAT Math	640-740
ACT	29-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	86%
Graduation Rate	72%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Computer Engineering;
Computer Software and Media Applications;
Mechanical Engineering; Design and Applied Arts

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,776
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$26,896
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$24,575
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$24,319
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,907
\$110,001+	\$32,695

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/rit>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	58%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,778
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$284/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$76,571
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St. John Fisher University



St. John Fisher University is an independent, liberal arts institution that celebrates its Catholic heritage. Fisher emphasizes liberal arts learning for students in both traditional academic disciplines and career-oriented fields. On our welcoming campus, you'll enjoy a close-knit community that values diversity, civic responsibility, and community engagement.

As an institution steeped in academic excellence, the Fisher experience will give you an edge both professionally and personally. Fisher students benefit from engaged professors who teach in one of the University's five Schools, each of which has earned national or international accreditation.

When you enroll, you will experience the Fisher Edge, the University's integrated approach to student success. With premier opportunities to excel academically, you will benefit from individualized advising, get a head start with career exploration, and participate in internships and experiential learning. From the start of your time at Fisher, you'll be on a path to complete your degree in four years or less, and more importantly, be on a path to live a life of purpose.

See possibility and opportunity everywhere you look at Fisher.

> Academic Advising & Support **Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)**

HEOP provides a wide range of services for New York State students who have a strong desire to earn a college degree but would not otherwise be able to attend college due to economic or academic circumstances. The program provides academic, financial, personal, and career counseling support in order to guide students toward educational success.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **First-Year Scholarships**

Fisher offers a generous program of scholarships designed to recognize you for the special talents you bring to campus. The First Generation Scholarship provides financial and academic assistance to students whose parents did not graduate from college. The Fisher Urban Scholar Award pledges \$40,000 per student over the course of four years to any high school student who resides in the City of Rochester and enrolls at Fisher as a first-year student. These are just two of the many scholarship programs that Fisher offers students.

> Academic Advising & Support **Center for Career and Academic Planning (CCAP)**

CCAP will help you create your own signature experience—one that fits your academic interests, personal ambitions, and career aspirations. Through personalized guidance tailored to meet your needs, CCAP advisors will help you excel academically, explore careers and industries, develop professional skills, and finish your degree on time.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First-Year Program and First-Year Seminar**

The First-Year Program is designed to assist you in the transition to college—introducing you to the values of the campus community and the characteristics of a successful Fisher student. You'll also be enrolled in the First-Year Seminar, a one-credit course that serves as an orientation to academic life at Fisher. Together with your peers, you'll discuss issues such as personal wellness, community, diversity, goal setting, study skills, time management, stress management, and the ins-and-outs of successfully navigating your Fisher educational experience.

St. John Fisher University
Rochester, NY
www.sjf.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,616
Acceptance Rate	73%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	27%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	5%
Hispanic	7%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	2%
Unknown	1%
White	81%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	550-630
SAT Math	540-630
ACT	23-29

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	77%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Biology, General; Finance and Financial Management Services; Marketing; Accounting and Related Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,313
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,168
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$18,267
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$25,566
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$29,117
\$110,001+	\$31,551

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.sjf.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	65%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,250
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$246/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$66,944
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Sarah Lawrence College



Sarah Lawrence is a prestigious, residential, coeducational liberal arts college. Founded in 1926 and consistently ranked among the leading liberal arts colleges in the country, Sarah Lawrence is known for its pioneering approach to education, rich history of impassioned intellectual and civic engagement, and vibrant, successful alumni. In close proximity to the unparalleled offerings of New York City, our historic campus is home to an inclusive, intellectually curious, and diverse community.

Talented, creative students choose Sarah Lawrence for the opportunity to take charge of their education. In close collaboration with our dedicated, distinguished faculty, students create a rigorous, personalized course of study and connect their passions across a wide array of disciplines. They graduate knowing how to apply the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking necessary for life after college.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Fall/Spring Collective

The Fall and Spring Collectives provide an opportunity for prospective and admitted students to learn more about SLC from current students, faculty, and staff through the lens of identity. The event has historically been held in one of our student spaces, Common Ground, which is dedicated to dialogue around identity, inclusion and belonging. It also serves as a place for programming, including speakers, performances, discussions, movie nights, conferences, workshops, and many other activities.

> Student Life & Support Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging

The mission of the Office of Student Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging is to support student success and development at Sarah Lawrence College. This office collaborates with student organizations, campus-wide committees, and other administrative offices to provide programs and learning opportunities that explore issues related to social identity and equity, facilitates dialogue across differences, and promotes inclusion and belonging.

> Student Life & Support Thrive Mentorship Program

THRIVE is a year-long peer mentorship program primarily for first-year and transfer students of color. THRIVE is a mentorship experience consisting of social gatherings, professional development workshops, alumni connections, and more.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Pre-Orientation for BIPOC, First-Gen, and International Students

The Pre-Orientation for BIPOC, First Generation, and International Students is an exciting opportunity for students with these identities to join together and connect with a network of supportive faculty, administrators, and student leaders. This is a unique 4-day pre-orientation designed to help students explore campus resources, connect with a supportive community, and thrive at Sarah Lawrence College.

> Student Life & Support The HUB

The HUB is a central student space on campus that houses the Sarah Lawrence Spiritual Space, LGBTQIA Space, Common Ground, WSLC Radio station and community spaces for all students. The HUB also includes a community kitchen and a Halal and Kosher-friendly community kitchen. Sarah Lawrence College is committed to sustaining a diverse and inclusive working and living community and these elements are infused into this historic community space. Students will have increased opportunities for celebrating and identity exploration, learning from our diverse community members, engaging in DEIB workshops, programs, and building community.

Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, NY
www.sarahlawrence.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,417
Acceptance Rate	50%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	12%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	5%
Black	4%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	8%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	660-740
SAT Math	600-710
ACT	29-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	83%
Graduation Rate	77%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$33,701
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$19,228
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$21,837
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$24,314
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,876
\$110,001+	\$40,777

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/sarahlawrence>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$53,603
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Siena College



At Siena, we respect, support, and celebrate the uniqueness each member of our community brings to campus. As a Franciscan community, Siena strives to embody the vision and values of St. Francis of Assisi, including the affirmation of the unique worth of each person, delight in diversity, appreciation for beauty, service to the poor and marginalized, dedication to a community where members work together in friendship and respect, and commitment to building a world that is more just, peaceable, and humane.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid The Siena Guarantee

Siena has launched The Siena Guarantee so future Saints can access the education they deserve. Once admitted, send Siena your FAFSA to be eligible for at least \$57,000 toward your education.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid Advisement

Ask any questions and seek out our advice! Your college education is one of the most important investments you will ever make. If you want to be a Saint, we want to help make that happen. We work one-on-one with families to help make this a stress-free process.

> Student Life & Support First-Generation Student Club

Siena offers a club for first-generation students. They meet regularly to discuss topics of interest. Food is always served!

> Student Life & Support Damietta Cross-Cultural Center

We believe diversity enriches the Siena experience for everyone. The Damietta Cross-Cultural Center provides resources, services, and events that promote diversity in an engaging way. We seek to empower students to be agents of change by fostering an inclusive community as active bystanders and peer educators.

> First-Year Experience & Transition New Student Orientation

Five days of new experiences, new opportunities, and best of all, new friends! At Orientation, you'll have fun learning what you need to know while getting acquainted with your classmates. Welcome to the Siena family!

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Success Center

We want our Saints to graduate in four years! The Academic Success Center consists of 10 offices, each with a professional staff providing a wide variety of resources and services to promote student learning and engagement. Through tutoring, academic advising, academic support programming (e.g., study skills courses), and more, we tailor a plan that's customized for you!

> Academic Advising & Support Higher Education Opportunity Program

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Program (HEOP) is an academic support services program that provides access to a college education. Eligibility is based on both academic and economic criteria. HEOP and its activities are supported, in whole or in part, by the New York State Education Department. Students must be New York State residents to be admitted into HEOP.

> Student Life & Support Life after Siena

The best part about Siena's professional training with a broad-based liberal arts education and strong values—it works. Don't just take our word for it—career and research company, Zippia named Siena the #1 college most likely to score you a job in New York.

Siena College
Loudonville, NY
www.siena.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,480
Acceptance Rate	80%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	24%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	4%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	0%
White	76%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional; Contact admissions office for exclusions

SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	84%
Graduation Rate	79%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Marketing; Accounting and Related Services; Psychology, General; Finance and Financial Management Services; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$30,696
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$21,454
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$25,431
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$27,137
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$31,477
\$110,001+	\$34,907

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.siena.edu/afford/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	66%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,561
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$262/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$76,079
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Skidmore College



Skidmore College is a highly selective, private liberal-arts college that attracts a diverse student body from all over the world. Skidmore's nationally recognized Opportunity Program (HEOP/AOP) and its QuestBridge partnership reinforce the College's commitment to access and further our ability to let students everywhere know this: Your dreams are achievable. The College has long been dedicated to the outreach and support of talented students who might otherwise be excluded from higher education due to academic or socioeconomic disadvantage. The College provides over \$70 million annually in financial aid (\$53,100 average annual aid offer) and meets the full demonstrated need of every accepted student.

> Special Admissions Policies Opportunity Program (HEOP/AOP)

For over 40 years, Skidmore's Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) has been one of the most successful in New York State. HEOP recruits talented and motivated students from New York State whose academic and financial circumstances might make them otherwise unable to attend Skidmore. Skidmore's Academic Opportunity Program (AOP) recruits similar students who reside out of state and/or whose family income slightly exceeds HEOP guidelines.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Discovery

Each April, Skidmore invites accepted students to campus for an overnight event specifically for those who may benefit from visiting campus in-person to help make an enrollment decision. Skidmore pays transportation costs for all invited students from across the country, including providing buses from New York City to campus and back.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid

Skidmore is committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need for all students regardless of citizenship or citizenship status. The Princeton Review has ranked Skidmore the No. 1 school for Great Financial Aid. 60% of students receive financial aid, and the average need-based award is \$53,100. Skidmore annually awards five \$80,000 music merit scholarships and 15 \$80,000 science-math merit scholarships to first-year students.

> Student Life & Support Intergroup Relations, Black Studies, Center for Justice

In 2008, Skidmore College became the first college or university in the US to offer a minor in Intergroup Relations, a nationally recognized academic and social-justice program whose goal is to support student learning and competencies around inter- and intragroup relations, conflict, and social justice across a range of social identities, including race, gender, sexuality, social class, religion, and nationality. In 2020, the College launched both a Black Studies minor and a Center for Equity and Justice.

> Student Life & Support Skidmore's Career Development Center

Students and alumni have lifetime access to on-demand resources in Skidmore's Career Development Center and its staff of career-support specialists, including dozens of on-campus learning, networking, and recruiting opportunities across all industries.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning Summer Funded Internships/ Research Experiences

Skidmore's Summer Experience Fund (SEF) encompasses a number of awards including general SEF, SEE-Beyond, discipline-specific, and post-graduate awards that provide stipends to students completing unpaid summer experiences. Recipients are able to gain skills, knowledge, connections, and experience within their chosen field. A wide variety of experiences qualify for SEF funding including internships, volunteer opportunities, research assignments, community service projects, artist residencies, apprenticeships, and more.

Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, NY
skidmore.edu
Private • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,744
Acceptance Rate	26%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	4%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	2%
White	63%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	650-740
SAT Math	650-720
ACT	30-33

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	89%
Graduation Rate	88%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business/Commerce, General; Psychology, General; English Language and Literature, General; Economics; Fine and Studio Arts

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$34,165
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$10,280
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$16,168
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$15,517
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,773
\$110,001+	\$46,892

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://skidmore.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	34%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$207/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$69,363
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Syracuse University



Syracuse University is classified in the top tier for research activity among all doctoral universities in the nation. With more than 200 academic programs and 100 minors, Syracuse offers a rigorous private education within an inclusive, welcoming community of 15,000 diverse students and scholars from all 50 U.S. states and 89 countries. Syracuse University welcomes you.

Thousands of students choose Syracuse every year for its blend of extraordinary academics, legendary spirit, and research, internship, and extracurricular opportunities—all offered in a classic campus setting. With nearly 20% of the undergraduate student body identifying as first-generation, we are committed to helping students pursue their dreams through resources and opportunities that demonstrate our ongoing commitment to access and inclusion.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Kessler Presidential Scholars Program

Students selected for the Kessler Presidential Scholars Program not only receive four years of substantial scholarship aid, but also have access to holistic services that enhance their experience and success on campus. In addition to warm and welcoming programs and events hosted to build community among the Kessler Scholars, each student is connected to a peer mentor, participates in career-enrichment activities, engages in community projects, and receives support to study abroad.

> Scholars & Leadership fullCIRCLE Mentoring Program

fullCIRCLE is a sustainable, multilayered program designed to assist its participants in effectively adjusting to the different challenges of college life, including those that are academic, social, professional, and personal in nature, with the goal of building community. The program serves first-year and upper-class students including Black/African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latinx American, and Indigenous/Native American students. fullCIRCLE promotes academic success, identity development, community leadership, and social responsibility.

> Scholars & Leadership WellsLink

The WellsLink Leadership Program is the nationally recognized academic and leadership excellence program for first-year students of color at Syracuse University. Through structured academic, social, and cultural enrichment activities, WellsLink scholars train for exceptional success at the University and beyond. The program is named after Barry L. Wells, former senior vice president and dean of student affairs at Syracuse University and founder of the University's Office of Minority Affairs in 1976. The program is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

> Student Life & Support Center for Learning and Student Success

The Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS) provides and facilitates academic support services for Syracuse students, including one-on-one tutoring, small-group tutoring and workshops, and academic integrity education and training. Through collaboration with academic departments and offices, the Center coordinates programs and disseminates information about campus-wide academic resources available to students.

Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY
www.syracuse.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	15,071
Acceptance Rate	52%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	18%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 15:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	7%
Black	7%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	2%
White	55%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	630-710
SAT Math	630-720
ACT	28-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	91%
Graduation Rate	83%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Economics; Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication; Information Science/Studies; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$36,889
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,312
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$18,458
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,928
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$33,733
\$110,001+	\$52,798

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.syracuse.edu/admissions/cost-and-aid/cost-of-attendance/undergraduate/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	37%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$276/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$79,164
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University of Rochester



The University of Rochester, founded in 1850, is one of the nation's leading private, co-educational, nonsectarian universities. Located two miles south of downtown Rochester, the 154-acre River Campus balances urban access and spacious comfort, creating a comfortable and unique learning environment. This environment no doubt contributes in part to the academic reputation of the institution. Over 6,000 undergraduate students enjoy a well-rounded college experience, and 95 percent of first years return for their sophomore year. In maximizing retention and success among all community members, the University of Rochester offers a breadth of services targeted to the specific needs of underrepresented and first-generation students.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Parent and Family Relations

The Parent and Family Relations Office provides support and assistance in orienting parents/families of students at Rochester. The office serves as a resource for parents/families throughout their student's undergraduate career, with the goal that families feel informed, valued, and respected. By providing advisory services, one-on-one consultations, educational information, and referrals, the office seeks to help all families prepare for the reality of supporting their college student. The Parent and Family Relations Office participates in early outreach to first-generation students/families, as well as Welcome Week (Orientation) and Commencement related programming, especially for first-generation students and families. <https://www.rochester.edu/parents/>

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Multicultural Visitation Program (MVP)

Historically, the University of Rochester's Multicultural Visitation Program (MVP) brings together up to 100 high school seniors from diverse backgrounds and allows them to experience Rochester on a more personal level. Our on-campus MVP program is a two-night experience typically held during the month of November. Prospective high school seniors are invited to apply for this selective on-campus experience that includes roundtrip transportation, an overnight stay in one of our residence halls, and all meals. To learn more about this exciting program and submit the required event application, please visit <https://admissions.rochester.edu/visit/multicultural-visitation-program/>

> Special Admissions Policy Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) & Early Connections Opportunity (ECO)

The University of Rochester's HEOP and ECO bridge programs are designed to serve students who have had additional challenges/barriers as part of their educational experience. HEOP addresses the specific needs of New York State students who have had both economic and educational challenges in high school. ECO is designed to help students more broadly who have had academic challenges establishing themselves within an academic setting. Both programs provide students a strong support network, academic advising, personal counseling and substantial financial assistance.

> Scholars & Leadership McNair Program

The objective of the McNair Program is to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented undergraduates who pursue PhD degrees and go on to careers in research and teaching at the university level. Students typically apply during their sophomore year, and the program is designed to prepare students for the rigors of graduate study by providing the opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of faculty mentors. Students accepted to the program attend a series of academic seminars, receive training for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and are trained to present the results of their research.

University of Rochester
Rochester, NY
www.rochester.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,569
Acceptance Rate	39%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	16%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	16%
Black	5%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	24%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	3%
White	40%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	680-750
SAT Math	710-790
ACT	31-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	92%
Graduation Rate	87%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Biology, General; Computer Science; Economics; Management Sciences and Quantitative Methods

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$30,902
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$12,169
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,724
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,593
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$30,873
\$110,001+	\$46,720

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.rochester.edu/financial-aid/cost-calculators/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	42%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$223/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$79,042
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Webb Institute



Do you have an unsinkable love of engineering and a passion for water? Webb is the place where the two come together! Earn a dual degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (rated as one of the most Valuable College Majors by Bankrate) through our unique, multidisciplinary engineering program. As a "Webbie" you'll collaborate and problem solve, all while developing the skills, knowledge, and networks necessary to design what you love and make your mark on the world.

Fast Facts:

- All students who are US citizens or permanent residents receive a full-tuition scholarship
- 100% Job Placement/Graduate School Rate and one of the highest starting salaries in the country
- 8 months of guaranteed, paid internships
- Ranked # 6 for Return on Investment (Payscale)
- Ranked in the top 50 "Smartest Colleges in America" (Business Insider)

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Full-Tuition Scholarship

All enrolled students who are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents receive a full-tuition scholarship every academic year!

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Internal Scholarships

In addition to Webb's full tuition scholarship, Webb also offers internal scholarships that can be used to offset room and board fees and other costs.

> Scholars & Leadership Leadership

Part of what makes Webb unique is its incredible sense of community and commitment to student leadership. Webb Institute is largely self-governed by its students. The Student Organization, including the Honor Council and administration, work together to make sure that all students understand Webb's mission and follow the Honor Code. The Honor Code mandates students to recognize their profound responsibilities both as individuals and as members of the Webb community.

> Academic Advising & Support Faculty Advisers

Every freshman and sophomore is assigned a faculty adviser. Faculty Advisers are members of the faculty who assist with course registration and meet with their advisees throughout the academic year to discuss the Webb experience and professional aspirations.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Freshman Orientation

Webb's week-long Freshman Orientation acts as a fun, interactive, and educational introduction to Webb's student life, campus, and community. Led by Webb's Office of Admissions and Student Affairs, Leadership Team and orientation leaders, the Freshman Orientation experience highlights an overview of the opportunities and resources available to all students.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Freshman Experience & Group Experience

The Freshman Experience Program is a mandatory program for all freshmen designed to assist with and improve their transition to Webb. This short program is not designed to be a therapeutic program, but rather an introduction to the support group program that Webb offers.

Webb Institute
Glen Cove, NY
www.webb.edu
Private • Suburban • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	102
Acceptance Rate	21%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	10%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	5%
Black	0%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	5%
White	75%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	680-740
SAT Math	730-780
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	89%
Graduation Rate	76%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$15,750
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$9,293
\$30,001-\$48,000	N/A
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$13,474
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$17,450
\$110,001+	\$22,398

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.webb.edu/admissions/financial-aid/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	16%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	N/A
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	N/A

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$94,400
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University of North Carolina at Asheville



Ranked #9 in *U.S. News and World Report* for Best Public Liberal Arts Colleges, UNC Asheville is where exploration and innovation meet, where classrooms extend beyond four walls, and where connections are built deep beneath the surface. UNC Asheville draws students from 39 states and two dozen countries. 65% of students participate in undergraduate research guided by dedicated faculty mentors, and 50% of students complete at least one internship before graduation. Asheville, NC has been named one of The South's Best Cities by *Southern Living*. Free commuter bike rentals and a \$1 public bus ride takes students downtown in 10 minutes, where they experience a nationally recognized arts, music, and food scene. Students can also explore more than 500,000 acres of scenic vistas, protected forests, winding rivers, and beautiful trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains through UNC Asheville's affordable Outdoor Programs. This is where students find that they're unafraid of the unknown. UNC Asheville students grow bolder, take on the world, and expand their horizons.

> Student Life & Support Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center is a one-stop resource for undergraduates seeking guidance and support. The Center is home to Student Success Specialists, the Office of Accessibility, the Registrar, the Writing Lab, Peer Tutoring, the Career Center, and more. UNC Asheville's Health and Counseling Center, ranked #5 Best Health Services by *The Princeton Review*, includes comprehensive medical, mental health, psychiatric, and health promotion services. The Key Center for Engaged Learning develops a sense of citizenry in and beyond the classroom, building relationships throughout Asheville and instilling a sense of civic responsibility.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Open Houses and Campus Tours

High school seniors and juniors, and prospective transfer students, are invited to attend an Open House on-campus each fall. Open Houses feature representatives from all academic departments and student services units, campus and residence hall tours, and the opportunity to speak with admission and financial aid staff. Campus tours are also provided every weekday and frequent Saturdays. Interested high school juniors are invited to attend the Junior Open House, typically in February.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Seminar and IGNITE

All first-year students enroll in a First-Year Seminar, a discussion-based class that imparts essential skills for a smooth transition into college life. Students are strategically placed in cohorts tailored to their diverse interests, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. First-year students also benefit from IGNITE, an immersive experiential program designed to help new students find their spark with the guidance of an upperclassmen mentor. New students forge meaningful connections, cultivate leadership skills, and deepen their sense of belonging within the campus community.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Support

UNC Asheville is committed to an affordable education. The newly launched Access Asheville program guarantees free tuition and fees covered by scholarships and grants for North Carolina residents whose annual family income is \$90,000 or less. Additionally, all incoming first-year applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships. In-state students benefit from low in-state tuition rates that do not increase under the Fixed Tuition Program. 82% of students receive financial aid, and students graduate on average with \$16,500 less debt than the national average. Affordability extends beyond financial aid, including commuter bike rentals, gym access, and laundry in residence halls all for free; opportunities for research and internship funding; discounts to local shops and restaurants; and more.

University of North Carolina at Asheville
Asheville, NC
www.unca.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,803
Acceptance Rate	74%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	35%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	5%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	4%
White	75%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	600-685
SAT Math	545-655
ACT	21-28

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	63%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Natural Resources Conservation and Research; Biology, General; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Public Health

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$13,637
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$9,603
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$10,476
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$13,004
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$17,063
\$110,001+	\$18,246

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://unca.edu/npc>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$217/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$44,030
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of North Carolina Wilmington



The University of North Carolina Wilmington is widely acknowledged for its superb faculty and staff and its powerful academic experience that stimulates creative inquiry, critical thinking, thoughtful expression, and responsible citizenship. UNCW is a top national university with nearly 18,000 students and is continuously recognized at a national level for academic excellence and affordability. Putting students first, supporting world-class faculty and staff, providing powerful learning experiences and making the most of its proximity to the ocean are UNCW's hallmarks—earning us the title of “North Carolina’s Coastal University.”

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Coastal Roots

The Coastal ROOTS (Restoring Our Opportunities Toward Success) summer BRIDGE program aims to enhance the student experience and foster a sense of campus and cultural belonging, student engagement, educational enrichment, and personal empowerment to ensure student success at UNCW and beyond. The Coastal ROOTS summer BRIDGE program is a unique opportunity for new incoming students to jumpstart their UNCW undergraduate experience by living on campus, taking summer classes and receiving continued intentional support throughout their entire college experience.

> Student Life & Support: Seahawks First

The Seahawks First program provides comprehensive support and resources for first-generation students. Through tailored programming, Seahawks First helps first-generation students build community, increase retention and completion rates, and network with first-generation faculty and staff, all while celebrating and elevating the first-generation identity.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Reaching and Inspiring Student Excellence (RISE) Learning Community

The RISE Living Learning Community is designed for first-year students from rural counties in North Carolina and other areas with less access to resources, first-generation students, and students with marginalized identities. By participating in programming and activities, RISE students are immersed in their new community where they learn to navigate campus resources and opportunities, build meaningful relationships, and develop skills and strategies to thrive at UNCW and beyond.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid SOAR Ambassador Program

The SOAR program is a financial assistance program that facilitates continued academic success and graduation for low-income students while limiting their accrual of student loan debt. Students use many campus resources that lead to individual success and gains for the university community. To qualify, a student must be a North Carolina resident, enrolled full-time, have a combined family income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level, and provide the required documentation to demonstrate they meet the criteria.

> Scholars & Leadership Mentors Initiating Community Action, Support, and Advocacy (MI CASA)

The MI CASA mentoring project is an innovative program designed to provide access to higher education to Hispanic/Latino high school students in North Carolina. The goal of this two-year program is to identify high-achieving Hispanic students from local high schools who wish to further their education at universities like UNCW. During this college preparatory process, high school mentees and UNCW mentors foster a stronger sense of community.

University of North Carolina Wilmington
Wilmington, NC
www.uncw.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	14,494
Acceptance Rate	69%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	26%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 17:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	4%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	2%
White	79%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	620-690
SAT Math	600-680
ACT	24-29

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	83%
Graduation Rate	72%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Psychology, General; Communication and Media Studies; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$19,442
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,916
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,101
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,438
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$22,829
\$110,001+	\$24,292

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.uncw.edu/finaid/net-price-calculator/index1.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	38%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$207/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$54,967
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Wittenberg University



"Having light we pass it on to others" is Wittenberg's motto, and for more than 177 years, we have helped students do exactly that: discover their light—that unique gift that only they possess—and prepare them to shine it brightly in the world. Our intentional, personalized educational experience is defined by professors, staff, and coaches who challenge and encourage, and by an ecosystem of support that allows for exciting experiential learning and exploration. Our new Connections Curriculum, which literally connects students' classroom knowledge with practical situations, brings with it exciting hands-on learning options close to campus and far beyond. Combined with our excellence in academics and a coveted Division III athletics tradition, Wittenberg continues to help students lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Wittenberg University offers scholarships for academics, special interest awards, and the fine arts. Our Financial Aid Office will assist families one-on-one who have questions about the FAFSA or any part of the aid process.

> Student Life & Support **Certified FirstGen Forward Campus**

FirstGen Forward is a recognition program that acknowledges higher education institutions for their commitment to the success of first-generation college students. Selected institutions receive professional development, community-building experiences, and access to research and resources.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning **Community Service**

One of only a select few institutions that requires community service to graduate, Wittenberg believes that each student should serve, connect, and reflect as they learn.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First Year Seminar**

First Year Seminar is a semester-long course that is designed for you to become rooted at Wittenberg in your academic work, your social life, in connections in the community, and beyond—and to lay ground work for what lies ahead after college.

> Academic Advising & Support **COMPASS: Sweet Success Center**

The COMPASS team are connectors and builders, focused on connecting your campus needs with the relevant services. Your Success Advisor will personally help you succeed from your first day on campus.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Schedule an on campus or virtual visit!**

We enjoy meeting with students and their support networks individually. Getting to know you, your interests, your goals—that will help us share more about the areas of Witt you are most interested in. Schedule your personalized campus tour at www.wittenberg.edu/visit.

> Student Life & Support **Tri-Alpha Organization**

Alpha Alpha Alpha, also known as "Tri-Alpha," is an honor society for first-generation students who excel in higher education. The organization aims to recognize academic excellence and provide opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and campus and community service for first-generation students. Students must be a rising sophomore in standing and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher to be accepted into the honor society.

Wittenberg University
Springfield, OH
www.wittenberg.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,235
Acceptance Rate	94%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	29%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1%
Black	10%
Hispanic	6%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	3%
White	74%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	535-680
SAT Math	515-690
ACT	21-28

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	63%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Health and Physical Education/Fitness;
Biology, General; Marketing; Communication
and Media Studies; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,729
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$17,264
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$17,530
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,614
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$23,028
\$110,001+	\$26,217

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.wittenberg.edu/admission/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	86%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$54,947
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Reed College



One of the most distinctive colleges in the nation, Reed College provides a singular example of the liberal arts experience: a structured curriculum with an emphasis on personal inquiry; extensive written and in-person feedback from professors on assignments; and a deeply collaborative academic environment. Classes are small, faculty members are highly accessible, and students are active participants in the production of new knowledge.

The breadth, depth, and rigor of the curriculum provide excellent preparation for nearly any career. Reed is ranked second in the nation in the percentage of graduates who earn PhDs in the life sciences, third in the nation in the percentage of graduates who earn PhDs in the arts & humanities, and fourth across all disciplines. Many Reed alumni win major graduate fellowships, found or lead companies and organizations, and earn medical, business, or law degrees.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid 100% of Demonstrated Financial Need Met

Reed College is committed to making a world-class liberal arts and sciences education affordable for all admitted and continuing students. Reed meets 100 percent of demonstrated financial aid need for domestic and international students.

Reed's financial aid policies support students in pursuing an extraordinary education without the burden of financial pressure. Students graduate with less average total debt than the national average. Every year Reed awards more than \$36 million in institutional grants to students.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Peer Mentor Program

Reed's Peer Mentor program assists first-year students with their college transition by pairing them with an experienced Reedie and introducing them to valuable campus resources and relationships. Mentees and mentors participate in both group and one-on-one activities. Administered through the Multicultural Resource Center, this program helps to foster authentic connections between students from a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds, including students of color, students who are among the first in their family to attend college, and students from low socioeconomic backgrounds. Incoming students are encouraged to apply. There is no registration fee or participation fee for the Peer Mentor Program, including the pre-Orientation experience. All activities and meals associated with the program are at no cost to participants.

> Student Life & Support Commitment to the Independence of Thought

The Reed community is guided by the Honor Principle. The commitment to the independence of thought and mutual trust and respect helps to create an environment in which students feel connected, challenged, and fulfilled.

The community is built on inquiry and integrity, and a bit of clever mischief. Student activities may be structured, spontaneous, intellectual, or silly, but they never depend on sororities or fraternities (Reed doesn't have them).

Reed students are culturally diverse and hail from 49 states. Reedies travel the farthest to attend Reed out of any school in the nation.

Reed College
Portland, OR
www.reed.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,494
Acceptance Rate	31%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	12%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	8%
Black	1%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	10%
Unknown	1%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test free	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	87%
Graduation Rate	79%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology; Biology; Mathematics; Physics;
 Linguistic, Comparative, and Related
 Language Studies and Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$32,966
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$15,460
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$9,629
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,043
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,015
\$110,001+	\$45,802

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/reed>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	40%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$62,927
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of Oregon



Nestled in the lush Willamette Valley, with an easy drive to both the Pacific Ocean and the Cascades, the University of Oregon is renowned for its research prowess and commitment to teaching. As a Duck, you will be challenged to question critically, think logically, communicate clearly, act creatively, and live ethically. We are a community of individuals: students, professors, and staff members, with unique identities, experiences, and perspectives. We strive to meet people where they are on their journey and help them along the way. We're committed to continuously building an equitable and inclusive community. We know it takes intention, humility, and a willingness to listen to and learn from the people around us. Our community is at our best when we affirm, respect, support, and celebrate what makes us different along with the common threads that tie us together.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Indigenous Pre-College Academy (IPCA)

The Indigenous Pre-College Academy aims to create a cohort of college-bound Native American and Indigenous students. Over the course of this seven-day program, the students will get acquainted with UO's campus, facilities, students, and staff. The academy's classes and workshops will cover college prep, the admissions process, financial aid, navigating predominantly white institutions as a Native scholar, professional development, health and wellness, cultural knowledge, and various academic areas.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Connections

UO Connections is a half-day college advocacy program designed for first-generation, ethnically diverse, or economically disadvantaged high school students in ninth through twelfth grades. The program provides valuable college prep information. Multiple different Connections dates are available throughout the academic year, allowing the UO to keep group sizes small and the overall experience more intimate and meaningful.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Opportunities

The Opportunities Program is designed to empower families of underrepresented communities to pursue higher education. It brings students and parents together to consider college as a viable option and as a family investment. Our goal is to help first-generation students and parents understand the process of transitioning to college. The workshops are geared towards sixth through ninth grade students and parents, but children of all ages are welcome to attend with their families. This program is currently being offered in-person and virtually.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Diversity Excellence Scholarship

The Diversity Excellence Scholarship (DES) recognizes the academic achievement and potential of students who, through sharing their varied cultural perspectives, will enhance the education of all UO students and the excellence of the University. The University of Oregon offers these tuition-reimbursement scholarships as part of our diversity mission. The scholarship is renewable, with the length of eligibility based on the recipient's grade level at the time of awarding.

University of Oregon
Eugene, OR
www.uoregon.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	19,443
Acceptance Rate	86%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	24%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 19:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	3%
Hispanic	15%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	9%
Unknown	1%
White	62%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	86%
Graduation Rate	74%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication; Business/Commerce, General; Economics; Social Sciences, General; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,543
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$15,038
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,871
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,109
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,269
\$110,001	\$28,072

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/net_price_calculator

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	31%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,139
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$214/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$61,324
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Allegheny College



At Allegheny, you are more than just one thing. You'll follow your passions and learn to see the world from many perspectives. Faculty will mentor you in your major and minor while you also pursue research opportunities and internships. Your vast skill set will be in demand when you graduate. Get ready to imagine, discover, and study all your interests.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid CAP Program

Through our Commitment to Access Program (CAP), Allegheny College will cover 100% of tuition for Pennsylvania and Ohio students from families earning a total income of \$50,000 or less. Since our founding, more than two centuries ago, we have opened doors of educational opportunity. CAP is available to new first-year and transfer students. The program is renewable for up to four years, as long as income and asset guidelines continue to be met and students remain in good academic standing at the College.

> Student Life & Support IDEAS Center

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, and Social Justice (IDEAS) Center is an on-campus space that provides educational and cultural programming to the Allegheny community. The office oversees a group of student organizations geared towards educating the campus community about race, religion, identity, and sexual orientation. The IDEAS Center primarily services students of color and first-generation students at Allegheny College.

> Student Life & Support Allegheny First!

Almost 30% of Allegheny students are first-generation college students, and we are proudly recognized as a First-Gen forward institution. We also have a large number of first-generation faculty and staff.

Allegheny College
Meadville, PA
www.alleggheny.edu
Private • Town • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,324
Acceptance Rate	75%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	28%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	8%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	3%
White	69%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	577-692
SAT Math	537-680
ACT	23-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	81%
Graduation Rate	74%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Natural Resources Conservation and Research; Economics; Psychology, General; Biology, General; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$24,838
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$17,305
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$17,477
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$20,056
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,735
\$110,001+	\$31,558

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://app.meadowfi.com/alleggheny>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	59%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$62,069
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Alvernia University



Alvernia is a Franciscan Catholic comprehensive university with a liberal arts foundation that serves over 2,500 students from diverse backgrounds in Reading, Pottsville, and Philadelphia. Alvernia earned the 2024 Best National University designation by U.S. News & World Report after climbing 21 spots in the rankings to be among the top 300 national universities. Alvernia was also recognized as a College of Distinction in eight categories including equity and inclusion for the fifth consecutive year in 2024-25. Alvernia features a unique blend of ever-expanding experiential learning opportunities, community engagement, rigorous liberal arts education, strong technical training in over 50 high demand majors and minors.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid at Alvernia

Investing in an Alvernia education is affordable, with tuition costs well below the national average for private liberal arts institutions and an array of financial aid options. Alvernia awards more than \$10,000,000 in aid including scholarships, grants, loans, and work study positions, with 100% of undergraduate students receiving financial aid. Our staff provides personalized attention to identify the best options for individual and unique situations.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Merit Scholarships at Alvernia

A number of academic scholarships are available to qualified Alvernia students. The following scholarships are awarded to qualified first-year applicants: Shirley and Joseph Boscov Scholars Program awards \$27,000 annually; Presidential Scholarship awards \$26,000; Trustees' Scholarship awards \$25,000; Veronica Founder's Scholarship awards \$23,000; Achievement Awards \$21,000; and Heritage Award \$19,000. Transfer scholarships ranging from \$15,000-\$21,000 are available to transfer applicants.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Microscholarships at Alvernia

Alvernia is a partner of RaiseMe, a microscholarship program that allows students to earn scholarships to Alvernia. Students who follow Alvernia University and add achievements such as grades, extracurricular activities, and leadership positions to their portfolio, earn scholarships that are guaranteed to be included in their merit or financial aid package. Future high school applicants can earn up to \$17,000 per year, and transfer students up to \$12,000 per year.

> Student Life & Support Alvernia Navigators

Alvernia's Navigators support students' transition to college life, empower them to become full participants in the Alvernia community, and guide them in developing habits that lead to success. Navigators provide one-on-one support and monitor persistence by providing success coaching, career exploration, and financial literacy. Navigators take a holistic, relational, and developmental approach when working with students and make referrals to other campus units.

> Student Life & Support Athletics

Nearly 39% of Alvernia undergraduate students are student-athletes. Alvernia recently expanded to include 28 athletic programs. The Golden Wolves compete at the NCAA Division III level within the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). Alvernia has made 37 NCAA postseason appearances. Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Tennis, Field Hockey, and Softball have made NCAA tournaments - as have individuals from the Cross Country, Track and Field, and Men's Wrestling teams. Club and intramural sports are also available.

Alvernia University
Reading, PA
www.alvernia.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,050
Acceptance Rate	62%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	36%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	10%
Hispanic	14%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	4%
White	62%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	73%
Graduation Rate	58%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research, Clinical Nursing; Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General; Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions; Criminal Justice and Corrections; Business Administration, Management and Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$26,166
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$27,979
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$27,001
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$26,381
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,019
\$110,001+	\$30,036

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://alvernia.clearcostcalculator.com/student>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	81%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$55,055
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Carnegie Mellon University



The Carnegie Mellon community includes some of the most talented doers, dreamers, and difference-makers from all over the world. As individuals, we have many kinds of creative talents and intellectual strengths; as a community, we connect and collaborate across disciplines to make life better for humankind. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is woven into our campus culture, with the goal of cultivating a vibrant, welcoming environment where everyone is valued.

➤ Pre-College Prep & Outreach Summer Academy for Math and Science (SAMS)

SAMS Scholars engage in a rigorous curriculum taught by our renowned faculty and staff, who are deeply committed to student success. Students develop a deeper understanding of STEM via traditional classroom instruction, hands-on projects, and sustained engagement with world-renowned faculty and skilled staff mentors. In addition to their academic experiences, students collaborate and develop meaningful relationships with peers from across the country. Through SAMS and other outreach initiatives, the university develops a diverse and supportive community of STEM Scholars interested in attending top-tier universities, strengthens students' commitment to pursuing STEM-related disciplines, broadens students' understanding and access to opportunities made available through study in STEM, and equips students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be successful STEM scholars.

➤ Student Life & Support Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion

The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion offers resources to achieve an inclusive and transformative experience for all students. The Center supports and connects historically underrepresented students and those who are first in their family to attend college in a setting where students' differences and talents are appreciated and reinforced. In the pursuit of equity, the Center also coordinates a network of faculty and staff interested in collectively advancing a more inclusive campus climate for all CMU students.

➤ Student Life & Support Student Academic Success Center

The Student Academic Success Center offers opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of who they are as learners, communicators, and scholars by providing academic coaching, tutoring, supplemental instruction, communication consulting and workshops, accommodations for students with disabilities, and language support for multi-lingual learners. The focus of the center is to create spaces for students to engage in their coursework and approach learning through group and individual program options. The Tartan Scholars program, housed within the Center, provides academic, social and financial support to high-achieving students from limited-resource backgrounds, including early access to deans, faculty, and advisors; dedicated staff and peer mentors; internship, research and study abroad experiences; and more.

➤ Student Life & Support First-Generation Student Experience

Carnegie Mellon has been designated a First-Gen Forward university for its commitment to improving the college experience for first-generation students. Carnegie Mellon's first-generation programs and initiatives build upon the university's efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion. One of the most significant programs for first-generation students at CMU is the First Together@CMU initiative. The program offers students opportunities to celebrate and embrace their first-generation identity, resources to support their academic, professional, and campus life experiences, and avenues to build connections and networks to help them reach their full potential.

Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA
www.cmu.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,604
Acceptance Rate	11%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15.7%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 5:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	32%
Black	4%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	23%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	5%
White	21%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	770-800
ACT	34-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	93%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Statistics; Business Administration, Management and Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$34,550
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$12,082
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,139
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,532
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,893
\$110,001+	\$52,012

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/financial-aid-estimator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	36%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,996
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$231/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$114,862
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Chatham University



Founded in 1869, Chatham University has an enrollment of over 2,400 students and over 60 undergraduate and graduate programs in our areas of excellence: sustainability; health & lab sciences; business & communication; and the arts & humanities. Chatham has historically served a high percentage of first-generation and Pell eligible students and continues to focus on access and affordability for all students. Chatham University's mission is to prepare students to be world ready: to build lives of purpose and value and fulfilling work. In addition to appropriate professional skills and liberal arts learning, Chatham believes that world readiness means being an informed and engaged citizen in one's communities; recognizing and respecting diversity of culture, identity and opinion; and living sustainably on the planet.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach College Counseling & Support

The Chatham University Office of Admission and Financial Aid partners with schools and Community Based Organizations to support early awareness and education about college access and affordability. Financial FAFSA workshops are provided and on-campus, and FAFSA filing resources are offered throughout the academic year and by appointment. Admission officers provide educational presentations to middle school through high school audiences, incorporating parents in the college readiness conversation.

> First-Year Experience & Transition SDE101 – Strategies for Successful Transition to College

All new first year students take a 1 credit course, taught by a professional team, which focuses on college transition skills, resiliency, major exploration, and career preparation.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Support, Advising and Supplemental Instruction

The Office of Academic and Accessibility Resources (OAAR) academic skill-building services are based on two core beliefs: Chatham University is an intellectual community committed to empowering each of its members; Students are individuals with unique needs and preferences. As a result, we make an array of resources and strategies available, including learning-skills coaching in the following areas: Goal-setting, including motivation and planning; Note-taking methods; Procrastination management; Study strategies training; Textbook reading strategies; Time management skills; Transitions: Essential Skills for Success at Chatham course; and Writing academic papers.

> Academic Advising & Support Diversity Equity and Inclusion > Intergroup Dialogues

The Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) Program offers academic courses each semester for undergraduate students interested in practicing the skills of intergroup dialogue. The program offers The Learning Edge, a one-time dialogue workshop available for requests from campus groups, and provides students the opportunity to become trained peer mentors and leaders.

> Student Life & Support RISE: Retain. Involve. Strengthen. Excel.

RISE is a retention program designed to increase the academic success, professionalism, and leadership skills of students of color at Chatham University. This is a two-year program that provides new students of color a mentor, as well as institutional support and a series of co-curricular programming throughout a two-year transition period into college. Through regular monthly meetings, special events as well as semester retreats, members of RISE have the opportunity to learn and grow as leaders within the Chatham community.

Chatham University
Pittsburgh, PA
www.chatham.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,207
Acceptance Rate	66%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	30%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	6%
Hispanic	6%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	0%
Unknown	5%
White	77%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	80%
Graduation Rate	68%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Biology, General;
Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration,
Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing;
Health and Physical Education/Fitness;
Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$30,413
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,793
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$20,536
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$26,345
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$28,605
\$110,001+	\$34,515

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://tcc.ruffalonl.com/Chatham%20University/First-Year%20Students>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	74%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,250
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$246/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$52,410
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Dickinson College



Dickinson is a nationally recognized liberal-arts college chartered in 1783 in Carlisle, Pa. Our distinctive liberal-arts approach translates into a competitive edge—95% of graduates are in a job, internship, graduate school, or pursuing meaningful service within one year. With an enrollment of 2,100 students, Dickinson emphasizes small classes with extensive opportunities for research, fieldwork, and internships in each of our 46 majors. Innovative programs range from neuroscience to data analytics to security studies, and Dickinson's decidedly global curriculum includes 13 languages. Dickinson has one of the top off-campus study programs in the nation and was one of the first colleges in the country to achieve carbon neutrality.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **You Belong at Dickinson Programs**

You Belong at Dickinson is designed for promising high-school seniors from historically underrepresented backgrounds, including but not limited to those who self-identify as students of color, LGBTQIA+, the first in their family to attend college, are from diverse religious backgrounds, or schools in rural communities. Participants in the program meet with college leadership, faculty, campus resource departments, and current students. Explore visit opportunities at dickinson.edu/visit.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Financial Aid Access, Need-Based Aid and Merit Scholarships**

Dickinson is committed to affordability, meeting 100% of the financial need of all admitted students. Dickinson offers need-based aid, scholarships, and special opportunities such as the Posse Foundation, the Yellow Ribbon Program, the Public Service Fellowship, and the Community College Partnership. Dickinson is returning to test optional for Fall 2024.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First-Year Program**

Dickinson's First-Year Program is designed to help students make the transition from high school to college by supporting them while encouraging independence. The academic cornerstone of the first semester is the First-Year Seminar. The First-Year Seminar is taught by the professor who will be the student's first advisor. Optional Explore More adventure programs actively engage students in exciting student-run outdoor activities, community service, or a theater project, just to name a few.

> Academic Advising & Support **Advising, Internships & Career Center**

Dickinson provides individualized advising from the very first semester to help students to pursue their authentic interests. Dickinson's Advising, Internships & Career Center helps students follow pathways to internships, research, volunteer, and study-abroad experiences. The results of that support speak for themselves: 95% of grads are employed, interning, in grad school, or pursuing meaningful service within one year, and our law and med school acceptance rates are more than 90%.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Mentoring & Support**

Faculty advisors form strong bonds with their advisees, programs like Peer Tutors and A.C.E. Peer Mentors provide one-on-one support, and the Learning Commons, including the Writing and Quantitative Reasoning Centers, provide individual appointments for help with specific assignments. The Bias Education & Response (BERT) and Coordination, Assessment, Response & Education (CARE) teams demonstrate Dickinson's deep commitment to an inclusive and supportive environment.

Dickinson College
Carlisle, PA
www.dickinson.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,083
Acceptance Rate	35%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	5%
Black	5%
Hispanic	7%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	65%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	90%
Graduation Rate	84%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

International Business; Economics; Political Science and Government; International Relations and National Security Studies; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$30,345
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$17,850
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,621
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$14,690
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$21,922
\$110,001+	\$41,427

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/dickinson>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	42%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$201/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$70,204
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Gettysburg College



Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a nationally ranked, highly selective residential college of the liberal arts and sciences—with a strong network of 32,000-plus graduates who make a difference in all career fields around the world. Our top priority is to provide our students—who come from more than 40 states and 50 countries—with a consequential education that provides a depth and breadth of knowledge and a set of enduring skills. Our students engage with expert faculty as they pursue high-impact experiences like research, internships, study abroad opportunities, and community service—while simultaneously taking part in over 140 student-run clubs and organizations or competing in our NCAA Division III athletic program. Living on our beautiful campus, in one of the nation's most historic towns, our students have access to major cities, like Baltimore, and Washington, D.C., as they strive to Do Great Work that will advance their communities, our nation, and the world.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Making College Affordable for All Students

Gettysburg College has been recognized by Forbes as a “Best Value College” and a “Top College for ROI.” We remain committed to working with students and their families to ensure that the ability to pay tuition does not become an obstacle to a Gettysburg education. Gettysburg College awards more than \$90 million in merit scholarships and need-based grants annually, which benefit 60% of the student body. Gettysburg recognizes exceptional academic achievement in high school by awarding merit scholarships, ranging from \$20,000-\$50,000 a year.

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Seminar

Be ready to explore. With curious names like “Plato, Personhood, and Popcorn: Big Ideas on the Big Screen” and “Green Eggs and Government Cheese: Food for Environmental Sustainability,” First-Year Seminars are your first of many opportunities to dive in. Through this unparalleled experience, you will work closely with a faculty member and a small cohort of students to delve into a unique topic and grapple with subjects and questions you may have never investigated before. Interdisciplinary and immersive, First-Year Seminars mobilize Gettysburg students toward academic excellence. You'll rethink your assumptions, expand your horizons, and kickstart a lifelong journey of positive impact.

> Student Life & Support Guided Pathways

Gettysburg students are active, involved, and make an impact. Every student receives a Consequential Education through the Gettysburg Approach. This includes:

- A breadth and depth of knowledge acquired through a rigorous and interdisciplinary education in the liberal arts and sciences.
- The development and deepening of seven enduring skills most valued by employers: adaptability, communication, creativity, intercultural fluency, leadership, problem solving, and teamwork.
- A 360-degree approach to advising from a Personal Advising Team, featuring a faculty advisor, co-curricular advisor, and a career advisor—and with the option of adding an alumni mentor after the sophomore year.
- High-impact learning experiences situated within thematic Guided Pathways, aimed at helping students align their interests with on-campus programs and offerings.

Gettysburg College
Gettysburg, PA
www.gettysburg.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,236
Acceptance Rate	56%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	20%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 10:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	5%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	3%
White	67%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	680-720
SAT Math	670-720
ACT	28-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	90%
Graduation Rate	83%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Political Science and Government; Physiology, Pathology and Related Sciences; Business Administration, Management and Operations; History

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,320
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$13,910
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,279
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,057
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,799
\$110,001+	\$40,690

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/admissions-aid/tuition-fees/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	52%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$26,999
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$71,517
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Susquehanna University



First-generation students, representing one-third of the enrolling class, add to the rich diversity of Susquehanna University's engaged community. Where nobody goes unnoticed and everyone stands out, Susquehanna is committed to being a culturally inclusive, anti-racist campus that provides a sense of belonging for all. With academic excellence at the forefront of its living and learning environment, Susquehanna's diverse community improves educational experiences and opportunities. Its commitment to access is backed by financial, academic, and social assistance that spans the core of campus. Susquehanna is the future-ready institution for today that prepares students to create their own paths and maximize their unique potential. Invested in cultivating intellectual grounding, active learning, and global citizenship for all students, Susquehanna empowers each graduate to lead a successful and meaningful life. With 100+ majors and minors, a solid liberal arts foundation, and guaranteed opportunities for students, Susquehanna is a place where academic innovation thrives.

> Special Admissions Policies Test Score Optional

Applying to Susquehanna is streamlined: test scores are optional, there's no required essay, and the application is free to submit.

> First-Year Experience First-Year Experience & Transition

First-Year Experience staff helps you make your transition to college life as smooth as possible. We coordinate events that begin before and continue throughout your first year.

> Academic Advising & Support Center for Academic Success

Center for Academic Success staff support students, free-of-charge, whether you need help or want to keep succeeding. We can help you learn more effectively by building on your strengths, helping you navigate academic policies, and connecting you to other campus resources.

> Student Life & Support Campuswide Resources

Susquehanna is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse campus. The Division of Access, Equity and Belonging spearheads initiatives, programs and groups tailored to the strengths and challenges of the campus and local communities. SUConnects is a mentoring program for first-year students from historically underrepresented groups. It pairs students with upperclassmen who support them academically and socially during their adjustment to college life. The Hawk Hub team, located in our student center, is committed to providing students with the necessary support to navigate through your college experience.

> Academic Advising & Support TRIO

TRIO is designed to help students build a successful and meaningful post-secondary education by providing students opportunities for academic development.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Early Academic Advising

Enrolling students are assigned an Early Academic Advisor as high school seniors to assist with your academic transition. You'll discuss first-semester courses and get connected with resources.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Pre-Flight Programs

Get involved on campus, meet other students with similar interests, and acclimate to your new home away from home during the week leading up to Move-In Day.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning Tri-Alpha Honor Society

Tri-Alpha promotes academic excellence and provides opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and campus and community service for first-generation students.

Susquehanna University
Selinsgrove, PA
www.susqu.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,139
Acceptance Rate	77%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	24%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Black	6%
Hispanic	7%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	3%
White	79%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	86%
Graduation Rate	73%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Communication and Media Studies; Biology, General; Finance and Financial Management Services; Rhetoric and Composition/Writing Studies; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,370
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$22,556
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$19,768
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,479
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,014
\$110,001+	\$31,764

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.susqu.edu/npc>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	70%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$61,723
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Temple University



Temple is the largest university in Philadelphia and the only public R1 research institution in the city. In fact, only 4% of universities nationwide are classified as R1, meaning we attract world-class faculty and offer 100% of students the ability to participate in hands-on learning. Our faculty boasts accolades that range from Grammys to Fulbright Fellowships, and our 12:1 student-faculty ratio makes it easy to connect directly with industry-leading professors. Temple provides boundless opportunity through its more than 600 academic programs in 17 schools and colleges, with additional campuses in Rome and Tokyo. Plus, Temple features a diverse student body and has more than 330 clubs and organizations, including professional networks.

Temple ranks among the top 100 Best Colleges and the top 70 Best Value Schools in the nation. As part of our commitment to student success, we automatically consider 100% of applicants for academic and need-based scholarships. Ten years after graduation, Temple alumni earn an annual salary of 20% more than those from other four-year institutions, helping Temple rank in the top 10 for return on investment among Pennsylvania schools.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Cecil B. Moore Scholars Program**

The Cecil B. Moore Scholars Program offers students from North Philadelphia coordinated pre-college preparation, focused campus advising and mentoring, and awards scholarships that cover base tuition at Temple University. The program is meant exclusively for students living in the eight North Philadelphia ZIP codes surrounding Temple who attend Philadelphia public (district or charter) high schools.

> Pre-College Summer Experience **Pre-College Summer Programs**

Temple's Pre-college Programs offer high school students the opportunity to get a head start on their college experience, with opportunities to explore academic interests and fields of study, make new friends, and get a feel for campus life. Students can choose from a variety of summer-based programs and workshops that explore specific subjects and related coursework, and potentially earn college credit in the process.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Broad Street Finish Line Scholarship**

The Broad Street Finish Line Scholarship, named after the iconic thoroughfare that runs through Temple's Main Campus, aims to enhance graduation rates for first-generation students, providing monetary support and creating opportunities. Scholarships are awarded annually to incoming students, as well as current students who experience a change in financial circumstances.

> Student Life & Support **Temple First**

Temple First, a chapter of the Philadelphia-based nonprofit the Collective Success Network, aims to combat and solve challenges surrounding the ability of first-generation, low-income students to obtain a college degree and successfully transition into the professional world upon graduation. The organization works to achieve its goal by bridging the gap between college students and business professionals, creating programs for career preparation, collaborating alongside the local business community, and expanding social support and personal skills for its members.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Next Steps AmeriCorps**

The Next Steps AmeriCorps program provides low-income, first-generation students with opportunities to engage in community service, mentoring and leadership development, and receive a stipend during their first year at Temple. Participants are mentored by an upperclassman who provides assistance and support throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Temple University
Philadelphia, PA
www.temple.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	23,697
Acceptance Rate	80%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	30%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	14%
Black	16%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	3%
White	50%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	73%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Finance and Financial Management Services;
Psychology, General; Public Relations,
Advertising, and Applied Communication;
Health and Physical Education/Fitness;
Marketing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$23,742
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$16,106
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$16,627
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,129
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,060
\$110,001+	\$29,182

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://sfs.temple.edu/sites/sfs/files/NetPrice.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	59%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,395
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$259/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$63,727
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University of Pennsylvania



Founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1740, the University of Pennsylvania is the nation's oldest University. An Ivy League University, Penn offers undergraduate programs in four schools: the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Engineering & Applied Science, the School of Nursing, and The Wharton School. Penn is a popular choice among high-achieving students who are the first in their families to attend college. Family income is not considered in the admissions process, making it need-blind for all citizens and permanent residents of the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, and students who apply for aid receive grant-based aid that does not need to be paid back! Students at Penn are encouraged to explore their interests with an emphasis on serving society.

> Pre-College Summer Experience Pre-First-Year Program (PFP)

The Pre-First-Year Program, a four-week long summer academic experience, gives invited participants comprehensive support services that begin with PFP and continue throughout the students' undergraduate experience. Participants receive coaching, counseling, and academic support as they build lasting bonds of friendship through social and cultural activities.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Grant-Based Financial Aid

Financial aid at Penn is based solely on financial need, and Penn is committed to meeting a student's demonstrated need. Student financial aid awards include grants (which means you do not have to pay them back after graduation) and a work-study job; the student summer savings expectation is waived for highly-aided students in their first and second year. All undergraduate applicants who are eligible for financial aid at Penn receive these grant-based aid packages, regardless of family income level.

Penn partners with the QuestBridge program to offer students from low-income backgrounds the opportunity to attend Penn on a full scholarship. Penn's partnerships with Say Yes to Education and the KIPP Foundation also further our mission of admitting and engaging a first year class that draws from every economic segment of society.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Multicultural Preview Programs

The Penn Early Exploration Program (PEEP) is a free online workshop-based virtual program designed to help high school seniors who are first-generation to college and/or come from limited incomes get ready to apply to college and thrive once there. Admissions staff and members of the Penn community guide students through the college application process and help them gain insight on finding community and support at college. Students also get to hear directly from Penn's six cultural resource centers, current professors, PEEP alumni, and more! The application and information about this program are generally available on Penn's website in late spring/early summer.

> Student Life & Support Cultural Resource Centers

Penn First Plus serves as the hub of University efforts to enhance the academic experience of students who are the first in their families to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree or come from modest financial circumstances. Additionally, Penn's six Cultural Resource Centers – and their dedicated, full-time staff – inspire campus involvement, support cultural student organizations, and facilitate communication within and among groups. The Greenfield Intercultural Center (which includes the student group Natives at Penn), the Center for Hispanic Excellence: La Casa Latina, Makuu: The Black Cultural Center, the Pan Asian American Community House, the Penn Women's Center, and the LGBT Center provide mentorship and a valuable support network to help ensure that students thrive at Penn.

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
www.upenn.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	10,572
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	16%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	27%
Black	8%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	5%
White	32%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	770-800
ACT	34-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	97%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Finance and Financial Management Services;
Economics; Management Sciences and
Quantitative Methods; Philosophy; Registered
Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing
Research and Clinical Nursing

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$26,138
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$344
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$4,611
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,544
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$22,549
\$110,001+	\$48,881

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/upenn>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	11%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$15,715
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$167/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$111,371
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West Chester University of Pennsylvania



Founded in 1871, West Chester University is a leading comprehensive university that excels in teacher education, business, health, natural and social sciences, music, and the arts. WCU offers more than 180 academic opportunities, 24 Division II athletic teams, and 300+ clubs and organizations, all on a beautiful 400-acre campus. Off campus, WCU offers more than 670 abroad opportunities on every continent but Antarctica. West Chester University has been recognized as both a top regional university and a top public school in the north, a top school for veterans and a top 100 best buy.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **WCU's First**

West Chester University is proud to say that thousands of first-generation students call our campus home. WCU's First holds events and programs throughout the academic year that connect students to the campus, fellow students, and faculty and staff. The programs are designed to help first-generation students improve their skills to become successful students and gain a sense of belonging on campus. Past events include job fairs, t-shirt giveaways, family receptions, and First Generation Celebration Day!

> Special Admissions Policy **Academic Success Program (ASP)**

The Academic Success Program, or ASP, is a special admissions program for students who do not meet current admissions criteria for WCU, but who still show the potential to succeed in college. Students admitted to the program complete a five-week summer session to assist them in developing academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. In addition, the program provides academic support through academic advising, tutoring, mentoring and academic monitoring, and counseling. Students who successfully complete the summer session enter the fall semester with increased academic confidence and familiarity with the campus culture and university procedures.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Brother II Brother**

The Brother II Brother (BIIB) program is focused on positively leading, empowering, and influencing minority males on campus. BIIB utilizes Academic Ambassadors, upper-class minority male students committed to academic excellence, to provide individualized and unique academic support to other minority male students. Our Academic Ambassadors help BIIB achieve its overall goal of increased WCU minority male retention, campus involvement, and academic success.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Peer Mentoring**

Established in 1994, the mentoring program in the Lawrence Dowdy Multicultural Center was founded to assist first-year and transfer multicultural students in their transition to college, persistence while at the university, and on-time graduation. Student participants are empowered through peer mentors who guide, offer information, and support the student throughout his/her initial year of enrollment. The mentees will have access to other resources such as tutoring, skill building workshops, and opportunities to interact with faculty and staff outside of the classroom.

> Academic Courses & Service Learning **Service Learning**

WCU is a service-oriented university. In fact, WCU has been on the Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since its inception in 2006. Each year, our students take part in service learning courses, go on alternative spring break and service trips, and provide service from our local community to the far reaches of the world. Our community volunteered more than 700,000 hours last year alone.

West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Chester, PA
www.wcupa.edu
Public • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	14,014
Acceptance Rate	88%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	25%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 20:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	11%
Hispanic	7%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	73%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	550-640
SAT Math	530-620
ACT	23-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	84%
Graduation Rate	75%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods; General Sales, Merchandising and Related Marketing Operations; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Finance and Financial Management Services; Business Administration, Management and Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$24,128
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$18,436
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$19,207
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,290
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$26,172
\$110,001+	\$27,490

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.passhe.edu/answers/Calculator/WE/npcalc-216764.htm>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	54%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$249/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$61,258
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Brown University



Brown University is one of the world's leading research universities. As a university whose mission is to discover and share new knowledge through the spirit of free inquiry, one of the hallmarks of that experience is the Open Curriculum. This unique approach allows students to design their own path through Brown without specific required courses and instead guided by a student's unique set of interests. Brown students bring a diversity of perspectives to campus, and the active engagement in dialogue in and out of the classroom allows students to leave College Hill with a deeper understanding of themselves and the complex issues confronting society. The Open Curriculum demands that students are both collaborative and intellectually creative in ways that make their time at Brown unlike any other.

> Student Life & Support **U-FLI Center**

The Undocumented, First-Generation College and Low-Income Student Center (U-FLI Center) is a communal, learning, and advocacy center for members of the Brown community who are from these backgrounds. The U-FLI Center works with various other campus centers to develop dynamic programming that meets the needs and interests of students. More than just a center for resources, staff and students think of the U-FLI Center as a center for their community on campus.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Brown Promise/Full Demonstrated Need**

The Brown Promise Initiative eliminates packaged loans from undergraduate financial aid awards. Brown has committed to meet the full demonstrated financial need of all students who are admitted, based on the information provided in the FAFSA and CSS Profile. Our application review process is need-blind for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, international students, DACA, and undocumented students.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Rural and Small Town Fly-In Program**

Rising seniors from rural and small towns across the country come together for a college prep boot camp that includes a mock interview, an essay writing workshop, a financial aid presentation, and advice for applying to highly selective colleges. During the program, students tour campus, attend faculty lectures, meet current Brown students, stay in Brown residence halls, and eat in our cafeterias. Brown covers the entire cost of this program.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **Pre-Orientation Programs**

Brown offers three Pre-Orientation programs designed to help students acclimate to college life: Mosaic+, Third World Transition Program, and International Orientation. These free, optional programs require an application early in the summer before students arrive on campus. Participants in these programs will learn how to access resources and networks that support particular interests, identities, and disciplines by connecting with peers, staff, and faculty around those topics.

> Scholars & Leadership **Bonner Community Fellowship**

The Bonner Community Fellowship (BCF) is a four-year developmental program that provides students with opportunities to advance social justice through experiential learning opportunities and critical reflection. Students in the BCF will consider the intersections of power and privilege in community engagement while identifying paths to address the issues that matter most. This fellowship is organized by the Swearer Center for Community Engagement and some students may be eligible for an annual \$2,000 stipend.

Brown University
Providence, RI
www.brown.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,222
Acceptance Rate	5%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 6:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	19%
Black	8%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	3%
White	38%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>SAT/ACT Required</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-780
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	34-36

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	98%
Graduation Rate	96%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Computer Science; Economics;
Applied Mathematics; Biology, General;
Entrepreneurial and Small Business
Operations

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$27,157
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$4,741
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$1,199
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,394
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,163
\$110,001+	\$46,032

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/brown>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	10%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$11,428
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$121/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$93,487
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Coastal Carolina University



Coastal Carolina University, or CCU, is a dynamic public institution located about 10 miles northwest of the Myrtle Beach resort area in South Carolina. Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees through more than 100 majors. Among CCU's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and two doctoral programs: coastal and marine systems science, and education. The most popular undergraduate majors are marine science, management, exercise and sport science, psychology, and marketing. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research, and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online. Outside the classroom, CCU students can get involved in 145 campus organizations. Student athletes can play sports at the recreational level or try out for one of the many Coastal Carolina Chanticleers varsity sports teams, which compete in the NCAA Division I Sun Belt Conference.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid CCU Scholarships

Financial Aid and Scholarships assists students and parents in identifying possible sources of assistance to encourage economic, social, cultural, and academic diversity in the student body. The office provides counseling and information on financial resources, educational financial planning, personal money management, and debt management.

> Academic Advising & Support Student Success Center—Academic Coaching Experience Department (ACED)

The ACED is here to help students develop a plan for managing their classes successfully. If students are feeling overwhelmed, academic coaches can help them get organized and assist them with creating a strategy for each of their courses, so students can ensure they are taking the necessary steps to reach their academic goals. ACED can help students develop and refine critical skills, such as time management and effective communication. Academic Coaches can also direct students to other campus resources for additional support.

> Scholars & Leadership HTC Honors College

The HTC Honors College is a community of highly motivated and intellectually curious students and faculty. Honors students experience smaller classes and higher levels of interaction with faculty, while enjoying all the resources of the University. The honors curriculum encourages collaboration among members of the University community to support students' personal growth. Meeting the honors academic requirements and completing an honors thesis will earn students the designation of University Honors upon graduation.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Students Navigating and Advising Peers (SNAP)

SNAP is a traditional mentoring program that provides first-year students with tools for collegiate success. During their first year, the program partners each new student with a seasoned upper-class mentor who will assist them with adjusting to college life. Through the establishment of relationships with upper-class students, first-year students in the program gain peer advisement on campus resources, services, and involvement to aid both academic success and personal development.

> Student Life & Support First-Gen Initiatives

First-Gen Initiatives celebrates and supports first-generation students by introducing them to peers who can offer advice and guidance, and connecting them with first-generation faculty and staff. First-Gen Initiatives organizes workshops and programs that address the needs of first-generation students, ensuring they have a safe space to ask for the resources they need to succeed.

Coastal Carolina University
Conway, SC
www.coastal.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	9,495
Acceptance Rate	79%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	31%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1%
Black	14%
Hispanic	6%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	3%
White	70%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	510-600
SAT Math	510-590
ACT	20-25

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	71%
Graduation Rate	51%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Health and Physical Education/Fitness;
Communication and Media Studies; Business
Administration, Management and Operations;
Marketing; Ecology, Evolution, Systematics,
and Population Biology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$12,952
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$9,458
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$10,007
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$13,134
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$17,496
\$110,001+	\$17,894

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.coastal.edu/financialaid/netpricecalculators/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	59%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$23,750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$252/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$47,258
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Horry-Georgetown Technical College



Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Conway, SC
www.hgtc.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,781
Acceptance Rate	100%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	48%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 23:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1%
Black	23%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Free</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	52%
Graduation Rate	31%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Practical Nursing, Vocational Nursing and Nursing Assistants; Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions; Precision Metal Working

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$4,116
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$3,075
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$3,570
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$5,713
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$7,554
\$110,001+	\$8,373

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.hgtc.edu/admissions/financialaid/collegecalc.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	34%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,250
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$151/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$35,507
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Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) is a two-year community/technical college that offers more than 70 associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs for students who are either seeking quick entry into the workforce or desiring to transfer to a senior institution to pursue a degree. There are three convenient locations including Conway, Myrtle Beach, and Georgetown. Programs include Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, Machine Tool Technology, Welding, Engineering Technology, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Massage Therapy, Golf and Sports Turf Management. Transfer students can elect a specific pathway major like Pre-Law, Pre-Psychology, Pre-medicine, Pre-marine science, or Pre-engineering Associates in Arts and Science degrees.

> Special Admissions Policies University Transfer Programs

HGTC is a gateway to senior colleges and universities through university transfer agreement to South Carolina's 33 public higher-education institutions, including 13 universities, 16 technical colleges, and 4 two-year regional campuses of the University of South Carolina. Through the Bridge Program with Coastal Carolina University, students can meet the admission requirements of Coastal Carolina University while starting at HGTC. Bridge students reside on CCU's main campus while attending courses at HGTC Conway campus and have the opportunity to participate in both CCU and HGTC clubs and organizations, programs and campus events. Both HGTC and CCU provide academic support in the form of tutoring, academic coaching, and skill development workshops.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Trio Programs

TRIO Elite Scholars offers FREE assistance to HGTC students: individualized academic coaching, access to peer mentors / tutors, workshops to maximize academic success, college tours and cultural enrichment events, and job search preparation. Participants in the Upward Bound Pre-college Summer Experience program will be eligible to register for up to two three-hour transferable credit courses at HGTC. In addition, participants will be exposed to college culture through interacting with professors and navigating campus resources.

> Scholarship and Financial Aid Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, the Scholarship Committee at HGTC makes awards totaling between \$100,000 - \$150,000. Individual scholarship awards range from \$100 - \$1,500 per year. Each scholarship opportunity has unique eligibility requirements.

Call Me MISTER Program (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models)

The mission of the Call Me Mister program is to increase the pool of available teachers from broader, more diverse backgrounds, particularly among the state's lowest performing elementary schools. Financial assistance is available for tuition, books, and institutional fees for students in this program.

> Student Life & Support HGTC Pantry

Non-perishable food and personal care items are provided for free to meet the needs of all current HGTC students and employees.

> Student Life & Support Career Services

Students and Alumni can access career center services to develop the necessary tools to be competitive in their fields of study for up to two years after graduation. Take the TypeFocus career assessment to discover more about your personality and interests. Receive help with your resume, interview skills, or help selecting a major or career path.

Lincoln Memorial University



Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) grew out of love and respect for Abraham Lincoln and today honors his name, values, and spirit. As the legend goes, in 1863 Lincoln suggested to General O. O. Howard, a Union Army officer, that the people of the Cumberland Gap region were loyal and he hoped that when the war was done, their loyalty would be rewarded. Reverend A. A. Myers, a Congregationalist minister, came to the Cumberland Gap in 1888. He succeeded in opening the Harrow School, established for the purpose of providing elementary education to mountain youngsters. On a visit to the area to give a series of lectures at the Harrow School, General O. O. Howard remembered his commitment to fulfill Lincoln's request and he joined Reverend Myers, M. F. Overton, C. F. Eager, A. B. Kesterson, and M. Arthur in establishing Lincoln Memorial University. That group, along with Robert F. Patterson, a Confederate veteran, became a board of directors and purchased The Four Seasons property. In commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, the institution was chartered by the State of Tennessee on February 12, 1897, as Lincoln Memorial University. Since its founding, LMU has had a missional focus on serving the underserved populations of the Appalachian region.

> Special Admissions Policy Cornerstone Program

In accordance with the University mission to serve the Appalachian region, LMU has created the Cornerstone Program, which serves as the Conditional Admission status for prospective students. The Cornerstone Program is a retention initiative at Lincoln Memorial University for students who, because of GPA, ACT/SAT scores, high school academic performance, or transfer academic performance, need to receive additional academic support services. Each Cornerstone student will be mentored and assisted by the Director of the Cornerstone Program during their first two years at LMU. The Cornerstone Program facilitates the adjustment to college, allowing students the chance to successfully matriculate and succeed academically while moving toward graduation. The program also introduces students to available academic and University resources that are needed to enhance their success and enrich their college experience. LMU is test-optional through 2024.

> Academic Coaching & Development Academic Success Services

Lincoln Memorial University offers students a multitude of academic resources, which allows students from all backgrounds to experience a wide range of opportunities. Our goal at LMU, is to help each student have the total university experience and have access to all the resources needed for social, personal, and academic development and success. This is done academically through traditional means, such as academic tutoring, group study, review sessions, workshops, and programs, such as Cornerstone or Student Support Services, that specifically target students who may need additional academic and social assistance. The Office of Academic Support also coordinates the Student Academic Alert system. This is a tool of intervention for students referred by faculty or staff for grade-related and attendance issues. We also help coordinate the academic programs of warning and probation in order to help students who have struggled have the opportunity and tools to facilitate academic recovery.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Orientation and Transition Programs

College can be full of new experiences. At LMU we make an intentional effort to help new students feel welcomed and at home. The Orientation and Transition Programs Team is committed to assisting new students at LMU by greeting you and walking alongside you on your journey to graduation. Faculty, staff, and student leaders work to assist with the adjustment to your college experience through a variety of programs and initiatives that will help you navigate your first year as a Railsplitter!

Lincoln Memorial University
Harrogate, TN
www.lmunet.edu
Private • Town • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,605
Acceptance Rate	78%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	42%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	3%
Black	5%
Hispanic	5%
International/non-resident	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	0%
Unknown	2%
White	77%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	472-580
SAT Math	510-610
ACT	18-24

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	74%
Graduation Rate	61%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration; Engineering; Biology, General; Clinical/ Medical Laboratory Science; Veterinary Health Sciences; Business; and Education

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$18,859
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$16,664
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$17,153
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,956
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$22,835
\$110,001+	\$25,682

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.lmunet.edu/student-financial-services/net-price-calculator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	58%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$20,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$212/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$49,956
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Vanderbilt University



Consistently ranked among the top 20 universities in the country, Vanderbilt is a private research university that features ten schools including four undergraduate schools and eight graduate or professional schools and programs. Each year, 1,600 first-year students join the University, bringing the total undergraduate population to approximately 7,000. Vanderbilt consistently challenges some of America's most talented students to expand their intellectual horizons in an inclusive environment based on open inquiry and respect. With a 7:1 student-faculty ratio and 58% of students participating in research, Vanderbilt offers many opportunities for students to engage with top-ranked faculty. The University's interdisciplinary approach to education allows students to pursue a wide array of interests outside their main focus of study, and its progressive financial aid policies assure that it is often cited as one of the country's best values among private universities.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach **QuestBridge**

Vanderbilt is a partner college with QuestBridge, which "connects the world's brightest low-income students to America's best universities and opportunities."

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach **STARS College Network**

Vanderbilt is one of 32 college partners in the Small Town And Rural Students College Network committed to creating college pathways for students in rural and small town locations.

> Pre-College Summer Experience **Vanderbilt Summer Academy (VSA)**

VSA invites highly talented students (grades 7-12) to a residential summer program on campus. VSA offers engaging and challenging curricula in math, science, and the humanities. The program integrates resources from the University's many research programs.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **MOSAIC**

MOSAIC is designed to introduce admitted students from diverse backgrounds to Vanderbilt's vibrant campus life. The program features opportunities to engage with the MOSAIC student board and to participate in social and academic programming.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Chancellor's Scholarship**

The Chancellor's Scholarship selects students with outstanding leadership, strength of character, academic achievement, and a deep-seated commitment to social justice to receive full-tuition plus a one-time stipend and programmatic support.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Posse University Partner-Founding Collegiate Partner**

Vanderbilt is the founding collegiate partner in the Posse Foundation. Through this program, we recruit two cohorts of ten students from New York City and one cohort of ten students from Houston to join our campus community.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **FirstVU**

FirstVU is a student-run organization to support, celebrate, and empower first-generation students at Vanderbilt. 12.9% of undergraduates identify as first-generation.

> Student Life & Support **Campus Identity Centers**

Vanderbilt's identity centers enable students with shared interests to find one another in an environment that is supportive, welcoming, and inclusive. Identity centers and cultural resources include the Women's Center, the Black Cultural Center, the Office of LGBTQI Life, the Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life, Vanderbilt Hillel, and the Student Center for Social Justice and Identity.

Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN
www.vanderbilt.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	7,144
Acceptance Rate	7%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	22%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	18%
Black	10%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	4%
White	41%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	730-770
SAT Math	760-800
ACT	34-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	96%
Graduation Rate	93%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Social Sciences, General; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Mathematics; Computer Science

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,917
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$7,451
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$4,475
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,892
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$16,934
\$110,001+	\$43,288

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/net-price-calculator.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	10%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$14,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$148/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$91,565
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Concordia University Texas



Concordia University Texas (CTX) is proud to be Austin's leading Christian university, where Christ is honored and students of all backgrounds are welcome. We are guided by our vision to be the premier university where the adventure of faith, learning, and life-changing experiences leads to meaningful work. At Concordia, you're more than just a number. As a Hispanic-Serving Institution with a strong community of first-generation students, Concordia is committed to supporting you and your family throughout your entire experience, from application to graduation and beyond. You will gain access to life-changing opportunities that enable you to expand your knowledge, develop new skills, form valuable connections, and prepare for a meaningful career.

> First-Year Experience & Transition CTX First-Year Experience

Going to college can be challenging, especially when you're the first one in your family to pursue a degree. The First-Year Experience (FYE) is designed to help you through this transition to successfully complete your first semester at Concordia. You will participate in the Life & Leadership course, seminars throughout the semester that highlight resources around campus, a service project in the community, and a common reading experience.

> Academic Advising & Support CTX Academic Support Center

All CTX students have access to a full range of free academic support services. The Academic Support Center includes the Math Center, Speaking Center, and Writing Center, in addition to the Success Center, which offers tutoring services and coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities.

> Student Life & Support CTX Student Life

The easiest way to get plugged into campus life is through social activities and student organizations. Student Activities offers exciting events throughout the year, including intramural games, and Concordia has 20+ student organizations that you can join.

> Student Life & Support Student Ministry & Missions

As a Christian university affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we provide abundant opportunities for you to join a diverse community of servants and leaders who seek to grow in their faith. Student Ministry & Missions provides ways for you to grow in Christ intellectually, relationally, and experientially. You can participate in daily chapel, life groups, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Athletes in Action, and mission trips around the world.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Visit CTX

We invite you to visit our campus, virtually or in person, to experience what it's like to be a Concordia Tornado in our close-knit community. Concordia's beautiful campus is one of a kind. It sits in the hills of Northwest Austin on 400+ acres, 250 of which are part of a protected nature and wildlife preserve. However you decide to visit us, we're excited to meet you!

> Special Admissions Policy Test Optional

Concordia University is test optional, waiving the ACT/SAT test requirement for admission.

> Student Life & Support Office of Vocation & Professional Development

Vocation and Professional Development (VPD) provides career services and advising to students and alumni. Utilized by 88% of students, VPD helps with career planning, professional coaching and assessment, internships, job searches, and mentorship resources.

Concordia University Texas
Austin, TX
www.concordia.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,571
Acceptance Rate	86%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	35%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 18:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	6%
Black	14%
Hispanic	35%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	4%
White	37%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	500-620
SAT Math	510-570
ACT	18-23

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	61%
Graduation Rate	46%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Psychology; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$23,883
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$19,064
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$22,626
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$22,313
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$25,219
\$110,001+	\$31,343

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://tcc.ruffalonl.com/Concordia%20University%20-%20Texas/Freshman-Students>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	53%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,852
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$232mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$60,883
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Huston-Tillotson University



Huston-Tillotson University (HT) is the first institution of higher learning in Austin, Texas. HT is committed to, and has a long history of serving low-income, first-generation, and minority students. HT provides the environment and resources for its students to be successful, understanding the challenges, risks, and barriers faced by breaking generational cycles of poverty. HT graduates 200+ students annually with over 5,000 family members and friends on campus to support and celebrate our graduates. HT paves the way for our students to excel in careers where they can bring greater representation for low-income, first-generation, and minority communities. The mission of HT is "HT nurtures a legacy of leadership and excellence in education, connecting knowledge, power, passion, and values". Huston-Tillotson University, in Austin Texas, is a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and a coeducational liberal arts and sciences university. Huston-Tillotson University traces its history to the founding of Tillotson College of the United Church of Christ in 1875 and Samuel Huston College of the United Methodist Church in 1876. The 2 colleges merged in 1952 to become Huston-Tillotson College and chartered by the State of Texas. Huston-Tillotson College officially became Huston-Tillotson University in 2005. A multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-faith institution, the University welcomes students of all ages, races, and religions. Huston-Tillotson University awards associates of arts in liberal arts and undergraduate four year degrees in business, education, the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, science and technology as well as masters in Educational Leadership (M.Ed.) and Business Administration (MBA).

> Summer Bridge & Orientation All-Star Academy

The All-STAR Academy is a six-week summer program especially designed for first time freshmen who plan to attend and graduate from Huston-Tillotson University. Graduating high school seniors who are interested in taking the necessary steps to jump-start their academic careers will have the opportunity to: complete six [6] hours of college-level coursework, experience residence life by staying on campus, take part in academic and social enhancement, and network with faculty, staff, and administrators.

> Scholars & Leadership Apple Program—Community Education Initiative

Huston-Tillotson University is proud to partner with Apple Inc. for cutting-edge academic and innovative opportunities! Managed by the Center for Academic Innovation and Transformation, the Apple-sponsored programs help impact diversity and inclusion efforts, while transforming Central Austin culturally, through technology and workforce advancements.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring RAM Mentorship Program

The Huston-Tillotson University Ram Mentorship Program pairs current HT students with corporate and professional mentors to enrich academic success, career development, and holistic growth. In utilizing a series of immersive experiences, including job shadowing and intern/apprenticeships, mentors and mentees work together to increase the student's proficiency in the following four [4] strategic areas as prescribed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE): Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Oral/Written Communication, Professionalism/Work Ethic, and Career Management.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Ram Career Connections

The purpose of the UNCF® Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) at Huston-Tillotson University is to provide a seamless path from college to career. Students who are considering majoring in business administration, communication, computer science, criminal justice, education, kinesiology, mathematics, or music will have the opportunity to engage in a four-year individualized academic experience that will lead to a career upon graduation.

Huston-Tillotson University
Austin, TX
www.htu.edu
Private • City • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	991
Acceptance Rate	52%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	62%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1%
Black	55%
Hispanic	25%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	1%
Unknown	1%
White	13%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	420-500
SAT Math	420-500
ACT	14-20

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	61%
Graduation Rate	41%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Psychology, General; Biology, General; Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,219
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$19,974
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$20,610
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$20,965
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$22,079
\$110,001+	\$23,026

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://htu.edu/npcalc.htm>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	64%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$30.750
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$326/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$42,937
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



St. Edward's University



Founded in 1885, St. Edward's is a nationally ranked, Holy Cross university located in the heart of Austin, Texas. Our picturesque, hilltop campus is home to 2,751 undergraduate students, representing 39 different states and 46 different countries. We offer over 50 academic areas of study, that include programs in business, natural science, arts and humanities, and behavioral and social science. With an average class size of 18 students, a vibrant residential campus life, Div II athletics, and an emphasis on social justice, service, and global engagement, St. Edward's University offers students an opportunity to Live Fully.

> Scholars & Leadership **McNair Scholar's Program**

The goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to increase the attainment of doctoral degrees by students who come from underrepresented segments of society, and there is no question that the program is successful in fulfilling its mission to prepare participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants in the McNair Scholars Program come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. A majority are low-income and first-generation college students.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **College Assistance Migrant Program**

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at St. Edward's University is dedicated to serving the higher education needs of migrant students. Here, they'll join a caring community of globally minded, critical thinkers and problem-solvers who are passionate about making the world a better place. As a CAMP scholar at St. Edward's, participants benefit from a highly personalized education tailored to their interests and goals. To help migrant students gain the most from their college experience, they'll receive continuous support from a CAMP success coach, professors, counselors, and fellow students. We're committed to our students' success in college and beyond.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **ANCHORS**

ANCHORS is designed to assist incoming first-year students as they transition to life on the Hilltop! Occurring four days prior to the start of classes, ANCHORS helps new students learn more about what it means to be a St. Edward's Hilltopper. Students will hear insightful messages from guest speakers and current students, attend Hillfest (a campus-wide carnival), take part in campus traditions, and learn about resources which will help them be successful throughout their college career.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **First-Year Experience (FYE)**

Whether a first-time freshman or a transfer student, our FYE program prepares students to make the most of your education on the hilltop. Starting on day one, students get to know a team of people eager to support their success and well-being, including a success coach, peer mentor, professors, and a resident advisor, to name a few. This network supports students explore their interests and talents—on campus, in the Austin community, and beyond.

> Academic Advising & Support **Academic Support Services**

To help keep students on top of their studies, St. Edward's offers a range of support—from tutoring on class concepts to methods for organizing priorities and managing time.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Success Coaches**

At St. Edward's, our students have an entire success team to help them personalize their college experience—classes, internships, leadership opportunities, study abroad, and more. And it all starts with a success coach.

Saint Edward's University
Austin, TX
www.stedwards.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,751
Acceptance Rate	85%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	40%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 14:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	4%
Hispanic	52%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	32%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	78%
Graduation Rate	64%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Communication and Media Studies; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Biology, General; Health and Physical Education/Fitness

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$23,078
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$17,738
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$20,598
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$21,925
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$28,697
\$110,001+	\$31,099

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://stedwards.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	52%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$24,803
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$263/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,826
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Texas State University



For more than a century, our university has been united by the belief that we can do great things through our love of learning and hard work. Our name has changed a few times, but our belief in the power of lifelong learning has never wavered. With nearly 100-degree options to explore, you'll find something that feeds your creativity and energizes your ambition. At Texas State, nearly 45% of our students are the first in their families to attend college, and we pride ourselves on educating the next generation of leaders.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit Admissions

Applying for college doesn't have to be stressful! Wherever you are in the process, an Admissions Counselor is dedicated to answering your questions. Or join us for a Bobcat Day, where you will learn more about our beautiful campus, as well as receive information about academics, financial aid, housing, and take an inside look at what being a Bobcat is all about.

> New Student Orientation Your First Year Journey

At Texas State, you will immerse yourself in new experiences, build your community and start to shape your academic and professional future. From your live on campus experience, to meeting with your First Year Academic Advisor, to enrolling in a first-year seminar course, you have a dedicated support team to help guide you every step of the way. You get to customize a Bobcat experience, that is unique to you. First-year students attend a required, two-day, on-campus program designed to prepare incoming first-year students to successfully transition to Texas State. Also, Cat Camp is an extended orientation program that prepares you for your first year by teaching Texas State history and traditions, creating connections between new and current students, and providing you with additional resources.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Financial Aid & Scholarships

Texas State is committed to helping students explore various means of financial assistance. Texas State offers the tuition-free Bobcat Promise program to allow more students to attend college. Bobcat Promise is designed for Texas students with a family-adjusted gross income (AGI) that does not exceed \$50,000 annually and guarantees free tuition and mandatory fees for 15 credit hours per semester.

> First-Year Experience & Transition Bobcat Welcome

All admitted students begin their first-year journey during Bobcat Welcome Week. Beginning with residence hall move-in, Bobcat Welcome Week provides you with the opportunities to make friends, learn more about TXST resources and services, and prepare you for the first week of classes! During your first year, you will be matched with an Academic Advisor, Peer Mentor, and University Seminar faculty member, who are there to help you. Texas State's network is designed to make sure you have what you need to find your place.

> Student Life & Support First-Gen Proud

If you are the first in your family to attend college, you are part of the 44 percent of students who are part of our Texas State first-gen community. We are dedicated to recognizing your academic efforts, understanding your unique needs, and supporting you on your academic journey. We even have an entire week dedicated to celebrating you as a first-gen Bobcat!

> Student Life & Support Career Services

Whether you're exploring career options, seeking internships, or preparing for job interviews, our Career Services team offers a wide range of resources and support to help you achieve your career and professional goals: career fairs, one-on-one career counseling, a free Career Closet to get a few professional items for your next interview, and more!

Texas State University
San Marcos, TX
www.txst.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	33,834
Acceptance Rate	88%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	36%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 21:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	9%
Hispanic	42%
International/non-resident	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	40%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

SAT/ACT may be required but considered only when minimum GPA and/or class rank is not met

SAT Reading and Writing	500-600
SAT Math	480-580
ACT	19-26

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	79%
Graduation Rate	62%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Criminal Justice and Corrections

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$14,840
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$11,814
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,231
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,697
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$16,251
\$110,001+	\$21,700

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.admissions.txst.edu/pay-for-college/cost-of-attendance.html>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	45%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$223/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$56,906
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Texas Tech University



Texas Tech University was founded in 1923 as the premier institution of higher education in West Texas, a region larger than 46 of the nation's 50 states. Texas Tech is designated as a national research institution and is home to over 40,000 students, of which 30% are first-generation. In addition, Texas Tech University is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution. Tech's mission is to advance knowledge through innovative and creative teaching, research, and scholarship. The university is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce, and enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring First-Generation Transition & Mentoring Programs & Mentor Tech

First-Generation Transition & Mentoring Programs is dedicated to increasing first-generation students' retention and graduation rates through peer mentorship, social engagement, and student success efforts. Mentor Tech supports undergraduate and graduate students' successful transition and continuation in college through mentoring relationships by pairing Mentee (students) with university staff, faculty, and graduate students (mentors). Through these relationships, students gain university insight, personal and academic support networks, and professional development.

> Academic Advising & Support TRIO Student Support Services

The federally funded TRIO Student Support Services is designed as an academic support program to help students navigate and succeed towards graduation from college. Serving first-generation, students with financial need, and students with disabilities, TRIO provides one-on-one advising, 24/7 access to online tutoring, individualized tutoring, dedicated study space with reliable technology and internet, and financial literacy learning with access to scholarships.

> Academic Advising & Support McNair Scholars

The federally funded McNair Scholars Program seeks to increase graduate degrees awarded to students from underrepresented segments of society by helping them to experience graduate level research and providing them with focused advising on how to best prepare for applying to and attending graduate school. McNair provides faculty mentors, workshops, and seminars on research methods, support applying to graduate school, as well as providing travel funding for academic conferences and graduate school visits.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring TRIO Upward Bound

The federally funded TRIO Upward Bound Program supports the college access pipeline by partnering with local high schools within the Lubbock area to provide student support services. Services offered include tutoring & academic skill development, well-being counseling & mentorship, and college & career guidance. TRIO Upward Bound seeks to provide a pathway for students to achieve college readiness for post-secondary education success.

> Student Life & Support

Prepare to embark on a transformative academic journey by applying to Texas Tech University! Picture yourself at the heart of a dynamic campus community, where innovation and tradition merge seamlessly. From the iconic Masked Rider leading the charge to the electric atmosphere at Jones AT&T Stadium on game day, to the support of dedicated faculty who are leaders in their field, you will find the resources and atmosphere that is unlike any other institution in the country.

Texas Tech University
Lubbock, TX
www.ttu.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	32,346
Acceptance Rate	67%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	26%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 21:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black	6%
Hispanic	29%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	55%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	550-640
SAT Math	540-640
ACT	23-28

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	65%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Psychology; Computer and Information Sciences; Mechanical Engineering; Education

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,048
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$13,728
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,062
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,259
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$23,641
\$110,001+	\$24,698

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/netCostCalcHome.php>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$62,454
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Texas Woman's University



Texas Woman's is the nation's largest university primarily focused on women and provides students with a quality education anchored in leadership, hands-on learning, and health and well-being in an inclusive environment.

Degree options include programs in the sciences, business, nursing, health sciences, visual and performing arts, liberal arts, and education. Courses are offered in person, online, and in hybrid formats.

Texas Woman's offers men and women the support and small-class sizes generally expected at a private institution. In 2023-24, the University ranked among the nation's top 15% for social mobility, and for the past three years has achieved at least the fifth-highest score for ethnic diversity, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. TWU is a federal Hispanic-Serving Institution, and in 2023 earned the coveted Seal of Excelencia, which recognizes institutions that best serve Latinx students.

Texas Woman's offers many opportunities for involvement. With more than 150 student organizations, service events, leadership opportunities and activities throughout the year, students embrace diversity and learn to engage the world around them. The main campus is in Denton, just north of Dallas-Fort Worth and consistently named a "best college town."

> First-Year Experience & Transitions **ADELANTE Leadership Program**

The ADELANTE Leadership Program, offered by the Center for Belonging and First-Generation Students and the Jane Nelson Institute for Women's Leadership, empowers students through tailored interventions that enhance leadership skills, build mentorship connections, and create a sense of belonging among students to positively impact retention. The program serves primarily first-generation students and those who are economically or academically disadvantaged. The scholarship program provides comprehensive support to students, ensuring continuous development and mentoring through holistic experiences.

> Peer, Staff, or Faculty Mentoring **First-Generation Internship Prep Program**

The university's Pioneer Center for Student Excellence offers a four-week online program that encourages first-generation undergraduate students to apply for internships and connect with professionals. Through preparation workshops and experiential activities, such as mock interviews and resume reviews, students gain an understanding of the internship search process, develop application materials to apply for internships, and identify internship opportunities.

> Pre-College Prep and Outreach **GO Program**

Dedicated to creating a college-going culture and promoting college awareness and accessibility, Texas Woman's G-Force mentors guide high school students through the process of enrolling in any college or university, as well as how to apply for scholarships and financial aid. The program's mobile information center serves those traditionally underrepresented in higher education, including the economically disadvantaged and first-generation college students.

> Academic Advising & Support **TRiO Student Support Services**

TWU offers TRiO SSS Classic and TRiO SSS STEM-Health programs for low-income, first-generation students, as well as those with documented disabilities. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, TRiO provides specialized academic and support services including priority registration, academic advising, tutoring, academic skill workshops, personal counseling, academic advice and assistance, career services, counseling, and more.

Texas Woman's University
Denton, TX
www.twu.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	8,876
Acceptance Rate	94%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	43%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	9%
Black	19%
Hispanic	36%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4%
Unknown	1%
White	29%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	480-580
SAT Math	450-560
ACT	17-23

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	72%
Graduation Rate	59%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences; Human Development, Family Studies, and Related Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$10,928
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$8,447
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,812
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$11,366
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$16,016
\$110,000+	\$17,056

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://apps.highered.texas.gov/apps/NPC/?Fice=003646>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	44%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,218
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$204/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$56,544
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of Houston



THIS IS UH. Established in 1927, the University of Houston empowers students in their pursuit of learning, discovery, leadership, and engagement. Located in a sprawling metropolis, our premier Tier One campus provides students with cutting-edge programs including undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, distance, and continuing education studies. Ranked among the best colleges in America, UH is home to award-winning faculty, innovative research centers, alumni who have become international leaders, and one of the most diverse student populations in the nation.

At the University of Houston, we prepare students to envision their future, emerge as leaders, and launch careers that transform the world.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Cougar Promise**

The Cougar Promise is the University of Houston's commitment to ensure a college education is accessible to students from low and middle-income families. UH guarantees tuition and mandatory fees will be covered for eligible students with family incomes at or below \$65,000 and will provide tuition support for those with family incomes which fall between \$65,001 and \$125,000.

> Student Life & Support **UHin4**

The UHin4 program was created to simplify the process for students to earn a high quality and affordable education. By forming a collaborative effort between the University and students to graduate within 4 years, the UHin4 program provides a comprehensive graduation plan to help students navigate the college experience. Students and parents save time and money by following this 4-year graduation plan to more quickly enter the workforce or begin graduate studies.

> Academic Advising & Support **Center for Student Empowerment**

The Center for Student Empowerment (CSE) provides opportunities for the university's diverse student population by preventing minor obstacles from becoming major setbacks to degree achievement. The services that CSE offers have been strategically chosen to develop CSE students into well-trained career professionals.

> Academic Advising & Support **LAUNCH**

The University of Houston offers the LAUNCH (Learning Advancements for Undergraduate Cougars of Houston) Program which gives students the opportunity to interact with Peer Tutoring for over 100 separate courses, Success Workshops, and Individual Academic Counseling.

> Student Life & Support **Learning Abroad**

Did you know you can take classes in your major or minor, as well as intern, do research, volunteer, or even teach abroad? The Learning Abroad Office helps students find an affordable program that fits into their degree plan while staying on track to graduate. With faculty-led, reciprocal exchange, and affiliated third party provider programs in the summer, winter, and semesters in over 100 countries, there is an option for everyone.

> Student Life & Support **Center for Student Advocacy and Support**

The Center for Student Advocacy and Community reduces barriers that inhibit academic and personal success by identifying areas of need, providing connections to resources, and supporting student-led programs and initiatives that strengthen our community. The Center helps create a welcoming and supportive campus community by organizing events and programs that encourage interaction, collaboration, and mutual respect among students.

University of Houston
Houston, TX
www.uh.edu
Public • City • Large

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	37,080
Acceptance Rate	66%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	42%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 21:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	24%
Black	11%
Hispanic	37%
International/non-resident	5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	3%
Unknown	1%
White	18%

TEST SCORES

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	580-660
SAT Math	580-670
ACT	23-29

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	63%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Finance and Financial Management Services; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$13,900
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$11,008
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$11,546
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,246
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,252
\$110,000+	\$22,517

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.uh.edu/financial/net-price-calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	33%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,194
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$193/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$62,377
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Middlebury College



At Middlebury College, you will join a vibrant community with a history of progressive thinking, challenging academics, high expectations, and even higher outcomes. We enroll 2,837 undergraduates from all 50 states and 74 countries and offer 45 majors in the arts, humanities, literature, foreign languages, social sciences, and natural sciences. The College promotes critical engagement, collaboration, and full participation within and across the diverse communities who work, live, and learn together. We not only inspire our undergraduates to grapple with challenging questions about themselves and the world, but we also foster the inquiry, equity, and agency necessary for them to practice ethical citizenship at home and far beyond our Vermont campus. We seek to enroll the best and most promising students regardless of their circumstances. Middlebury remains unwaveringly committed to providing educational opportunities to students without regard to nationality, place of birth, immigration status, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic status.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **Scholarship and Financial Aid**

Middlebury is one of very few colleges in the country that are both need-blind and meet full demonstrated need for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents. Middlebury is need-aware for international students, but will meet full demonstrated need once that student is admitted. Only need-based financial aid is offered.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit **Discover Middlebury**

The Discover Middlebury Visit Program is an annual "fly-in" program offered in the fall for high school seniors who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. We offer a full travel scholarship to campus for participants.

> Special Admissions Policy **Special Admissions Policies & the Coalition Application**

Middlebury takes the QuestBridge Application as well as the Common Application and the Coalition Application. Students are not required to submit standardized testing and they will not be disadvantaged in the review process if scores aren't included with the application.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation **First @ Midd**

First @ Midd is a pre-orientation program that provides support to incoming students who are the first in their families to attend college. The program focuses on acquainting students with useful resources and offices to help them navigate the sometimes complicated social and academic aspects of college life.

> Academic Advising & Support **The Anderson Freeman Resource Center (AFC)**

The Anderson Freeman Resource Center (AFC) works to promote an inclusive and welcoming learning environment for the Middlebury community. This work includes support for students of color; first-generation college students; students from low-income backgrounds; LGBTQ+ students; international students; and other students who have been historically marginalized in U.S. higher education.

> Student Life & Support **First-Gen Graduation Celebration**

We celebrate our graduating class of first-generation students with an end of year ceremony. During the celebration, we honor each individual graduate and provide green tassels for their graduation caps in honor of all that they have accomplished.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring **Anderson Freeman Center Peer Mentorship Program**

The AFC Peer Mentorship Program is open to first-generation college students, students of color, and queer and trans students to connect them with peers.

Middlebury College
Middlebury, VT
www.middlebury.edu
Private • Town • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	2,751
Acceptance Rate	13%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 9:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	5%
Hispanic	12%
International/non-resident	11%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	6%
Unknown	1%
White	56%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	710-760
SAT Math	715-780
ACT	33-35

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	95%
Graduation Rate	94%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Computer Science; Political Science and Government; Neurobiology and Neurosciences; Natural Resources Conservation and Research

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$25,185
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$8,707
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,658
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$12,026
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,641
\$110,001+	\$41,458

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/middlebury>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	21%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$13,857
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$147/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$76,310
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Christopher Newport University



We care about minds and hearts. We want our students to choose to lead lives of significance. Classes at this affordable public university are small and rigorous. Professors know our students by name. We offer a nationally respected President's Leadership Program and foster a culture of kindness. Our teams are among the winningest in the nation. Our arts facilities are world class. Our campus in Virginia is stunningly beautiful, close to beaches, big cities, and endless opportunities for internships and careers.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Community Captains

Community Captains is a free early admission program for select Newport News high school students, providing them with two years of free, on-campus opportunities. Each participant pairs with a current student mentor for guidance and support through all aspects of preparing for college.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Captains Launch

Captains Launch is a virtual summer transition program offered to newly admitted freshmen as an enhanced support system. By participating, students take the first step toward achieving personal and academic goals. We support your transition to college – before you arrive, and throughout your first term.

> Academic Advising & Support Center for Academic Success

Freshmen work with a Faculty Core Advisor who remains your advisor for the first two years even if your academic interest changes. The Writing Center's professionally trained students help at all stages of the writing process: brainstorming ideas, organizing, developing examples, and editing. Our Start Smart and Finish Strong workshop series supports you throughout the semester.

> Peer, Staff or Faculty Mentoring Coaching and Peer Mentoring

Academic coaching is a personalized, one-on-one meeting with a trained academic coach who can help you improve study skills and performance. You can study smarter by developing skills in time management, goal setting, and test preparation. Our peer mentors are upperclassmen ready to offer support and the wisdom they have learned while navigating college.

> Student Life & Support Diversity and Inclusion

We celebrate the diversity of our community through the work of the Student Diversity and Equality Council. Students engage in many of our cultural and identity-based organizations, as well as our annual events such as the Intercultural Festival, the First Generation College Student Connection, the Global Conference on Women and Gender, and the Multicultural Graduate Celebration.

> Special Admissions Policy Test-Optional

Our holistic review process takes many factors into consideration, and test-optional applications require that we place more emphasis on other credentials.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid President's Leadership Program (PLP)

PLP is more than an academic program. The PLP comprises a community determined to better understand themselves, how they work with others, and the impact they can have in the world. Through academic study, learning outside the classroom and personal development, PLP prepares students for a life of leadership.

Christopher Newport University
Newport News, VA
www.cnu.edu
Public • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	4,442
Acceptance Rate	85%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	14%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 13:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	8%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	74%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	560-660
SAT Math	540-630
ACT	22-29

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	85%
Graduation Rate	78%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Biology, General; Psychology, General; Communication and Media Studies; Political Science and Government

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$22,609
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$10,562
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$13,690
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,026
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$24,805
\$110,001+	\$28,609

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://cnu.edu/financialaid/calculator/npcalc.htm>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	38%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$25,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$265/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$60,509
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



University of Richmond



At Richmond, our intellectual community thrives on diversity of thought and perspective. Industry-leading financial aid ensures that talented students of all backgrounds can come together to form a transformative educational environment. Richmond does not consider financial need in admission decisions and promises to meet 100 percent of demonstrated need for every admitted student. And, we guarantee every student up to \$5,000 for a summer research or internship experience through The Richmond Guarantee. Within one year of graduation, 24 percent of students are enrolled in graduate school. And of those looking for employment, 94 percent landed a job.

> First-Year Experience & Transition **Access Richmond, Thrive, and The Richmond Endeavor**

Access Richmond is an overnight open house designed for high school seniors from traditionally underrepresented and underserved backgrounds in their senior year of high school. During this program, students and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about the admission process, meet with offices that provide support, and experience life as a Richmond Spider.

Thrive Orientation is a transition program for multicultural first-year students to help them build a community and familiarize themselves with the University of Richmond through a multicultural lens before New Spider Orientation (NSO). Students that participate in Thrive Orientation do not just leave with information, they leave with connections, friends, resources, and a network of support. Thrive Orientation is part of the Thrive Multicultural Experience, an enrichment initiative designed to cultivate, advocate, celebrate, and empower multicultural students throughout the different phases of their college experience.

The Richmond Endeavor is a living-learning experience for first-year students. Live together, take classes together and be part of an intellectual community your first-year! The Richmond Endeavor is designed for students to create meaningful bonds and friendships with their fellow classmates, develop a relationship with a faculty member during their first year at Richmond, and connect their interests both inside and outside of the classroom.

> Student Life & Support **SpidersFLI and First-Gen Activities**

SpidersFLI is the University's community of first-generation and/or low income students which sponsors events and activities for first-generation students throughout the year. From social events like meet-and-greets and dinners to workshops and information sessions on topics like internships or study abroad—there's ample opportunity for first-gen students to interact with, learn about, and build community with each other.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid **The Richmond Guarantee**

Every Richmond student is guaranteed a University fellowship of up to \$5,000 for a summer internship or faculty-mentored research project. The Richmond Guarantee means that every student, regardless of financial means, can pursue the laboratory, field, archival, or professional opportunity that best complements their academic pursuits—in any field of endeavor, in any part of the world.

University of Richmond
Richmond, VA
www.richmond.edu
Private • City • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	3,069
Acceptance Rate	24%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	19%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 8:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Black	6%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	2%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	92%
Graduation Rate	85%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Administration, Management and Operations; Human Resources Management and Services; Economics; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other; Biology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$28,649
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$10,711
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$8,199
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$17,112
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$27,456
\$110,001+	\$48,411

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/richmond>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	33%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$223/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$76,178
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Data is from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, unless the college has supplied more recent figures. For more details see page 46.



Virginia Commonwealth University



Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, VA
www.vcu.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	20,552
Acceptance Rate	91%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	31%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 16:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	14%
Black	21%
Hispanic	11%
International/non-resident	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	8%
Unknown	2%
White	41%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	530-660
SAT Math	500-630
ACT	22-30

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	84%
Graduation Rate	69%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology, General; Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Subject Areas; Business/Commerce, General; Biology, General; Communication and Media Studies

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,405
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$14,188
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$15,435
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$18,675
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$23,433
\$110,001+	\$28,236

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://sfs.vcu.edu/tuition-and-fees/estimate-your-tuition-and-fees/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	43%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$58,128
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Situated in Richmond, Virginia's capital city, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) continues to grow in size, programs, and students. With more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, VCU offers prestigious programs that have developed it into one of the nation's top research universities. VCU enrolls students in more than 200 certificate and degree programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. Twenty-nine programs are unique in Virginia, many of them crossing the disciplines of VCU's 10 schools and four colleges. Since its founding, VCU has combined the traditional and nontraditional, creating diversity in academics, campus events, students, faculty, and staff.

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Primeros Pasos (First Steps)

Primeros Pasos is a one-day program designed to provide Latine high school students and their families with an overview of the college experience and opportunities in higher education. VCU students, parents, faculty, and alumni participate throughout the day, sharing their experiences. Activities include a bilingual workshop for parents regarding financial aid and scholarships, a panel discussion with university students from the Latine community, admissions counselors, and campus tours.

> Scholars & Leadership Acceleration Program

The Acceleration Program is a combination pre-matriculation summer session and academic year-long program for students interested in pre-health concentrations in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, and other health sciences. The program includes a four-week residential summer session with a math and science curriculum, health career-focused workshops, hospital tours, Health Professions admissions overviews and advising in preparation for the fall semester. Summer housing is provided for free, and a stipend is included. Program participants take first-year courses together, participate in community service, and continue to receive support from pre-health and pre-professional advising.

> Academic Advising & Support University Academic Advising/Campus Learning Center

University Academic Advising (UAA) provides all first-year students with a common advising experience while the Campus Learning Center offers intensive academic support, including tutoring and academic coaching, to ensure that all students can excel in their first year of study at VCU. Students interested in pursuing careers in law, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, or other professional health degrees are offered additional advising services through VCU Career Services.

> Academic Advising & Support You First at VCU & TRIO Student Support Services

VCU's first-generation student initiative connects first-gen students with resources to help them navigate their college experience, from how to be successful academically, to understanding financial aid, to facilitating peer connections. VCU offers many opportunities for first-gen students to engage with peers, including the You First at VCU network of resources. TRIO is a federally funded program that promotes undergraduate academic success for first-generation, low-income, and students with disabilities through programming and enhanced academic advising.

> Student Life & Support Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA)

VCU Office of Multicultural Student Affairs provides diversity, inclusion, and social justice education for VCU and the surrounding area while serving as student advocates and offers opportunities for community building and identity affirmation for underrepresented students.

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



VIRGINIA TECH is a Land-grant institution that takes a hands-on, transdisciplinary approach to prepare students to be leaders and problem-solvers. We are the commonwealth's most comprehensive and its leading research institution, offering 280 degree programs to 37,000+ students. Through experiential learning and an inclusive culture, we strive to accomplish the charge of our motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve).

> Pre-College Prep & Outreach Pre-College Prep & Outreach

Virginia Tech's **College Access Collaborative** provides programming that helps increase academic preparation, access and affordability for first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented communities.

TRIO Programs at Virginia Tech include Upward Bound and Talent Search, both federally-funded by the U.S. Department of Education and dedicated to preparing low-income and first-generation students to pursue college.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Summer Bridge and Orientation

Summer Start helps facilitate degree progress and ease the high school-to-college transition by pairing required course work with opportunities to become familiar with university expectations.

The Student Transition Engineering Program (STEP), a 5-week program for first-year students in Engineering, facilitates the transition to college and focuses on the keys to academic success.

> Academic Advising & Support Academic Advising & Learning Assistance

Academic advising through University Studies and Scholarship Support helps students who are unsure about a major to explore possibilities and confidently make academic decisions.

The Student Success Center offers free academic support, tutoring, and study skills seminars to undergraduates.

> Academic Advising & Support First-Generation and General Academic Support

First-Generation Student Support provides programming that addresses the needs of first-generation college students, helps build community, and creates an environment that welcomes diverse ideas, identities, and cultures.

GenerationOne is a residential community for first-generation students. The community has staff, programming, and a course that celebrates the first-gen identity.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Presidential Scholarship Initiative (PSI) is a competitive scholarship program for in-state students with significant financial need. Students receive room, board, tuition and fees for four years, and are welcomed into a comprehensive academic and social support community. Preference is given to first-generation college students.

The A. James Clark Scholars Program provides unique learning experiences to exceptional in-state students in engineering and building construction. The scholarship provides room, board, tuition and fees for four years. Clark Scholars volunteer in the community and take part in enrichment seminars and events with professional leaders. Preference is given to first-generation college students.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Blacksburg, VA
www.vt.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	30,339
Acceptance Rate	57%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	15%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 17:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	12%
Black	6%
Hispanic	10%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	3%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	620-700
SAT Math	620-730
ACT	27-32

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	92%
Graduation Rate	86%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Mechanical Engineering; Management Sciences and Quantitative Methods; Finance and Financial Management Services; Computer and Information Sciences, General; Foods, Nutrition, and Related Services

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,292
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By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$10,947
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$12,988
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$16,791
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$23,281
\$110,001+	\$26,950

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://tcc.ruffalonl.com/Virginia%20Polytechnic%20Institute%20and%20State%20University/Freshman-Students/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	35%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$21,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$228/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$81,698
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Washington and Lee University



On the outside, W&L looks like many small liberal arts colleges. Our campus is nestled in a charming town in a bucolic valley, comprised of centuries-old buildings oozing timelessness and classic good looks. Our students are whip-smart, poised beyond their years, curious, inventive, and ambitious without being competitive. They outnumber our faculty only 8 to 1.

Dig deeper, and you'll find academic programs not offered among our peer schools, like business, engineering, and journalism. Our goal is to graduate leaders who will be a positive force in a global and diverse society. W&L graduates are bound for life with a sense of integrity and service to others that comes from their time living in this community under the protection of a student-run honor system. They emerge with real-world, hands-on experience and find immediate success in the workplace or graduate school (95% employed within 6 months; 90%+ acceptance rate to law and medical schools). They're successful in part thanks to faculty and staff mentors who encourage students to pursue every opportunity. With an endowment per student ranking in the top 25 of all U.S. colleges, we have the resources to invest in your success. That means substantial financial aid and scholarships, first-rate facilities, amazing travel and experiential learning programs, competitive DIII athletics, and professional-quality performing and studio arts.

> Student Life & Support Office of Inclusion and Engagement

W&L's Office of Inclusion and Engagement (OIE) is committed to creating and maintaining a supportive atmosphere on campus for students from all backgrounds. OIE supports programs and initiatives that explore, promote, and celebrate the increasingly diverse backgrounds of our students, such as Black Greek Life, alumni mentoring, community-building education series, the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, worship rooms, and emergency funding. OIE also supports student identity organizations like the Student Association for Black Unity, the Latinx Student Organization, and the Low-Income First-Generation Team (LIFT), which organizes resources, events, and mentorship for first-generation and low-income community members.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid 100% of Demonstrated Need Without Loans

W&L meets 100 percent of families' demonstrated financial need through grants and student employment. No loans are included in aid packages to meet calculated need. The W&L Promise guarantees a minimum grant of full tuition to any undergraduate student admitted to W&L with a total family income below \$150,000 and assets typical for their income. The Johnson Scholarship, awarded to ~10% of first-year students, covers tuition, housing, meals, and \$10,000 in summer enhancement funding. W&L is also a proud QuestBridge partner college.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Advanced Immersion and Mentoring (AIM) Program

W&L is dedicated to providing meaningful support for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds during their transition to campus. The AIM Program pairs incoming first-year students with faculty and peer mentors in a funded summer research project before the start of classes to boost academic preparation and confidence. Additional programming focuses on the transition to college, a sense of belonging, and leadership skills.

> Open House, Fly-In, Visit DIVE (Diversity and Inclusion Visit Experience)

W&L offers annual fly-in programs for students from diverse backgrounds, including two programs each fall for prospective applicants and one program each spring for admitted students. DIVE is a tailored and personalized introduction to the liberal arts and residential campus life at W&L with an emphasis on the diverse voices and experiences of our students.

Washington and Lee University
Lexington, VA
www.wlu.edu
Private • Town • Small

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	1,861
Acceptance Rate	17%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	10%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

7:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	4%
Black	4%
Hispanic	8%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5%
Unknown	1%
White	72%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

Test-Optional

SAT Reading and Writing	700-750
SAT Math	710-780
ACT	32-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	97%
Graduation Rate	94%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Economics; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Political Science and Government; Accounting and Related Services; History

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$29,479
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	(\$553)
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$377
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$5,462
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$12,731
\$110,001+	\$45,417

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://www.wlu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/estimate-your-aid>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	15%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$19,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$207/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$94,810
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William & Mary



Located in Williamsburg, Virginia, William & Mary brings together the global opportunities of a larger research university with the personalized education of a liberal arts and sciences institution. Students can choose from over 115 majors, minors, and pre-professional programs, with more than a third in STEM and computational-related fields. For more than three centuries, W&M has offered a top-rated educational experience while being consistently recognized as one of the best values in the nation. W&M regularly receives top rankings for undergraduate teaching, career services, value, science lab facilities, student happiness, study abroad participation, and more. We are committed to affording exceptional students the opportunity for life-changing experiences, regardless of their financial circumstances.

> Student Life & Support Center for Student Diversity

The Center for Student Diversity nurtures an open dialogue for everyone on campus and serves as a vital link where students from diverse backgrounds can find a sense of community. We strive to enhance the success of students both in and out of the classroom and to create a climate on campus that is inclusive and welcoming to all students. Through support services and advocacy for historically underrepresented and underserved populations, as well as initiatives promoting exchange and dialogue for all students, we work to foster a community that supports the full diversity of W&M.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation Preparing for Life as a University Student (PLUS)

The purpose of the PLUS program is to offer students a positive, supportive, community-oriented summer experience between high school and college. During the PLUS Program, students will engage in mock class sessions and become familiar with numerous campus resources, including the Cohen Career Center, Academic Advising, Swem Library, and the Washington Center. Participants will also gain valuable insight from a supportive network of professors and current students about being holistically successful at the university.

> Scholars & Leadership W&M Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE)

WMSURE was developed based on the self-identified needs to provide guidance throughout the college experience. WMSURE provides workshops that help scholars achieve their highest potential and support for undergraduates who want to conduct research. Participants benefit from the opportunity to network with faculty and staff representing all departments in the university.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid W&M Scholars Award

W&M Scholars Awards are offered each year to a group of academically distinguished students who will add to our vibrant community representative of individuals with diverse backgrounds, talents and experiences. Students selected receive a scholarship equivalent to at least the full cost of in-state tuition and fees. No additional scholarship application is necessary. All W&M Scholars are invited to participate in the WMSURE program.

> Student Life & Support First-Generation, Limited-Income Support (FGLI)

The FGLI Group provides advocacy, mentorship, leadership development, and promotes inclusion in the W&M community for students from limited-income backgrounds and/ or those who are the first in their families to attend college. In addition, the FGLI student organization provides resources to best navigate William & Mary by coordinating programming, workshops, and student leadership development experiences throughout the year.

William & Mary
Williamsburg, VA
www.wm.edu
Public • Suburban • Medium

Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	6,778
Acceptance Rate	34%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	13%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 12:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	11%
Black	6%
Hispanic	9%
International/non-resident	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7%
Unknown	3%
White	60%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	695-750
SAT Math	680-770
ACT	32-34

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	93%
Graduation Rate	91%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Data Science; Business Analytics;
Government; Computer Science; Global
Studies; Psychology

COSTS

Average Annual Cost \$19,442

By Family Income

\$0-\$30,000	\$2,580
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$4,577
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$8,405
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$19,584
\$110,001+	\$35,267

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<https://app.myintuitionapp.org/institution/076bb5ec-965b-48f4-afcd-9c4a4e89ca39/costestimator>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	23%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$18,500
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$196/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$73,490
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Davis & Elkins College



Our mission is "To Prepare and Inspire Students for Success and for Thoughtful Engagement in the World." D&E challenges students to participate in a vibrant and diverse campus while cultivating the intellectual, creative, physical, and leadership skills the world requires. The College provides a friendly and supportive environment for curious, engaged, and freethinking students of diverse backgrounds. 98% of students receive Financial Aid, and the average student award is over \$30,000 per year.

> Summer Bridge & Orientation PATH Program

The PATH Program is a week long pre-orientation to college held the week prior to classes beginning. This program enables students to become acclimated to the campus, build study skills, team build, and learn about the local area. Along with on-campus activities and sessions, students take a train excursion through the mountains of Randolph County (the home of D&E). Eligible students may receive up to \$20,000 per year.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Highlands Scholar Program

The Davis & Elkins College Highlands Scholar Program is a distinctive offering that provides a significant discount to students graduating from a West Virginia high school. Eligible students may receive up to \$20,000 per year.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid Presbyterian Scholars Program

The D&E Presbyterian Scholars Program provides financial support to students who are members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Students may receive up to \$15,000 per year.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid National D&E Scholarship for Distinction & Excellence

Students attending Davis & Elkins College from outside of West Virginia are eligible to receive merit-based scholarships based on high school or college GPA and ACT or SAT scores (if applicable).

> First-Year Experience & Transition First-Year Experience

Davis & Elkins has a first-semester class providing students with guidance, personal planning, vocational exploration, and mentoring.

> Scholarship & Financial Aid D&E Grant

The D&E Grant is awarded to students to assist in meeting financial need to cover tuition plus room and board.

> Academic Advising & Support Naylor Learning Center

The Naylor Learning Center provides academic support services to assist all D&E students in classroom success by supporting the heightened performance of students and faculty campus-wide; transforming the learning experience of students with learning disabilities; and facilitating greater access to higher education.

> Academic Advising & Support Student Success Team

The Student Success Team provides academic support and connects students with additional resources across campus including physical and mental health services, Financial Aid, and academic support.

Davis & Elkins College
Elkins, WV
www.dewv.edu
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Fast Facts

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

Undergraduate Students	644
Acceptance Rate	75%
Students Receiving Federal Pell Grant	45%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 11:1

RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	1%
Black	5%
Hispanic	4%
International/non-resident	6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	0%
Unknown	36%
White	45%

TEST SCORES (MIDDLE 50%)

<i>Test-Optional</i>	
SAT Reading and Writing	N/A
SAT Math	N/A
ACT	N/A

GRADUATION & RETENTION

Students Who Return After First Year	69%
Graduation Rate	44%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing; Business Administration, Management and Operations; Health and Physical Education/Fitness; Psychology, General

COSTS

Average Annual Cost	\$20,031
By Family Income	
\$0-\$30,000	\$18,848
\$30,001-\$48,000	\$14,522
\$48,001-\$75,000	\$19,263
\$75,001-\$110,000	\$20,431
\$110,001+	\$23,153

Calculate Your Personal Net Price

<http://www.dewv.edu/admissions/afford/financial-aid/calculator/>

FINANCIAL AID & DEBT

Students Receiving Federal Loans	68%
Median Total Debt After Graduation	\$27,000
Typical Monthly Loan Payment	\$286/mo

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Median Earnings	\$43,411
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