



College Showcase

Thursday, October 19, 2023 6:00-8:30 pm

Scripps Ranch High School Gymnasium

10410 Falcon Way, San Diego, California 92131

Join us for the annual College Showcase event hosted by Explore Solutions and the Scripps Ranch High School Foundation. Discover schools that welcome a wide range of GPAs, have incredible scholarships, beautiful campuses, and an amazing variety of majors. Over 80 different colleges and universities from California and all over the country will be attending. Some of the familiar names will be present along with many hidden gems.

This in-person college fair is large enough to meet many wonderful colleges, and yet small enough to have a one-on-one conversation with the actual admissions counselors and deans from the various colleges – the individuals that will be reading your application for admission! Use this opportunity to learn about majors, athletics, student life, study abroad, scholarships, internships, and career services. The event is free and open to students and parents. You are welcome to invite your friends too. Suggested audience is students and parents in grades 10, 11, and 12. RSVP not required.

Currently Confirmed Colleges: (subject to change)

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
American University of Rome
Arizona State University
Augustana College
Barnard College
Baylor University
Bryant University
Catholic University of America
Centre College
Chapman University
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornish College of the Arts
Creighton University
Davidson College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Lafayette College
Lesley University
Loyola Marymount University
Marist College
Maryville University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Merrimack College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Montana State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northern Arizona University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pacific University
Penn State University
Providence College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roger Williams University
Saint Mary's College (IN)
Saint Mary's College of California
Salve Regina University
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Tulane University

University of Alabama
University of Alaska, Fairbanks
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Idaho
University of Lynchburg
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Missouri
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Colorado University
Western Washington University
Whittier College
Willamette University
Woodbury University

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Lesley University

Loyola Marymount University

Marist College

Maryville University

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences

Merrimack College

Miami University (OH)

Michigan State University

Montana State University

Muhlenberg College

New York University

Northern Arizona University

Ohio State University, The

Ohio University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Oregon State University

Pace University

Pacific University

Penn State University

Providence College

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Roger Williams University

Saint Mary's College (IN)

Saint Mary's College of California

Salve Regina University

Scripps College

Seattle University

Seton Hall University

Syracuse University

Texas Christian University

Tulane University

University of Alabama

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

University of Arizona

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Delaware

University of Denver

University of Idaho

University of Lynchburg

University of Maryland

University of Miami

University of Missouri

University of Nevada, Reno

University of New Mexico

University of Oregon

University of Portland

University of Redlands

University of Rochester

University of San Diego

University of the Pacific

University of Vermont

Wake Forest University

Washington State University

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Western Colorado University

Western Washington University

Whittier College

Willamette University

Woodbury University

Please note the Total Cost of Attendance quoted includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, travel, and personal expenses before financial aid.

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Private College

Albany, NY

www.acphs.edu/admissions

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 584
- **College location:** urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** ALB – 12 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores?** Average GPA: 3.5, SAT midrange: 1250-1300, ACT midrange: 27, Test optional, but SAT/ACT is required for some joint-degree programs
- **Acceptance rate:** 75%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 1, Early Action: November 15, Regular: February 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships awarded upon acceptance – no separate application required. 100% of accepted students receive a merit scholarship! Apply early to find out your merit award earlier!
- Historically, merit scholarships range from \$12,000-\$18,000 per year of study. Applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** ACPHS is known for our focus on all things health sciences. We're the 14th oldest Pharmacy school in the US and offer a 6-year early assurance PharmD program to first-year students. In addition to PharmD, our other areas of study include Microbiology, Public Health, Biomedical Technology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Joint-degree programs are available for MD/DO, PA, Dentistry, and Law. Unsure what you want to study, but know you want to go into the health sciences? enroll in Biomedical Technology and take advantage of our pre-professional advising services.
- **Student Life:** Athletics: USCAA – YSCC division. While ACPHS doesn't have Greek life, we do have professional fraternities, along with over 65 additional student organizations. Outside of campus life, students enjoy exploring the Capital Region and taking part in many outdoor activities. And, just under 3-hours away, students are able to easily travel to major cities like NYC or Boston.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** Approximately, \$56,215
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Founded in 1881, ACPHS is a private, independent institution with a long tradition of academic and research excellence. Our mission is to educate the next generation of leaders to improve the health of our society. Our campus community centers on health science, which is why our students are so successful in their future careers. From undergraduate research opportunities to working in student-operated pharmacies, students at ACPHS work together to improve the lives of others, and they have fun doing it.

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The American University of Rome

Private University

Rome, Italy

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 600
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 14 miles from FCO (Rome Fiumicino Airport)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average 3.2 GPA (unweighted), Test blind.
- **Acceptance rate:** 86%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1, Priority deadline: February 1, Regular: March 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Separate scholarship applications needed for both need-based and merit-based scholarships. Deadlines are the same as the application deadlines.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** Archaeology and Classics, Business, Art History, Film, Fine Arts, International Relations, and Global Politics.
- **Student Life:** Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis. Multiple clubs and organizations. Field trips around Italy and Europe.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$47,030
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Overlooking the historical center of Rome, the American University of Rome is a traditional American college located on top of the Eternal City's highest hill. Since 1969, AUR has provided an American liberal arts education to students from all over the world seeking a unique and extraordinary educational experience.

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Arizona State University

Public University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 112,000 (all four campuses and online)
- **College location:** Urban/Suburban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 10 min. Phoenix Sky Harbor Int'l Airport.
- **Automatic Admission Requirements:** Must have core classes (A-G type requirements) AND 3.0 GPA (in core classes), OR either a 24 ACT OR 1180 SAT (CR/M), OR a Top 25% Class Rank is required for nonresident admission. Test optional for qualified students.
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** Admission is automatic if criteria are met.
- **Acceptance rate:** 85%
- **Application deadline:** Rolling Admissions.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Automatic Merit Scholarships, Government Financial Aid, and some WUE majors. Merit scholarships \$7,500-\$15,500. No WUE at Tempe campus. FAFSA. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students.
- **Most popular, new or unique majors:** Direct entry to all majors. Nursing – direct entry. School of Engineering, School of Business, School of Sustainability, and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Popular Majors: Criminal Justice and Criminology, Nursing, Professional Flight, and Actuarial Science.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics, Greek Life, Over 1,200 Student Clubs and Organizations.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$53,877
- **What is unique or makes your school standout?** Arizona State University is the #1 most innovative school in the country 5 years running. We have four campuses in Phoenix and are known as the New American University because ASU is revamping Higher Education for today's student. We're direct entry for all majors and no major are impacted. Because we are direct entry, students also live with other students in the same school of study. It is a big school with big opportunities, but with a small feel.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Arizona State episode](#)

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Augustana College

Private College

Rock Island, Illinois

www.augustana.edu

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,500
- **College location:** Suburban; in the Quad Cities with a population of approximately 425,000.
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Quad City Int'l Airport (MLI); Moline, IL. 6.5 miles, 14 minutes
- **Average admitted GPA and test scores:** Most students have a 3.0 or higher recalculated GPA. SAT 1110-1240. ACT 21-28. Test Optional school since 2007.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision/Early Action – November 1. Rolling after November 1. FREE to apply.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** AUGUSTANA POSSIBLE program that meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for high achieving students, based on the FAFSA. Academic merit scholarships from \$24,500 - \$30,000 per year. Amount included in acceptance letter. Additional stacking scholarships: Talent Scholarships for Music, Theatre, Art, and Graphic Design up to \$4,000 per year. Apply for these awards by March 1. Out-of-State Award - \$1,000 per year. Visit Award- \$1,000 per year. Housing & meal grants – up to \$3,000 per year. Justice & Social Change Scholarship - \$1,000 per year. Academic Open House Award - \$1,000 per year. FAFSA need-based aid. 99% of students receive financial aid. The average merit award is over \$29,000 per year.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 100 majors, minors, and pre-professional concentrations. Largest majors – Business (Marketing, Management, Finance, Information Systems, International), Biology (multiple health pre-professional), Education (Elementary, Secondary, Music Education), Psychology, Speech Pathology/Communication Sciences & Disorders (with early admission Master's program), Computer Science. New majors: Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Mechanical, Civil, and Environmental & Sustainability), Film, Integrative Medicine & Humanities minor, Disability minor. Unique majors: Asian Studies, Geology (with on-campus teaching museum), Neuroscience, Scandinavian Studies, Kinesiology, Data Analytics, Creative Writing. Average class size is 18. 12:1 student-faculty ratio
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III; 28 teams. #1 in Illinois and #6 among DIII colleges for number of Academic All-Americans. Newer teams include Water Polo (men and women), Wrestling (women), and E-Sports. 50% of students participate in varsity, club, or intramural sports. Greek Life available. 150+ student groups, clubs, and organizations. 86% volunteer each year. 25% of our students in performing arts (music, dance, and theatre), including non-majors. Residential campus with multiple housing options throughout the four years.
- **Visit Program:** Up to \$500 flight reimbursement for admissible seniors to visit campus.
<https://www.augustana.edu/admissions/visit/flightreimbursement>
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$66,000
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Augie Choice: every student gets \$2,000 to fund a learning experience including study abroad, an internship, or research with a professor. 98% of our students are employed, in graduate school, or in service within 6 months of graduation. Almost 60% of students study abroad and the vast majority of these are faculty-led programs. CORE (Careers, Opportunities, Research, and Exploration) is a career center like no other with staff and resources focused on high-impact learning experiences, career path planning, employability, and grad school placement. Augustana is a beautiful, friendly, welcoming, and inclusive campus. I highly encourage a visit to see if it is a good fit for you! *We offer flight reimbursement up to \$500 for admissible seniors.*

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Barnard College

Private College

New York, NY

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,126 (10:1 student to faculty ratio)
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** LGA (8 mi), JFK (17 mi), EWR (25 mi)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** SAT: 1450-1530, ACT: 32-34; test optional through Spring 2025
- **Acceptance rate:** 8%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 1; Regular Decision: January 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** No Merit Scholarships. Need-based aid only - Barnard meets 100% of demonstrated need. FAFSA and CSS Profile required.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Biology, Economics, English, Political Science, Psychology - nearly 50 different majors to choose from across arts and humanities, social sciences, and STEM
- **Student Life:** Division I Athletics with Columbia, as well as intramural and club sports; Greek life through Columbia; more than 300+ clubs between Barnard and Columbia (community service, cultural identity, performing arts, etc.)
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$90,928
- **In a short paragraph, "What is unique or makes your school stand out?"** Barnard College is a four-year private liberal arts college for women located in the vibrant city of New York. Barnard is a community full of passionate, driven women who care about academic inquiry and critical thought. Barnard's students, faculty, and staff do not shy away from difficult conversations; instead, they confidently engage with current events and social issues, thinking about ways to move toward equity and justice. Barnard students have access to the resources of the larger Columbia University community, including research opportunities, libraries, and 300 student clubs and organizations. Barnard empowers and equips women to make a difference in the world, starting from their time as a student at Barnard to beyond graduation, with alumnae entering and thriving in a diverse range of fields.

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Baylor University

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 15,213 with an average class size of 27 and a student-faculty ratio of 17:1.
- **College location:** Urban/College town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 15 miles, ACT (Waco), 90 miles (both Austin - AUS and Dallas airports – DFW/DAL)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** We recalculate GPAs so are unable to provide an average, but 3.5-3.6 unweighted is a good place to be for admission and scholarships. Additionally, among students with high school class ranking, 72 percent were in the top quarter of their high school graduating class. SAT 1170 - 1360 with an average score of 1266. ACT 26 - 32 with an average score of 28.6. We are test optional. FREE to apply.
- **Acceptance rate:** 51%
- **Application deadlines:** ED/EA: Nov 1, Regular: Feb 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Over 90% of our students receive some type of Financial Aid, and 86% receive merit-based scholarships. Each student is reviewed automatically for a merit-based scholarship, and these typically range from \$10,000-\$20,000/year and are renewable for all 4 years. We also have need-based aid, and both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile are required. The CSS Profile will open Oct 1st, so we encourage families to submit it by Nov 1st, and then submit the FAFSA as soon as it's available in late Dec/early Jan. We have unique programs for high ability students that range from \$3,000/year to a full ride – www.baylor.edu/scholarshipprograms.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** We have over 140 majors, and they are all designed for students to graduate in 4 years. They are not impacted. We are known for all of our prehealth programs especially pre-med, as well as programs like Business, Nursing, Engineering, and Psychology. Students can apply Undecided or change majors throughout the application process or once they get to Baylor. Our MESA (Major Exploration and Success Advising dept helps Undecided students find a major, and we have a free Majors assessment to help them as well).
- **Student Life:** We are D1 in the Big 12 and have club/intramural sports as well. We have Greek Life but deferred rush, so students don't rush until the spring semester of their freshman year. We have over 375 student organizations, lots of fun traditions including our freshmen running across the football field before games, free Dr Pepper floats on Tuesdays, and 2 live bear cubs that live on campus.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$75,360
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Baylor is a private Christian University and a Nationally Ranked Research 1 Institution. It provides a vibrant campus community for more than 20,000 students by blending interdisciplinary research with an international reputation for educational excellence and a faculty commitment to teaching and scholarship.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Baylor episode](#)

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Bryant University

Private University
Smithfield, Rhode Island
<https://www.Bryant.edu>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,063
- **College location:** Suburban area, 20 minutes north of Providence
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** T.F Green International Airport- 20 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.43 GPA, SAT 1120-1300, ACT 26-30. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 63%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 1; Early Action: November 15; Early Decision II: January 16; Regular February 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Bryant University considers every student for merit scholarships anywhere from \$8,000-\$40,000 dollars. Once a student applies, there is nothing additional they need to do to be considered for a merit scholarship. Fill out the FASFA form for need-based aid consideration.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** International Business, Digital Marketing, Politics and Law, Communications, Exercise and Movement Science, Pre-Health, and Psychology. We also just started a new Arts and Creative Industries which studies the creative, visual, and performing arts. We also have a 3+3 Law Program whom we partnered with Villanova Law school which students can pursue their Juris Doctor.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1I with 25 teams including Football, Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball (M +W), to name a few. Sororities and fraternities' students can join, and over 110 student organizations and clubs that stem from academic groups to performing groups and club sports. Students attend many on campus events put on by Student Programming Board such as Bingo, stuff a bulldog, spring concert, and students will even join the fishing club and go fishing in the pond on campus.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$71,362 (Includes personal laptop).
- **Visit Program:** Bryant University will reimburse you for half of the trip (up to \$250) now and if the student enrolls, we will reimburse the student with the remainder of the travel fare up to \$500.
<https://explore.bryant.edu/register/travelreimbursement>
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** At Bryant University every student will graduate with a major and a minor. Students will have a background in both Business and the Arts and Sciences or Health and Behavioral Sciences. Students who declare their major in the College of Business will minor in the Arts and Sciences or Health and Behavioral Sciences. Students who declare their major in Arts and Sciences or Health and Behavioral Sciences will minor in Business. Bryant University thinks this major/minor requirement is important not only because students will be able to explore other interests/passions, but they will also be more marketable to employers when they are looking for job's junior and or senior year. Ultimately, no matter what job any student obtains they will need the skills and the experience learned from the arts and sciences to succeed in their job like communication, and most if not, all jobs are a business so having this well-versed education will benefit Bryant University students and allow them to stand out amongst other applicants.

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The Catholic University of America

Private University

City, State: Washington, D.C.

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,100 undergraduate students
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 8 miles from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.5 unweighted GPA, test blind
- **Acceptance rate:** 78%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action & Early Decision I - November 1, Regular Decision and Early Decision II - February 1. FREE to apply.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Automatically considered with application submission for merit scholarships (ranging from \$18,000-\$33,000 annually). Apply for Parish Scholarship (\$4,000 annually) for students who belong to a Catholic Parish. Students indicate this is the Parish Scholarship questions on the Common App. This is added to your academic scholarship amount. \$1,000 Legacy Grant for any student with a parent, sibling or grandparent who graduated from Catholic University. FAFSA required for need-based aid consideration.
- **Most popular majors:** Nursing (direct admit), Architecture, Engineering, Politics, Business, Biomedical Engineering, Music, Musical Theater, Education. Unique programs include: 3+3 BA to JD option, IPAL Integrated Path to Architecture Licensure, Architecture and Civil Engineering Dual Degree Program, Music and Music Business Dual Degree Program. Schools of Architecture and Planning; Arts and Sciences; Business; Engineering; Music, Drama and Art' Nursing; Philosophy; Social Service; and Theology and Religious Studies
- **Student Life:** DIII Athletics with 25 teams, no Greek Life, over 100+ student clubs and organizations to join ranging from academic clubs, cultural clubs to student interest clubs.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2022-2023:** \$74,856. (Average out of pocket cost is \$34,000)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC offers students the best of both worlds- a personalized, liberal arts education on a 176-acre residential campus in the historic neighborhood of Brookland. Students have immediate metro access to downtown, which students take advantage of for internships, research, and enjoying all that DC has to offer. Catholic University is a global research university located in Washington, D.C. with a 176-acre campus that is self-contained in the Brookland area. Students are able to have their own residential campus to call home while being only 3 metro stops and 3.5 miles away from the US Capitol. With our own metro stop (Brookland-CUA) across the street from campus students have easy access to downtown D.C. and all that it has to offer- from ample internship opportunities, to enjoying D.C.'s sports, culture, museums, music and more. Our students also get very involved on campus with over 100+ clubs and organizations to join, over 50 on-campus events put on each week and 50 weekly service opportunities, our students are involved both inside and outside of the classroom.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [The Catholic University of America episode](#)

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Centre College

Private 4-year College

Danville, KY

<https://www.centre.edu/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** around 1,400
- **College location:** Rural/Small Town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Bluegrass Airport in Lexington is 36 miles away (47 minute drive). Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport is 82 miles away (1hr 23min drive). We do have shuttles that run at the beginning and end of breaks.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA: 3.2 – 3.5, ACT: 26 – 32, SAT: 1230 – 1440. We are test optional. Submitting a test score will only help. If not, we have a whole different set of guidelines to ensure absolute best foot is put forward.
- **Acceptance rate:** ~58%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision (Binding) - November 15th, Early Action (non-binding) - December 1st, Regular Decision - January 15th. We're CommonApp exclusive.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** All Special and Premier Scholarship applications are due December 1st, All students are guaranteed a General Merit Scholarship ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 (no parameters to achieve, truly depends on how well the student utilized the application). We require both FAFSA and our own supplemental form (Centre Aid Form) so Financial Aid can determine the remaining aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Students don't decide on a major until sophomore spring semester, but if they're already interested in something, they can get the ball moving early. Students will have at least two advisors to help their graduation goal. Anything in STEM is popular (our Pre-Med Professional Program has an 83% acceptance rate into Med School after graduation, our Pre-Law Professional Program has a 94%+ acceptance rate into Law School, and everything else is similar to comparison. Our Pre-Professional programs run parallel with all that we have to offer. Something unique that we offer is Hot Glass Blowing! Students are also allowed to create their own major with the guidance of our Academics Office.
- **Student Life:** We're highly residential with 98% of our students living and learning on campus. NCAA Division III Athletics with 23 competitive sports including eSports and Cheer. Over 90 clubs and organizations including 6 fraternities and 5 sororities. Our Student Activities Counsel hosts events including a skating rink, laser tag, or live band karaoke. We've also had a zipline, throwing axes, and an inflatable. Off campus, hiking, Central KY Wildlife Refuge, Shakertown Village, Berea Pinnacles, Red River Gorge or Cumberland Falls State Park. Students also frequent downtown Danville with the local shops, restaurants, and Farmers Market that happens early Fall and late Spring Semesters.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$66,290 (*Studying abroad is the same cost as if students are on campus. Only additional out of pocket is airfare and if there's an additional program fee. We have an office that can help with any accommodations if need be.)
- **In a short paragraph, "What is unique or makes your school stand out?"**
At Centre, we are committed to providing a deeply engaging, intensely personal education with guaranteed opportunities for all students to explore the world, gain on-the-job experience, and conduct research alongside their professors. We guarantee that can all happen within a 4-year time frame and if that doesn't shape out and it's the College's fault, they'll get a 5th year tuition free. We HAVEN'T seen that happen yet (knocks on wood), but it's there so that students can truly take advantage of what we have to offer towards their career path or secondary institution.

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Chapman University

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 7,700
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** John Wayne Airport, 9 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA 3.75 weighted. 1360 SAT, 29 ACT, Test Optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 55%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1, Early Decision: November 1, Regular decision: January 15. Priority deadline or hard deadline November 1 for Film & Television Production, Dance, Screen Acting, Theatre Performance, Writing for Film & Television and Accelerated Pre-Pharmacy Experience Program. See website for details.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships awarded at the time of admission. Based on GPA and rigor. Range from \$14,000-\$40,000. No application for merit scholarship. Only accepts the FAFSA for need-based aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Known for Film, Business Administration, Health Sciences, and dance. New engineering programs and facilities. Programming for undecided students including majors in minutes (speed dating for majors) and housing our undecided students together.
- **Student Life:** DIII athletics, 25% of students participate in Greek Life with 9 sororities, 9 fraternities, and 4 professional fraternities. Most popular activities include Snow Club, University Program Board (campus event planning), service organizations, A cappella.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$87,670
- **“What is unique or makes your school stand out?”** Chapman University’s size makes us unique. You will have the resources and opportunities of a large institution, but the connection with faculty and peers of a small institution. The sense of involvement and community on campus is so strong and very motivating and comforting.

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Colorado College

Private college

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,307
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Denver International Airport, 70 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA not reported. SAT 1390-1500. ACT 32-34 Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 20%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action and Early Decision 1 - November 1, Early Decision 2, and Regular Action - January 15. FREE to apply.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Limited merit scholarships range from \$5,000-10,000 with no additional application. Colorado College meets 100% of demonstrated need and requires the FAFSA and CSS Profile at the same time as the admission application deadline.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Environmental Studies, Neuroscience, Business, Economics, and Society.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics Division I (Men's Ice Hockey and Women's Soccer) and Division III for remaining sports. Greek Life is available. Popular extracurriculars include Dance Workshop, Outdoor Education, Ultimate Frisbee.
- **Visit Program:** Discover Colorado College is a funded campus visit program for underrepresented admitted students in April. Students who are invited will be notified after being admitted. Experience Colorado College Visit Scholarship Program takes place in the fall with an early September deadline for applications. Juniors look for the information late next summer.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$87,128
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Colorado College is a distinctive college located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Our mission is to provide the finest liberal arts education in the country. For almost 150 years, CC has provided a robust learning and living experience, 50 years delivering it with our intensive Block Plan where you take only one class at a time. With a campus at the foot of the majestic Rockies, professors that ignite your curiosity, and intelligent peers who challenge and support you, CC is a place you can call home.

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Colorado Mesa University

Public University

Grand Junction, CO

www.coloradomesa.edu

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 8,681
- **College location:** Suburban/Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Grand Junction Regional Airport – 4.1 miles, Denver International Airport – 264 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores?** 3.2 GPA guarantees acceptance to CMU; students with a lower GPA are still encouraged to apply. SAT and ACT scores are not required for admission or for scholarship purposes.
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%
- **Application deadlines:** We have rolling admissions, essentially meaning that you can apply and be admitted to Colorado Mesa University so long as class registration is still open. Therefore, we don't have any real application deadline windows. We do highly recommend applying sooner rather than later. By applying early, you can take advantage of subsequent priority applications like foundation scholarships and housing.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** WUE Award \$10,410, Trustee Scholarship: \$7,500, 3.9 GPA (weighted or unweighted), Presidential Scholarship: \$5,000, 3.5 GPA, Academic Achievement Scholarship: \$3,000, 3.2 GPA, CMU and Donor Scholarships: Administers over \$3,300,000 in private scholarships to over 1000 students each year. These scholarships range from a cash stipend to full tuition and fees. The scholarship application opens October 1 the year prior and will be accepted through the priority deadline of January 31st.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Nursing, Business, Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Criminal Justice, and Psychology
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division II Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Fraternities: Kappa Sigma, Theta Xi, Delta Sigma Phi. Sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** WUE COA: \$29,294-\$35,674. Out of state \$39,704-\$46,084.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** CMU prides itself on its small class sizes, which can foster a more personalized and engaging learning environment. Professors often have the opportunity to provide one-on-one attention to students. Additionally, the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program is an agreement among several western U.S. states that allows students from participating states to attend out-of-state universities at reduced tuition rates.

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Colorado State University

Public University, Carnegie Research 1 Institution

Fort Collins, Colorado

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** ~28,000, 17:1 (Student-Faculty Ratio)
- **College location:** Suburban, college-town
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Denver International Airport – 1 Hour/~70 miles
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 3.4-4.1 (cumulative weighted GPA). Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%
- **Application deadlines:** December 1st – Early Action; February 1st – Regular Decision
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:**
 - Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE): 1.5x in-state tuition = \$10,934. 3.3 GPA requirement.
 - Merit Scholarships: Sliding scale based on GPA
 - CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA): Institution scholarships
 - Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA
<https://financialaid.colostate.edu/scholarships-for-entering-non-resident-freshman/>
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 75+ majors: Pre-Vet (#2 Veterinary School in the Country), Biomedical Sciences, Health and Exercise Science, Engineering, Computer Science, Business, Watershed Science, Construction Management, Zoology, Equine Science, Fermentation Science
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 athletic teams, Infinite Outdoor Recreation opportunities including rock climbing, skiing/snowboarding, hiking, equestrian, etc., Intramural Sports Teams, Greek Life, 500+ Student Clubs and Organizations, Residence Hall learning communities.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** WUE COA = \$43,061. Out of state COA = \$53,995
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Fort Collins is a top-rated city for bicyclists and an outdoor enthusiast's playground. Old Town Fort Collins is picturesque and served as inspiration for Main Street USA at Disneyland. CSU is the greenest University in the US and is the first school in the world to earn Platinum in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) rating system for multiple consecutive years. CSU believes in holistic student success. Our students actively learn and get involved in the community – our Sports Management and Health and Exercise students get hands on experience with not only our CSU athletic teams but also the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies. Our Apparel and Design students create costumes for the Colorado Ballet Academy. Our Hospitality Management and Food Sciences students run Aspen Grille, the student operated restaurant on campus. Our Interior Design and Construction Management students build tiny homes, and our Equine Science students rehabilitate horses and find them new homes. Our students are encouraged to be a part of our Honors program, participate in research projects and study abroad. Colorado State University has something for everyone to feel at home. We are excited for you to join our RAMily!

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Connecticut College

Private College
New London, Connecticut
www.conncoll.edu

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,915
- **College location:** Suburban; a 750-acre arboretum campus adjacent to the historic seaport city of New London.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Providence/PVD – 50 miles, less than one hour.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA average 3.7. SAT 1340 – 1470. ACT 31-33
Test-optional for 15 years and counting.
- **Acceptance rate:** 39%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 15 and January 15. Regular Decision: January 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Connecticut College meets 100% of demonstrated financial need, primarily through grants and scholarships. FAFSA and CSS Profile are required for need-based awarding. Merit scholarships, ranging from \$15,000 to \$34,000, are automatically awarded.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** *Popular:* Economics, Government, Biology, Psychology, English, Computer Science, International Affairs, Neuroscience, Environmental Studies. *Unique/Strengths:* Architectural Studies, Botany, Dance, Film Studies, Quantitative Economics, Theater, and our unique Pathways and Centers!
- **Student Life:** A vibrant and engaged residential campus, 98% live on campus all four years. NCAA Division 3 athletics, 28 teams. Strong involvement in the arts, athletics, community service, outdoor activities, and various affinity groups. More than 80 registered student-run organizations.
- **Visit Programs:** Connecticut College hosts two Fly-in Programs during the year: Explore brings high school seniors interested in Conn to campus in the fall, and Spring Connections brings admitted students to campus in spring. Both events are an opportunity for students who are BIPOC, first-generation college students, or have a commitment to social justice and diversity to see our campus, meet our community and participate in one of our signature admission events: a Fall Open House (Explore) or a Camel Day (Spring Connections). The Explore Program deadline has passed for this fall.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$84,697
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Founded in 1911, in the historic seaport town of New London, Connecticut College is a highly selective liberal arts college situated on a 750-acre arboretum campus overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. Our innovative educational approach, Connections, integrates everything our 1,900 students experience here—classes, majors, study abroad, internships, residence hall and campus life—so they learn how to look at problems from multiple angles and find value in differing points of view. Along the way, each student is fully supported by a team comprising an academic adviser, a career adviser, a staff adviser and a peer adviser, and they obtain real-world experience in many classes and extracurricular activities. Our mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society.

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Cornish College of the Arts

Private College

Seattle, WA

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 635
- **College location:** Urban - We are a small school in a big city.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 20 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Minimum GPA required - 2.5 Average accepted GPA is a 3.4. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 60%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: December 1. Early Action - Most available merit scholarship. Non-binding. February 15 - Priority Deadline. We will continue receiving applications on a rolling basis as space allows.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** All applicants are automatically considered for a merit scholarship that is based largely on their portfolio or audition. These can cover anywhere from 5 - 35% of overall tuition. Scholarships remain in place over your four years in the program. We encourage all students to fill out the FAFSA if they apply for Federal/State aid! FAFSA ID 12315
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** We have 13 unique and rigorous BFA degrees in the visual/performing arts: Art, Animation, Design, Illustration, Game Arts, UX Design, Interior Architecture, Film, Music, Dance, Musical Theatre, Acting, and Performance Production.
- **Student Life:** We are in the heart of downtown Seattle! Cornish is within walking distance to countless nationally renowned theaters, galleries, music venues, and independent studios. Our students enjoy the fast pace of a big city while studying in an intimate, personalized artistic environment.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$57,616
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** For over 100 years, Cornish has been championing multi-hyphenate artists. Our small class sizes, industry-professional faculty members, and interdisciplinary curriculum has made us one of the most dynamic art schools in the country, with alumni who go on to make lasting contributions to their communities. Our BFA program devotes 75% of your curriculum to core artistic studio training and 25% to robust academic classes. Most importantly, we are interested in you as an individual—your artistic voice and vision.

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Creighton University

Private, Jesuit, Catholic

Omaha, Nebraska

<https://www.creighton.edu/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,481
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** OMA less than 10 minutes away
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** In Creighton's incoming class, the median weighted GPA is 3.9. The mean ACT score is 26, and the mean SAT score is 1220. The middle 50% of our students are between 24–30 ACT, 1160–1340 SAT, and 3.5–4.0 GPA. 36% are ranked in the top 10% of their high school class. We are Test-Optional for admissions and merit scholarships.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70% acceptance
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1st. Priority Deadline for Scholarships: December 1st
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Students receive most of their scholarships from Creighton via merit scholarships. The scholarships can range from \$12,000-\$27,000 a year and are 4-year renewable awards. We do have a handful of [additional scholarship](#) opportunities for eligible students. They're based on specific criteria. If a student applies for admission by December 1, and is eligible for these scholarships, the student will be invited to apply for the additional opportunities. The deadline for application for these supplemental scholarships is January 10. To be considered for Need Based scholarships, a student must complete a FAFSA. Creighton does not require the CSS profile.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Creighton's Pre-Professional Scholars Program ensures that students who meet specific requirements will continue to one of Creighton's highly sought-after professional programs after graduation; Dental, Law, Medical, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy & Physical Therapy. Direct Entry Nursing.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1, in the Big East Conference and students can attend any Creighton home game without a fee. Attendance at our home basketball games averages over 18,000, placing Creighton home attendance fifth in the country. We have hundreds of student clubs and organizations, including sorority and fraternity life, club and intramural sports and many leadership opportunities. Because the vast majority of our students come to us from out of state, they stay on campus on the weekends. This lends itself to students taking advantage of the many activities on campus and in the city.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$63,790
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Within [6 months of graduation, 99% of our recent alumni](#) are pursuing an advanced degree, participating in service programs or employed and earning starting salaries competitive with national averages.

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Davidson College

Private College

Davidson, North Carolina

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,000 but with ~200-275 students abroad per semester, about 1,750 students are on campus per semester.
- **College location:** Suburban with access to rural North Carolina and urban (20 miles from Charlotte)
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 26 miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.82. Test optional!
- **Acceptance rate:** 14%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision 1 – November 15; Early Decision 2 – January 5; Regular Decision – January 10
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Meets 100% of demonstrated financial need met through all grants and no loans. We are need-blind for domestic residents and need-aware for international applicants; our financial aid application requires both FAFSA and CSS Profile. There are a small number of merit scholarships, with the largest monetary scholarships being the Belk and Duke.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** You'll be undeclared for your first two years so you can explore—if necessary! Some students already know—then you'll declare a major sophomore year! Regardless of major, students find themselves well prepared for graduate school—including medical, legal, engineering, and ministry studies—and employment upon graduation. We also have a portion of self-designed majors each year!
- **Student Life:** We offer Division 1 Athletics but are a small campus where students are involved in campus activities broadly. We ask that you do not segment fractions of your identity but instead remain true to yourself! For students who like nature, they love to walk through the trails on campus or go on Davidson Outdoors trips; those who need a larger city typically enjoy Charlotte (all students can have a vehicle on campus and parking passes are \$50); students who like socializing typically stay on campus and go to the various events offered each day or events like the weekend farmers market; students who like water often go to Lake Campus or travel to Myrtle Beach for the long breaks. Truly, students engage with what they crave and find Davidson's location and resources provide practically everything (except snow).
- **Visit Program:** Access Davidson is a selective college visit program designed for high school seniors from historically excluded racial and ethnic groups, those who are first in their family to attend college, and students from rural or low-income backgrounds. Davidson will cover the cost of transportation to and from campus, meals, and overnight accommodations for program participants. The program deadline has passed for this year. Juniors should look for information next summer.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$76,450
- **In a short paragraph, "What is unique or makes your school stand out?"** The Davidson Honor Code shapes our campus community in a rather profound way. Our students are not only outstanding academically, but also possess exemplar moral and personal characteristics. Their humility, brilliance, and leadership never fails to amaze me!

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Eckerd College

Private College

Saint Petersburg, Florida

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,950
- **College location:** Urban, mid-size city
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Tampa International Airport; 24 miles; 30 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.62. SAT 1200 (TEST OPTIONAL). ACT 26 (TEST OPTIONAL).
- **Acceptance rate:** 65%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 15; Rolling admission after November 15
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Students are automatically eligible for academic scholarship ranging from \$15,000 - \$25,000 per year. Additional scholarship opportunities in Artistic Achievement Awards (music, visual arts, theatre, creative writing, and film); First-Year Research Associateships and Diversity Leaderships Scholarships. FAFSA is required for need-based aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Marine Science, Animal Studies, Environmental Studies, International Relations, and Global Affairs
- **Student Life:** 88% of students live on campus. NCAA Athletics – Division II including intercollegiate sailing. No Greek Life. Most extensive waterfront program in the Southeastern US. Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team (EC-SAR) works alongside the U.S. Coast Guard and responds to more than 600 calls each year. One of the oldest pets-in-residence programs in the country.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$69,092
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Eckerd, one of just 40 colleges featured in Loren Pope's *Colleges that Change Lives*, invites students to THINKOUTSIDE. At our 188-acre waterfront campus and at points around the globe, we venture together in the Eckerd experience to think outside the conventional questions, methods, and solutions, seeking to build a better world.

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Elon University

Private university

Elon, North Carolina

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 6,337
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Raleigh-Durham RDU- 50 miles, Greensboro Airport GSO- 30 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 4.04 weighted GPA, SAT 1140-1320. 25-30 ACT. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 60%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision/Early Action- November 1st, Regular Decision - January 10th. Honors College- December 1st. Fellows and Scholars Programs – January 15th
- **Merit scholarships:** Presidential Scholarship: \$7,500- \$10,000 annually, all applicants considered; awarded based upon academic excellence to approximately 15% of entering first-year students; Elon Engagement Scholarship: \$5,000 annually, all applicants considered, which also includes \$2000 grant. Honors Program for highly motivated students seeking even greater academic challenges, \$13,500, app due December 1st. Fellows Programs: \$7,500- \$13,500 annually, separate application. Elon's Fellows Programs offer exciting academic and personal growth opportunities beyond the scope of the usual college experience — opportunities like special courses, internships, or paid research assistantships. Scholars Program: \$5,000-\$5,500 annually. Performing Arts and Music Scholarships also available. Odyssey Scholars: Full need scholarship for high achieving, high need students. Application due January 17th. Cohort program, with personalized advising. FAFSA and CSS Profile required for need-based financial aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Communications, Engineering, Health Sciences, Environmental & Ecological Science, Dance Science, Cinema & Television Arts, Music Production & Recording Arts, Music Theatre, and Acting. Accelerate programs in the following areas: 3+1 BS/MS Business programs. 3 + 2.5 BS/ JD program. 3 + 2.5 Physician Assistant Studies (PA) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduate programs.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics with 17 teams. Greek Life. Peace Corps Prep Program. 300 different student activities and clubs, like Model UN, Elon Community Garden, Hillel, variety of service groups, club, and intramural sports. Elon is recognized as a Food Allergy Friendly campus.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$64,657
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Elon University is a premier student-centered learning environment. Global engagement is central to Elon's experience and the Institute of International Education has ranked Elon #1 in the nation for study abroad for 17 straight years. 73% of students have at least one international study experience, often combined with internships, research or service. The Elon Fellows and Scholars programs offer academically talented students exciting advantages like special courses, guaranteed internships, paid research assistantships, faculty mentoring, grants for study abroad and scholarships. Elon's historic 656-acre campus in central North Carolina is designated as a botanical garden and includes the 56-acre Elon University Forest, a land preserve and natural area for scientific research; and Loy Farm, a center for environmental research and sustainability that includes a solar farm and tiny house living learning community.

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Hawai'i Pacific University

Private university

Honolulu, Hawai'i

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,500
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Honolulu International Airport - 13 miles
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 3.5 weighted. SAT 1150, ACT 23. Test optional admissions.
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 15, Regular Decision: January 15.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70%
- **Merit Scholarships /Need-based scholarships:** California students will receive the California Match Commitment making out of pocket tuition equal to the U.C. in-state tuition (www.hpu.edu/californiamatch). We use FAFSA to determine eligibility for need-based assistance.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular: Marine Biology, Nursing, Business, Pre-Med. Unique: Diplomacy & Military Studies, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Colleges of: Business; Health & Society; Liberal Arts; Natural & Computational Sciences; Professional Studies.
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division II; 50 + clubs and organizations, student government, band, orchestra, cheer, dance, and E-sports,
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$55,432, but approximately \$36,000 after the California Match Commitment.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Hawaii Pacific University is the Aloha State's largest private, non-profit university, but is small by California standards with 4,000 students with an average class size of 20 and an 16:1 student/faculty ratio. Ranked as being # 1 in diversity among private colleges in the U.S., HPU students come from all 50 states and 70 countries. With an urban location in the heart of downtown Honolulu, HPU students are living and learning in the cultural, political, and financial center of the Pacific.

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Lafayette College

Private College

Easton, Pennsylvania

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,700
- **College location:** suburban
- **Name & distance from nearest airport:** 60 miles from Newark, NJ Airport (EWR)
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** Average GPA 3.33-3.86 unweighted. SAT 1340-1490. ACT 31-34. Test-optional through 2025.
- **Acceptance rate:** 31%
- **Application deadline:** Early Decision I – Nov, 15, and Regular Decision and Early Decision II – Jan. 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** The Marquis Awards Program based on your application for admission: Marquis Fellowship \$61,482 (full tuition) per year and Marquis Scholarship \$30,741 (half-tuition) per year. Other Lafayette merit awards range from \$5,000-\$25,000 per year. Lafayette meets 100% demonstrated financial need with grants. Lafayette participates in the Yellow Ribbon GI Bill Education Program for military families. FAFSA and CSS Profile required for need-based aid consideration.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 51 areas of study across four academic divisions; humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering. Most popular majors are: Economics (Business), Mechanical Engineering, Government & Law, Neuroscience, Psychology, Biology, English, Computer Science, International Affairs, Geology, and Chemical Engineering. A liberal arts schools with a strong engineering program that is ABET Accredited. The Williams Arts Campus houses art and performance programs in music, theater, art, and film & media studies. The English Department offers courses in creative writing, screenwriting, poetry, playwriting, environmental writing, creative nonfiction, humor writing, and new media.
- **Student Life:** Division 1 NCAA Athletics 22 sports. Competitive Division 1 sports in a small school setting. Greek Life: 12 Sororities and Fraternities. Intramural sports. Over 200 clubs and organizations. Popular clubs include: Outdoors Society, Salsa Club, International Students Association, and Lafayette College Esports. Thematic living groups. 100% of freshmen live on campus and 93% of students continue to live on campus for four years. The college is working to cut global warming emissions, integrate sustainability into the curriculum, and cultivate solutions to ensure a healthier environmental future. The campus is a living laboratory for environmental sustainability with green buildings, a community garden, and robust food loop.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$80,114
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** One of America's oldest colleges and a beautiful residential campus. Lafayette has over 200 full-time faculty. We are strongly committed to student preparation for career and graduate school - as is evidenced by our top national rankings for return on investment and career service programs. Undergraduates have unlimited access to faculty and to the College's resources. Their beautiful campus that sits a few hundred feet above the quaint city of Easton overlooking the Delaware River and is only a little over an hour from NYC and Philadelphia. A selective enrollment small enough to make you feel like you belong to a real community. A college large enough to give you unique opportunities across the arts, sciences, and engineering.

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Lesley University

Private University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,500
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 9 Miles to Boston Logan Airport
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average 3.4 GPA. Test Blind
- **Acceptance rate:** 88%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action deadline is 2/1, Rolling Admissions with preferred deadline of 2/15. FREE to apply.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Yes, we offer both Merit Scholarships and need-based aid. FAFSA required.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Game Design, Animation, Visual Narrative, Art Therapy, Expressive Arts Therapy, Holistic Psychology and Wellness, Education, Social Work.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III- 7 sports for men and 7 sports for women, and new e-sports program. No Greek Life. Popular clubs and organizations include Dance Team, vocal music and performing arts groups.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$52,730
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Lesley University — located at Harvard Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, one of the most dynamic learning environments in the country — uniquely focuses on programs that live at the intersection of education, counseling, psychology, and the visual arts. Lesley's students study across four schools and colleges — a professionally-focused liberal arts college, an independent college of art and design, a graduate school of education, and a graduate school of social sciences—as well as in the Threshold Program, a residential program for students with a variety of learning differences. We educate the people—the teachers, counselors, therapists, social workers, artists, policy makers, writers, and business leaders—who practice these arts, and act as catalysts for a more connected and just world.

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Loyola Marymount University

Private; Catholic, Jesuit University

Los Angeles, California

www.lmu.edu

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 7,000
- **College location:** Suburban/residential campus near the city of Los Angeles
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 3 miles (10-minute drive) from LAX (Los Angeles International Airport)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.96 (weighted); Mid 50% SAT 1250-1400, ACT 28-29. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 43%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action & Early Decision - November 1; Early Decision II – January 8 and Regular Decision January 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Merit scholarships range from \$2,000-\$30,000 per year. 87% of LMU students receive financial assistance. FAFSA required.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 60 majors and 55 minors. New/Unique programs include Film & TV Production; Statistics & Data Science; BFA in Studio Arts; Computer Engineering. New minors - Interactive, Gaming & Immersive Media; International Documentary. Schools and Colleges: Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts; College of Business Administration; College of Communication & Fine Arts; Frank R. Seaver College of Science & Engineering; School of Film & Television; School of Education; Loyola Law School.
- **Student Life:** West Coast Conference NCAA Division 1 Athletics with 22 teams; Over 200 student-run clubs and organizations including Service organizations, active student government, student media, performance groups (a Capella, dance and theatre), cultural affinity groups, honor societies, Greek Life, club & intramural sports, campus ministry; cultural organizations and more.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$84,000
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** LMU is the only Jesuit University in Southern California. The Jesuits are known for excellence in liberal arts education. Our warm and supportive campus culture is geared towards student success. Faculty are focused on undergraduates; we care for the whole person. And with a wide variety of programs and Los Angeles as our home, 98%+ of students are either employed, in graduate school or doing full-time service within 6 months of graduation. Loyola Marymount University offers a rigorous academic experience to ambitious students committed to lives of meaning and purpose.

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Marist College

Private College

Poughkeepsie, New York

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 5,500
- **College location:** suburban and small town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** JFK (75 miles)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.1 – 3.7 GPA, test optional. Average test scores: ACT 26-3 and SAT 1210-1340.
- **Acceptance rate:** 50%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I: November 15, Early Action I: November 15, Early Decision II: February 15, and Regular Decision: February 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships range from \$10,000 - \$25,000 and are renewable with a 2.85 GPA. Scholarship deadlines are the same as the application deadlines. FAFSA accepted to receive Financial Aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Communications and Psychology. Students can come in undeclared and work with our professional advising staff/ Focus Groups to declare a major by their sophomore year. Our Fashion program ranks #5 nationally and #25 globally.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I athletics in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Greek Life with about 5% of student body participating. Fun activities on campus and off include tree lighting ceremony during the holiday season right on campus, \$25 trips into NYC to catch a Broadway play or a sporting event and sledding on the campus hills during the winter.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$63,820
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Located on the banks of the historic Hudson River and its Florence, Italy campus, Marist is a comprehensive, independent institution grounded in the liberal arts. At Marist, students come from over 40 states and 40 different countries. Marist's student body is 52% out of state. 50% of students study abroad and we are #1 in the nation for Study Abroad. Internship coordinators are available in all majors to enable students to learn outside the classroom. 96% of students are enrolled in a graduate program or working within 6 months of graduation.

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Maryville University

Private University

St. Louis, Missouri

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment: 5,600+** Undergraduates (2,800+ Traditional Undergraduates)
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** St. Louis International Airport is 15 Miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.6 GPA, 26 ACT, 1270 SAT; Test Optional
- **Acceptance rate: 80%**
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling Admission. FREE to apply, Maryville or Common Application.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Both available (Priority deadline for competitive Scholarships is December 1st). \$5,000/yr. California Grant (stacks on Automatic Scholarship), good for five years.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Computer Science, Direct Entry Nursing, Physical Therapy, Graphic Design, Sports Business Management, Criminal Justice/Criminology, Forensic Psychology, Engineering, Cybersecurity, Game Design, and Music Therapy.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division II -Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC). Over 150 Clubs and Organizations on campus. Also, Club and Intramural Sports (i.e. eSports, Ice Hockey, Rugby), fairs, live performances, casino nights, comedians, talent shows.
- **Visit Program:** Reimbursement opportunity - overnight fly-in for enrolled students. Reimbursement for student's flight up to \$500 and one night accommodation at one of our partner hotels.
- **Total Cost of Attendance:** \$39,466 (dropped by 5% for Fall 2020)
- **Maryville University** has a **"One Fee"** system. Everything is included in the overall cost, even books (books, iPad, Laundry, parking, Wi-Fi, tutors, printing, room & board, etc.).
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Maryville University is located in the West County suburb of Town and Country just 22 miles from the bustle of downtown St. Louis. Offering over 90+ Academic Programs, many of which rank among the best in the region, including direct entry programs in Nursing & Physical Therapy. Other Majors include; Occupational Therapy, Sports Business Management, Financial Services, Graphic Design, Engineering, Cybersecurity, Computer Science, Interior Design, Criminology/Criminal Justice, Communication Science & Disorders, Education and Forensic Science. Our direct and indirect partnership across all academic programs is one-way Maryville University separates itself from other Colleges and Universities.

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Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Private college, Non-Profit

Boston, Massachusetts

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,500
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Logan International Airport, 15-20 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.5 and ACT 23-31. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 83%. Based by major
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action 1 – November 1st, Early Action – December 1st, Regular – February 1st FREE to apply.
- **Merit scholarship/Need based aid:** Merit scholarships \$8,000-\$18,000. Need-based aid with FAFSA
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Pre-Medical and Health Studies; Pharmacy; Physician Assistant Studies; Pre-Dental; Dental Hygiene; Optometry; Medical Imaging & Therapeutics; Nursing; Biology; Chemistry; Biotechnology; Healthcare Management; Healthcare Data Science
- **Student Life:** 100 clubs & organizations, Intermural sports, study abroad programs
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$58,430 (including room + board)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Start your journey to a rewarding career in healthcare or life sciences at one of the most comprehensive health sciences universities in the world, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS). Explore over 100 academic programs and learn more about our expert faculty, cutting-edge facilities, hands-on learning experiences, and our interprofessional teaching model. All offered programs are direct entry and are majors within the medical industry. As a teaching institution, we are passionate about our students, and they are equally passionate about advancing into careers in a vital industry. While it's nearly impossible to put a price on building your life around your passion, we think you'll find that MCPHS is a remarkable, all-around value for what you get in return. Our students have access to the most sought-after internships, clinical placements, and research opportunities right in our own backyard. From the leading Harvard University Teaching Hospitals in western Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, our students gain valuable, real-world experience in Institutions, including the #1 pediatric hospital in the country and New England's most comprehensive cancer treatment center, to name a few. Our distinguished full-time faculty are fellows of national academies, as well as colleges and past presidents of national professional associations. They are editors of medical journals, investigators on federally funded research projects, and business leaders. Above all, they are mentors to our students, highly available and supportive. Locations in Boston, Worcester, and Manchester, give our students access to some of the most prestigious healthcare institutions in New England. Plus, our campuses are active with student activity and with extracurricular and collaborate opportunities, our students are able to make the most of their university experience.

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Merrimack College

Private College

North Andover, Massachusetts

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,200
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 30 minutes to Boston Logan International Airport
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.5 Average GPA (3.7 for Nursing) ... Test Blind (We do not use SAT or ACT scores in our review process for any applicants!)
- **Acceptance rate:** 72%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision and Early Action - November 15th, Rolling Admissions – August 1st.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** 98% of our incoming class for last year received scholarships or grants. Merit scholarships ranged from \$14,000 to \$28,500 per year. All applicants are automatically reviewed for all available scholarships! Only scholarship with additional application process is our MACHS and FIRST Robotics Scholarships. Need-based aid only requires the FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Direct Entry Nursing, Engineering, Biology, Psychology, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Education. 15 new interdisciplinary majors this year! Undecided students are placed in our Discover program which helps them find the major that is right for them!
- **Student Life:** 26 NCAA Division 1 Varsity Sports programs. Greek life offered on campus. Popular Student-Run Organizations include the Investment Club: (Currently managing a portfolio of over \$500,000), E-Sports Club Team, Green Team.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$72,655
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Merrimack College is one of the fastest growing institutions in the country! We are a diverse community located just outside the city of Boston, with access to all of New England! We focus on providing students with an amazing college experience and assuring you a successful future (all students are guaranteed internships and we ranked in the top 2% for 10 year graduate earnings). Here, you'll be able to pursue your academic, extracurricular, and athletic passions. It's an exciting time to be a Warrior!

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Miami University

Public University

Oxford, Ohio

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 16,977
- **College location:** rural
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) – 1 hour
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 3.85 GPA, SAT 1160-1370. ACT 24-30. Test Optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 89%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision – November 1, Early Action I – November 1, Early Action II – December 1, Priority Deadline – December 1, Regular Decision – February 1
- **Most popular, new or unique majors:** Over 120 areas of study. Business, Video game design, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship. Colleges and Schools: Arts and Science; Business; Creative Arts; Education, Health and Society; Engineering and Computing; and Liberal Arts and Applied Science.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Merit scholarships \$1,000-\$34,000 per year with a 3.5+ weighted GPA. No additional application needed. More information at: <https://miamioh.edu/admission/merit-scholarships/> Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students. FAFSA.
- **Student Life:** Athletics – NCAA Division I, Football & Ice Hockey are most popular, 19 varsity sports. Greek Life, 10,000 students involved in intramural sports, 50 club sports. 600+ student organizations.
- **Visit Program:** [The Bridges Program](#). This program invites high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented populations, as well as students who have a commitment to promoting a deeper understanding of and appreciation for diversity, to engage with our current students, faculty, and staff. The program attracts students who represent various diverse identities – racial/ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socioeconomic. We encourage you to apply for the Bridges Program. Students accepted to the Bridges Program usually meet the following application criteria: High school students graduating in 2024. Minimum of 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale or top 25% of graduating class. Rigorous curriculum. Demonstrated leadership/co-curricular involvement. Test scores are NOT required.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$60,558. Miami's Tuition Promise will provide all First-Time undergraduate students and their families the certainty that Tuition, Room and Board, Special Purpose Fees, and Course Fees will be frozen over the four years of a student's Miami experience.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Miami University, established in 1809, is ranked among the top 50 national public universities by U.S. News & World Report. As an original Public Ivy, Miami provides Ivy League-quality education at a public-school price with an exceptional return on investment. Miami is a place where ambitious students find their purpose and prepare for a lifetime of success.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Miami University episode](#)

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Michigan State University

Public University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 40,000
- **College location:** Suburban, college town
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 1.5 hours from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.5-4.0, SAT 1150-1330, ACT 23-29. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action – November 1, Regular Decision – Feb 1, Rolling thereafter
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships based on student academics. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students. FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Packaging Science, Game & Interactive Media Design, Supply Chain Management, Education, Psychology, Business, Communications, and Applied Engineering. Colleges and Schools: Broad College of Business; College of Natural Science; College of Communication Arts & Sciences; College of Arts & Letters; College of Agriculture & Natural Resources; College of Social Science; College of Engineering; Residential College in the Arts & Humanities; James Madison College; College of Music; College of Education and College of Nursing.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics Division 1 (Big 10), Greek Life Available, Club Sports, Internships, Education Abroad, Burges Institute of Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$59,189
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Founded in 1855, Michigan State University is a large public research institution in East Lansing, Michigan. Home to more than 200 areas of study through 17 degree-granting colleges, MSU's top-ranked programs and inclusive, collaborative community enable students to create powerful, personalized paths and to compete with the best in the world. Each year, over 600 companies hold more than 15,000 job interviews on campus, with 93% of MSU graduates securing jobs or going on to pursue higher studies. MSU is a university of many possibilities, where student experiences are at the forefront and access to quality and high caliber education is of top priority. We are a powerhouse of innovation, excellence, and diverse perspectives. A global and top tier research institution with 23 undergraduate and graduate top 1 programs in the nation.

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Montana State University

Public University

Bozeman, Montana

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 14,631
- **College location:** Bozeman, MT. Population roughly 60,000, offering the amenities of a larger community whilst being surrounded by beautiful wilderness.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 11 miles from Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 2.5 gpa or ranking top 50% of graduating class required for admission. Average freshmen GPA - 3.61. SAT/ACT optional
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling admissions.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid: Achievement Awards:** Out of state students with a self-reported GPA of at least 2.7 are automatically considered for the Achievement Award. Awards valued \$6,000-\$15,000/year, renewable for 4 years so long as a student maintains a 3.0 gpa and fulltime student status. **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):** Students that receive the WUE pay 1.5x Montana's in-state tuition amount. Please note that the WUE is **not automatic** at our school and is instead one of our most competitive scholarships. Minimum cumulative 3.0 high GPA for consideration though recipients routinely have a cumulative 3.8+ high school GPA. For reference, prior to the Fall 2023 semester roughly 3,000 WUE applications were received and just 800 awards offered. The application is now open and is due January 3, 2024 (no extensions, no exceptions). **The Presidential Scholarship:** The largest and most competitive scholarship offered at MSU run through the Honors College. It is a full tuition waiver with a \$4,000 housing stipend. Application and information on the [Honors College website](#). The application is currently open and due December 1. Completing the Presidential Scholarship application also doubles as a student's application to the Honors College! **Departmental Scholarships/Cat Scholarships:** Our general scholarship platform for private donor scholarships that are awarded to students typically based on department. These scholarships are available for students to apply for every year whether it is their incoming freshman year or their rising senior year. Deadline February 1st. We do accept **all third-party scholarships**. These can come from a variety of sources such as local businesses, church groups, current activities, rotary clubs, etc. We also recommend students fill out the FAFSA every year.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Engineering, Business, Nursing and Agriculture
- **Student Life:** 13 D1 NCAA sports, NIRA Rodeo Team. 300+ clubs and student organizations including fraternity/sorority life, music ensembles, student government, club sports, intramurals, religious groups, etc. 2 ski areas within an hour's drive. 89 miles from Yellowstone National Park. 60+ trailheads within an hour's drive of campus for hiking.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$48,846
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** At Montana State University in Bozeman, we like to think outside, but not just because we have access to some of the best outdoor recreation on the planet. We like to think outside because we are creators, researchers, artists, and thinkers breaking boundaries in over 250 fields. Trailblazers have long come to this dynamic place to learn, to grow and to be inspired. They have left with a degree and the tools to address some of the planet's most important challenges. MSU is a Carnegie top-tier research university surrounded by millions of acres of wilderness. Our surroundings inspire us to push beyond boundaries — and often serve as our classrooms.

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Muhlenberg College

Private College

Allentown, Pennsylvania

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,900 (undergraduate only)
- **College location:** Suburban. Muhlenberg is in a small city in a suburban setting and is primarily a residential campus. Allentown is the third largest city in Pennsylvania
- **Name & distance from nearest airport:** Local airport LVIA is 10 miles from campus. Philadelphia Airport – 60 miles and Newark Airport – 70 miles. Shuttle service available.
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** GPA 3.53 unweighted, Average SAT - 1291, ACT -31. Muhlenberg College test optional since 1996.
- **Acceptance rate:** 65.5%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I – November 15, Early Action - December 1, Early Decision II – February 1. Regular Decision – February 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Merit scholarships range in amount from \$18,000 to \$35,000, talent scholarships* range from \$1,000-\$2,000, and honors program scholarships are \$5,000. All are renewable for four years at Muhlenberg, based on academic performance and good campus standing. All students who submit a complete application for admission are considered for merit scholarships and for an honors program (*talent scholarships require separate application). Need-based aid is available to those who are eligible upon completion of the FAFSA, and the average financial aid package offer for the Class of 2027 was \$46,383.
- **Most popular, new or unique majors:** New major – Sustainability studies. New partnership with Villanova Nursing. Unique majors – Documentary Storymaking, and 4+1 Applied Analytics. Outstanding programs in Theatre Arts, (ranked #2 this year by Princeton Review for Best College Theater), Dance, Studio Arts, Business, Finance, Accounting, Media and Communications, Film Studies, Psychology, Public Health, and Health Sciences. **Academic Partnerships & Pre-professional programs include** - 3+4 Dental with University of Penn Dental; 3+3 program with Villanova Law, and Medical School with Temple University.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III Athletics, 23 teams including football. Newest team this year- women's varsity wrestling. 25% of students are varsity athletes. Greek Life, Intramural and club sports (including men's ice hockey, women's rugby, and ultimate Frisbee). Strong community service and over 118 clubs and organizations. More than 50% of students study abroad. Students can choose from 130+ programs in 60+ countries. Muhlenberg College encourages students in all science, social science, arts and humanities majors to study overseas. Muhlenberg supports 4 discipline-specific study abroad opportunities. The London Theatre Program at the University of London and the program for Accounting, Business and Economics majors at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands. A program for Media & Communication & Film Studies majors in Dublin, Ireland and a Dance program in Arezzo, Italy.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-24:** \$77,365
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Some points of pride for Muhlenberg include being ranked #2 for [best college theater](#) by Princeton Review; our newest building on campus, the [Fahy Commons](#), is one of the most sustainable buildings in higher education (even made with a rainwater recycling system and bird safe glass); over the past five years, 92 percent of all graduates who applied to medical and dental school were admitted; and we were named as an American Talent Initiative "High-Flier", a group of 28 high-graduation-rate institutions nationwide named as leaders in college access and success for lower-income students.

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New York University

Large Private

New York, New York

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 28,772. We enroll close to 5,500 students a year.
- **College location:** Large City
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** John F Kennedy (JFK) 1 HOUR and a half from campus. LaGuardia Airport 45 minutes from campus.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores?** GPA 3.8. NYU is test optional for the incoming class of Fall 2024. We are still in the process of figuring out if we will remain test optional for 2025 and beyond. The median SAT scores were a 1540 and ACT 33.
- **Acceptance rate:** 8%
- **Application deadlines:**

Application Plan	Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	Notification Date (Approximate)	
Early Decision I	November 1	November 15	December 15	
Early Decision II	January 1	January 15	February 15	
Regular Decision	January 5	February 20	April 1	

- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** NYU does not offer any merit-based scholarships. While there may be a merit component to the scholarship that is not the sole reason for a student receiving the scholarship. All students are required to complete the CSS profile to be considered for any in house scholarships and grants that we have on campus. FAFSA required for federal aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Our top schools that students are interested in is the Tisch School of Arts, The Stern School of Business, The Rory Meyers College of Nursing, and The College of Arts and Science. We most known for The Tisch School of Arts and The Stern School of Business.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 3 Athletics. We have Greek Life available as well. There are over 1200+ clubs/activities for students to get involved in. Popular clubs include Cookies and Coloring Club, The Aviation Club, Design for America, and The Coffee Club
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$88,976-\$94,926. It is hard to come up with a number as each student has different needs, each major has different requirements, and each student will travel differently.
- **What is unique or makes your school standout?** What makes NYU so unique is the global education that the students receive. With a large Alumni Network that expands globally, students have access to a plethora of opportunities while taking ownership of their education and college experience. Also, NYU has three degree granting campuses with degrees that is recognized all over.

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Northern Arizona University

Public Research University

Flagstaff, Arizona

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 21,500
- **College Location:** Flagstaff, AZ. Medium-sized Mountain town in Northern Arizona; At the base of the San Francisco peaks, 2 hours north of Phoenix, the closest university to the Grand Canyon (1.5 north of campus) and 40 minutes from the Sedona Red Rocks. Flagstaff was named the ninth best college town in America by 24/7Wall St.
- **Name & distance from nearest airport:** Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, 4 miles. Phoenix Airport, 150 miles.
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 3.2 unweighted GPA. Any student with above a 2.5 unweighted core GPA is considered for admission. Test scores not available as we are test score optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 74%
- **Application deadline:** Rolling Admissions through May 1st
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** The WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) program automatically discounts the out-of-state tuition rate to \$17,032 for students from Western states. The WUE tuition rate is non-competitive and California students will automatically qualify, no matter what major they choose. All admitted students will receive ONE of these additional WUE merit scholarships in addition to their reduced WUE tuition: WUE Opportunity Tuition Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,500 per academic year Award Criteria: Admitted - 2.99 unweighted core high school GPA. WUE Blue Tuition Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 per academic year Award Criteria: 3.0-3.49 unweighted core high school GPA. WUE Gold Tuition Scholarship Award Amount: \$6,000 per academic year Award Criteria: 3.5-4.0 unweighted core high school GPA. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students.
- **Most popular, new, or unique major:** Over 100 majors to choose from including Nursing, Education (#1 program in the state), Business (including Hotel & Restaurant Management, #7 in the nation), Construction Management, Exercise Physiology, Biomedical Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Engineering (#50 in the nation) and Forestry (#10 in the nation).
- **Student Life:** 15 NCAA Division I athletic teams, snowboarding, skiing, adventure courses, on-campus movie theater, free concerts, Greek Life with 27 chapters, Study Abroad and over 350 student clubs and organizations and intramural sports such as Ice Hockey, Light Saber Club, Quidditch, and Hawaiian Dance. 89% of our freshmen choose to live on-campus, and 45% of our total population lives on campus.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$35,500 with WUE tuition rate. Additional scholarships possible. 92% of students receive financial aid.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** NAU, located at 7,000 feet elevation, is a picturesque campus where students can engage in the personalized learning experience. All four seasons, endless outdoor activities, on-campus events, small class sizes, research and internship opportunities make the student experience unique!

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The Ohio State University

Public University

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Columbus, Ohio

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 47,106
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Columbus Int'l Airport – 15-18 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 72% of students are in top 10% of class, 98% are in top 25% of class: SAT 1250-1440, ACT 26-32.
- **Acceptance rate:** 57%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action, College of Engineering – November 1, Regular Decision – February 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** National Buckeye Scholarship - \$13,500 per year = \$54,000. Competitive merit award. **Apply by November 1 for scholarship consideration.** Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Engineering, Aviation, Agriculture, Film Studies, Data Analytics, Fashion and Retail Studies, Profession Golf Management, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Psychology, Political Science. Over 200+ majors.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I athletics, 11% students participate in Greek Life with 65 chapters, one of the largest Student Recreation Center in the country with 500 million square feet, over 1,400 student organizations, and nationally ranked study abroad with more than 200 program options worldwide (at least one program on all 7 continents)
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$56,747
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The Ohio State is one of America's largest and most comprehensive institutions. Based in Columbus, the 14th largest city, state capital, and #1 for Start Ups, students select from 18 colleges, 200 undergraduate majors, and 240 masters, doctoral, and professional degree programs. Ranked 12th in the nation among the country's most highly sought-after graduates. The legacy extends to over 550,000 living alumni with a large sense of spirit and tradition. There's no where you can go without hearing OH-IO.

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Ohio University

Public University

Athens, Ohio

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 14,862 (Fall 2022)
- **College location:** Rural
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** CMH, 73 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.64 Average GPA, 1180 SAT, 25 ACT (Test-optional)
- **Acceptance rate:** 85%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 15; Rolling Admission Deadline: February 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Priority Scholarship Deadline: November 15. FAFSA Priority Deadline: February 15. Scholarship amounts vary, up to \$12,000/year. Legacies (parent attended OU) receive in-state tuition. Major specific scholarships available.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Journalism, Fine Arts (Musical Theater, Music, Dance, Ceramics, Printmaking), Music Production and Recording Industry. Oldest Sports Management Degree in the world, featuring the San Diego Sports Consulting Program. Aviation (Professional Flight, Aviation Management)
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics (Mid-American Conference); Greek Life: 3,000 students in 29 chapters (WPA, IFC, NPHC, MGC). Club/Intramural Sports with on campus climbing wall. Outdoor Pursuits including gorge climbing, backpacking, biking, and hiking.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** Out of state: \$41,464 In-State (and legacies): \$31,096
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Ohio University is a place that evokes feelings of home. Located amidst the beautiful hills of Southeastern Ohio, OU's picturesque setting along the Hocking River provides an inspiring setting for dreamers and creatives. With over 250 academic programs, OU offers a wide range of opportunities for students of all interests ranging from internship and experiential learning for Engineering and Business students to its Honors Tutorial College, which offers a wide-open curriculum with no prerequisites for undergraduate or graduate courses. One visit to OU will make you say, "Oh Yeah!"
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Ohio University episode](#)

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Ohio Wesleyan University

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,410
- **College location:** suburb of Columbus, Ohio
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 30 minutes from John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA: 3.71, ACT: 26, SAT: 1240. OWU is test optional for both acceptance & scholarships. FREE to apply.
- **Acceptance rate:** 51%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 15, Early Action: December 1, Regular Decision: March 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Scholarships are awarded solely based off of GPA and are automatically given to students after acceptance. Merit scholarships range from \$18,000 - \$28,000. A \$4,000 scholarship is given to all seniors who visit campus before December 15. Life/Eagle Scout and Silver/Gold Girl Scout Scholarships worth \$32,000 per year. Deadline to apply is Mar. 1. Dr. Charles Thomas Scholarship covers 100% of need based aid for all four years. Deadline to apply is Mar. 1. Students must submit FAFSA documents to be considered for any need based aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Top 5 Majors: Zoology, Psychology, Health & Human Kinetics, Education, Business. Many students come to OWU undecided or what we call “multi-decided”. Students do not have to declare a major until the end of their sophomore year. About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students at OWU end up double majoring.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III 24 varsity sports. About $\frac{1}{3}$ of students are involved in Greek Life, OWU has 5 sororities & 6 fraternities. Additional extracurricular activities on campus include: club sports, student organizations, and a student led government. Downtown Delaware is located right next to campus and has tons of restaurants, a theater, and a festival every month.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$69,523
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The OWU Connection is our signature program that connects your classroom learning with real-world experience. Faculty mentors will work with you to build your own pathway of OWU Connection experiences, including internships, research, travel, creative projects, and service, all with a purpose: to prepare you for the causes, careers, and graduate school opportunities that you want to pursue. This is a campus of experiential learning, where we encourage undecided students to explore in all areas of interest.

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Oregon State University

Public University

Corvallis, Oregon

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 28,905
- **College location:** College town atmosphere in Corvallis, OR
- **Distance from nearest airport:** EUG – Eugene Airport, 45 minutes. PDX – Portland International Airport, 90 minutes.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** We are a holistic review school and consider students' entire application, including GPA. OSU is permanently test-optional meaning test scores are not required for admissions or scholarship review for any applicants, and we no longer track average scores.
- **Acceptance rate:** 75%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action (non-binding) - November 1; Priority Application Deadline and Regular Decision – February 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Automatic consideration for California students. Provost Scholarships from \$6,000-\$12,000 per year based on a holistic review of application. Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is approximately a \$15,000 value based on a holistic review of application. It is highly competitive and not guaranteed. OSU ScholarDollars is the scholarship portal to apply for additional awards for admitted students. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students; we accept the FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 16 different accredited engineering majors. AACSB-accredited Business programs. Pre-Vet where students study either Animal Sciences or Zoology. Environmental Science and Marine Biology. Unique majors include Forestry; Tourism, Adventure & Recreation Leadership; Double Degrees in Sustainability or Innovation Management. Colleges of: Agricultural Sciences; Business; Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences; Education; Engineering; Forestry; Liberal Arts; Health; Science.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics. 40+ club sports, intramural sports, and recreation centers. 400+ student clubs and organizations. Multiple Greek chapters on campus (18% participate). Adventure Leadership Institute is a community for outdoor enthusiasts and leaders. They go on outings in Oregon such as mountaineering, canyoneering, rock climbing, etc. Explore opportunities at www.clubs.oregonstate.edu
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-24:** \$55,278
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Oregon State University is one of only three schools in the nation to have all four federal research grants. We prioritize research and experiential learning for our undergraduate students with over 200 research labs on campus and 12 research locations throughout Oregon. We have the #3 Oceanography program and the #2 forestry program in the world. We also have one of the best and safest college towns in the country. We invite you to be a part of Beaver Nation!

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Pace University

Private University

New York, New York

<https://www.pace.edu/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** ~8,000
- **College location:** Two campuses: our urban campus in NYC and our suburban campus in Westchester, NY
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 30 minutes from LGA, 45 minutes from JFK.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA: 3.5. Pace University is TEST OPTIONAL. Average SAT for students who submit test scores is a 1210, and the average ACT is a 26.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: 11/1. Early Action I: 11/15. Early Action 2: 12/1. School of Performing Arts Deadline:12/1. Regular Decision: 2/15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Please find out merit scholarship estimator here: <https://www.pace.edu/admission-and-aid/undergraduate-admission/tuition-and-cost/merit-scholarship-estimator> Scholarships can range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per year. Students are automatically considered for scholarship when they apply. You can also apply for financial aid by submitting a FAFSA. 96% of first-year students receive financial aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Psychology, Biology, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Computer Science, Business, Marketing, Arts and Entertainment Management, School of Performing Arts.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division II Athletics, Greek Life available, LGBTQ+ Organizations, movie nights, open mic nights, hiking trips, etc.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$69,894
- **In a short paragraph, “What is unique or makes your school stand out?”** Pace University is all about getting you where you want to go. Small classes. Personal mentorship. Powerful academic support. Our Career Services helps students get you employer relationships, and in-house career experts you’ll need to get you the job or internship you’ve dreamed of.

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Pacific University - Oregon

Private University

Forest Grove, Oregon

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** ~1,900
- **College location:** College Town 30 minutes from Portland
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Portland Airport (PDX) 1 hour from Campus
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.6, Test Optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 89%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action 1, November 1st. Rolling.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Scholarships range from \$20,000-\$30,000., Need based requires FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** S.L.A.M. - Sports Leadership and Management, Health Professions (Optometry, Pharmacy, Pre-PT, Pre-OT, Kinesiology, PsyD, etc.), Business, Psychology, Education, Sports Communication, Outdoor Leadership, Music Therapy, and Applied Theatre.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III Athletics, The Largest student coordinated Luau outside of Hawaii in the United States. Over 70 clubs and organizations.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$72,446
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** We have a beautiful campus, but the people make the place. ⅓ students are athletes and ⅓ students are from Hawaii! Founded in 1849, Pacific University is a diverse learning community offering a unique combination of nationally recognized undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in the arts and sciences, education, business, optometry, and the health professions. Pacific University is a little-known Gem in the Pacific Northwest. 100% of our classes are taught by professors and there is a genuine spirit of family and community on campus. Pacific's focus on teaching and learning in a close nurturing environment leads to genuine transformation in students' lives. At Pacific, students build deep personal relationships with friends, mentors, faculty members, and academic and career counselors. Our students mix their rigorous academic experiences with meaningful research, community engagement and life experiences, helping them become successful and active citizens and community leaders.

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Penn State University

Public University

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<https://admissions.psu.edu/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** over 74,000 all campuses. 41,745 at University Park campus.
- **College location:** We have multiple campuses.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Varies by campus; 10 minutes to 1.5 hours.
- **Average accepted GPA (unweighted) and test scores:**
 - 3.59-3.93, 1270-1450, 28-33 (University Park)
 - 3.12-3.78, 1090-1310, 23-30 (Commonwealth Campuses)
 - Test Optional through 2025
- **Acceptance rate:** 50-58%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Admission – November 1. Rolling, otherwise
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Penn State provides merit & need based university-wide aid packages based upon FAFSA submit; Priority aid deadline is 1 Dec. Niche grants and scholarships are also available but may not be triggered by the FAFSA (see your Major or College). We are a Yellow Ribbon school.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Penn State has over 275 majors.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I, II and III sports; Club Sports, and Intramurals. We have over 1200 clubs & activities. We have Greek Life. Our largest club (16,000 students) is the world's largest student-run philanthropy, "THON" which raises money to fight pediatric cancer & support families with pediatric cancer; it culminates in a 46-hr dance marathon.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:**
 - \$53,489-\$58,250 (University Park)
 - \$37,882-\$45,969 (commonwealth Campuses)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Penn State is a global academic and athletic powerhouse, with immense school spirit, the largest alumni network in the world and a near-infinite combination of opportunities for students. Our Honors College and Career Services center are in the top ten nationally. We are one of the 146 Research 1 Universities, often ranked in the Top 25 with over a billion dollars in annual research funding. To paraphrase a Big Ten peer's compliment, We ARE...an elite school but are not elitist.

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Providence College

Private College

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,180
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** TF Green Airport – 20 minutes. Boston Logan Airport – 75 minutes.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.60 unweighted. Test optional. (Middle 50% of the entire enrolled class) was SAT 1190-1350. Middle 50% range ACT 27-30.
- **Acceptance rate:** 49%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1; Early Decision – November 1; Regular Decision; January 15. Early Decision 2; January 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Providence College's merit-based tuition scholarships range from approximately \$22,000 to \$37,000 per year with several levels offered in between. There is no separate application to be considered for a merit-based scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to approximately 30% of admitted students and are done so solely based off academic performance. FAFSA and CSS Profile required for financial aid. For important deadlines and required documents please check out website.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Psychology, Political Science, Biology and Liberal Arts. Direct Entry Nursing and Health Sciences majors new last year.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Big East Conference. No Greek Life. Over 120 clubs and organizations for students. We are not a commuter school. We are located 10 minutes from downtown Providence and have a public bus stop on campus that is free to take with a student ID.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$79,850
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Providence College is a Catholic Liberal Arts school located close to downtown Providence. Numerous research, internship, and student abroad opportunities for students. We are the only college run by the Dominican Friars and have an emphasis on campus ministry and service. For a small school, we have huge sports pride as a Division I athletic program. We have flexibility for students to major and minor across different schools as well as a very active campus community. Your typical PC student is very involved in clubs, sports, and their academics.

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Reed College

Private College
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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,542
- **College location:** Southeast Portland, OR, 15 minutes from downtown in a suburban setting
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Portland 11 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Reed is test blind, we do not factor in the SAT or ACT into the application review process. The average GPA is a 3.9 unweighted GPA.
- **Acceptance rate:** about 35%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision 1 - November 1st, Early Action - November 1st, Early Decision II - December 20, Regular Decision - January 15th
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Reed seeks to make a college education affordable and accessible to all admitted students, regardless of family financial circumstances. Through our generous financial aid program, we meet 100 percent of demonstrated need with various types of aid for all admitted students for all four years. Financial aid is awarded exclusively on the basis of need as determined by the CSS Profile and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** About 40 different majors and academic programs. Reed has a strong academic program, with some popular programs being: Biology, Computer Science, Physics, Psychology, and Sociology. [Here is the full list of programs offered.](#)
- **Student Life:** Reed has a plethora of campus club, activities, and events that students can participate in throughout their time on campus. There is no Greek life on campus. [Here is more information.](#)
- **Visit Program:** Reed offers travel scholarships and/or vouchers to students that have been admitted to the college or participated in the [senior scholarship program](#) below. The amount offered can vary depending on where students are traveling from and each student's individual circumstances. Reed will work with each student individually to determine what can be offered. Please reach out to us with any questions, admission@reed.edu Reed also offers a [Senior Scholars Program](#) and [Junior Scholars Program](#).
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$87,790
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** [Founded in 1908](#) in southeast [Portland, Oregon](#), Reed College is a coeducational, independent liberal arts and sciences college. Referred to as one of the most intellectual colleges in the country, Reed is known for its high standards of scholarly practice, creative thinking, and engaged citizenship. Reed students pursue the bachelor of arts degree in 40 [majors and programs](#). The curriculum includes a yearlong humanities course, broad distribution requirements, and a senior thesis. A 9:1 student-to-faculty ratio and small conference-style classes allow faculty members to truly mentor students and engage with them in individual discussions. Reed also offers a graduate program leading to a [master of arts degree in liberal studies](#).

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 5,700
- **College location:** Troy (urban city, but the campus is on a hill, park like and above the city)
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** (ALB – 15 minutes)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** We are test optional this year, SAT 1300 and above, ACT 29 and above. 3.88 unweighted GPA.
- **Acceptance rate:** 45%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision 1 – November 1st; Early Action – December 1st; Early Decision 2 – December 15th; and Regular Decision – January 15th)
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** www.finaid.com
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Engineering, Science, Architecture, Business and Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics - DI Hockey & DIII Varsity - Sports 23); Greek Life - Yes; We have 200 clubs, organizations, and societies.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$82,404
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** - We have a Quantum Computer! We will be celebrating 200 years next year!

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Roger Williams University

Private University
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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,700
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 40 minutes from TF Green in Providence, RI. 1 hour from Logan Airport in Boston, MA
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.5, SAT 1200, ACT 28, test optional for all majors programs and scholarships
- **Acceptance rate:** ~85%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action – November 15, Regular Decision – February 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Scholarships ranging from \$15,000-\$25,000, need-based aid given with FAFSA submission. All CA students receive a \$1,500 Travel Grant on top of their merit and need-based aid to support the trip and from campus.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** Blue Economy (Marine Biology, marine environmental protection, advocacy, law, business), Real Estate (Architecture, Engineering, Construction Management, Business for Real Estate Development, Legal Studies/Law, Historic Preservation, Sustainability). Schools of Business; Architecture; Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management; Humanities, Arts, and Education; Justice Studies; and Social and Natural Sciences. Academic Exploration Program to support undeclared students.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III 23 sports, nationally recognized Sailing team and program. Competitive Equestrian. Club Sports including Esports, Men's and Women's Ice Hockey and Men's and Women's Rugby and more. An active residential community, safest college town in the country, top 5% campus food
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$63,808
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Roger Williams is a coastal university in Bristol, Rhode Island, with an urban campus in the capital Providence. We provide a real-world education focused on social and environmental justice that creates the changemakers and leaders the world needs. Our students have access to dynamic, hands-on learning and design powerful combinations of degrees and credentials, research, internships, and activities. Every student is guaranteed at least a major and a minor by the time they graduate, and guaranteed at least one internship, research experience, or semester-long community engagement project. With personal mentoring relationships with faculty and campuses that feel like family, our students dive deeper into solving global issues and taking on challenges. RWU gives students the tools and confidence to lead fulfilling careers and lives and make a positive impact in the world. Because we all soar higher, together.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Roger Williams episode](#)

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Saint Mary's College

Private Women's College

Notre Dame, Indiana

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** Around 1,600 students total
- **College location:** Medium sized city
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 15 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Middle 50% ranges (25% of admits fall below the range; 25% fall above the range). SAT composite: 1060-1290. ACT composite: 23-31. GPA: 3.7-4.1
- **Acceptance rate:** around 80%
- **Application deadlines:** We are on rolling admissions. Early Decision: App deadline is November 15th and deposit deadline is February 1st. Regular Decision: App deadline is February 15th and deposit deadline is May 1st
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** All students who are accepted to SMC are **guaranteed** a merit scholarship ranging from \$24,000-\$36,000. Any outside scholarships are also accepted and stacked!
Kessler Scholar program and scholarship- This is for students who are first generation- \$3,500 renewable all four years. **Visual Arts and Design scholarship-** The deadline for students to submit their portfolio is March 1st, 2024. The scholarship is applicable for four years at Saint Mary's College (\$2,000 per year). The total is \$8,000. High school students do not have to major or minor in Art to apply. It is open to all studio art - painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, fabric making, videography, graphic design, ceramics etc. See website for portfolio requirements. **Edwards Scholarship-** For African American students that have a 3.0 GPA or higher- \$5,000 renewable all four years.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** We are known for Nursing, Engineering, Education, Social Work, Business, Psychology and more! Since we are a liberal arts college, students get to experience many departments to figure out what their passions are! For undecided majors we have a Career Crossings office that offers aptitude tests and advice! Every student is guaranteed the Avenue Experience- this is where students get not only one advisor all four years, but a TEAM of advisors coming from all different parts of campus (career crossings division, student life, alums, staff and faculty etc). They are there to help students navigate, narrow down, and support their goals!
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III with 8 varsity sports. We also have an all-women's stunt team! No Greek Life. Since we are connected with the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College our students can take advantage of joining classes at these schools, over 500 clubs, go to the Notre Dame football games and tailgates!
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$65,280. This [page](#) for more information
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Saint Mary's is a national women's college with a strong connection to the University of Notre Dame, right across the street. Here, we offer the best of both worlds - the personal attention, empowering and supportive community of Saint Mary's with the opportunities of the big school - including combined classes, accelerated programs with both SMC and ND, clubs and orgs, and access to ND's sporting events (even football!). Our students conduct research, intern, study abroad and are involved in field experiences that prepare them for life after graduation. It's an incredibly welcoming and inclusive environment, and we're proud of our diverse student body. Our students come from all over the country and around the world.

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Saint Mary's College of California

Private College

Moraga, California

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,199
- **College location:** Small town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Oakland International Airport (26 miles)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.3-3.6 GPA and test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1st, Regular Decision: January 15th
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Based Scholarships are offered upon acceptance. The actual size of the scholarship depends on the student's Transcript/GPA. The largest one being up to \$29,000 for First Year Students: Transfer Student Merit Scholarship can be upwards to \$18,000. Other Merit based scholarships Include: SMC Alumni Legacy Scholarship & Lasallian Leadership Scholarships. Departmental Scholarships: Scholarships for First Year Students from separate departments that a student will have to do an additional application for. Average amount of awards is \$13,000. Deadline for applications is Nov 15th. Thus, EA is often recommended in order to get a head start on applying for Departments Scholarships for Additional aid. FAFAS is required for financial aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Top 4 Majors: Business, Psychology, Communications, Kinesiology/Education. Unique Major: Dual Degree Engineering
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 Sports – 16 sports. Club/Intramural Sports: Rugby, Water Polo, Cheerleading. 50+ Clubs and Organizations on campus
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$76,734. The average financial aid package is \$38,000
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Saint Mary's lives in a series of sweet spots in many ways. We have a rich history in the Bay Area while also being on the cutting edge of education and facilities. Our location is highly praised for its mix of seclusion and access to larger urban areas. Our college lies in a small valley just outside of Lafayette which contributes to the cozy feeling that current students love but Oakland and the surrounding Bay Area are just 20 minutes away. Our students enjoy a balance between small class sizes and big opportunities. Your professor will be an active participant in your own growth because in a class of 19 students on average, you will be a part of a program that values you and your journey. But we have everything you need to be successful: faculty advisors, student support counselors, internship opportunities across the Bay Area, and a long list of travel abroad opportunities. The most important thing about Saint Mary's is the people that you will find here. Inclusion, Diversity, and Community have been a part of our Missions and Values for decades. We strive to provide our students with both a quality education and a thriving community of peers and faculty/staff members. Family is the heart of Saint Mary's. So come and join ours!

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Salve Regina University

Private University
Newport, Rhode Island
Salve.edu

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,174
- **College location:** City
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** T.F. Green International Airport. 28 miles from Salve to T.F. Green
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA: 3.4. SAT: 1130 – 1250. ACT: 23 – 27. Salve Regina is test optional for all programs.
- **Acceptance rate:** 73%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action I – November 1 (Nursing majors must apply by the November 1 deadline). Early Decision – November 1. Early Action II – January 5. Regular Decision – February 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Scholarship - \$13,000 - \$28,000. OCHRE Scholarships: students will be invited to apply upon acceptance. Need based financial aid available.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular: Direct Entry Nursing, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Criminal Justice. Most Unique: Cultural and Historic Preservation, Behavior Analysis, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Religious and Theological Studies, Theatre Arts. Students going in as exploratory (undecided) have until the end of their sophomore year to declare a major.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics: Division III – NEWMAC Conference. No Greek life offered. Popular Extracurriculars: Surfing club, sailing club, rugby, ping pong club.
- **Visit Program:** We usually grant a \$250 travel reimbursement to admitted students for any official admissions event – admitted students dates, class visit days and tours.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$70,916
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Something that makes Sale Regina stand out is our Compass Program for Life and Career Readiness. The Salve Compass is a four-year experiential framework that connects college to career. The Salve Compass provides intentional and transformational programming that prepares students to lead successful and meaningful lives. With a focus on real-world, practical experiences, the Salve Compass empowers students to explore, define and pursue their academic and professional goals. The Salve Compass integrates academic and co-curricular experiences with a whole-person emphasis, equipping students with the adaptive resilience necessary to navigate the changing needs and opportunities of today's job market. Shaped by the Salve compass and inspired by the critical concerns of our mercy mission, our graduates have the unique ability to enrich any workplace and pursue lives of impact.

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Scripps College

Private Women's College

Claremont, California

<https://www.scrippscollege.edu/admission/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,082
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Ontario, CA – 10 miles. Los Angeles, CA – 51 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Test optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 30%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I: November 15. Early Decision II: January 8. Regular Decision: January 8
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Scripps College meets 100% of admitted student's demonstrated need with a combination of scholarships, grants, student loan, and work awards. Also, all first-year applicants are considered for scholarships ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 annually, and the highest award is the James E. Scripps Scholarship. All scholarships are renewable for four years and applicants are notified whether they have been awarded a merit-based scholarship at the time of admission. No additional forms or early application is required.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular majors: Biology, Economics, English, Politics, Psychology, and Media Studies
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III Athletes. No Greek Life. Many clubs.
- **Visit Program:** Discover Scripps, our visit program for BIPOC and first-generation students is closed for this year, but the application should be available next summer for current juniors. Scripps offers a fly-in program for historically underrepresented admitted students. Student's will be invited to the program once they are admitted to Scripps and will work with our travel agent to book the student's flight. If a student lives within 150 miles of Scripps, airfare will not be provided but student's will be invited to the program.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$87,564-\$88,564
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Scripps students experience the best of both worlds in attending a Women's College in a co-ed setting! Student's will benefit from resources like salary negotiating skills while being able to take courses across all the Claremont Colleges. This allows our students to experience a small student to faculty ratio, while having access to resources outside of Scripps all within a 1 square mile radius.

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Seattle University

Private university

Seattle, Washington

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,113
- **College location:** urban location in the Capitol Hill neighborhood within downtown Seattle
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEATAC) is about 14 miles from our campus. We offer shuttles for students during breaks, and the Link light rail to SEATAC takes about 35 minutes. It stops at a station that's a 12-minute walk from our campus.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA: 3.65, SAT: 1227, ACT 27. Test Optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 75%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 15th, Regular Decision: January 15th
- **Merit scholarship/Need-based aid:** All accepted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships, which range from \$18,000 to \$33,000 annually based on their Common Application. Fostering Scholars is a full scholarship and program of support awarded to eligible students currently in or who aged-out of the foster care system. The Father McGoldrick Endowment Fund helps support siblings, children, and grandchildren of Seattle University Alumni. The Sperry Goodman Endowed Scholarship is for College of Science and Engineering incoming freshmen majoring in Computer Science, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Physics or Engineering. The award is an additional \$5,000 per year and preference is given to students with financial need. FAFSA only.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Our most popular majors are Nursing (direct entry), Finance, Marketing, Business Analytics, and Psychology. We are also known for Criminal Justice, Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, Civil and Environmental), Environmental Science (with focus on Urban Sustainability), Marine and Conservation Biology, Social Work, and Film and Media Studies
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 – 20 teams (Western Athletic Conference)- Go Redhawks! No Greek Life. University Recreation Club-Level and Intramural Sports, fun sports like Black Light Dodgeball, Spikeball, and Flag Football. 180+ Student Clubs and Organizations range in focus from community service, cultural heritage, identity-based groups, honor societies, professional development, Speech & Debate, KXSU Radio, 3 choirs and outdoor recreation.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$73,613
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** What sets us apart from other schools can be broken down into four factors: We are just the right size (~4,000 undergraduate students), residential, and provide a high-impact student experience. We aim to educate the whole person through inclusive teaching that weaves with the Jesuit tradition. We have faculty who are inspired by teaching in a conversational classroom setting with their students. They have the freedom to handcraft their classes to teach what they love and make a long-lasting impact. We offer the advantages of a one-of-a-kind urban experience in Seattle with the warmth and support of a true campus community.

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Seton Hall University

Private University

South Orange, New Jersey

<https://www.shu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 6,013
- **College location:** Suburban, Small town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Newark International Airport, 7 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.68, 1300 SAT, 29 ACT. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 74%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action 1 – November 15, Early Action 2 – December 15, Regular Decision 1-February 1, Regular Decision 2 – March 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Automatic merit will be awarded through March 1. Special Scholarship deadline is Jan. 15 - students need to apply by Early Action 2 to qualify. See our scholarship page for a list of special scholarships and award ranges. FAFSA is the only need-based document required. **Out-of-state applicants may qualify for the following special scholarships, in addition to merit aid, which require and additional application by January 15: Women’s Guild** – available for men and women interested in Medicine, Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy. **Servant Leadership Award** – students with outstanding commitment to service. **Pirate’s Pitch** – For student entrepreneurs - Our version of *Shark Tank*, cash and scholarship prize, deadline – October 18. **Forensics, Speech, and Debate Scholarship** – for students interested in joining our award-winning [Brownson Speech and Debate Team](#). **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship** - Incoming freshman who have outstanding academic records; have overcome economic or educational hardship and demonstrated a commitment to diversity and serving or working with socio-economically or educationally underserved communities. **Pep Band Scholarship** – must play an instrument. **ROTC Scholarship**.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Business, Diplomacy and International Relations, Direct Entry Nursing, Journalism and Broadcast (Sports Media and Traditional), Education **Over 40 dual degree programs, mostly** direct-entry: Medicine (not DE), Law –13 undergraduate major options, B.S. Business / Master of Business Administration, Physician Assistant (top 25 in the nation), Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training (Biology or Exercise Science at the Undergraduate Level)
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics, Greek Life Available, 50% of students participate in club and intramural sports, Award winning Speech and Debate and Model U.N. Teams, Global Medical Brigades, Active Student Activities Board and Student Government Association. Train to NYC is a 10-minute walk down the street and 30 minutes to the center of Manhattan from there.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$73,130
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Seton Hall offers the benefits of small class sizes and close mentorship from faculty, coupled with the big school spirit environment that you would expect from a Division I institution. Additionally, Seton Hall students have access to high-level internship opportunities through our nationally ranked career center. Positioned in the top 5 for internship offerings, our students have access to over 17,000 connections in NJ, Manhattan, Washington DC, and abroad. Many of our students have 3-5 internships by the time they graduate, our post graduate employment rate and graduate school acceptance rates are 98%, and our student’s mid-career earnings are about 50% higher than the national average.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Seton Hall episode](#)

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Syracuse University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 15,400
- **College location:** residential
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Hancock Airport/20 minutes
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.7 unweighted GPA, SAT 1310, ACT 29, test optional 2024
- **Acceptance rate:** 46%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I – November 15, Early Decision II/Regular Decision - January 5.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** No application needed for first year scholarships. Will be reflected on letter of acceptance. Starting scholarship is Dean's (\$10,000) then Chancellor's, Founder's, Leadership (half tuition/\$30,655) 1870 scholarship (full tuition/\$61,310). Academic Excellence scholarship awarded after first semester with 3.75 GPA. More scholarships available 2nd, 3rd, 4th years. FAFSA and CSS Profile required for need-based aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Esports Communication and Management, Business Analytics, Broadcast and Digital Journalism, International Relations, Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises, Sports Management, Sports Analytics, Forensic Science, Film, Drama, Design
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 Athletics - 12 women's and 8 men's teams, Greek Life available. Multiple A Cappella Groups, Orange After Dark, Citrus TV, Danceworks, First Year Players, Entrepreneurship Club, Culturally Based Groups ie; Black Student Union, Caribbean Student Union, Chinese Student Union and Scholars Association (CSSA), SyracuseU100
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$85,214.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** With 13 schools and colleges, 200 customizable majors and 100 minors, and online degrees and certificates, Syracuse University provides limitless educational pathways. New interdisciplinary areas ranging from social justice and artificial intelligence to energy and environment provide hands-on research experiences that broaden perspectives and prepare students for the careers of tomorrow. Syracuse University has five award-winning study abroad centers and international programs in 60 countries to choose from where our students gain global perspectives that last a lifetime. A powerful alumni network supporting our students. Being Orange is about more than just a color, a place or a degree. It embodies a lifelong connection to a global network of innovators, thinkers and creative solution finders. 94% of graduates are employed or enter graduate school, service programs or the military within six months of graduation*

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Texas Christian University

Private University

Fort Worth, Texas

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment: ~10,000**
- **College location:** (urban, suburban, rural, large city, small town) Fort Worth is the 13th largest city in the U.S. However, it feels like a smaller western city at times. Fort Worth is nicknamed “Cowtown”.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** (airport name & distance) 27 Miles from DFW (27 minute drive/uber). 36 Miles from Lovefield airport (40 min drive/uber w/o traffic).
- **Average accepted GPA, SAT and ACT test scores and test optional?** For our current first-year student 50% went Test-Inclusive and 50% went Test-Optional. The average scores that were submitted (that we did not switch over to test-optional) was a 26-33. 1240-1360 was the average SAT scores for students who submitted. Our unweighted GPA average was a 3.86. We will be Test-Optional for the remaining for the remaining of this school year. Next summer we will be making a decision for the rest of TCU Admission on if we will be TO or TI.
- **Acceptance rate:** ~40%
- **Application deadlines:** (ED, EA, regular and rolling) November 1st for EA and ED. February 1 for ED2 and Regular Decision. No Rolling.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** [Scholarship & Aid \(tcu.edu\)](#) Merit scholarships range from \$12,000-Full Tuition/year. See website for details. Need-Based is based on FAFSA and CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is TCU Institutional Aid through College Board.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Direct-Entry Nursing. Anything inside of our College of Business. We just recently were ranked the # 1 Business School in the state of TX. Therefore, this has attracted more students. Undecided is called Pre-Major at TCU. It is perfectly fine for students to apply to TCU under Undecided. We place Pre-Major students inside of the Addran College of Liberal Arts. This is because it houses the most number of majors inside one academic college. We have students take many different liberal arts classes in their core classes and they will work with an advisor in Career Services. We have a questionnaire that students can take to help them select a major.
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division I. TCU is in the Big 12 conference. While the Big 12 will be losing OU and UT to the SEC it will be growing with a few additional schools. We will still be the smallest Big 12 school. All students can go to all home sporting games for free, they just need to show their ID and they are in! Football is included in this. 50% of campus is Greek! We are ranked by the Princeton Review as the #2 school for student involvement/engagement on their campus. Student government, Greek, Club sports, leadership positions in the academic colleges, ROXO (student run PR firm), and athletics clubs (Dutchmen, Frog Army, Showgirls, Marching Band, and Cheer) are the most popular!
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$72,820
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** There are so many wonderful things that make TCU unique! We take pride in our small class sizes (avg: 25) and student to faculty ratio (14:1). What I think truly sets TCU apart is our spirited community. Not only are our students proud to be Horned Frogs, but we have a great relationship with our faculty/staff members, TCU Alumni, and individuals who live in the Greater Fort Worth area who love to support our institution as well! TCU is becoming nationally recognized thanks to our presence in Big 12 sports. Our reputation is stellar and our school pride is a direct reflection of that!
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [TCU episode](#)

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Tulane University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 8,222
- **College location:** (urban, suburban, rural, large city, small town): Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** (airport name & distance): Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY), 14 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.66 UW GPA, SAT 1410-1510, ACT 31-34, test optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 12%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I – November 1, Early Decision II – January 15, Early Action – November 15, Regular Decision – January 15
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** All admitted students are considered for merit scholarships based on their application; up to \$32,000 per year. Additional, application-based merit scholarships are available; application deadline for additional merit scholarships is December 5th. Require the FAFSA and CSS Profile for need-based aid; Tulane meets 96-100% of demonstrated financial need.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular majors are Finance, Psychology, Communications, Public Health, Management, Neuroscience
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division I – 16 sports and a variety of club sports and intramurals. Tulane has more than 200 student organizations. The office of New Student & Leadership Programs helps students get the most out of their college experience by challenging them to develop leadership and communication skills. Our student-run campus programming organization brings some of the best musicians, artists, comedians, and scholars onto campus. Lil Dicky, T-Pain, Kehlani, Major Lazer, Thomas Rhett, Childish Gambino, Jesse McCartney, Smash Mouth, Snoop Dogg, John Legend, Modest Mouse, Juvenile, and Vampire Weekend have all recently performed on Tulane's campus. Recent guest speakers on campus include Bill Nye the Science Guy, Jane Goodall, John Mulaney, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Laverne Cox, Spike Lee, Barack Obama, Steve Jobs, Michael Oerh, Jeffery Sachs, Toni Morrison, and Colin Powell.
- **Visit Program:** PreviewTU is a campus visit program for all prospective students. Students who identify with one or more of the following identities are especially encouraged to attend: first in their household to attend college, LGBTQIA+, students from low-income backgrounds, students from rural or small towns, and/or students of color. Some students will be considered for travel reimbursement. The deadline has passed for current seniors, but juniors should consider this opportunity.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$86,632
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?:** Students come to Tulane to find a balance between academic rigor at a Tier 1 Research university, a focus on utilizing what they learn in the classroom to give back to their communities, and experiencing life in a vibrant, dynamic, welcoming city that encourages a school/life balance. When students are admitted to Tulane, they're admitted to all five colleges within the university, making academic exploration easy – great for students with multiple interests!
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [Tulane episode](#)

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The University of Alabama

Public University

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 32,458
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Birmingham, AL; 1 hour to Tuscaloosa
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.77 weighted GPA. SAT 1210, ACT 26. Test optional for 2024.
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Priority Scholarship Deadline – January 15th. Out-of-state Freshman Automatic Merit Scholarships \$6,000-\$28,000 per year. A student with a 4.0+ GPA and 36 ACT or 1600 SAT will be selected as a Presidential Elite Scholar and receive a full ride scholarship. Freshmen who are recognized by the National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous or Rural & Small-Town Recognition Program will receive consideration for a full tuition scholarship, plus \$1,000 per year and one year of on-campus housing. Students eligible for the National Merit Finalist package will receive a full ride plus. Must apply by the priority scholarship deadline. <https://afford.ua.edu/scholarships/out-of-state-freshman/> FAFSA for financial aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Engineering, business, nursing, and education are our most popular. Our newest majors are sport management, data science, and neuroscience. We provide assistance to students who are undecided once they are on campus.
- **Student Life:** NCAA D-1 Athletics, Largest Greek Life in the nation, Student Government Association; Over 600 student clubs and organizations.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$55,746. <https://afford.ua.edu/cost/>
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Students — and their parents — are not only drawn to UA's academic excellence but to what we refer to as the "Alabama Experience." With over 600 student organizations, experiential learning opportunities, and boundless undergraduate and graduate research opportunities, students choose The University of Alabama to become well-rounded global citizens, ready to make a difference.

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University of Alaska Fairbanks

Public University

Fairbanks, Alaska

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 6,499
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 4 miles from Fairbanks International Airport (FAI)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.4 GPA, test-optional through summer 2025
- **Acceptance rate:** 76%
- **Application deadlines:** Priority scholarship deadline - February 15. Application deadline - June 15
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Check 'yes' on UAF's application to receive automatic Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) tuition rate as a California student. Apply to UAF by June 15 to be considered automatic merit (between \$1,000-8,000/year, starting at 3.2 weighted GPA) and need-based scholarships (between \$500-4,000/year). Student can apply annually for UAF's Foundation Scholarships (between \$500-2,500).
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Wildlife Biology and Conservation, Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Engineering (aerospace, mechanical, geological, computer science, and more), Biological Sciences (pre-med), Homeland Security and Emergency Management, pre-professional, Fire Science, Paramedicine.
- **Student Life:** NCAA DI Men's Ice Hockey; Women's DII swimming, basketball, volleyball, cross country, skiing, rifle; and Men's DII basketball, cross country, skiing, rifle. Living Learning Communities are available for First Year students living on campus. UAF has 25 miles of hiking trails on campus (hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing). Student Rec Center on campus that partners with an Outdoor Adventures program for student trips to Denali National Park. UAF does not have a Greek life system, but we are home to 100+ student clubs and organizations. 100+ student clubs and organizations, ranging from student government, to Dungeons & Dragons, and everything in between.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$30,200 (includes automatic WUE Scholarship)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Take on cutting-edge engineering challenges in the Arctic. Engage in groundbreaking research on the front lines of climate change. Experience the diverse arts and culture of Fairbanks, Alaska. Nothing is beyond your reach at UAF, and there is no adventure like it in the world. Start yours today.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [University of Alaska, Fairbanks episode](#)

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The University of Arizona

Public University

Tucson, Arizona

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 38,000+
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Tucson Int'l Airport (TUS) – 8.1 mi./16 minutes from campus
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.39 avg GPA, Test optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%+
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling Admission - deadline May 1, 2024
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Admitted students automatically considered for academic merit scholarships ranging up to \$32,000/year. See chart on website for core unweighted GPA merit scholarships. <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/incoming-first-year-transfer> Limited need-based aid for out of state students. Priority FAFSA deadline: March 1, 2024
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular majors: Business, Undeclared, Engineering, Psychology & related health sciences. New Majors: Live and Immersive Arts, Applied Biotechnology, Wellness & Health Promotion, Game Design. Colleges of: Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences; Applied Science & Technology; Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Humanities, Nursing, Pharmacy, Science, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Management, and Public Health.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics D1/PAC 12 & 30+ club/intramural teams. 40+ Sororities/Fraternities. 400+ Clubs & Organizations. 6 different Cultural Learning Communities
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$58,200 (Off-Campus) / \$60,600 (On-Campus)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** At the University of Arizona, imagination fuels all that we do. It pushes us to make the unreal real and will inspire you as an Arizona Wildcat. We offer a 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio, two medical schools, over 150 majors, and many free student support services. Through research, internships or volunteerism, all students can apply their classroom knowledge in new settings to gain valuable career experience before they graduate. Our palm tree-lined campus is in Tucson, Arizona, where 300+ days of sunshine annually inspire year-round fun and outdoor activities. Plus, a thriving campus life featuring 400+ student clubs and organizations offers countless ways to get involved, explore your passions, and make a difference.

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University of Colorado Boulder

Public University

Boulder, Colorado

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 36,500
- **College location:** Suburban College-town near a large city.
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Denver International (DIA) 45 minutes, shuttle available
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** All majors average: GPA 3.58-4.2 (unweighted), SAT 1250-1430, ACT 28-33. Engineering: GPA 3.89-4.0, SAT 1350-1500, ACT 31-34. Business GPA 3.85-4.0, SAT 1320-1430, ACT 30-33. Test optional with about 50% of applicants submitting test scores.
- **Acceptance rate:** 65%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action – November 15. Regular Decision – January 15.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Applicants with a 3.85+ total weighted 9-12 GPA are automatically reviewed for merit aid. GPA alone does not guarantee a scholarship. Holistic review includes course rigor, grade trend, academic awards, and achievement. Out of state students \$3,000-\$13,750 per year. Additional 650+ scholarships are available in the CU Boulder Scholarship Application with a deadline of March 15.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 150 fields of study. Most popular are Leeds School of Business and College of Engineering (Biomedical, Aerospace, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science). Unique majors include Programs in Environmental Design (Product Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Sustainable Planning & Urban Design, Environmental Design Open Option) and College of Media Communications and Information (Media Productions, Strategic Communication – Advertising, Media Design, Public Relations).
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division 1, Greek Life, The Center of Inclusion and Social Change, Study Abroad, Tier 1 Research Opportunities. Outdoor Adventurers, I-Fest, Professional Fraternities. Over 500 clubs and organizations. Unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation including hiking, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, climbing, mountain biking, and much more. There are 300 days of annual sunshine in Boulder, Colorado.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** Tiered Rates depending on major. \$64,118-\$67,866. We offer a four-year tuition guarantee that eliminates the uncertainty that students and families face when choosing a college.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** CU offers a variety of opportunities for students to explore the things they are passionate about. From nationally recognized academics to Division 1 athletics to hiking the Rocky Mountains. Students will find their best selves here at CU.

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University of Delaware

Public University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 17,034
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Name & distance of nearest airport:** Philadelphia International Airport—37 miles
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 3.85-4.32 weighted GPA. ****Note: UD is test-optional for all applicants through 2025**.** SAT 1260-1410, ACT 27 - 31. We super-score the SAT.
- **Acceptance rate:** 65%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1, Nursing: December 1 (***NEW***), Honors Priority Deadline: December 1 (***NEW***), Regular Decision - January 15 (we are rolling after January 15 – applications can continue to be submitted space available, but we cannot guarantee aid or space in some majors).
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Students eligible for merit aid if they apply by January 15th. Merit scholarships range from \$3,000-\$17,000. There are select additional scholarships beyond \$17,000, but there is nothing a student can do to seek them out besides apply for Honors. Need-based aid is limited for out of state students – simply submit the FAFSA to be considered.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Nursing (direct entry), Finance, Engineering, Art Conservation, Cybersecurity Engineering, Game Studies and eSports, Fashion and Apparel Design, Pre-Veterinarian Sciences, Hospitality and Event Experience Management (including Hotel and Restaurant Management), Political Science, Three Foreign Languages, and Psychology. **Unique Programs of Study: Honors College:** academic and social enrichment. **World Scholars:** includes at least 2 terms of travel abroad; **Chemical Engineering:** UD has the #2 ranked program, according to US News and World Reports; **Graduate: Physical Therapy:** UD has the #1 ranked doctoral program in the US; **Graduate: Veterinary School:** While UD does not have a veterinary school, UD students are admitted to Vet school at an 80% rate (2x the national average). **Campus Farm:** Our College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is a 12-minute walk from the center of our campus and has a 350-acre farm. **JPMorgan Chase:** JPMorgan Chase has their own legal office on our campus and have doubled the number of part-time internships to 90, which pay our students \$25 an hour. **Nursing:** Clinical rotations are guaranteed starting their sophomore year and many simulations throughout their four-year experience. Our nursing students pass the NCLEX test, on average, at a 93% rate on their first try, 98% overall. **Spectrum Scholars:** Special support program students with autism.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics Division 1— Coastal Athletic Association, Greek Life ~30% of students—both social and academic, 400+ student clubs and organizations
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2032-24:** \$57,000-61,000 depending on the program
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Delaware is a mid-size, Tier-1 research university conveniently located halfway in between New York City, Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Our train station on campus gives our students and faculty social and academic urban options. One of the original colleges in the US and the founder of US study abroad (2023 will be our 100th anniversary), UD is constantly giving our students options—both academically and socially. 2/3 of our undergraduates are not from Delaware and we currently have nearly 10,000 living California alumni. The academic flexibility at UD allows students to add two or three minors to their major, or even double major—all within four years. Our 4-year graduation rate is 73% and our class of 2021 had a 97% employment/additional education rate within 6 months of graduating. We also host The Diamond Challenge, which is the #1 ranked high-school youth entrepreneurship competition in the United States.

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University of Denver

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 6,152
- **College location:** Large city
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** (airport name & distance)
Denver International Airport; 40-minute drive from campus
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.83 avg weighted GPA, 1290-1400 SAT, 29-33 ACT; test-optional for both admission and financial aid.
- **Acceptance rate:** 58%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action and Early Decision I: November 1, Regular Decision and Early Decision II: January 15
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships range \$10,000- \$33,000 and are renewable each year, we accept both FAFSA and CSS Profile for need-based aid consideration.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** Psychology, Biological Sciences, Finance, International Studies, Computer Science, Marketing, Political Science, Accounting, Undeclared. All students will have an academic advisor and access to our five tutoring centers regardless of their major status.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics Division I – 18 teams. 18% students involved in Greek Life, Alpine Club, Club Sports, DU Programming Board, Undergraduate Student Government, Cultural Center, Pride Lounge. Off campus activities including Washington Park, Pearl Street Farmer’s Market, Ball Arena, Red Rocks Amphitheater, and a under 60 minute drive to the Rocky Mountains.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$80,614
- **Visit Program:** University of Denver hosts the Pioneer Prep Leadership Institute, a summer fly-in program for rising juniors and seniors from all backgrounds where they engage in workshops on cultural awareness, college access, and student leadership. We also offer an extended track to the program, Pioneer Prep Business Days, that provides interested students with additional programming to explore life as a business student at DU, learn from Daniels College of Business professors, and engage with experts and professionals in the Denver business community. Students can indicate on their application if they need a travel stipend to attend. All housing and meals are covered by DU for the duration of the program. We will start accepting applications for next year’s program in Winter 2024!
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Denver embodies the ideal work life balance for students. We are a campus large enough to make international impact through our academics and study abroad programs, and small enough for students to feel a sense of belonging on our beautiful campus. We are also one of the leading institutions for assisting students with learning differences through our Learning Effectiveness Program which serves nearly 21% of our student population. Students also have the advantage of being close to both downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountain for internship, research, and other off campus opportunities. In Fall 2022, DU launched its brand-new Mountain Campus to further academic and wellness programming for students.

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University of Idaho

Public university

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 10,500
- **College location:** College Town/Rural
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 6 miles to Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport. 85 miles to Spokane International Airport.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.4 unweighted. Test optional (Writing/Essay component not required for admission)
- **Acceptance rate:** 74%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** WUE, no deadline (WUE Award ~ \$16,000). WUE Scholars Award Stacking (3.0-3.749 GPA = \$1,000 and 3.75+ GPA = \$2,000 per year) Limited need-based financial aid for out-of-state students.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Popular majors: Agriculture, Architecture, Engineering, Natural Resources, Communication/Journalism, Psychology, and Business. More unique majors include Entomology, Fire Ecology & Management, Food Science, Sustainable Food Systems, Geology, Interior Architecture & Design, Bioregional Planning & Community Design, Landscape Architecture, Virtual Technology & Design, PGA Golf Management, Cybersecurity, Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation and Wildlife Resources. Every college of Natural Resources student has the chance to participate in internships and conduct research. Learn in some of the world's best outdoor classrooms including the McCall Field Campus, Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, on more than 12,000 acres of Experimental Forests, Rinker Rock Creek Ranch & Taylor Wilderness Research Station in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division I Big Sky Conference, Greek Life with 40 Greek letter organizations, 27 housed on campus, Semester-in-the-Wild class, Largest outdoor rental center in the Pacific Northwest on a college campus, environmental/sustainability clubs.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$28,138 with the WUE award. ALL accepted students from California will receive WUE.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Students at U of I get the best of both worlds—the affordability and research of a large state university, but the access to professors and hands-on opportunities of a smaller university. 66% of undergraduate students participate in research. Our students are also big in sustainability and the outdoors. I love that they are all at U of I to make an impact and better the world. We were founded to make a difference. Our research-driven, innovative spirit began in agriculture, engineering, and military sciences. We continue this tradition today, making an impact on all areas of industry. From providing a high-quality, accessible education — to leading breakthroughs in clean water, cybersecurity, healthcare, agronomics, and fire science — we forge partnerships to improve the lives of all. Voted #1 Best Value University in the West.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [University of Idaho episode](#)

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University of Lynchburg

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,800
- **College location:** Small City
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Lynchburg Regional Airport - 8 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA 3.0, we are test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 96%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision - November 15th, Rolling Admission after
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit Scholarships, \$16,000-\$22,000/year (100% of our students get a merit scholarship). FAFSA for financial aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Nursing, Computer Science, Criminology, Business, Exercise Physiology, Digital Media Marketing, Sport Management, Intelligence Studies, Philosophy-Political Science.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics - Division III – 24 teams. Our baseball team just won the National Championship in Spring, 2023, strong Equestrian Program, strong Lacrosse Program, and strong Swimming Program, Greek Life - yes, 11 fraternities and sororities, outdoor leadership program plans activities every weekend.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$48,790
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** We stand out because we are known for our mindset of “individual growth.” We want our students to have “hands on” learning experience. We have two cadaver labs, a trading room with Bloomberg terminals that our students trade \$100,000 of our endowment money, we have been named second in the state for our criminology program and every year simulate a crime scene on campus and we own 500-acre Claytor Nature Center. We consider this the largest lab in the area for our science students. Last, we have an Outdoor Leadership program that plans programs every weekend for our students. The programs include hiking, biking, kayaking, rock climbing and camping. Tim Slusser, outdoor leadership coordinator, recently took a group of students to the Everglades kayaking.

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University of Maryland

Public University

College Park, Maryland

<https://admissions.umd.edu/>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 30,000
- **College location:** suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport -DCA/13 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA not reported. SAT 1330-1510. ACT 30-34. Test optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 32%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action – November 1 and Regular Decision - January 20
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Apply Early Action (Nov.1) for merit scholarship consideration. Awards range from \$1,200 – full ride scholarship. (<https://admissions.umd.edu/tuition/freshman-merit-scholarships>). For need-based financial aid consideration, complete the FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Student who are undecided have a dedicated college, Letters & Sciences, where their academic advisor will assist with major exploration and preparation to declare. For a full list of over 100 majors, visit <https://admissions.umd.edu/programs>
- **Student Life:** Athletics NCAA Division 1, Greek Life and over 800 clubs.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$59,686. <https://admissions.umd.edu/tuition/cost-of-attendance>
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Maryland, College Park is the state's flagship university and one of the nation's preeminent public research universities. A global leader in research, entrepreneurship and innovation, the university is home to more than 40,700 students, 14,000 faculty and staff, and nearly 400,000 alumni all dedicated to the pursuit of Fearless Ideas. Located just outside Washington, D.C., we discover and share new knowledge every day through our renowned research enterprise and programs in academics, the arts and athletics. And we are committed to social entrepreneurship as the nation's first "Do Good" campus.

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University of Miami

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 10,000 (mid-size)
- **College location:** suburban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Miami International Airport (20-30 minutes, depending on traffic)
- **Average accepted GPA, SAT and ACT test scores and test optional?** Test optional. 3.8 unweighted, recalculated GPA. SAT 1380-1500 & ACT 31-34. More about our class profile here <https://admissions.miami.edu/undergraduate/about/class-profile/index.html>.
- **Acceptance rate:** 19%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision I – November 1, Early Action – November 1, Early Decision II – January 1, Regular Decision – January 1. More about our deadlines here <https://admissions.miami.edu/undergraduate/application-process/options-and-deadlines/>.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Students are automatically considered for an academic scholarship when they apply for admission to UM. If students apply EDI or EA (by our November 1st deadline), they are also considered for Premier Scholarships (range from the full cost of tuition to the full cost of attendance). More about merit scholarships here <https://admissions.miami.edu/undergraduate/financial-aid/scholarships/freshman/index.html>. We meet 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students. CSS Profile & FAFSA needed. More financial aid information here <https://finaid.miami.edu/applying-for-aid/prospective-current-student/index.html>.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Undecided is perfectly fine. Our most popular majors typically fall within the College of Arts & Sciences and the Miami Herbert Business School. We're also very known for our Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science as well as our Frost School of Music. We have 9 undergraduate schools and colleges: School of Architecture; College of Arts & Sciences; Miami Herbert Business School; School of Communication; School of Education & Human Development; College of Engineering; Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science; Frost School of Music; School of Nursing & Health Studies; as well as Pre-Professional tracks. More about our majors here <https://admissions.miami.edu/undergraduate/academics/majors-by-school-or-college/index.html>.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I athletics. 25% of our student body is involved in Greek life (great opportunity if students want to get involved but doesn't make or break social experience if not). 300+ clubs/organizations (engage.miami.edu). More on student life here <https://welcome.miami.edu/student-life/index.html>.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$88,440. More on cost of attendance here: <https://finaid.miami.edu/cost/index.html>.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Our Cognates Program of General Education is our approach to general education courses. Students are able to customize their education, explore their interests and discover connections across disciplines. A cognate is a set of at least three related courses, and students take one cognate in each of the three areas of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, People and Society, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The structure of the Cognates Program is straightforward: your major will fall into one of the three areas of knowledge, and you will complete two additional cognates of your own choosing: one in each of the two areas of knowledge outside your major. This structure allows you to build a well-rounded education with advanced knowledge in at least three subject areas. Read all about our Cognates here <https://admissions.miami.edu/undergraduate/academics/cognates-program/index.html>.

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The University of Missouri

Public University

Columbia, Missouri

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 20,500
- **College location:** College town of about 128,000
- **Distance from nearest airports:** Columbia Regional Airport - 15 minutes; Kansas City Int'l Airport (MCI) - 2 hours; St. Louis Int'l Airport (STL) - 2 hours. (Shuttle from campus to MCI and STL).
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.35 GPA. Test optional. Average ACT 24, SAT 1160. If lower, we evaluate a student's GPA with test scores.
- **Acceptance rate:** 61%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling admission; Priority deadline for scholarships - December 1.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Automatic scholarships up to \$21,500 (full reduction on nonresident fees) depending on GPA or test score (rolling). Students applying without test scores are reviewed holistically.
https://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships/#auto_nonres Departmental Scholarships depending on student's major. (December 1 Deadline). Become a Missouri resident after year one and pay in-state tuition. Information on their website. Need-based aid limited for out-of-state students with FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Journalism (top program in the nation), Business (guaranteed internship), Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Vet, and Engineering. All direct admit (except nursing is pre-nursing), non-impacted majors. Colleges and Schools: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Arts & Science; Business; Education; Engineering; Health Professions; Human Environmental Sciences; Nursing.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 Athletics (Southeastern Conference), Greek Life 27% of campus, 49 Club Sports. More than 600 student organizations with option to create your own student organization.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$51,872 (\$31,627 if you qualify for in-state tuition)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Missouri (Mizzou) is one of only 34 public universities to be selected for membership in the Association of American Universities and is one of only seven public institutions nationwide that can claim a medical school, a veterinary medicine college, a law school, and a nuclear reactor on the same campus. Mizzou has a diverse enrollment with about 30,000 total students from every county in Missouri, every state in the nation, and 105 countries while dually serving as a research and land grant institution. Mizzou is the birthplace of college homecoming and home of the nation's first Journalism School.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [University of Missouri episode](#)

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University of Nevada, Reno

Public University

Reno, Nevada

<http://www.unr.edu>

- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 17,025
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Reno/Tahoe Int'l Airport; 4.3 mi.
- **Avg. accepted GPA & test score:** 3.4 unweighted GPA. Test scores not required. SAT 1060-1270. ACT 20-26.
- **Acceptance rate:** 88%
- **Application deadline:** Rolling
- **Merit scholarships:** \$16,000 National Merit Scholarship; \$1,500-\$8,000 New Freshman Scholarship Awards; WUE Scholarship requires one of the following 3.25 unweighted GPA or 24 ACT or 1160 SAT. WUE is equal to \$13,018. See <https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/wue> for more information about WUE. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students. FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Popular majors: Business, Engineering, Graphic Design, Media Studies, Entrepreneurship, Veterinary Science, Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, International Affairs, Neuroscience, Microbiology & Immunology, Public Health, Kinesiology, Dual-Degree Programs. Colleges and Schools: Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources; Business; Education; Engineering; Liberal Arts; Science; Health Science; Journalism; Social Work; Nursing; Medicine.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics (Mountain West Conference) 15 varsity sports, Greek Life available, Student Government, Study Abroad, Nevada eSports, Nevada Debate Union, 250+ Clubs and organizations.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$46,300 (\$33,282 with the WUE award)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Nevada, Reno was established in 1874 as Nevada's flagship university, and is ranked among U.S. News & World Report's Best Global Universities. It is a Carnegie R1 research institution, with \$182 million in sponsored grants and contracts. As industry leaders continue to make Northern Nevada their home –Apple, Google, Tesla, Amazon, IBM, Switch, Sierra Nevada Corporation to name a few – the University is connecting students and scholars with these innovative neighbors, giving them access to the best tools and resources to meet the needs of a global economy. Just one hour from the recreational opportunities at Lake Tahoe including snowboarding and skiing.

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University of New Mexico

Public University

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 21,000
- **College location:** urban, medium sized city, 5000' elevation, Southern Rocky Mtns. Albuquerque population 600,000.
- **Name & distance from nearest airport:** Albuquerque International Airport – 10 minutes.
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 2.5 GPA (unweighted) Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 97%
- **Application deadlines:** Students are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible. For priority consideration, apply by the following dates: Fall Semester–May 1; Spring Semester–November 15; Scholarship priority deadline – Regents: December 1. Amigo / WUE Plus / WUE Scholarship Priority Deadline: February 1.
- **Merit scholarships: (Most no separate application / automatic review)**
 - WUE scholarship worth approximately \$17,357/year
2.8+ GPA or 960+ SAT or 18+ ACT.
 - WUE Plus scholarship worth approximately \$22,919/year = New Mexico in-state tuition
3.0+ GPA or 1030+ SAT or 20+ ACT.
 - Amigo Scholarship worth approximately \$22,919 + \$200/year
3.5+ GPA & 1130+ SAT or 23+ ACT/ 3.0+ GPA & 1240+ SAT or 26+ ACT.
 - UNM Regents Scholarship approximately \$24,000/year (Requires additional application)
3.90 GPA with deadline December 1.
 - National African American, National Indigenous, or National Hispanic Scholars approximately \$15,000 per/year

Scholarships consider your unweighted cumulative GPA and are renewable for 4 years. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students FAFSA

- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** 200+ Majors: Business (10 concentrations), Film, Fine Arts, Engineering (12 majors), Business, Education, Architecture, Music, Dance, Health Sciences (Pre-med, Pre-Dental), Social Sciences and much more. Our top majors are our Medical, Nursing, engineering, business, as well as creative degrees.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics, Greek Life, Marching Band, Rugby, Club Sports, Student Government, Local Skiing / Snowboarding and over 200 clubs. We have a couple national parks here in NM and near ABQ, we also have great ski slopes in the area and many different concert venues as well as unique restaurants in town.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** Non-resident - \$50,433. Non-resident with a scholarship - \$27,514
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of New Mexico stands out for its rich blend of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and its unique location at the crossroads of the Southwest. UNM offers a vibrant and inclusive community where students can explore a wide range of academic programs while embracing the multicultural tapestry of New Mexico. Its proximity to the Sandia Mountains, the Rio Grande, and a rich Native American heritage creates a distinctive environment for research, learning, and personal growth. UNM's commitment to innovation, social impact, and interdisciplinary collaboration further distinguishes it as a dynamic institution that prepares students to thrive in a complex world.

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University of Oregon

Public university

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 18,607
- **College location:** Suburban college town
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Eugene Airport- 20 minutes; Portland Airport- 2 hours
- **Acceptance rate:** 85%
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.50-4.05 weighted. Test optional.
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action - November 1. Regular Decision - January 15.
 - Self Reported Grades need to be confirmed by February 15th to be considered for scholarships.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit automatically considered with your application for admission. 3.7 weighted GPA = \$7,500. 3.9 weighted GPA = \$10,000. UO Excellence Scholarship = \$15,000. Competitive Stamps Scholarship = tuition reduced to resident tuition (must apply by November 1).
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Top majors: Business (including Sports Business), Journalism & Communication, Psychology, Human Physiology, Biology (pre-med), Economics, Social Science, Computer & Information Science, Political Science and Environmental Science. Unique majors include Product Design, Comic Studies, 3:3 Law, Spatial Data Science and Tech. *new majors in Children's Behavioral Psych, School of Global Studies and Languages and School of Computer and Data Sci
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I Athletics PAC 12 with 17 sports and Greek Life (joining Big 10 for 2024-2025 season). Clubs like Women in Business (most popular club on campus), Running Club and more than 300 clubs. The campus is an arboretum and there are many options for outdoor recreation including hiking, rafting, mountain biking and more.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$64,302 (tuition is \$43,302 and does not increase per the Oregon Guarantee)
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Oregon is uniquely an AAU/Tier 1 research school that boasts top academics with a close-knit community and a robust social experience. Our school of Business is in the top 1% in the world, a top 10 public honors college, nationally ranked sports, but still has a first name basis academic setting. We challenge our students to question critically, think logically, communicate clearly, act creatively, and live ethically. The University of Oregon is uniquely an AAU/Tier 1 research school that boasts top academics with a close-knit community and a robust social experience. Our school of Business is in the top 1% in the world, a top 10 public honors college, nationally ranked sports, but still has a first name basis academic setting.
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [University of Oregon episode](#)

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University of Portland

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,550
- **College location:** Urban, overlooking downtown Portland
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Portland International Airport, 20 minutes from campus.
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** Average GPA 3.65, SAT 1250, ACT 28 composite. We are test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 60%
- **Application deadline:** Rolling admission, recommended deadline of November 15th, final application deadline January 15th
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Merit scholarships that range from \$12,000-\$35,000 dollars per year with lots of financial aid available for students (97% receive financial aid and scholarships). We do not require CSS Profile but do encourage families to submit the FAFSA for additional forms of aid.
- **Most popular, new ,or unique majors:** Direct Entry Nursing, Engineering, Biology, Marketing, Education. We are a Liberal Arts University with Colleges/Schools of Arts & Science; Business; Education; Nursing and Engineering.
- **Student Life:** We have a very active student body. UP is one of the smallest NCAA Division 1 schools in the nation and is most well-known for soccer. We do not offer Greek life but have very strong dorm communities on campus. We have over 100 different unique clubs with some of the most popular being: intramural sports, PDX food club, sustainability UP, outdoor pursuits, and our Pilots After Dark program that includes exploring the city and surrounding area.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** Roughly \$73,000 before Financial Aid and Scholarships
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Portland is a small, private, catholic, teaching university that is devoted to educating both the minds and hearts of students in one of the most beautiful collegiate settings in the country. The virtues of the University of Portland are many, as you will see: small class sizes, wide choices of courses and majors, a lovely campus, easy access to both downtown Portland and the lush natural beauties of Oregon's mountains, forests, and coast. What we emphasize most at the University of Portland is the attention to the student as a person.

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University of Redlands

Private University
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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,300
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** About 90 miles from San Diego. 25 miles from Ontario International Airport
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.80. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 70%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action & Early Decision- November 15th and Regular Decision - January 15th
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** All students are considered for merit scholarships via review of their Common App. Awards range from \$20,000-\$34,000. Over 90% of our students receive financial aid with the average award offer being \$52,500. Students who qualify for the Cal Grant A and have at least a 3.5 academic GPA will have their full tuition covered in grants and scholarships. FAFSA is the only document required our code is 001322.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Unique majors – Health, Medicine, and Society, the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies (design your own major), Theatre Business, Global Business, Human-Animal Studies, Communication Sciences & Disorders. Popular majors – Environmental Studies, Biology, Business, Psychology. 4+1 Programs for business and education programs: masters in 5 years.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division III Athletic Teams in the SCIAC conference, go Bulldogs! Greek Life is available as well as academic honor societies, Outdoor Programs, KDAWG radio station, Big Buddies, eSports, and various community service organizations through Community Service Learning.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$78,638 (more than 90% of students receive financial aid).
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of Redlands offers an intentional blend of the liberal arts, sciences, pre-professional, and a design your own major program through the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies. At the University of Redlands, you are the central character, and the possibilities are all around you. Our Redlands graduation promise ensures that students are challenged, inspired, and prepared as they graduate in four years, guaranteed. Nearly 90% of recent graduates were employed or pursuing an advanced degree one year after graduation.

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University of Rochester

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 6,000
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Rochester International Airport, 6 minutes away
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.8 GPA, SAT: 1330-1510. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 35%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision 1: November 1st, Early Decision 2: January 5th, Regular Decision: January 5th. We do not have EA.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Priority scholarship deadline: December 1st. Average merit scholarship amount is \$12,000-\$15,000, require FAFSA and CSS Profile for need-based aid. Offer research grants and scholarships for first-year applicants who are interested in conducting their own research on campus (\$3,000-\$4,000). The University of Rochester is committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need of all incoming students through a combination of scholarships, grants, subsidized loans, and student employment opportunities.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Biological and biomedical sciences, health professions (premed and nursing) engineering, psychology, business
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletic Division III, Greek life available. Performance and ensemble groups, academic councils, club and intramural sports, ski club, fencing club, ASL club. We have 300+ clubs and organizations!
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$85,858
- **Visit Program:** [Multicultural Visitation Program \(MVP\)](#)- our overnight fly-in program for underrepresented, first generation, and low-income students who would not otherwise be able to travel to visit the campus. Coincides with the University of Rochester's *Research Rochester* open house. Students who participate in MVP stay overnight in the dorms with a current student host, experience special programming, and have the opportunity to experience the open house event.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** What really makes the University of Rochester unique is our curriculum. We have an open curriculum in which students do not have any general education requirements that they must follow. This gives students the freedom and flexibility to study what they love and explore their academic interests and passions. Students can get started with their major requirements right from their first semester on campus or explore their options from our list of 70 academic majors until they find something that is the right fit for them.

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University of San Diego

Private University

San Diego, California

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 5,669 undergraduate students
- **College location:** large city, urban area
- **Name & distance from nearest airport:** San Diego International Airport - 15 miles
- **Average accepted GPA & test scores:** 4.0-4.4 (weighted GPA. We are test-free this year.
- **Acceptance rate:** 46%
- **Application deadline:** Regular Decision - December 1st. No early decision or early action.
- **Merit Scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships range from \$18,000 – \$25,000 and go to approx. top 40% of incoming class, given based on academic achievements and changemaker qualities. Merit scholarships do not require an extra application. Students are automatically evaluated for merit scholarships when they apply. University Scholarships: First year students can reach out to 4 departments on campus to inquire about scholarships; NROTC, Chorale, Music, and some of the athletic sports teams. Outside Scholarships: We encourage our students to apply to outside scholarships to help cover the cost of attendance. FAFSA: Deadline for state of CA is March 2nd. Apply even if you don't think you are eligible because the application is free and it takes about 20 minutes to fill out.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Popular: Business Administration, Psychology, Engineering, Behavioral Neuroscience. Unique: Environmental and Ocean Sciences
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics: Division 1, interested athletes need to fill out a prospective athlete form which can be found on the athletics webpage. Sorority/Fraternity Life: 9 sororities, 9 fraternities; 27% of our student population participate in fraternity/sorority life on campus. Club/Intramural Sports Teams. 180+ Clubs and Organizations. The Commons (Cultural and Identity Based Centers): Black Student Resource Commons, Women's Commons, LGBTQ+ Allies Commons, United Front Multicultural Commons
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$76,700
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The University of San Diego is set at the edge of an international gateway on a campus that's consistently ranked among the nation's most beautiful. Our focus on academic excellence — inspired by faith, infused with contemporary Catholic values, and nurtured in a warm, community environment — empowers innovative, confident, original thinkers to make positive contributions by confronting humanity's urgent challenges in places near and far.

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University of the Pacific

Private University

Stockton, California

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 3,500
- **College location:** Suburban
- **Distance from nearest airport:** 10 mins from Stockton Metropolitan Airport, 40 mins from Sacramento International airport. 1-1.5 hours from Oakland and San Francisco International airports
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.55 GPA (not including Pre-Dental or Pre-Pharmacy Advantage applicants); Test optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 70% acceptance rate (not including Pre-Dental or Pre-Pharmacy applicants)
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action - November 15th, Required Deadline for Pre-Dental and Pre-Pharmacy - November 15th, Regular Decision - January 15th. Apply on Common Application or Pacific Application: connect.pacific.edu/apply.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Admitted students are automatically considered for all Academic Merit Scholarships ranging from \$12,000 - \$28,000. These four-year scholarships are renewable each year, as long as students maintain the required GPA and meet all other eligibility criteria. Honors program scholarship - Powell Scholarship Annual Award is \$44,000/year (GPA 3.7+) requires students to apply on the Common Application or Pacific Application, admission application must be submitted by Dec 1 st to be considered.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Pre-Dental Advantage, Pre-Pharmacy Advantage, Pre-Law, Pre-Med, Pre-Physical Therapy, Business Administration, Computer Science, Engineering (Bioengineering, Computer, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Engineering Management, and Engineering Physics), Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Speech Language Pathology, Dental Hygiene, Health Exercise and Sport Science, Music (Jazz Studies, Music Composition, Music Education, Music History, Music Industry Studies, Music Management, Music Performance and Music Therapy), Studio Art, Graphic Design, Media X (Film Studies), Marketing, Business Analytics, Sport Management, Sports Analytics
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 with 17 Men and Women sports offered, 165 Intramural teams and Sport Clubs, over 180 clubs and organizations, 26 Greek organizations - Fraternity and Sorority life at Pacific is home to 11 social fraternities and sororities and 15 professional fraternities. The Baun Fitness Center is 18,000 sqft, equipped with modern cardio, weightlifting equipment, 36 ft. rock climbing tower, fitness programs, and personal trainers. Our Tiger Escapes program has a variety of exciting day trips on the weekends throughout Northern California. Students can study abroad in 65 countries from short-term to a year exchange program in Japan, South Korea, France, Germany, and Sweden. Our Student Government (ASuop) provides exclusive & fun activities for students such as TigerLands, Brickyards, off-campus excursions. Room & Board covers housing, meal plans, and laundry credits. Our residential community offers game room, study space, social lounge, a large community kitchen, and access to the complex pool.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$72,374. 89% of students receive on average \$27,929 in financial aid.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Located in Northern California, University of the Pacific offers a gateway to some of the fastest growing economic and cultural centers in the world. Pacific and the surrounding area are on the cutting edge of science and math-based disciplines, health, the arts, and business innovation. Offering real- life learning outside the classroom, University of the Pacific has big university choices with small college caring.

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The University of Vermont (UVM)

Public University

Burlington, Vermont

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 12,000
- **College location:** Urban, small town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Burlington International Airport (BTV) 3 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average GPA 3.8 (4.0 scale). SAT 1310-1480. ACT 30-34.
*Test scores averages reflect applicants who submitted them. Applicants through Fall of 2026 are not required to submit standardized test scores.
- **Acceptance rate:** ~59%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision: November 1, Early Action: December 15, Regular Decision: January 15
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Up to \$20,000 of merit-based aid for out-of-state students. Students are automatically considered for merit aid at the time of application. 91% of UVM students receive financial aid. FAFSA only.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular majors include: Environmental Studies, Nursing, Business, Liberal Arts. Most well-known for letting students explore their interests (i.e. the “typical” UVM can be described as the Civil Engineering Major with a minor in Spanish who plays in the pep band, is into cycling, and is a member of the Ski & Snowboarding club)
- **Student Life:** NCAA D1 Athletics with 18 Varsity Sports. 9% of students involved in Fraternity + Sorority Life. Most popular extracurricular activities: #1 largest ski and snowboarding club in the United States (over 3,000 members). Outing Club for outdoor activities. Robust study abroad opportunities
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$61,442
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Located in the vibrant city of Burlington, the University of Vermont combines a rich history with a commitment to innovation and progress. Founded in 1791, UVM is a premier research university known for its diverse academic programs, strong emphasis on experiential learning, and a unique balance between a bustling campus life and intimate class settings. Nestled between the Adirondack and Green Mountains and on the shores of Lake Champlain, UVM offers students both outstanding natural beauty and a culturally vibrant community, making it an inspiring backdrop for transformative learning experiences. For more information, please visit our [UVM Overview page](#) and our [Admissions Resources](#).
- **The College Tour TV Show:** [University of Vermont episode](#)

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Wake Forest University

Private University

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** Around 5,500
- **College location:** Midsize City
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Greensboro Airport (GSO), 30-minute drive
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** No average GPA - we do not recalculate. Test optional since 2008. Averages are: 33 ACT, 1478 SAT for those that submit scores.
- **Acceptance rate:** 22 %
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision (binding, rolling) | Deadline: November 15; decisions are released on a rolling basis. Early Decision II (binding) | Deadline: Jan 1st; decisions in mid-February. Early Action (First-Generation College Students Only) | Deadline: Nov 15; decisions in mid-January. Regular Decision (non-binding) | Deadline: Jan 1st; decisions in late March
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Wake Forest meets 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students. The FAFSA and CSS Profile are required in determining need. Priority filing date matches the application deadline. Priority deadline for merit-based scholarship consideration is November 15. Priority deadline for the talent-based Presidential Scholarship (Dance, Debate, Art, Music, and Theater) is November 15. The Presidential Scholarships require a separate application. Limited number of Signature Scholarships up to full cost of attendance (must apply by Nov 15).
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors** 10:1 student faculty ratio. Average class is ~22 students. Wake Forest is a true liberal arts institution: students take classes in a variety of academic disciplines across 52 majors, 63 minors before choosing a major as a sophomore. Politics & International Affairs, Communication, Psychology and Economics are popular majors. Majors within The School of Business (Finance, Accounting, Mathematical Business, Business & Enterprise Management) are also very popular. Wake Forest also offers strong preparation for Medical and Law Schools. Our students are admitted at rates higher than the national average. Relatively new major is the ABET accredited Engineering program.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division 1 Athletics with 56 conference championships in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). 250+ student organizations including Greek life, Club & Intramural sports, and service learning. Roughly two-thirds of our students study abroad at least once. Wake Forest also partners with over 200 different study abroad and domestic locations worldwide. <http://studyabroad.wfu.edu/>
- **Visit Program:** Offers fly-in programs for underrepresented students. Usually connected with admitted student day and typically includes some specialized programming from our “First in Forest” Center (for First-Generation students), The Multicultural Center, and more.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$87,622. Average need-based financial aid package for 2022-23 = \$60,677 in grants and scholarships.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** As the nation’s premier collegiate university, we offer the personal attention of a liberal arts college with the resources of a large research institution. We invite you to learn more about our campus community — intellectually curious people who value the life of the mind, strong character, and authenticity. Over 80% of students come from outside North Carolina. 33% Ethnic diversity. Our Motto – “Pro Humanitate” (for humanity)- invites us to use our ideas, knowledge, talents, and compassion on behalf of humanity in all its differences and diversity. We graduate leaders with integrity and courage who use their personal and professional success to make an impact on society, for humanity.

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Washington State University

Public Tier 1 Research University

Pullman, Washington

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 17,827 total students (15,578 are undergrad).
- **College location:** small town, rural
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Pullman Regional Airport – in town, Spokane International Airport – 78 miles away.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.4 and WSU is test blind.
- **Acceptance rate:** 75%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling, priority deadline for fall 2024 is March 31st. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based financial aid:** Students with a 3.0 unweighted GPA or higher earn an automatic \$11,000 Cougar Award scholarship (WUE) per year for 4 years. 700+ additional scholarships are available through one general scholarship application which is due by January 31st. Limited need-based aid for out-of-state students. WSU offers a transfer WUE scholarship as well.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most Popular: Nursing, Engineering, Psychology, Business, Computer Science, Sports Medicine and Athletic Training, Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences. Most Unique: Winemaking, Hospitality and Business Management, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Speech and Hearing Sciences, and many Pre-Vet tracks through our Animal Science, Zoology, and Wildlife Ecology and Conservation majors. WSU Pullman is home to the only School of Veterinary Medicine in WA, and we are also home to the WSU Bear Center which is just one of our many unique opportunities for students to work with animals. Newest Major: Cybersecurity.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division I athletics. 60 fraternity and sorority chapters. Over 450 student clubs and organizations including 60+ culturally based clubs and 80+ club sports and intramurals.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$49,952. With WUE/Cougar Award (3.0 GPA or higher): \$38,952.
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** The passion and spirit revolving around WSU is like no other. Students and alumni go all out to support the Cougs at home games and we are a tier 1 research university with an active and vibrant student body and campus culture. Go Cougs!

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Wentworth Institute of Technology

Private Institution
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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 4,000
- **College location:** Urban- in Boston, MA
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Boston Logan International Airport- about 6 miles away, 15 minutes by car or 30 minutes by train
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.5 GPA and test scores are optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 85%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action I: November 1 | Early Action II: January 1 | Regular Decision: February 1
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** 100% of students considered for merit-based scholarships ranging from \$10,000-\$25,000 with no additional applications required. An additional \$1,000 of merit money for EA1 applicants. Need-based financial aid only requires FAFSA.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Architecture, Construction Management, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Data Science, Cybersecurity. Exploratory track options for students who are undecided in a certain field.
- **Student Life:** DIII athletics and active student involvement in clubs or professional associations (National Society of Black Engineers, Construction Management Club, Rocket Club, Milk Club). City of Boston events- Fenway Park, Prudential Center, Newbury Street, Boston Common, TD Garden, etc.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$57,000
- **“What is unique or makes your school stand out?”** Wentworth provides hands-on learning to its future-focused and career-ready students. All students complete two full semesters of co-op, strengthening their job opportunities and increasing their return on investment. They take advantage of the Boston city around them, while benefitting from the small class sizes and close-knit community on campus.

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Western Colorado University

Public University

Gunnison, Colorado

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 2,200
- **College location:** Rural, small town
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Denver International Airport: 200 miles. Gunnison–Crested Butte Regional Airport, 1.7 miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.12-3.93. ACT 21-27. SAT 1020-1200. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 90%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships based on GPA. 3.35-3.74- \$8,000 per year. 3.75-3.99- \$9,000 per year. 4.0- \$10,000 per year. WUE award is \$4,326 and students can choose to accept the WUE award or merit scholarship, whichever is higher. Students can also apply for FAFSA and 80% of students receive aid.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Exercise and Sports Science, Education, Biology, Environmental Science, Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Division II Athletics. Many clubs including mountain sports, wilderness pursuits, club sports, intramural sports and the Western Mountain Rescue Team.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$39,046
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, our university's unique setting, small size and low-cost ensure that you'll receive a personalized education, gain practical experience in your field.
- Check out Western Colorado's episode on "The College Tour"
<https://www.thecollegetour.com/tour-colleges/western-colorado-university/>

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Western Washington University

Public university

Bellingham, Washington

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 14,000
- **College location:** suburban, small town
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Bellingham International Airport, 7.3 miles or Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 102 miles.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.46 GPA. SAT 1090-1310. ACT 22-29. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 96%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action: November 1, Regular Decision: January 31
- **Merit scholarship/Need-based Aid:** Merit Scholarships for Out of state students - Competitive WUE (\$14,934) minimum 3.9 GPA eligibility. WAE award for \$8,000 per year with most recipients with at least a 3.0 GPA. Multicultural Achievement Program scholarship requires an additional essay. Award ranges from \$2,000-\$3,000 per year. National Merit Finalists guaranteed a minimum scholarship award combination of \$10,000 across all university scholarships.
- **Most popular, new, and unique majors:** Most popular - Marine & Coastal Science, Teacher Education, Environmental Science/Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Computer Science, Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management, Business Administration.
- **Student Life:** NCAA Athletics Division II; No Greek Life; Over 200 clubs; Lakefront Boathouse for students to rent sail boats, kayaks, canoes, SUP, etc. Less than 1 hour to Mt. Baker for hiking, camping, backpacking, skiing, snowboarding. Downtown Bellingham is <10 min walk and includes a movie theatre, coffee shops, local restaurants, boutique shops and hotels as well as an active nightlife
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$49,812
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Western isn't a place where you show up for four years, learn a few things, and get a job that bores you. That's for normal schools. We want people with an appetite for ambition. People who want to learn about the universe, and then change it. At Western, students develop the world's first transparent solar window, professors help send rovers to Mars, and graduates teach code to fifth graders. Through close relationships with professors, a community dedicated to equity and justice, and academic excellence, we help people find their purpose. And we inspire them to pursue that purpose with everything they've got. We bring together those who want to change the world, with the people who are changing it.

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Whittier College

Private 4-year Liberal Arts College

City, State- Whittier, CA

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** approximately 900 students. Average class size 19 students (50% have less than 20 students). Student to faculty ration 12 to 1
- **College location:** Suburbs of Whittier, CA (18 miles southeast of Downtown Los Angeles, 16 miles northwest of Anaheim)
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** 27.4miles-Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** Average accepted 2.9 GPA. Test-free
- **Acceptance rate: 75%**
- **Application deadlines:** Early Action – November 15. Regular Decision – July 25. See website for financial aid deadlines.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Over 85% of students at Whittier College receive financial aid. John Greenleaf Whittier Scholarship - \$15,000-36,000 (based on 9th-11th grade GPA). Leadership scholarship \$5,000 annual renewable scholarship. Talent Scholarship \$1,000-12,000 per year for students interested in participating in Whittier's Art, Music, or Theater, based on audition, or portfolio, student does not need to be a fine or performing arts major to qualify for scholarship.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Most popular: Biology, Business Administration, Child Development, English, Kinesiology, Psychological Sciences. Preprofessional programs: engineering (with USC), Health sciences/pre-med advising programs, physical therapy advising programs. Whittier scholars program: allows students to design their own major and pull coursework from a particular career-path or field of interest. PICES program: students can obtain a bachelor's degree in Child Development and a teaching credential in K-12 Special Education at the same time within 4 years.
- **Student Life:** Athletics: NCAA Division III. Society's - Whittier's 10 Societies (similar in character to fraternities/sororities) have been an integral part of Whittier's traditions since the 1920s, when the earliest societies were founded as literary groups. The four pillars of Societies at Whittier College are friendship, scholarship, leadership, and community service. Just a few blocks from the College, Uptown Whittier boasts 64 cafes and restaurants, a movie theater, 17 clothing stores, a farmer's market, and dozens more shops for students to explore and enjoy.
- **Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** \$68,886
- **What is unique or makes your school standout?** Whittier College is a residential four-year liberal arts institution that prepares students from diverse backgrounds to excel in a complex global society. Through challenging, interactive courses, taught by accomplished professors, students learn to make connections across disciplines, understand cultural perspectives, and integrate learning with practical application. Inspired by a Quaker heritage, the Whittier education equips students to be active citizens and effective communicators who embrace diversity and act with integrity.

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Willamette University

Private University

Salem, Oregon

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 1,330
- **College location:** Urban location in Oregon's state capital (~175,500 people) – college town feel!
- **Distance from nearest airport:** Portland Int'l Airport, 1 hour drive, shuttles provided.
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** GPA 3.6 (unweighted), SAT 1300, ACT 26. Test optional.
- **Acceptance rate:** 80%
- **Application deadlines:** Early Decision/Early Action November 15, Regular Decision February 1. FREE to apply. Only 1 supplemental question, answered in a paragraph. Students who apply by November 15th receive the *renewable \$1,000 Leader's Award* to celebrate their proactivity with the college process!
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** All financial aid is *renewable and stackable!* Merit Aid: \$25,000-\$33,000 a year. No additional application is required – everyone who applies to Willamette is eligible. Competitive Scholarships: Scholarships ranging from \$2,000-\$12,000 that are based around a talent/interest area, including Debate, Music, Theatre, Studio Art, Public Health, STEM, and Environmental Science. To be considered for one of these awards, students must complete an additional application (early applicants submit by Nov 17th, regular applicants submit by Feb 1st), which may include an audition or portfolio submission (for the art awards). These awards do come with required participation – if students accept a science-based or theatre award it is expected they major in that topic, but the other art awards generally only require a minor or participation in department activities. Need-Based Willamette grants available – students must complete the FAFSA to qualify.
- **Most popular, new or unique majors:** Psychology, Politics Policy Law & Ethics, Environmental Sciences, STEM, Business, English, and Performing Arts. 3+2 BA/MBA, 3+3 BA/JD, and 3+1 BA/MS in Data Science.
- **Student Life:** NCAA DIII Athletics with ~1/3 of students involved with our 20 teams. Club and Intramural sports too. About 10-15% of students involved with Greek Life. 75+ clubs including the Outdoors Club, Affinity/Multicultural Groups, 20 Music/Performing Arts Clubs.
- **Visit Programs:** One-time fall travel voucher for seniors who are visiting campus through the Admissions Office. Reimbursed for up to \$400 for travel expenses. Expires 12/15/23. Students who have experienced hardships or first generation, low-income, free/reduced lunch with other barriers to higher education can apply for the Access to Excellence Fly-in program. All costs covered for the student and one family member. <https://willamette.edu/arts-sciences/admission/visit/a2e/index.html>
- **Estimated Total Cost of Attendance 2023-2024:** ~\$66,220. Average Financial Aid Package per incoming student is \$40,446 – in other words, students pay about \$25,774 on average for a year at Willamette!
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** We are the oldest institution of higher education west of Mississippi, with a liberal arts focus and a small, tight-knit community. The hands-on learning opportunities at Willamette are abundant – in fact, every student is *required* to complete an internship, research position, or study abroad program before they graduate. We are the closest college/university to a state capitol in the US, where 80% of the capitol interns are our students. We also have vibrant programs in environmental science and pre-health fields – students in those areas especially enjoy doing research in Zena (our 305-acre forest), or across the street at Salem Health (one of the largest hospitals in Oregon). Love the fine arts? We have *another* campus (called the Pacific Northwest College of Art) in Portland where students can focus on everything from animation to fashion design. We also have dual degree offerings in law, business, and data science, through which students can earn their undergraduate *and* graduate degrees by the time they leave Willamette.

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Woodbury University

Private University
Burbank, California

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- **Undergraduate student enrollment:** 900
- **College location:** Urban
- **Distance from nearest major airport:** Bob Hope Airport 1.2 Miles
- **Average accepted GPA and test scores:** 3.39 GPA. Test Optional
- **Acceptance rate:** 63%
- **Application deadlines:** Rolling, Priority Deadline for Scholarships Fall (March 1) Spring (Nov 1).
*Application fee can be waived by attending a Woodbury event or setting up an appointment with a counselor.
- **Merit scholarships/Need-based aid:** Merit scholarships \$8,000-\$20,000 per year. \$20,000 Presidential Merit Scholarship for 3.70 GPA and above.
FAFSA Profile, Recommend Cal Grant for CA Students, *Some additional Donor-Sponsored Gifts not listed.
- **Most popular, new, or unique majors:** Popular Majors: Architecture, Accelerated Master of Business (3+1 Program), Animation and VFX, Fashion Marketing, and Psychology
We have also just launched: Environmental Science, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science in Data Analytics, Design Computation, and Applied Computer Science in Media Arts.
- **Student Life:** No formal sports, but a basketball court, swimming pool, and volleyball court available for recreational activities. 3 Greek Organizations. Over 30 clubs on campus, with opportunities to found new clubs. <https://woodbury.edu/student-organizations/>
Music festival "Woodstock" held on campus every year. Annual Fashion Show for Senior Fashion Designers. Gallery on campus for local art exhibitions Lecture Series available through schools
- **Total Cost of Attendance:** ~\$62,000
- **What is unique or makes your school stand out?** Woodbury offers a unique experience that is personal, communal and practice based. Every major requires an internship, giving students work experience and a competitive advantage after graduation. We're also located in one of the most exciting and vibrant communities in the world—in the heart of Southern California's creative economy. Our student-to-faculty ratio is 9:1 and our average class size is just 15, enabling students to engage and learn in ways that are generally not possible at larger institutions Our size also enables us to provide a more personalized approach to our educational and extracurricular offerings.

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