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ADRIAN COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,678 (97% full time, 3% part time)
- 50% female, 50% male
- 8% African-American, 1% Asian-American, 76% Caucasian, 3% Hispanic, 1% Native American
- 78% in-state, 22% out-of-state;
 1% international, 5% transfer students
- 89% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 92%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 3,263 students applied; 2,101 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 64%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 90 full-time faculty (90% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

80 organizations and 29 intercollegiate teams, including men's and women's hockey, equestrian team and women's varsity bowling

Greek life: Fraternities (30% of student body) and sororities (30% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Greek life, athletic events, homecoming, theater productions, concerts

MAJORS

47 undergraduate programs, with a focus on liberal arts and sciences

Most popular majors: Athletic training, business administration, criminal justice, education, performing arts

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad, internship program, independent study, Chicago Center

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters, May term

HOUSING

Freshman quad, single and double rooms, air-conditioned apartments, air-conditioned suite and single apartments, air-conditioned apartment complex, sorority and fraternity houses, theme houses

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$28,606
- Required fees: \$350Room and board: \$8,796
- Books and supplies: \$600-\$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, application
- Types of aid available: Grants, scholarships, loans, work-study

- 98% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$18,000 per year
- Call 888.876.0194 or visit www.adrian.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.3
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: High school transcript and ACT or SAT score
- Materials recommended: None
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 High school transcript, ACT or SAT score,
 all college transcripts
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment:
 Call school for deadlines

Note: Spring 2012 information

About the school: Adrian College is a residential campus that offers an education that prepares you for active engagement in a changing world. Although it has ties to the United Methodist Church, its students come from diverse religions, cultures and backgrounds. The campus is safe and compact but located in a city big enough to provide social opportunities. Miles from Detroit: 71 • 110 S. Madison St., Adrian, MI 49221 • phone: 517.265.5161 • fax: 517.264.3331 email: admissions@adrian.edu • website: www.adrian.edu • ACT code: 1954

ALBION COLLEGE



Albion College

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,268 (98% full time, 2% part time)
- 50% female, 50% male
- 4% African-American, 2% Asian-American, 79% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic, 0% Native American, 11% other
- 89% in-state, 8% out-of-state; 3% international
- 90% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 83.5%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 4,886 students applied; 2,970 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 61%

FACULTY

- 11-1 student/faculty ratio
- 98 full-time faculty (86% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 100 student organizations **Greek life:** Fraternities (52.5% of student body) and sororities (42.4% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student Volunteer Bureau, music groups, intramural sports, intercollegiate sports, Greek organizations

MAJORS

60 academic majors and seven interdisciplinary concentrations

Most popular majors: Psychology, biology, economics and management **Degrees available:** Bachelor of Arts,

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Special academic programs: Foundation for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity; study abroad; preprofessional institutes, including business management, public service, health care and sustainability

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters

HOUSING

Six residence halls, plus four university

apartment buildings. Housing options include double/single rooms and suites.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available in select outdoor locations, all academic buildings and most areas in campus housing

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$36,872; per credit hour: \$1,500
- Required fees: \$428
- Room and board: \$10,550
- Books and supplies: \$900

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, campus work opportunities, college awards
- 99% of all students receive financial assistance, a merit award and/or need-based financial aid

- Average need-based financial aid package: 30,750 per year
- Call 800.858.6770 or visit www.albion.edu/admission

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.5
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 25
- Application fee: \$40; free online
- Documents required: Admissions application, high school transcript, ACT or SAT score, counselor recommendation, essay
- Materials recommended: Admissions interview
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Admissions application, high school
 transcript, college transcript, statement of
 good standing
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Early action, Dec. 1; regular decision, Feb. 1

About the school: Under the Albion Advantage, our students experience hands-on learning in the classroom and develop professional skills through independent research experiences; internships in business, government and nonprofit settings; and involvement in campus organizations. Ninety-four percent of our graduates are employed, pursuing graduate degrees or engaging in volunteer service within six months of graduation. Miles from Detroit: 90 611 E. Porter St., Albion, MI 49224 • phone: 800.858.6770 • fax: 517.629.0569 • email: admission@albion.edu • website: www.albion.edu • ACT code: 1956

ALMA COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1 396 (97.1% full time, 2.9% part time)
- 54.7% female, 45.3% male
- 3.4% African-American, 1.6% Asian-American, 83.8% Caucasian, 1.2% Hispanic, 0.6% Native American, 8.4% other
- 90.3% in-state, 9% out-of-state; 1% international, 3.2% transfer students
- 93% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 78%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,338 students applied; 1,683 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 75%

- 12-1 student/faculty ratio
- 92 full-time faculty (76% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Greek life: Fraternities (23.6% of student body) and sororities (30.2% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Greek life, athletic events, homecoming, Honors Day

MAJORS

41 undergraduate programs, with a liberal arts and science foundation

Most popular majors: Biology, business administration, integrative psychology and health science, psychology, education

Degrees available: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of

Special academic programs: Study abroad programs in 15 countries; special courses in New York Arts Program, Philadelphia Center Internship Program, Urban Life Center in Chicago, Washington Semester Program

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Four months of fall term, four months of winter term, one month of spring term (4:4:1)

HOUSING

Nine coed residence halls. Unit capacity varies from 8 to 200 students. Single- and double-occupancy and suite rooms are available

WIRELESS ACCESS

27 labs with 341 workstations; wireless network available in the library, all housing units and academic buildings and most other buildings on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$34,190
- Required fees: \$395
- Room and board: \$9,490
- Books and supplies: \$926

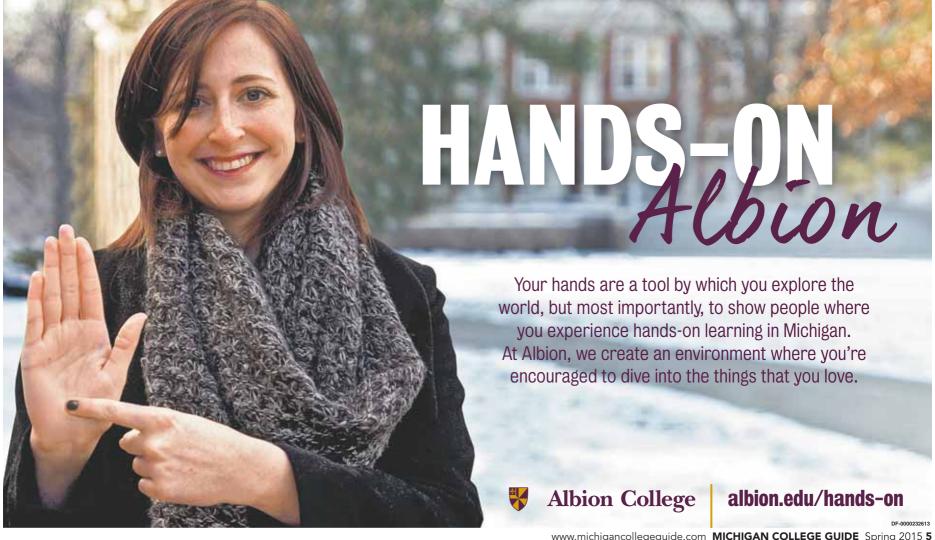
FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, work-study, grants, loans
- 99% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$24,110 per year
- Call 989.463.7347 or visit www.alma.edu/ admissions/financial-aid/

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.5
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 24
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: High school transcript, entrance test results
- Materials recommended: Letters of
- Materials needed for transfer students: High school and college transcript, transfer recommendation form

About the school: Alma College, a Phi Beta Kappa institution, offers a personalized education with multiple paths and experiences leading to success. Strong academic programs and a deep regard for students as individuals are fundamental to its residential program. The college's student/faculty ratio of 12-1 ensures an educational experience that's challenging and extremely personal. Alma College offers a four-year graduation promise, the Alma Commitment, and a pledge that each interested student can participate in an experiential learning opportunity, such as an internship, research fellowship or study abroad, backed by \$2,500 in Alma Venture funding from the college. Miles from Detroit: 138 • 614 W. Superior St., Alma, MI 48801 • phone: 989.463.7139 • fax: 989.463.7057 email: admissions@alma.edu • website: www.alma.edu • ACT code: 1958



ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Andrews & University

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,589 (87% full time, 13% part time)
- 55% female, 45% male
- 30% African-American,
 15% Asian-American, 42% Caucasian,
 13% Hispanic, 0.5% Native American,
 0% other
- 49% out-of-state, 39% in-state;
 12% international
- 57% live on campus
- Freshmen (second-year) retention rate: 79%

INCOMING FRESHMAN

- 1,809 students applied; 879 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 49%

FACULTY

- 12-1 student/faculty ratio
- 218 full-time faculty (75% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

60 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MAJOR!

More than 30 undergraduate programs and 50 graduate programs, with a liberal education foundation

Most popular majors: Health sciences, business administration, visual performance, architecture, biology, life sciences

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral

Special academic programs: Adventist
Colleges Abroad, with campuses in
Argentina, Austria, France, Germany, Italy
and Spain; extensive international shortterm study programs as part of the academic
year; integrated five-year architecture
program resulting in a master's degree

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Three single-sex residence halls. Housing for married couples and graduate students is available.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network available in all libraries, classrooms, computer labs, administrative work areas and some of the college housing

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$21.550
- Required fees: \$692

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, financial aid application
- Types of aid available: Local, state and federal government aid; Andrews
 Partnership Scholarship program, based on high school GPA and ACT or SAT scores; university-funded need-based aid program
- 97.6% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$21,664 per year
- Call 269.471.3334 or visit www.andrews.edu/SF

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.36
- Average SAT score: 1028
- Average ACT score: 22
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT or SAT scores, references
- Materials recommended: N/A
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official college transcript

Note: Spring 2010 information

About the school: Andrews University is a Christian university located in southwestern Michigan in the village of Berrien Springs. Andrews is the flagship university of the Seventh-day Adventist school system. Miles from Detroit: 198 • 8975 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 • phone: 800.253.2874 • fax: 269.471.6900 email: enroll@andrews.edu • website: www.andrews.edu • ACT code: 1992

Access, Affordability and Outcome

Government rating system attempts to shed light on value for students

tudents in search of a college or university have so many options; it's hard to know where to even begin. When making a choice, how can students know they will experience value for their investment?

The U.S. Department of Education is seeking to provide students and their families with information about how schools measure up in regard to access, affordability and outcome. In the works since announced in 2013 by President Barack Obama, a new college rating system is promised to be available for use by students before the start of the 2015 school year.

As the framework was drafted, the Department of Education held public forums and requested feedback about what metrics would be most helpful for users of the system. Initially, the resource will provide information, gleaned from a variety of government data sources, about two-year associate degree-granting schools and four-year baccalaureate-and-above schools, but not graduate-only schools or non-degree granting institutions.

Unlike other privately developed ordinal rankings, the Department of Education stresses that the resource will be a "ratings system" intended to highlight success and weakness in institutions of higher learning.

The National Association for College Admissions Counseling, or NACAC, has expressed concern about any



A new college rating system will be available before the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

system that compares institutions that are not standardized and in which the wants and needs of students are highly individual. Since 2011, NACAC has been on record about its concerns regarding the popular U.S. News & World Reports rankings through a report that acknowledges consumers' desire for an authoritative voice to confirm which school is "best." As the issue is highly complex and individual, NACAC encourages students instead to develop their own lists and offers tools to meet this goal on its website at www.nacacnet.org.

The objective measure of value is tricky, says Patrick O'Connor, Ph.D., associate dean of college counseling at

Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills.

"When two people pay the same price for an experience, say, a music concert, they may hear the same music, but the impact on one concertgoer can be incredibly different for reasons not even important to the other concertgoer," O'Connor says.

College rankings can have negative effects on institutions by encouraging them to place value on selectivity and de-emphasize student outcomes, according to a 2014 report by the American Council on Education. This effect negatively impacts institutional access to low-income students, the opposite of colleges' stated goals.

The bottom line? As always, it's important to determine individual desires, including location, cost and course offerings. Then, talk with your high school counselor, suggests Gretchen Parks, president of the Michigan Association for College Admissions Counseling, or MACAC.

"Sit down and have a parent and student meeting with your counselor," Parks says. "Talk about what you think you'd like to do, and if you don't know the answer, that's OK. Turn the tables and talk about where you see yourself never wanting to live. Knowing what you don't want will help to lead you to what you do want."

– Claire Charlton

AQUINAS COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,863 (88% full time, 12% part time)
- 60% female, 40% male
- 3% African-American, 85% Caucasian, 5% Hispanic, 7% other or unknown
- 93% in-state, 6% out-of-state; 1% international
- 45% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 75.8%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,602 students applied; 1,847 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 70%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 86 full-time faculty (80% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 70 student organizations

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Spring Fling, homecoming weekend, Wake-Up People, improv shows at the Moose, intramural sports

MAJORS

60 undergraduate and five graduate programs, with a liberal arts education foundation

Most popular majors: English, business, sustainable business, psychology, biology, history, mathematics

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree

Special academic programs: POHI (physically or otherwise health impaired), sustainable business, community leadership, teacher certification, nursing degree collaboration with University of Detroit Mercy, athletic training, sports management, theater

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Coed dormitories, apartments and theme houses

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$27,332 (12-18 credits)
- Required fees: \$394
- Room and board: \$8,350
- Books and supplies: \$800

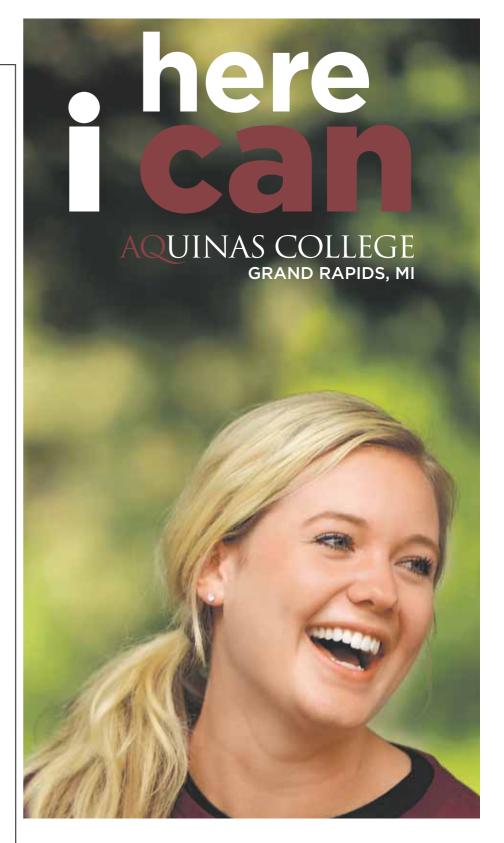
FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, campus work opportunities, college awards
- 98% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$21,739 per year
- Call 616.632.2893 or visit www.aquinas.edu/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.46
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23.64
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT or SAT test scores
- Materials recommended: Letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Aquinas College, located in Grand Rapids, the medical, cultural and business center of western Michigan, is a dynamic Catholic and liberal arts college with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. Aquinas offers 14 degree programs with more than 61 majors. Aquinas' location in the second-largest city in Michigan affords students numerous opportunities for internships. Students study overseas in Ireland, France, Spain, Germany, Japan, Italy and Costa Rica. Miles from Detroit: 150 • 1607 Robinson Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 • phone: 800.678.9593 fax: 616.732.4469 • email: admissions@aquinas.edu • website: www.aquinas.edu • ACT code: 1962



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BAKER COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 28,000 (61% full time, 39% part time)
- 70% female, 30% male
- 17% African-American. 1% Asian-American, 78% Caucasian, 3% Hispanic, 1% Native American
- 1% out-of-state, 98% in-state; 1% international, 25% transfer students
- 5% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 60%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 15,800 students applied; 15,600 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 99%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 139 full-time faculty (12% are Ph.D.s)

MAJORS

155 undergraduate programs and 14 graduate programs

Most popular majors: 40% health and human services; 30% business, management, marketing and related support services

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral Special academic programs: Certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer quarters

HOUSING

Coed residence halls (number varies depending on location)

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network accessible on all campuses in all buildings except for select living areas

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$8,280
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$3,000
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Baker application
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional grants, loans, scholarships
- 80% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$9,335 per year
- Visit www.baker.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: N/A
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: \$20
- Documents required: High school transcript or GED
- Materials recommended: N/A
- Materials needed for transfer students: High school transcript or GED, official college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

Allen Park Campus

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Port Huron Campus 3403 Lapeer Rd., Port Huron, MI 48060 Ph: 810.985.7000 Fx: 810.989.2351 Email: daniel.kenny@baker.edu

About the school: The largest private college in Michigan, Baker College serves more than 28,000 students on nine campuses, three satellite locations, the Auto/Diesel Institute of Michigan and the Culinary Institute of Michigan. The school grants certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in business, health and human services, education and technical fields. The Baker College System is proud to have achieved a graduate employment rate of more than 97 percent. Baker College won the 2008 and 2009 National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. • website: www.baker.edu

CALVIN COLLEGE

CALVIN





UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,894 (97% full time, 3% part time)
- 55% female, 45% male
- 2.5% African-American,
 - 4.4% Asian-American, 75% Caucasian, 3.3% Hispanic, 0.4% Native American, 2.9% two or more races, 1.6% unknown
- 50% in-state, 38% out-of-state; 12% international, 7.7% transfer students
- 60% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 87%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 3,679 students applied; 2,691 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 73%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 275 full-time faculty (85% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 70 student organizations Greek life: Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Dance Guild, Rangeela (international student talent showcase), fall and spring music and arts festivals, collegiate athletics and intramurals

master's degree

86 undergraduate programs and five graduate programs, with a liberal arts

Most popular majors: 7.2% business, 6.2% nursing, 4.7% psychology, 4.5% biology, 9.5% engineering, 5.5% elementary education, 4% kinesiology Degrees available: Bachelor's degree,

Special academic programs: Study abroad, Honors Program, Services to Students with Disabilities, Entrada Scholars Program, academically based service-learning program, Summer Science Research

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters, plus a January interim

Seven coed residence halls and three livinglearning communities; free laundry facilities; recreation areas have table tennis, pool, foosball and study booths; 13 on-campus apartment buildings

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in select areas of academic buildings and residence halls, more than 1,000 computers on campus for general student use

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$29,400; per credit hour: \$700
- Required fees: \$235
- Room and board: \$9,485
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Calvin Supplemental Application for Financial Aid
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, work-study
- 98% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$23,900 per year
- Call 616.526.6134 or visit www.calvin.edu/admin/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.69
- Average SAT score: 1180
- Average ACT score: 26.0
- Application fee: \$35; fee waived if received before Dec. 1
- Documents required: Application, essay, test scores, transcript, educational recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students: Same as above, plus college

About the school: Calvin College is a top-ranked liberal arts college that prepares students to think deeply, to act justly and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Calvin is proud to offer 100+ majors and programs with advanced courses that are often compared to graduate-level study for their remarkable depth of learning. Calvin students conduct in-depth research, gain experience in real-world internships and make global connections by studying abroad in more than 30 countries. Miles from Detroit: 150 • 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 • phone: 616.526.6106 • fax: 616.526.6777 email: admissions@calvin.edu • website: www.calvin.edu • ACT code: 1968

Student Voices



Major: Communication (Chinese Language and Civilization minor)

Class of: 2017

Ikaika Binkowski



Q. Why did you choose Oakland University?

Hometown: Woodland, MI

I chose Oakland University for two reasons; one was location. OU is a comfortable two hours from my home, which meant that I could be a good distance from my parents yet close enough to see them. The second reason I chose Oakland was to start new. All my friends chose larger Michigan universities, but I did not want to go to college with any of my friends and instead chose Oakland University. It was the best decision for me; over the past three years, I have made friends that I will keep for a lifetime.

Q. How is OU preparing you for a career? My minor in Chinese Language and Civilization enabled me to learn Chinese for the past three years. Soon I'll move to China to pursue a teaching degree in English.

Q. What did you learn from living on campus?

Living on campus taught me how to socialize with diverse groups of people. I was able to meet and talk with students from China, France and many other parts of the world, which gave me a deeper understanding of what this world really has to offer.

Q. What's your favorite OU event?

My favorite OU event is the Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration. The event captures the colors, smells and tastes of an authentic Chinese new year without being in China. There are great performances, delicious food and tons of interesting stories from people who lived in China.

Q. Who's your favorite professor and why?

Since I took her Chinese 114 class, Wendy Shyu has been my favorite professor. She is extremely nice, very approachable, hilarious and one of the greatest professors I've ever had. She genuinely cares for her students. If you ever have a question or need to talk, she will take time out of her day to help.

Q. What do you love about OU's campus?

My favorite part of OU's campus is its beauty. No matter what season, you need to just pause and take a look around campus to see the endless beauty. In the fall, the trees are full of color. In the winter, you can see deer roaming the grounds. And during the summer and spring, the campus is bursting with warmth and new life.

Q. Who is your favorite famous former OU student?

My favorite former OU student is the legend himself, David Hasselhoff, one of the manliest men alive. From Knight Rider to Baywatch, the Hoff can do no wrong.

Q. What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

Never settle. If your goal is to meet 10 friends in college, don't settle. Try to meet 100 friends. This can be applied to all aspects of life — don't settle for good if you can do great. Also, step out of your comfort zone. College is a time where you can reinvent yourself and do things that you may not have done in the past. Join a student org, participate in a talent show or ask that cute guy/girl out — you might be surprised at what happens.

Q. Describe how OU has changed your life?

Oakland University changed my life in so many ways. It brought out my maturity and confidence. I have grown into the man my parents dreamed of me being.

Oakland University

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 20,794 (87% full time, 13% part time)
- 56% female, 44% male
- 8% African-American,
 1% Asian-American,
 79% Caucasian,
 3% Hispanic,
 1% Native American,
 3% international,
 2% two or more races,
 3% other
- 93% in-state, 4% out-of-state; 3% international, 7% transfer students
- 30% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 76%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 17,999 students applied; 12,565 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 69%

FACULTY

- 20-1 student/faculty ratio
- 798 full-time faculty (82% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 300 registered organizations **Greek life:** Fraternities (6% of student body) and sororities (10% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student organizations, homecoming, siblings weekend, indoor and outdoor concerts, student newspaper, Division I-A athletic events and intramural sports, working out in the Student Activity Center

MAJORS

More than 200 undergraduate programs and 70 graduate programs, with a liberal education foundation

Most popular majors: 23% business and marketing, 11% education, 7% psychology, 7% communication and journalism

Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's, specialist's, doctoral

Special academic programs: Accelerated, work-study, distance learning, double major, dual enrollment, English as a second

language, internships, student-designed major, study abroad, teacher certification

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

16-week fall and spring; six-week summer I and summer II semesters

HOUSING

22 residence halls. All halls are coed.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available everywhere on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$11,550; \$385 per credit hour
- Out-of-state, full time: \$23,670; \$789 per credit hour
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$8,780
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants; scholarships; federal, state and private

loans; employment; veterans' programs

- 78% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$13,814 per year
- Call 888.392.0007 or visit www.financialaid.cmich.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.34
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$35
- Documents required: High school diploma, GED
- Materials recommended: Interview, portfolio
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript, statement of good standing
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions; priority: Dec. 1

About the school: Central Michigan University enrolls more than 28,000 students, including more than 21,000 on its 480-acre Mount Pleasant campus. Founded in 1892, CMU today offers more than 200 professionally oriented undergraduate and graduate programs at bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree levels. CMU provides off-campus programs to more than 7,000 students at 60 centers across Michigan and North America. Miles from Detroit: 150 200 E. Preston St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48859 • phone: 989.774.3076 • fax: 989.774.7267 • email: cmuadmit@cmich.edu • website: www.cmich.edu ACT code: 1972

CLEARY UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 657 (56% full time, 44% part time)
- 58% female, 42% male
- 8% African-American,
 1% Asian-American, 72% Caucasian,
 1% Hispanic, 1% Native American,
 17% other
- 99% in-state; 1% international, 74% transfer students
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 69%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 51 students applied; 33 students accepted
- Acceptance Rate: 65%

FACULTY

- 10-1 student/faculty ratio
- Full-time faculty: N/A (12.5% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Human Resources & Organizational Leadership Association (HROLA), Cleary Professional Accounting Association, Accounting/Fraud Examiners Club, Marketing Club, Cleary Student Veterans Association

Greek life: Not offered

MAJORS

Four undergraduate programs and one graduate program, with a focus on business education

Most popular majors: Business enterprise, accounting technology, event and meeting management, information technology, business management, marketing and new media, health care management, corporate finance, corporate and public accounting, sustainability management, business development and sales, corporate communication and public relations

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring terms, plus summer session

HOUSING

Not offered

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in all academic buildings

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$17,760 (based on 48 quarter credit hours); per credit hour: \$370
- Required fees: Included
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: Included

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal and state grants, loans, scholarships
- 83% receive financial aid

- Average need-based financial aid package: \$13,595 per year
- Call 800.686.1883 or visit www.cleary.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.72
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 22
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: High school diploma or GED, transcripts, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials recommended: Letters of recommendation, résumé
- Materials needed for transfer students: Previous college transcript
- Admissions (traditional students):
 Minimum high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, minimum ACT score of 19
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Aug. 15

Note: Fall 2011 information

About the school: Cleary is a private business university with a Livingston County campus accessible by I-96 and M-5, and an Ann Arbor campus accessible by US-23. At Cleary, students who begin a program and remain continuously enrolled are guaranteed the same tuition rate for the program's entirety.

Livingston Campus: 3750 Cleary Dr., Howell, MI 48843 • miles from Detroit: 50 • phone: 800.589.1979 • fax: 517.552.7805 • Ann Arbor Campus: 3601 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 • miles from Detroit: 38 • phone: 800.686.1883 • fax: 734.332.4646 • email: admissions@cleary.edu • website: www.cleary.edu

ACT code: 1974

Worksheet: Design Your Dream College

Not sure how to choose a college? You might find it difficult to separate what you want from where your friends will be attending, or even from the desire to get away from home. Use this questionnaire to determine the living and learning environments best for you. Then, use the College Comparison Chart on page 12 to rank your top contenders.

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Worksheet: College Comparison Chart

Affiliation: public, private, religious-affiliated, single-sex, ethnically affiliated Student population: very small (fewer than 1,000), small (1,000-3,999), medium (4,000-8,999), large (9,000-19,999), very large (20,000+) Distance from home: one-hour drive or less, one- to four-hour drive, four- to eight-hour drive, plane ride or train trip Type of campus: residential, commuter Community: urban, suburban, rural General curriculum: liberal arts, technical, vocational, professional Campus activities in which I plan to participate: sports, music performance groups, clubs, Greek life, etc. Specialized programs: honors, special-needs services, study abroad, graduate and professional co-enrollment, distance learning Computers: wireless access, computer labs, school distribution of individual laptops Will research facilities (libraries, labs) support my course of study? How impressive will this school appear on my résumé to future employers? Very impressive, impressive, not impressive To what extent do professors teach courses? Student/teacher ratio Average class size Are my majors of interest offered? Can I pursue a master's degree or doctorate degree at this school if I desire? Am I required to live on campus? Housing available: single doms, shared rooms, off-campus, married housing, fraternities
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and sororities, smoke-free, single-sex, special-needs accessible, interest-based
Can I have a car on campus?
How much will this school cost per year (tuition, room and board, books, supplies, transportation)? Less than \$10,000, \$10,000-\$20,000, \$20,000-\$30,000, \$30,000+
Are work-study, grants, scholarships or loans available to bridge the gap?
Your scores/grades School #1 School #2 School #3
Class rank of incoming freshman class: top 1%, top 5%, top 6%-10%, top 11%-20%, 20%-40%, 40%-100%
Average ACT/SAT
Average GPA
Selectivity: highly selective (5% or fewer of applicants), selective (5%-20% of applicants), moderately selective (20%-40% of applicants), open admissions (40% or more of applicants)

COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,382 (81% full time, 19% part time)
- 50% female, 50% male
- 9% African-American, >1% American Indian or Alaska Native, 4% Asian,
 57% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic/Latino,
 >1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 14% other or unknown
- 82% in-state, 18% out-of-state;
 7% international, 37% transfer students
- 38% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 81%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,870 students applied; 869 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 46%

FACULTY

- 9-1 student/faculty ratio
- 47 full-time faculty (% are Ph.D.s: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

18 student organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Black Artists Researching Trends, Gay/ Straight Alliance, SIGGMO (student chapter of SIGGRAPH), Industrial Design Committee, Student Budget Committee, American Society of Interior Designers

MAJORS

13 undergraduate programs and four graduate programs

Most popular majors: Advertising: design, advertising: copywriting, art education, crafts, entertainment arts, fine arts, graphic design, illustration, photography, interior design, product design, transportation design Degrees available: Bachelor of Fine Arts in 12 majors, Master of Fine Arts in four majors Special academic programs: Study abroad, internships, student exchange program, AICAD/Mobility Program

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and summer semesters

HOUSING

Apartment-style, coed residence hall with 250 beds; loft-style, coed residence hall with 220 beds

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$37,560; per credit hour: \$1,252
- Required fees: \$1,390
- Room only: \$5,000
- Books and supplies: \$2,600

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional scholarships; grants; work-study; loans
- ullet 98% receive some form of financial aid

- Average need-based financial aid package: N/A
- Call 313.664.7495 or visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.19
- Average SAT score: 1055
- Average ACT score: 22.0
- Application fee: Free online
- Documents required: Application, ACT or SAT scores, high school/college transcripts, portfolio
- Materials recommended: Letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, high school and college transcript, portfolio
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Dec. 1 for early action; Feb. 1 for priority admission; applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis after Feb. 1

About the school: College for Creative Studies is where inspired art and design evolve. Located in Midtown Detroit, CCS exposes students to the rich cultural history of Detroit while teaching them the skills necessary to be successful in their chosen fields. • 201 E. Kirby St., Detroit, MI 48202 • phone: 313.664.7425 or 800.952.ARTS • fax: 313.872.2739 • email: admissions@collegeforcreativestudies.edu • website: www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu • ACT code: 1989

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 667 (85% full time, 15% part time)
- 57% female, 43% male
- 9% African-American, 2% Asian-American, 85% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic, 1% Native American, 1% Hawaiian Pacific Islander
- 80% in-state, 19% out-of-state; 1% international, 35% transfer students
- 60% live on campus

INCOMING FRESHMEN

Acceptance rate: 68%

FACULTY

- 14-1 student/faculty ratio
- 41 full-time faculty (39% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

29 clubs, groups and organizations; 14 intercollegiate teams and member of the National Association of Intercollegiate

Athletics and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

Greek life: Not offered

MAJORS

38 undergraduate and three graduate programs, with an emphasis on the liberal arts

Most popular majors: Education, churchwork related careers, business, liberal arts/ English, family life

Degrees available: Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science

Special academic programs: Post-bachelor's teaching certificate, study abroad

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

15 single-sex residence halls. Separate two-bedroom, fully air-conditioned suites with semi-private bathrooms. Some single rooms and married housing available. No more than 32 students in each building. Each has a resident assistant, spiritual life representative and senator. One centrally located dining hall.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available throughout campus and dorms

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$21,600; per credit hour: N/A
- Required fees: \$200
- Room and board: \$7,978
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Concordia University application
- Types of aid available: Loans, scholarships, need-based grants, awards to students who graduate from Lutheran high schools, alumni grants and academic, music, art and athletic

scholarships

- 98.8% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$9,500
- Call 734.995.7408 or visit www.cuaa.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.2
- Average SAT score: 1070
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: High school diploma or GED; ACT or SAT score
- Materials recommended: Essay, activity sheets
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Aug. 1

Note: Spring 2012 information

About the school: Located on the Huron River and just minutes from the art and culture of downtown Ann Arbor, Concordia University's campus occupies 187 acres and is accessible by US-23, I-94 and I-96. Concordia is a private Christian liberal arts university. Miles from Detroit: 40 • 4090 Geddes Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 • phone: 888.282.2338 • fax: 734.995.7530 • email: admission@cuaa.edu • website: www.cuaa.edu • ACT code: 1977

CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,361 (86% full time, 14% part time)
- 57% female, 43% male
- 5% African-American, 0.9% American/ Alaska Native, 2% Asian-American, 86% Caucasian, 0.1% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2% Hispanic, 0.5% two or more races, 3% nonresident alien
- 76% in-state, 20% out-of-state;
 3% international
- 61% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 75.65%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,394 students applied; 1,648 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 69%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 58 full-time faculty (59% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

737 (Music), ACT:s (Social Justice), CU Student Activities, CU Student Government, CU Land Project, Double Helix Club (Genetics), Kappa Theta Gamma, Emergency Response Team, English Society, Enactus, Historical Society, ICCE, Multicultural Organization, Mu Kappa, Pre-Med Group, Ritmos (Hispanic Students), Students for Life, The Gathering (African American Students)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Music, comedy, parties, dance, food and sports are all part of the mix. Students can also be involved in small groups, drama and worship teams, athletics, theater, music ensembles and student government.

MAJORS

More than 60 undergraduate and 21 graduate programs

Most popular majors: Health science/ pre-professional, business, psychology, art of ministry (youth ministry), social work Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree Special academic programs: Honors program, internships, study abroad

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters

HOUSING

Eight residence halls: two male halls, three female halls; one (coed by floor) hall situated on the second and third levels above the baseball stadium; two apartment buildings

WIRELESS ACCESS

All public areas on campus have 100% connectivity. Computer labs available.

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$26,100; per credit hour: N/A
- Required fees: Included
- Room and board: \$8,560
- Books and supplies: \$500

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional loans; scholarships
- 100% of first-time freshmen receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$23,811 per year
- Visit www.cornerstone.edu/financial-aid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.45
- Average SAT score: 1551
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$25; free online
- Documents required: High school transcript, essay, Christian leader recommendation, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Same as above, plus college transcript
- Application deadlines for enrollment:
 Jan. 15 for spring semester, Aug. 15 for fall semester

About the school: Cornerstone University, founded in 1941, is a private liberal arts university where academic excellence and faith are intertwined. Its 130-acre campus is located less than five miles northeast of downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan's second-largest metropolitan area. Cornerstone offers more than 60 undergraduate programs in the arts, sciences, theological and professional studies, as well as 21 advanced degrees. At Cornerstone, students can discover what they want to do and strengthen who they want to be, all in a supportive community that openly embraces Jesus Christ. Upon graduation, 100 percent of Cornerstone's students have an internship or practical experience in their major. Miles from Detroit: 150 • 1001 E. Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 phone: 800.787.9778 • fax: 616.222.1418 • email: www.cornerstone.edu • website: www.cornerstone.edu • ACT code: 2002

DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 6,810 (37% full time, 63% part time)
- 61% female, 39% male
- 17% African-American, 3% Asian-American, 75% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic, 1% Native American, 2% other
- 1% international, 42% transfer students
- 13% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 61%

FACULTY

- 15-1 student/faculty ratio
- 155 full-time faculty (33% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

42 organizations and clubs

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Siblings weekend, homecoming, climbing wall, Spring Fling, Panther Prowl, orientation, Business Professionals of America, intercollegiate sports, men's hockey, rugby, baseball, women's volleyball, basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, lacrosse, track and field, soccer

MAJORS

57 undergraduate programs, 1 EMBA, 6 MBA, 1 MM, 5 MS, 1 MSIA, 1 ME

Most popular majors: Networking technology, computer information systems, nursing, allied health, management, general studies, health care (MBA)

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's and master's degrees

Special academic programs: Accounting Honors Program BBA/MBA; study abroad; English as a second language; postbaccalaureate, graduate and post-graduate certificates

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 1 and 2 semesters, winter 1 and 2 semesters, spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

Three residence halls: two apartment-style, one traditional-style

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$18,090; per credit hour: \$603
- Required fees: \$300
- Room and board: \$4,772-\$8,382 (main campus only)
- Books and supplies: Varies

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Davenport scholarship applications
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional grants, student loans and scholarships; employer tuition reimbursement and more
- 80% receive financial aid

- Average financial aid package: \$4,387 per year
- Visit www.davenport.edu/financial-aid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.00
- Average SAT score: 967
- Average ACT score: 20.70
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: High school transcript, qualifying ACT/SAT and/or COMPASS Test
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

Main Campus

6191 Kraft Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49512 800.686.1600

Southeast Michigan locations: Livonia

19499 Victor Pkwy., Livonia, MI 48152 800.686.1600

Warren

27650 Dequindre Rd., Warren, MI 48092 800.686.1600

About the school: Founded in 1866, Davenport University is a private, nonprofit university serving about 9,000 at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health professions. Miles from Detroit: 150 (main campus) • 6191 Kraft Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49512 • phone: 800.686.1600 • fax: 616.698.0333 website: www.davenport.edu

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF MUSIC EDUCATION



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 21 (100% full time, 0% part time)
- 28.6% female, 71.4% male
- 100% in-state; 0% out-of-state; 0% international
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: N/A

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 91 students applied;
 46 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 50.5%

FACULTY

- 4-1 student/faculty ratio
- 1 full-time faculty (15% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Not offered

MAIOR

Six undergraduate majors

Most popular majors: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Music Performance, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Songwriting

Degrees available: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Music Performance, pursuing excellence in guitar, bass, drums or vocals; Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Songwriting; Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Music Entrepreneurship

Special academic programs: One-year certificate programs, six-week short courses

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring semesters

HOUSING

Not offered

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available throughout the building

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$12,999
- Required fees: Included

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: Federal income tax return from previous year, tax documents from parents or spouses; bank statements and investment statements may also be requested.
- Types of aid available: Private scholarships
- 68% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$4 397 63
- Call 313.223.1600

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.8 (2.5 is required)
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: \$0
- Documents required: Academic

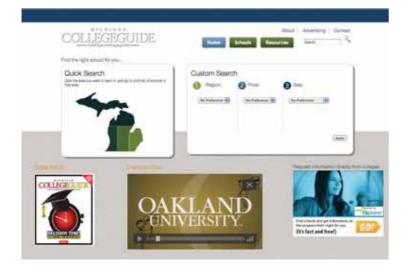
transcripts; photo ID; Social Security card or birth certificate or passport

• Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

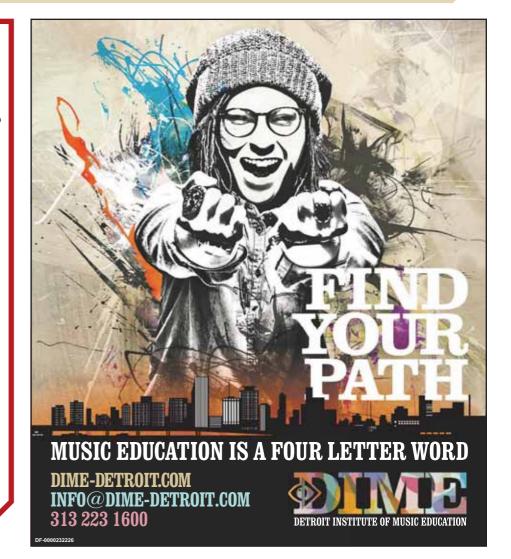
About the school: Detroit Institute of Music Education is a music college for serious musicians who desire a long-term career in modern music. The programs give performers a high level of technical proficiency, as well as comprehensive understanding of the modern music industry. DIME's brand-new, state-of-the-art college includes three live performance spaces and is located in downtown Detroit. Miles from Detroit: 0 • 1265 Griswold St., Detroit, MI 48226 phone: 313.223.1600 • email: info@dime-detroit.com • website: www.dime-detroit.com • ACT code: N/A

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 18,208 (71% full time, 27% part time)
- 59% female, 41% male
- 19% African-American, 2% Asian-American, 66% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic, >1% Native American, 6% other
- 91% in-state, 10% out-of-state;
 2% international, 40% transfer students
- 23% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 75.27%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 16,360 students applied; 11,445 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 69.96%

FACULTY

- 18-1 student/faculty ratio
- 750 full-time faculty (75.53% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Approximately 350 student organizations **Greek life:** Fraternities (4% of student body) and sororities (4% of student body)

MAJORS

330 undergraduate and 201 graduate programs

Most popular majors: 5% psychology, 5% nursing, 5% elementary teaching, 3% criminology/criminal justice, 3% biology Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's,

specialist, doctoral

Special academic programs: Honors
College, Holman Learning Center, American
Humanics certification, study abroad,
EMU WORLDWIDE, post-bachelor's
certificate and teaching certificate, graduate
certificate, advanced graduate certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and summer terms

HOUSING

12 coed halls. First Year Experience Program: Six residence halls, single-sex floors in a coed environment, coed floors by suites. The Towers: Three halls, single and double rooms and dining services for all student

levels. The Village: apartment-style units. Downing: Honors College housing. Buell: suite-style for upperclassmen. Many halls offer communities based on student interest.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$9,663; per credit hour: \$275
- Out-of-state, full time: \$25,705; per credit hour: \$810
- Required fees: \$1,419 (includes registration, student union, technology and general fees)
- Room and board: \$8,940
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal and state grants, loans, scholarships and work-study; institutional scholarships and

- grants; institutional athletic grant-in-aid; expendable and endowed scholarships through academic departments
- 83% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$9,921 per year
- Call 734.487.0455 or visit www.emich.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.27
- Average SAT score: 1006
- Average ACT score: 22.14; Plus Writing recommended but not required
- Application fee: \$35 online
- Documents required: Application with fee, official transcript, test scores
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Application with fee, college transcript
- Application deadlines for enrollment:
 Students are considered for admission and scholarships at time of application; school begins awarding scholarships in October for the following fall.

About the school: Founded in 1849, Eastern Michigan University is located in historic Ypsilanti, about 10 miles east of Ann Arbor. EMU is easily accessible by the US-23 and I-94 freeways, and its 803-acre campus of scenic flora includes 18 miles of walkways and jogging trails. Miles from Detroit: 40 • P.O. Box 921, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 • phone: 800.468.6368 • fax: 734.487.6559 • email: undergraduate.admissions@emich.edu • website: www.emich.edu • ACT code: 1990

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 13,357 (68% full time, 32% part time)
- 53% female, 47% male
- 7% African-American,
 2% Asian-American, 79% Caucasian,
 4% Hispanic, 1% Native American,
 2% international, 3% two or more races,
 2% unreported
- 91% in-state, 6% out-of-state; 3% international, 16% transfer students
- 26% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 71%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 10,426 students applied; 8,176 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 78%

FACULTY

- 16-1 student/faculty ratio
- 748 full-time faculty (% are Ph.D.s: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 215 organizations **Greek life:** Fraternities (4% of men)
and sororities (1% of women)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Ferris Fest, January Jams, Bulldog Bonanza, Autumn Alive Concert, Welcome Week, homecoming week, Rockin' in the Rankin, The Big Event

MAJORS

More than 180 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, with a focus on career orientation

Most popular majors: 9% criminal justice/ pre-criminal justice, 7% nursing/pre-nursing, 6% pharmacy/pre-pharmacy, 5% business administration/MBA, 4% education

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, professional doctoral

Special academic programs: Honors program, study abroad, distance learning, independent study, internships, weekend

college, teacher certificate, doctorates in pharmacy and optometry, certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

19 coed residence halls with one-, two- and four-person rooms; campus apartments for families/singles

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$10,444; per credit hour: \$373
- Out-of-state, full time: \$16,800; per credit hour: \$560
- Required fees: \$162 (refundable)
- Room and board: \$9,168
- Books and supplies: \$900

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, non-need and need-based aid, work-study
- 82% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$10,950 per year
- Call 800.433.7747 or visit www.ferris.edu/admissions/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.23
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 21.8
- Application fee: \$30; no fee for online applications
- Documents required: High school diploma or GED, ACT (Plus Writing not required) or SAT I score
- Materials required for transfer students: ACT/SAT I score, college transcript
- Application deadline for fall enrollment: Aug. 1

About the school: Ferris State University in Big Rapids specializes in career-oriented, technological and professional education that will provide you with the foundation for future success. Students can choose from 170 degrees and enroll in small classes that are taught only by faculty, not graduate students. Ferris graduates are highly sought-after by employers and have an 86% placement rate after graduation. Miles from Detroit: 209 • 1201 S. State St., Big Rapids, MI 49307 • phone: 800.433.7747 • fax: 231.591.3944 • email: admissions@ferris.edu • website: www.ferris.edu • ACT code: 1994

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 521 (87% full time, 13% part time)
- 67% female, 33% male
- 2% African-American,
 3% Asian-American, 74% Caucasian,
 1% Hispanic, 2% Native American,
 18% other
- 19% out-of-state, 81% in-state;
 5% international, 12% transfer students
- 26% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 80%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 782 students applied;
 570 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 73%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 49 full-time faculty

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

12 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

14 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams, chorus, intramural sports, skiing/snowboarding club, student senate

MAJORS

26 undergraduate programs

Most popular majors: 21% nursing, 15% business, 12% physical therapist assistant, 11% art and design, 9% education, 7% rural human services, 5% criminal justice, 5% liberal studies

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree

Special academic programs: 10 study abroad exchanges in Finland, cooperative program with Michigan Technological University Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

One coed residence hall. Suite-style rooms (two to a room; four share a bathroom), free high-speed Internet in rooms, 24-hour quiet floor

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in the residence hall and in academic buildings/library

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$20,980; per credit hour: \$699
- Required fees: \$250 per semester
- Room and board: \$7,426
- Books and supplies: \$1,500

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Finlandia University application
- Types of aid available: Merit scholarships, endowed scholarships, institutional grants, state and federal grants and loans, work-study

- 98% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$17,500 per year
- Call 906.487.7261 or visit www.finlandia.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Deferred admission: Yes
- Early decision: No
- Average high school GPA: 2.93
- Average SAT score: 1100
- Average ACT score: 21
- Application fee: Free
- Documents required: High school transcript, standardized test scores
- Materials recommended: Campus visit
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

Note: Fall 2014 information

About the school: The northernmost university in Michigan, Finlandia University is located on the Keweenaw Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula and is accessible by U.S. Route 41. The university's home is Hancock, a town of about 4,000 residents on the Portage Lake canal, just off Lake Superior. Finlandia is a private liberal arts university. Miles from Detroit: 556 • 601 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930 • phone: 877.202.5491 • fax: 906.487.7383 • email: admissions@finlandia.edu website: www.finlandia.edu • ACT code: 2058

GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 336
- 49% female, 51% male
- 80% of undergraduates live on campus

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 0 full-time faculty

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

10 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student government, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer

MAJORS

Most popular majors: Worship arts, youth ministry, intercultural studies, human services, education, criminal justice Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree **Special academic programs:** Cooperative programs with Davenport and Cornerstone universities, Bachelor of Theology internship

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters; January, May and August terms

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- Full time: \$17,850; per credit hour: \$595
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$7,400
- Books and supplies: \$450 (average)

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional scholarships
- 85% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$9,100 per year
 Call 616.538.2330 or visit www.gbcol.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Deferred admission: No
- Early decision: No
- Average high school GPA: 3.10
- Average SAT score: 1390
- Average ACT score: 20
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application, high school transcript, recommendation forms, ACT score
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Documents listed above, plus college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

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About the school: At Grace Bible College, we understand life is not about pinnacle experiences; it's about allowing your greatness in Christ to shine in everyday circumstances. Experience the everyday at Grace. Miles from Detroit: 155 • P.O. Box 910, 1011 Aldon St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509 phone: 800.968.1887 • fax: 616.538.0599 • website: www.gbcol.edu • ACT code: 2001

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 24,447 (87.5% full time, 12.5% part time)
- 58% female, 42% male
- 6.9% African-American, 3.1% Asian-American/Pacific Islander, 91% Caucasian, 4.3% Hispanic, 1.5% Native American, 4.3% multiethnic, 1.2% unknown
- 93.8% in-state, 4.8% out-of-state; 1.3% international, 8.4% transfer students
- 27% of freshmen live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 82%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 17,880 students applied; 14,596 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 82%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 1,657 full-time faculty (78% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 375 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (54% of men) and sororities (7.6% of women)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Greek life, intramural sports, volunteer and service opportunities, academic and professional organizations, sports clubs

MAJORS

86 undergraduate and 33 graduate programs, with an emphasis on liberal education

Most popular majors: English, pre-business, biomedical science, education, psychology, nursing, exercise science, allied health sciences, criminal justice, biology Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral degree

Special academic programs: Honors college, study abroad, student exchange, multicultural program, post-bachelor's certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

Traditional, suite-style and apartment-style living centers (mix of two-person rooms and four-person suites). All buildings are alcoholand tobacco-free. On-campus apartments available for juniors and seniors.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available in all academic buildings

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$10,752; \$448 per credit hour
- Out-of-state, full time: \$15,408; \$642 per credit hour
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$8,200
- Books and supplies: \$800

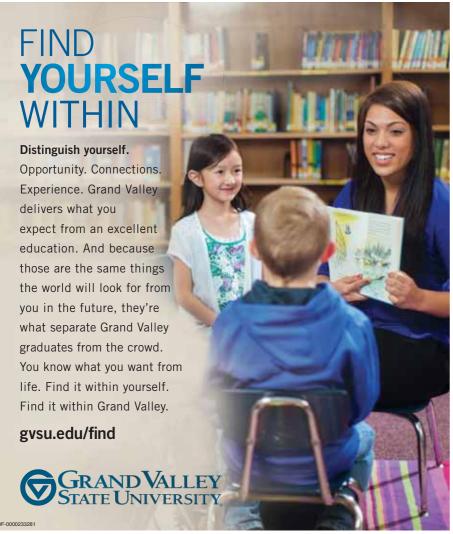
FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, GVSU application
- Types of aid available: Loans, grants, work-study, scholarships
- 94% full-time dependent students receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$13,276 per year
- Call 616.331.3234 or visit www.gvsu.edu/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.5
- Average ACT score: 24
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: High school diploma, ACT score
- Materials recommended: College prep curriculum
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Orientation/enrollment deposit, May 1

About the school: Grand Valley State University's main campus is situated on 1,322 acres, 12 miles west of Grand Rapids. Classes are also offered at the Robert C. Pew Campus in Grand Rapids, the Meijer Campus in Holland and through centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. With more than 200 areas of study, GVSU has established a reputation for preparing students to excel in virtually every field. With state-of-the-art facilities, real-world research opportunities and some of the most modern student housing in Michigan, GVSU should be on your visit list. Miles from Detroit: 169 • 1 Campus Dr., Allendale, MI 49401 • phone: 616.331.2025, 800.748.0246 • email: admissions@gvsu.edu • website: www.gvsu.edu • ACT code: 2005



Close to Home or Far Away Do you have your sights on a destination college?

You attend college to progress academically, meet new people and prepare for your career. But college can also be a time to pursue a personal passion, to travel the world or to deepen your knowledge through cutting-edge research.

Nationally, most students attend college in their home states, an average of 152 miles from home. About 13 percent, however, travel across the country — or even across the world — to attend a "destination college." In Michigan, 11 percent of college-bound students attend out-of-state schools, according to U.S. Department of Education data.

Students who pursue education outside of Michigan's private colleges and public universities often seek a unique educational offering, says Patrick O'Connor, former president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and associate dean of college counseling at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills.

"Michigan has some great universities, but when it comes to a campus of 5,000 to 10,000 students, we don't have a lot of choice for those looking for a medium-sized college. Sometimes a smaller out-of-state campus will feel like home, even though it is not close to home," says O'Connor, author of the book "College is Yours 2.0."

Private college tuition is typically consistent for residents and non-residents alike, but public four-year college tuition is considerably higher for out-of-state students. In fact, the average 2013-2014 published full-time undergraduate tuition and fees for public four-year out-of-state schools is \$22,203, while average in-state tuition is \$8,893, according to The College Board.

Depending upon the school, however, out-of-state tuition can still be affordable, and experts contend that many schools value geographic diversity enough to offer substantial financial discounts to attract out-of-state students. O'Connor says that close to half of the students at his school choose out-of-state colleges.

Talk with your counselor about which schools will meet your educational and lifestyle needs, visit the campus, look for representatives from out-of-state schools at your local college fairs. Talk with your family about your choices and discover how they would feel if you attend college far from home. – Claire Charlton

Paying for Your College Education Plan ahead and prepare to get there

If education is expensive, then consider the alternative. College graduates from the millennial generation – those aged 25 to 32 – earned about \$17,500 more in 2012 than their peers with just a high school diploma,

according to a new study from Pew Research. While college may be costly, it is within your reach with careful planning.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

First, become acquainted with the various general costs of attending school. Check out our chart on page 20 for a range of what you can expect to spend, and then hone in on the costs of your schools of interest through the National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator or U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard.

College expenses generally fall into three categories: tuition and fees; housing; and other expenses, including books, supplies, recreation and transportation. When you are shopping schools, be sure to research all expenses and carefully compare the full financial aid packages offered to calculate the average net price you will actually pay. Competitive financial aid might actually bring an out-of-reach tuition rate to an affordable level.

learn about opportunities. Remember to keep looking for scholarships well beyond your first year of college.

Grants. Often based on need, grants do not require repayment. Like scholarships, grants can

When looking at colleges, be sure to research all expenses and carefully compare the full financial aid packages offered to calculate the average net price you will actually pay.

CAN YOU GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Consider the types of financial aid available and research what you can qualify for:

Scholarships. Based on merit alone or a combination of merit and need, scholarships are non-repayable, so it makes sense to find as many scholarship awards as possible. Talk to your high school guidance counselor, research church and community scholarship sources and visit your college's financial aid department to

come from the federal or state government, your college, private institution or community group.

Loans. When you apply for financial aid, loans might be offered as part of your financial aid package. Loans may be available through the federal government, private lenders or colleges, and they require repayment with interest, although most interest rates are low.

Loans may also be available to eligible parents for the college costs of their qualifying children.

Learn more about loans, including updated interest rate information, at the U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid website.

Work-study programs. This type of aid provides part-time employment while

you attend school and is available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students from state agencies, the federal government, private foundations and professional organizations. Check with your financial aid office to see if you qualify.

STAY ROOTED BUT AIM HIGH

Ideally, you will start a conversation with your family about college costs early in your decision-making process. Begin by learning your various options through the forecasting calculator on the Federal Student Aid website. Talk about what you can afford and how you plan to cover the expenses associated with your education, taking into account all financial resources you expect to be available.

Above all, remain calm and focused on your goal. Education professionals agree that costs should not determine whether you apply to a particular college, as unexpected financial sources may bring that school within reach.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid: www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/ grants-scholarships
- U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard: www.whitehouse.gov/issues/ education/higher-education/college-score-card
- Claire Charlton

One Year of College: Estimated Expenses

Cost*	Annual Range, Average		
	Public four-year	Private four-year	Public two-year
Tuition and fees	\$3,800-\$16,000 (national average \$7,135)	\$7,800-\$45,000 (national average \$22,786)	\$1,000-\$8,500 (national average \$2,905)
Room and board		\$8,000-\$13,800	
Books and supplies		\$1,000-\$1,750	
Transportation		\$1,800-\$4,000	
TOTAL (based on average public four-year college)		\$12,400 – \$34,900	

^{*}Figures represent average costs nationwide. Some colleges will have higher or lower costs. Please use this information as a guide only. Your school's costs can be found through the National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator (http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/) or the U.S. Department of Education College Affordability and Transparency Center (http://collegecost.ed.gov/).

Money for Michiganders

Many local scholarship and grant programs exist for students

It's true that price tags matter. Regardless of financial situation, most students can access at least some form of financial aid and even qualify for a program under Michigan Student Scholarships and Grants. Here, we highlight a few programs:

Michigan Tuition Incentive Program. Awards \$250 toward tuition and mandatory fees per semester or term. *Requirements:*

- Show financial need
- Submit application by Aug. 31 of your senior year
- Must begin using within four years from high school graduation; eligible up to 10 years from date of high school graduation

Michigan Competitive Scholarship. A need- and merit-based award for tuition and mandatory fees of \$676 for public university or \$1,626 for independent college per academic year.

Requirements:

• ACT score of 23 or higher

- Must maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- FAFSA must be received by March 1

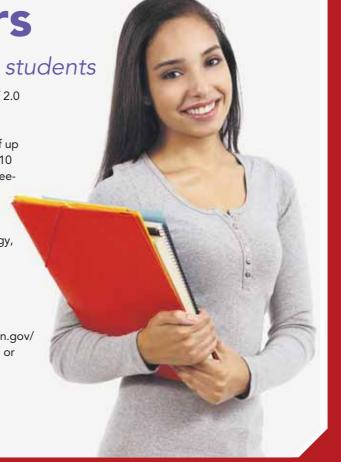
Michigan Tuition Grant. A need-based grant of up to \$1,626 for tuition and mandatory fees up to 10 semesters or 15 terms at an independent, degreegranting Michigan institution.

Requirements:

- FAFSA must be received by June 30
- Cannot be used toward a degree in theology, divinity or religious education

More info:

- Michigan Budget Sheet and Checklist: www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid
- Michigan Student Financial Aid: www.michigan.gov/ mistudentaid, 888.4.GRANTS (888.447.6287) or osg@michigan.gov
- Claire Charlton



GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 227 (63% full time, 37% part time)
- 38% female, 62% male
- 23% African-American,
 1% Asian-American, 65% Caucasian,
 2% Hispanic, 1% Native American,
 3% two or more races, 3% nonresident,
 4% unknown
- 55% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 39%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 164 students applied; 149 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 91%

FACULTY

- 10-1 student/faculty ratio
- 10 full-time faculty (80% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Crew, Spanish Club

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Athletics, ensembles, Madrigals, student-life aroups

MAJORS

Advanced biblical studies, bible/theology, business management, children's ministry, Christian education, Christian ministries, cross-cultural ministry, early childhood education, elementary education, family life education, history, interpersonal and organizational communications, music, psychology/counseling, youth ministry

Most popular majors: Youth ministry, music, Christian ministries

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree

Special academic programs: Cooperative study programs with University of Phoenix and Spring Arbor University, Adult Learning Program, Detroit Program with Institute for Black Family Development

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters

HOUSING

Men's, women's and family housing

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$10,176; per credit hour: \$424
- Required fees: \$1,450
- Room and board: \$8,100 (includes meals)

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal grants, state grants, student loans, in-house scholarships
- 80% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$4,987.91
- Call 800.YES.GLCC or visit www.glcc.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.08
- Average SAT score: 1021
- Average ACT score: 21.16
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, three references
- Materials needed for transfer students: Same as above, plus college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Aug. 31

Note: Spring 2014 information

About the school: Great Lakes Christian College seeks to prepare students to be servants and leaders in both the church and the world. Miles from Detroit: 90 6211 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917 • phone: 800.937.4522 (800.YES.GLCC) • fax: 517.321.5902 • website: www.glcc.edu • ACT code: 2009

Trending: Hottest Majors, Degrees and Jobs The newest fields for a brand new generation

Your chosen course of study should be right for you yet flexible enough to make you marketable in the fast-paced work world. Experts project the skills most in demand, and it's not surprising that STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — come out on top. Not for you? Take heart. A liberal arts degree remains a valuable asset in the job market.

FASTEST-GROWING OCCUPATIONS

These are some of the fields expected to grow the fastest between 2012 and 2022, all of which require a bachelor's degree, according to the U.S. government source Career One Stop. Figures indicate projected percentage increase.

- Interpreters/Translators (46 percent)
- Information Security Analysts (37 percent)
- Meeting, Convention and Event Planners (33 percent)
- Market Research Analysts (32 percent)
- Geographers (29 percent)

TOP MAJORS FOR HIGH MID-CAREER SALARY POTENTIAL

Figures listed are starting salaries. Source: www.payscale.com

- Petroleum Engineering: \$102,300
- Actuarial Mathematics: \$60,800

- Nuclear Engineering: \$67,000
- Chemical Engineering: \$69,600
- Electronics & Communications Engineering: \$69,600

ACROSS THE BOARD

Starting salaries for various majors from Recruiting Trends 2014-2015, a study by the Michigan State University College Employment Research Institute:

Associate's Degrees

- Engineering (all): \$48,558
- Computer Science/Info Tech (all): \$46,543
- Nursing: \$40,481

Bachelor's Degrees

- Electrical Engineering: \$57,030
- Computer Engineering: \$56,576
- Mechanical Engineering: \$56,055
- Software Design: \$54,183
- Nursing: \$43,481
- Marketing: \$41,481
- Psychology: \$36,973

THE VALUE OF A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

Source: Association of American Colleges and Universities

- Four out of five employers agree that all students should acquire broad knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences.
- Ninety-three percent of employers agree that critical thinking, communication and complex problem-solving skills all gained through a liberal arts degree are more important than a specific undergraduate major.
- Fifty-five percent of employers say they look for a broad range of knowledge and skills in addition to field-specific ability.
- Advanced degrees can significantly increase earnings for those with a liberal arts education.

Starting salaries for class of 2014 liberal arts majors from the 2014 Salary Survey Report, National Association of Colleges and Employers:

- Foreign Languages and Literatures: \$46,100
- Political Science/Government: \$43,500
- Liberal Arts and Sciences/General Studies: \$42,400
- Other social sciences: \$41,700
- English Language and Literature Letters: \$40,100
- History: \$39,400

Undecided? That's not a bad thing. In the meantime, browse 1,800 college majors at www.mymajors.com.

– Claire Charlton

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UNDERGRADUATE STATS

• Total enrollment: 27,000 yearly full- and part-time credit and non-credit

INCOMING FRESHMEN

 8,100 students accepted; open admission for students with a high school diploma or GED certificate

FACULTY

- Student/faculty ratio: N/A
- Number of full-time faculty: 198

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

41 organizations, intercollegiate athletics **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student clubs and organizations, theater

productions, student newspaper, WHFR Radio

MAJORS

More than 125 degree, certificate and transfer programs; nearly 1,000 courses

Most popular majors: Business, science, economics, English, health careers, nursing, trade and apprentice, technology

Degrees available: Associate degree **Special academic programs:** English as a second language, cooperative education, honors program, 3+1 transfer programs, certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network in all academic buildings

TUITION (PER YEAR)

• In-district, residing within the Dearborn Public Schools: \$1,800;

- per credit hour: \$75
- Out-of-district: \$3,240; per credit hour: \$135
- Out-of-state, international students: \$3,360; per credit hour: \$140
- Required fees: \$14 per credit hour, plus flat rate \$25 infrastructure fee per semester

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants, loans and work-study; more than 200 scholarships
- 61% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$6,461 per year
- Call 313.845.9616 or visit www.hfcc.edu/fa

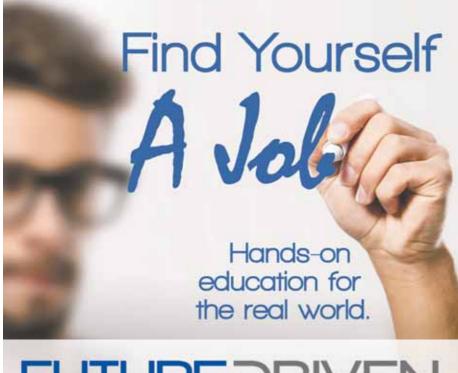
ADMISSIONS

- Open admission for students with a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: Admission application and high school transcript or

- diploma, or GED certificate
- Materials recommended: ACT score
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official transcript from any previous college
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: August
- Application deadlines for winter enrollment: January

Note: Spring 2014 information

About the school: Founded in 1938 and the only college in the world permitted to carry the name of innovator Henry Ford, Henry Ford College is a comprehensive college. In close proximity to Fairlane Mall, The Henry Ford, Henry Ford Estate and other cultural gems, HFC provides access to a rich educational experience. Miles from Detroit: 8 • 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, MI 48128 • phone: 800.585.HFCC (4322) • fax: 313.845.9891 email: enroll@hfcc.edu • website: www.hfcc.edu • ACT code: 2006



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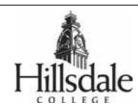
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HILLSDALE COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,472 (97% full time, 3% part time)
- 52% female, 48% male
- Hillsdale does not accept federal or state funding and does not maintain records of student ethnicity
- 34% in-state, 66% out-of-state; 1% international, 6% transfer students
- 80% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 93.5%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,874 students applied; 1,023 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 55%

FACULTY

- 10-1 student/faculty ratio
- 133 full-time faculty (82% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 100 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Fraternities (35% of men) and sororities (45% of women)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Intramural sports, College Republicans, Greek Week, Spirit Club, Ultimate Frisbee, Dance Club, Hillsdale Christian Fellowship

MAJORS

38 majors with nine pre-professional programs

Most popular majors: 24% science and math, 23% history and political science, 22% humanities, 20% business, 7% education

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree Special academic programs: Honors, study abroad, H. H. Dow Program in American journalism internships, lecture series with nationally acclaimed speakers, Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters; limited summer school sessions

HOUSING

13 residence halls: mix of two-person rooms and four-person suites, private and community bathrooms, alcohol-free and limited single rooms

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network available is available in all classroom buildings and student union.

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$22,920; per credit hour: N/A
- Required fees: \$696
- Room and board: \$9,250
- Books and supplies: \$3,000

FINANCIAL AID

 Forms needed: Confidential Family Financial Statement

- Types of aid available: Privately funded scholarships, grants, loans, work-study
- 93% receive financial aid
- Average gift package: \$10,000 per year
- Call 517.607.2350 or visit www.hillsdale.edu/aid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.75
- Average SAT score: 1933
- Average ACT score: 29
- Application fee: \$35; free online
- Documents required: ACT or SAT, high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, essays
- Materials recommended: Interview,
 16 college prep high school academic units; ACT Plus Writing test is optional
- Materials needed for transfer students: Dean of Students Transfer Form, college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Early decision, Nov. 15; early action, Dec. 15; regular decision, Feb. 15

About the school: Founded in 1844, Hillsdale College is an independent, selective, coeducational, residential liberal arts college with a student body representing nearly every state and several foreign countries. Hillsdale's national reputation for academic excellence and institutional independence is also seen by its refusal to accept federal funding for any of its operations. Miles from Detroit: 100 • 33 E. College St., Hillsdale, MI 49242 • phone: 517.607.2327 fax: 517.607.2223 • email: admissions@hillsdale.edu • website: hillsdale.edu • ACT code: 2010

HOPE COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,459 (94% full time, 6% part time)
- 61% female, 39% male
- 2% African-American, 2% Asian-American, 83% Caucasian, 7% Hispanic, 0% Native American, 6% other
- 67% in-state, 30% out-of-state;
 3% international
- 81% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 91%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 4,167 students applied; 3,402 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 82%

FACULTY

- 12-1 student/faculty ratio
- 237 full-time faculty (83% are Ph.D.s or have terminal degree)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

70 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (12% of student body) and sororities (14% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Intramurals, chapel, sporting events, fine arts events, student activity-sponsored events and traditional events, such as The Pull, Nykerk and Dance Marathon

MAJORS

More than 80 majors and programs

Most popular majors: Sciences/
engineering, management, education,
psychology, communication

Degrees available: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Special academic programs: Study abroad, internships, research, Center for Faithful Leadership

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters

HOUSING

11 residence halls: seven single-sex, four coeducational. The college also owns 73 cottages and four apartment buildings.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available in many locations on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$30,370; per credit hour: N/A
- Required fees: \$180
- Room and board: \$9,390
- Books and supplies: \$900 (plus \$1,340 for personal expenses)

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Hope Institutional Form
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and

institutional scholarships, fine arts awards, grants, loans, student employment

- 50% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$17,288 per year
- Call 888.439.8907 or visit www.hope.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.77
- Average SAT score: 1183.4
- Average ACT score: 26.21
- Application fee: \$35
- Documents required: Application, essay, ACT or SAT test scores, high school transcript, high school guidance reference
- Materials recommended: Interview
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Same as above, plus college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Hope College is a four-year liberal arts undergraduate college. The campus has a historic Christian heritage expressed through a dynamic Christian community of students and teachers. Miles from Detroit: 160 • 69 E. 10th St., Holland, MI 49423 • phone: 800.968.7850 • fax: 616.395.7130 email: admissions@hope.edu • website: www.hope.edu • ACT code: 2012

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,461 (99% full time, 1% part time)
- 56% female, 44% male
- 5.2% African-American, 5.8% Asian, 60.5% Caucasian, 9.24% Hispanic, >1% Native American, 8.15% international, 4.79% two or more races, 5.82% unknown
- 69% in-state, 31% out-of-state;
 8% international, 2.6% transfer students
- 66% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 92%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,366 students applied; 1,648 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 70%

FACULTY

- 12-1 student/faculty ratio
- 102 full-time faculty (92% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 60 campus student organizations **Greek life:** Not offered

MAJORS

31 undergraduate programs, with a liberal arts foundation

Most popular majors: English, biology, economics, psychology, chemistry **Degrees available:** Bachelor's degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad, internships, externships, 3-2 dual degree engineering with University of Michigan and Washington University in St. Louis

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring quarters

HOUSING

Six coed residence halls; freshmen, sophomores and juniors are required to live on campus

WIRELESS ACCESS

Campus wireless network

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$40,728; per credit hour: N/A
- Required fees: \$333 (activity)
- Room and board: \$8,679
- Books and supplies: \$705

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, institutional form
- Types of aid available: Grants, loans, scholarships, work-study
- 98% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: N/A
- Call 800.632.5760 or visit www.kzoo.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.78
- Average SAT score: 1230
- Average ACT score: 27

- Application fee: \$40
- Documents required: Common application, essay, counselor recommendation, teacher recommendation, official high school transcript, secondary school report, ACT or SAT scores (ACT Plus Writing test scores required if SAT not taken)
- Materials recommended: N/A
 - Materials needed for transfer students: Application, official high school transcript, official college transcript, dean's recommendation (statement of good standing), SAT or ACT scores
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Early decision: Nov. 15; early action: Nov. 15; regular decision: Jan. 15; early decision II: Feb. 15, transfer: May 1

About the school: A private college of 1,461 students, Kalamazoo College has a unique K-Plan, which combines a liberal arts curriculum, study abroad (80-85% of graduates have studied in a foreign country), internships, externships and a rigorous senior project. Kalamazoo College is located in the city of Kalamazoo, a metro area of approximately 200,000 people. • 1200 Academy St., Kalamazoo, MI 49006 • phone: 269.337.7166 • fax: 269.337.7390 email: admission@kzoo.edu • website: www.kzoo.edu • ACT code: 2018

KENDALL COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,461 (80% full time, 20% part time)
- 64% female, 36% male
- 8% African-American, 3% Asian-American, 85% Caucasian, 3% Hispanic, 1% Native American
- 93% in-state, 7% out-of-state;
 1% international, 37% transfer students
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 95%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,518 students applied;723 accepted
- Acceptance rate: 47%

FACULTY

- 14-1 student/faculty ratio
- 53 full-time faculty (4% are Ph.D.s)
- Many adjunct faculty

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 20 organized student groups on campus. For more information, visit www.kcad.edu/life/on-campus

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Exhibitions, gallery talks with visiting artists, bus trips to art museums

MAJORS

17 undergraduate and graduate programs, including Master of Arts, Master of Art Education, Master of Architecture, Master of Fine Arts, Advanced Certificate Program in Visual and Critical Studies and Advanced Certificate Program in Design and Innovation Management

Most popular majors: Art education, art history, collaborative design, digital media, drawing, fashion studies, furniture design, graphic design, illustration, interior design, medical illustration, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and functional art Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's MFA concentrations: Drawing, painting,

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

photography, printmaking

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSIN

Off-campus apartments, houses

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available throughout campus. Students are required to own a MacBook or MacBook Pro.

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, out-of-state, U.S. territory or Canadian residents, full time: \$17,422;
 \$373 per credit hour (general education);
 \$807 per credit hour (studio)
- International, full time: \$29,958; \$599 per credit hour (general education); \$1,287 per credit hour (studio) \$586/\$1,181 per credit hour (general education and studio credits)
- Required fees: \$390
- Room and board: \$8,690; books and supplies: \$868; laptop: \$1,962-\$4,525

FINANCIAL AID

• Forms needed: FAFSA

- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, need-based aid, work-study
- 80% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$7,170 per year
- Call 616.451.2787 or visit www.kcad.edu.

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.15
- Average SAT score: 866
- Average ACT score: 21
- Application fee: Free online; \$30 for international applicants
- Documents required: Admissions application, official high school transcript, ACT or SAT test scores, statement of purpose, portfolio review
- Materials needed for transfer students: Admissions application, official high school transcript, official college transcript, ACT or SAT test scores, statement of purpose, portfolio review
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Kendall College of Art and Design is located in the heart of Grand Rapids, Michigan's second-largest metropolis. Known for its vibrant arts scene and natural beauty, the college is a safe, diverse and thriving city that exudes small-town warmth. Kendall is accessible by I-96, U.S. Route 131 and Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Miles from Detroit: 149 • 17 Fountain St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 • phone: 616.451.2787 • fax: 616.831.9689 email: kcadadmissions@ferris.edu • website: www.kcad.edu • ACT code: 1983

Keeping Admissions Decisions in Perspective

Understand the process and recognize your range of options

ou heed deadlines, write and rewrite essays and gather countless bits of information to send off to admissions offices across the state and country. And then you wait. And wait.

It's normal to feel out of control during the college admissions process, but you needn't, says Marie Bigham, board director at the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

"In admissions, there are four critical decisions, and you control three: where to visit, where to apply [and] where to attend. Colleges just have one: whom they will take," she says. "Students and families have the vast majority of control in this process; you are in the driver's seat."

This concept can be true for financial aid decisions, too, says Jerry Pope, college consultant at Niles North and Niles West high schools in Illinois.

"A student may be looking at five small liberal arts colleges which are similar academically. Which school is having a good year? If applications are down, a school is more likely to offer money to students," he says.

If, for a variety of reasons, selective schools are having trouble filling classes, then they come up with creative funding to out-of-state kids. In short, be an informed consumer.

Your high school counselor may be clued in, Pope says. If a school missed enrollment by 20 percent one fall, then they are likely to be more aggressive the next year.

Start your search early and ask the right questions; you might find you have options you never even considered, experts say.



If applications are down for a particular year, then the school is more likely to offer money to students.

Whatever the outcome, keep this in mind: Admission acceptance, denial and deferment are strictly a reflection of the process, Bigham says.

"They are not an indictment about parenting or a statement about success for your future," Bigham says. "Don't get stuck on one or two places. Remind yourself that there are many outstanding options, really a broad breadth and depth of colleges available to you."

- Claire Charlton



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College Timeline

Use this guide to stay on top of important deadlines

This is a general timeline for college planning. Contact each school for more specific information regarding admissions, housing and financial aid deadlines.

Junior Year

FALL

- Take the PSAT (Oct. 14 or 17, 2015) to get an idea of what to expect on the SAT. A stellar PSAT score also can qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- Assess your reasons for going to college: What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important to you? What are your career interests?

WINTER

- Begin preparing for the ACT and/or SAT.
- Make a list of factors that are important to you in choosing a college. Discuss with counselors, teachers, parents and friends.
- Begin collecting information on colleges that interest you. Attend fairs and college-night programs in your area.

SPRING

- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Take college admissions tests (ACT/ACT Plus Writing Test, SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Test).
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, prepare for May AP exams.
- Consider visiting college campuses over spring break.

SUMMER

- Continue visiting college campuses.
- Consider taking summer courses or holding an internship in a field that interests you.
- Work on drafts of admissions applications, especially the essay portion. Craft a résumé.
- Prepare for fall standardized tests if you have not yet taken them or if you want to improve your spring scores.
- Begin your scholarship search. Research scholarships using websites and sources within your community.



Senior Year

FALL

- Request letters of recommendation from teachers.
- Mark your calendar with all future deadlines, including application deadlines for all schools to which you are applying.
- Schedule required and/or recommended interviews.
- Retake the ACT/SAT if necessary.
- Continue visiting colleges.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: October-December early-action and early-decision application deadlines.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Check deadlines for scholarships and other private aid.

WINTER

- Early-admission decisions delivered in December. If early admission has been denied, it's time to re-group and apply to other schools.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Regular admissions deadlines begin.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Deadlines for scholarships and other private aid
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Apply for federal aid. The deadline is June 30, 2016, but you should apply as soon as you can after Jan. 1. Schools have their own deadlines contact them for exact dates. Consult financial-aid offices and www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Keep up second-semester grades, and stay active in extracurricular activities. Many colleges ask for mid-year grade reports and/or state that acceptance is contingent on continued performance.

SPRING

- Most acceptance and denial letters should arrive by mid-April.
- Check out campuses at schools that have accepted you and schedule overnight visits at top-choice schools.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Reply to all decision letters with intent to attend or not attend.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, study for May AP exams.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Deposit deadlines. Many deposits are due
 May 1 to secure your spot. Meet this deadline or risk forfeiting your spot
 to wait-list students.

SUMMER

- IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Attend orientation programs.
- Get ready for the dorms. Talk to future roommates and current students to determine what to buy.
- Get a meningitis shot.
- Consider working an internship or attending a class at a local community college.



KETTERING UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,991 (95% full time, 5% part time)
- 20% female, 80% male
- 2.7% African-American, 2.6% Asian-American, 64.3% Caucasian, 2.7% Hispanic, 0.1% Native American, 2.2% two or more races, 5% unknown
- 72% in-state, 28% out-of-state;
 6% international, 2% transfer
- 34% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 92%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,056 students applied;
 1,336 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 63%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 118 full-time faculty (86% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 50 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (36% of student body) and sororities (31% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Engineers Without Borders, Outdoor Club, Mud Boggers/Off Road, International Club

MAJORS

14 undergraduate programs, 14 graduate programs and three graduate certificates, with an emphasis on engineering, business, applied sciences and mathematics

Most popular majors: 51.2% mechanical engineering, 11% electrical engineering, 6.7% computer science

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad opportunities in Germany, China, Sweden and Mexico

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Alternating 11-week terms of on-campus study and experiential learning employment

HOUSING

One coed residence hall, apartments for 200 upperclassmen

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in almost all public areas of campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$36,980; per credit hour: \$1,233
- Required fees: N/A
- Room and board: \$7,240
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state, and institutional scholarships, grants, loans, work-study
- 99% receive financial aid

- Average need-based financial-aid package: N/A
- Call 800.955.4464 ext. 7865 or visit www.kettering.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.7
- Average SAT score: 1264
- Average ACT score: 27
- Application fee: \$35; free online
- Documents required: Official transcript, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials recommended: Three years of English, two years of algebra, one year of geometry, one semester of trigonometry, two years of lab science (one must be physics or chemistry, both recommended), calculus or pre-calculus (if available)
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Official college transcript, courses
 in progress
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Kettering University is a nationally recognized STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – university that combines a rigorous academic environment with rich opportunities for experiential learning and cooperative education. Kettering students develop global skills and knowledge, as well as the soft skills needed to apply both successfully in real-life situations. Miles from Detroit: 60 • 1700 University Ave., Flint, MI 48504 phone: 800.955.4464 ext. 7865 • fax: 810.762.9837 • email: admissions@kettering.edu • website: www.kettering.edu • ACT code: 1998



KUYPER COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 320 (85% full time, 15% part time)
- 55% female, 45% male
- 5% African-American, 2% Asian-American,
 74.9% Caucasian, 1% Hispanic,
 0.63% Native American, 8.8% other
- 82.63% in-state, 11.67% out-of-state; 5.7% international, 32% transfer students
- 41% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 80%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 281 students applied;
 176 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 63%

FACULTY

- 16-1 student/faculty ratio
- 13 full-time faculty (69% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

10 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student Activities Committee, Spiritual Life Committee, HANDS (Helping and Nurturing During Service), Fun Fest, community worship at chapel, all-campus retreat

MAJORS

32 undergraduate programs

Most popular majors: 16% youth ministry, 16% social work, 15% business leadership, 14% pre-seminary, 8% education

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree

Special academic programs: Internships throughout, more than 19 study abroad semesters, International May Term experiences

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and winter semesters, plus spring session

HOUSING

Two coed residence halls (by floor), campus apartments

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network available throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$18,400; per credit hour: \$1,187
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$6,980
- Books and supplies: \$800

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Institutional scholarships, federal and state grants, federal loans, work-study
- 98% receive financial aid

- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$14,000 per year
- Call 800.511.3749 or visit www.kuyper.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.3
- Average SAT score: 1045 (critical reading and math)
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application, essays, high school transcript, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Same as above, plus college transcript
- Application deadline: Aug. 15 for fall, Dec. 15 for winter

About the school: At Kuyper College, students find one of the most outstanding values in Christian higher education today. The best of academic and spiritual education is combined with a passion for awakening students to the need of possessing a solid biblical worldview. Within a welcoming community, Kuyper students develop professional skills and acquire experience that equips them for service to God and His kingdom. Miles from Detroit: 150 3333 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 • phone: 616.222.3000 • fax: 616.222.3045 • email: admissions@kuyper.edu • website: www.kuyper.edu ACT code: 2049

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 2,600 (81% full time, 19% part time)
- 51% female, 49% male
- 2% African-American, 1% Asian-American, 78% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic, 9% Native American, 8% other
- 86% in-state, 6% out-of-state; 8% international, 32% transfer students
- 35% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 73%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,538 students applied;
 1,401 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 91%

FACULTY

- 15-1 student/faculty ratio
- 118 full-time faculty (49% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 60 clubs available, varying from professional to leisure. It only takes five students and a petition to the student government to start a new club.

Greek life: Fraternities (2% of student body) and sororities (2% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Laker hockey games; Laker cinema; working out at the Student Activity Center; greatoutdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping, etc.; game (animal) cleaning room in the basement of Brady Hall

MAJORS

More than 70 undergraduate programs

Most popular majors: Engineering, fisheries
and wildlife, criminal justice (homeland
security, Michigan Commission on Law
Enforcement Standards), fire science, nursing,
business

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree Special academic programs: International experience, honors program, internships

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

14 residence halls: Seven single-sex, seven coed. Living options include suites, furnished apartments, Living Learning Community Row Houses and two-story furnished town houses. Each room is wired for telephone, cable television and high-speed Internet.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless access in all academic and residential buildings on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- North American student, full time: \$10,248; per credit hour: \$422
- International student, full time: \$15,192; per credit hour: \$633
- Room and board: \$8,987
- Books and supplies: \$1,200

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, Lake Superior State University application
- Types of aid available: Scholarships,

grants, Ioans, work-study, Tuition Incentive Program, Native American Tuition Waiver

- 82% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$7,195 per year
- Call 906.635.2678 or visit www.lssu.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.9-3.6
- Average SAT score: 1050-1080
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$35 paper; \$25 online
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT/SAT scores
- Materials recommended: ACT Plus Writing =test scores
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Lake Superior State University is Michigan's smallest public university, providing a personal approach to education. LSSU has strong and unique academic programs and focuses on the undergraduate student. Undergraduate students get hands-on academic experiences that typically are only available to graduate students at larger universities. LSSU is in the Upper Peninsula, 45 minutes north of the Mackinac Bridge. The international setting bordering Canada and North America's largest freshwater lake is an area rich and varied for the year-round outdoor enthusiast. Miles from Detroit: 349 • 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 • phone: 888.800.LSSU • fax: 906.635.6696 • email: admissions@lssu.edu • website: www.lssu.edu • ACT code: 2031

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 2,798 (57% full time, 43% part time)
- 24% female, 76% male
- 5.6% African-American,
 17.1% Asian-American, 48.8% Caucasian,
 2.5% Hispanic, 0.3% Native American,
 19.7% other or unknown
- 96% in-state, 4% out-of-state;
 6% international, 48% transfer students
- 24% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 82%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 2,285 students applied; 1,312 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 57%

FACULTY

- 11-1 student/faculty ratio
- 122 full-time faculty (66.4% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

60 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Fraternities (7.5% of student body) and sororities (7.5% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Greek Day, Winterfest, Welcome Back Week, International Festival, boot camp fitness class, homecoming

MAJORS

62 undergraduate and 65 graduate programs **Most popular majors:** 39% engineering and technology, 35% architecture and design, 9% computer science and math, 5% business and management, 5% visual and performing arts

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral

Special academic programs: Honors, Quest, co-op, internships, study abroad, preprofessional programs, certificate, post-bachelor's certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Two coed, apartment-style residence halls

WIRELESS ACCESS

Campus is wireless and features 16 labs and 126 workstations. Undergraduate students receive laptop or tablet computers with specialized software related to their degrees.

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$29,580; per credit hour: \$800-\$1,025
- Required fees: \$620 plus lab fees, depending on the program
- Average room and board: \$8,986
- Books and supplies: \$1,405

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional grants, loans, academic and

need-based scholarships, work-study

- 71% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$22,095 per year
- Call 248.204.2120 or visit www.ltu.edu/financial_aid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.43
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 25
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: Application, official transcript, essay, letter of recommendation, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials recommended: None
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Application, high school transcript, official college or university transcript, essay, letter of recommendation; portfolios required for game art, industrial design, transportation design students
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Lawrence Technological University's 102-acre campus in Oakland County offers academic, residential and recreational facilities. Cited among the nation's top 50 unwired universities, Lawrence Tech is located within 35 minutes of more than 200 Fortune 500 companies. More than \$40 million in financial aid is awarded annually. Miles from Detroit: 15 • 21000 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075 • phone: 248.204.3160 • fax: 248.204.2228 email: admissions@ltu.edu • website: www.ltu.edu • ACT code: 2020



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MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 22 598 (33% full time, 67% part time)
- 50% female, 46% male, 4% unknown
- 10.8% African-American, 3.34% Asian-American, 66.9% Caucasian, 1.6% Hispanic, 0.5% Native American, 16.5% unknown, 1.3% multiethnic
- 95.5% in-state, 0.5% out-of-state; 5.7% international, 16% transfer
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 51.1%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 4,117 students applied; 4,117 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 100%

FACULTY

- 27-1 student/faculty ratio
- 225 full-time faculty (18% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

29 organizations and clubs Greek life: Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Phi Theta Kappa, NJCCA sports, intramurals

MAJORS

200 degree and certificate programs

Most popular majors: N/A

Degrees available: Associate degree

Special academic programs: Macomb University Center – partner institutions

provide Bachelor's degrees and graduate programs on Macomb's Center Campus

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available throughout South and Center campuses in libraries, student community centers and select student lounges

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$2,416; per credit hour for Macomb County residents: \$91.50; per credit hour for in-state, out-of-district:
- Out-of-state, full time: \$4,564; per credit hour: \$186
- Required fees: \$40 registration; \$10 student services; \$5 technology and facility fee per credit hour
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: Vary

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans
- 44.8% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$4,384 per year
- Call 586.445.7228 or visit www.macomb.edu

ADMISSIONS:

• Average high school GPA: N/A

- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application, additional documentation for international students
- Materials recommended: None
- Materials needed for transfer students: None
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: None

South Campus

14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48088

Center Campus

44575 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48038

East Campus

21901 Dunham Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48036

Michigan Technical Education Center 7900 Tank Ave., Warren, MI 48092

Ph: 586.445.7999 (all campuses)

About the school: With a vision for a better future, Macomb Community College was established in 1954 and grants the highest number of associate degrees in the state. By completing the first two years of college at Macomb, students can save up to half the cost of tuition at a public four-year college. Macomb is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges. Servicing all of Macomb County, Macomb's campuses are accessible via I-75, I-696, I-94 and M-59. Miles from Detroit: 20 (South Campus) • email: answer@macomb.edu • website: www.macomb.edu • ACT code: 2054

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How to maximize your financial aid opportunities

While financial aid is available, benefitting from it requires you to be proactive and organized. Know the most important facts about applying for aid.

1. When you apply for admission, apply for financial aid, too.

To determine your eligibility for aid, colleges require both your application for admission and financial aid. Application deadlines vary by school, so create your own calendar of important dates and plan to apply as early as possible.

2. FAFSA is important.

For federal forms of student aid, including government scholarships, grants and federal loans, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is your starting point. You need to file only one FAFSA for all the colleges you are considering. Once you are in college, remember to update and re-file your FAFSA to continue to be considered for financial aid. Fill out the form at www.fafsa.ed.gov, complete the PDF version to mail or request a paper copy of FAFSA at 800.433.3243.

Federal and state deadlines vary, and they might differ from your college's deadline. Processing dates might vary from acceptance dates, so be specific when gathering deadline information. For Michigan residents attending the 2015-2016 school year, which includes spring/ summer 2016 classes, the federal deadline is midnight on June 30, 2016, but the Michigan deadline for statesponsored aid was March 1, 2015. Be timely! Experts recommend that you apply as early as possible, as aid does run out.

FAFSA collects demographic and financial information from students and parents to determine an Expected Family Contribution, which is the figure used to determine your eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, other federal financial aid programs and many state programs. EFC is determined by formulas set periodically by Congress.

Your college might require additional forms, so check to be sure you provide complete information to each school you apply.

3. Remember other scholarships and grants.

Beyond federal grants and loans, there are many additional forms of aid available for which FAFSA is not required. Your community, church, social or sporting organization – even your own high school – might offer scholarships. Consult your school's counseling office and keep your eyes open in your community for any possible sources of college funding. Your parents' employers might even offer scholarship programs.

These sources of aid rarely come out of the blue. Plan to put in the time and effort needed to research and apply for any and all programs available. Spend time each week searching for scholarships and remember to continue looking for opportunities throughout your college career.

- Claire Charlton

Get More Info

Michigan Student Scholarships and Grants

http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaic

U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid http://studentaid.ed.gov/

The FAFSA Forecaster
https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1

National Association for College Admissions Counseling http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/ Pages/Default.aspx

Know the Terms

Refer to this glossary of commonly used terminology regarding financial aid:

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This document is used to determine financial need for aid.

COA: Cost of attendance, which usually includes tuition, fees, books, supplies and living expenses.

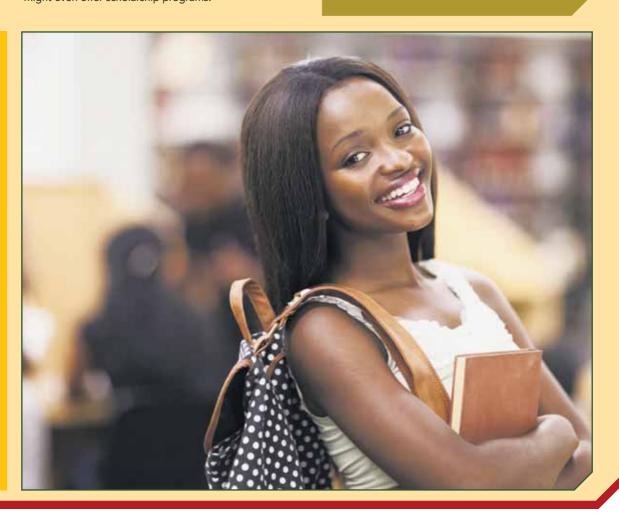
EFC: Expected Family Contribution. The amount parents can pay from their income and assets, the amount students can contribute and any non-repayable gift from any source, such as a grant.

Need-based: Aid for students who demonstrate financial need if they and their families cannot pay for all college costs on their own.

Merit-based: Aid that recognizes excellence in academics, sports, leadership and the arts.

Non-need based: Aid for those who do not demonstrate financial need or who have additional expenses exceeding need-based or merit-based awards. Examples include federal students loans, federal parent loans and various scholarships.

Work-study: Need-based programs that allow students to work part time while enrolled in college.



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MADONNA UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,169
 (51.5% full time, 48.5% part time)
- 72.6% female, 27.4% male
- 14% African-American,
 1% Asian-American, 72% Caucasian,
 3% Hispanic, 1% Native American,
 9% other
- 99% in-state, 1% out-of-state; 9% international, 65% transfer
- 6% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 82%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 810 students applied; 537 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 66.3%

FACULTY

- 11-1 student/faculty ratio
- 116 full-time faculty (58% hold Ph.D. or J.D.)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

30 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Athletics with 11 men's and women's sports, Campus Ministry, student government, broadcasting, Red Cross Club, Student Nursing Association, psychology, music, intramurals

MAJORS

100 undergraduate programs and 35 graduate programs, with a liberal arts foundation

Most popular majors: 20% nursing; 15% criminal justice; 7% international business; 5% social work; 5% business, administration and management; 3% legal assistant

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Special academic programs: Study abroad, service-learning requirement, emergency

management, autism, forensic science, hospice, sign language, sport management, gerontology, broadcast and cinema arts, certificate, post-baccalaureate certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

One coed residence hall

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless in designated campus areas

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$14,700; \$486 per credit hour
- Required fees: \$120
- Room and board: \$7,430
- Books and supplies: \$1,080

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and

institutional loans, grants, scholarships

- 76% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$8,929 per year
- Call 734.432.5663 or visit www.madonna.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.3
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 22.6
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: Official transcripts, official ACT/SAT results, written essay
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official transcripts
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

Note: Spring 2012 information

About the school: Celebrating 75 years of academic excellence, Madonna University, an independent Catholic liberal arts university, is committed to teaching, scholarship and service. Madonna's main campus is situated on 50 wooded acres in Livonia, where the school's new environmentally friendly Franciscan Center for Science and Media was awarded LEED Gold certification. Main Campus: Miles from Detroit: 21 • 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 • phone: 734.432.5339 • fax: 734.432.5424 • Southwest Detroit Women's Educational Empowerment Program, phone: 800.852.4951 ext. 5733 • Orchard Lake Center, phone: 248.683.0523 • Macomb, phone: 586.263.6330 • Continuing Education & Professional Studies, phone: 734.432.5804 • website: www.madonna.edu ACT code 2022

MANTHANO CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 35 (80% full time, 20% part time)
- 20% female, 80% male
- 50% African-American, 30% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic, 10% other
- 100% in-state, 0% out-of-state; 0% international, 20% transfer
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 80%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

• Acceptance rate: 80%

FACULTY

- 10-1 student/faculty ratio
- 7 full-time faculty (50% are Ph.D.s)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Community service

MAJORS

Most popular majors: Biblical Studies Degrees available: Associate degree, Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday courses are offered in seven-week modules. Thursday courses are offered every other week in 14-week modules.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$5,500; per credit hour: \$199
- Required fees: \$25/month technology fee
- Books and supplies: \$600 per year

FINANCIAL AID

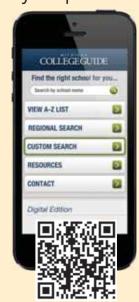
- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal and state grants and loans
- Average need-based financial aid package: \$3,000 per year
- 60% receive financial aid
- Call 734.417.6375 or visit www.manthano.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Admissions deferred: Yes
- Admissions early decision: Yes
- Average high school GPA: 2.8
- Average SAT score: 1150
- Average ACT score: 20
- Documents required: Application, two letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Application, college transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

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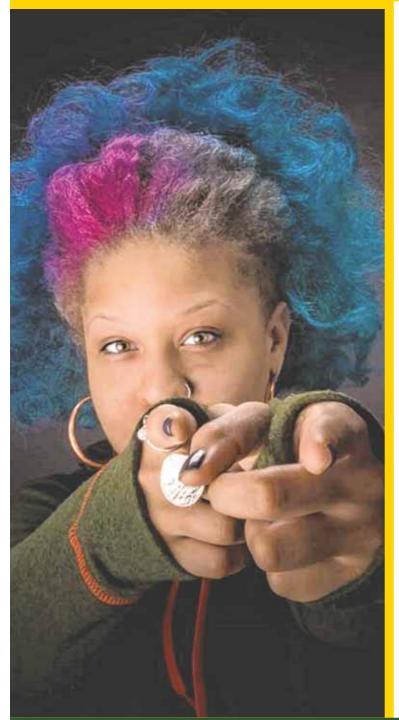
About the school: Manthano Christian College is located on 14 acres in a 45,000-square-foot building. MCC is a private, multidenominational Bible College of Christian higher education. MCC is a commuter college based on an adult education model. Miles from Detroit: 24 • 6420 Newburgh, Westland, MI 48185 • phone: 734.417.6375 • fax: 734.895.7241 email: manthanocollege@gmail.com • website: www.manthan.edu • ACT code: N/A

Student Voices





Rachel Anthony



Major: Creative Music Performance - Drums Hometown: Detroit Class of: 2017

Find Your Path

"I fell in love with music and performance because it took me to someplace else. Somewhere exciting and mysterious" – Rachel Anthony, B.A. (Hons) Creative Music Performance – drum student

Having performed with several notable underground Detroit local producers, DJs, MCs and gospel/contemporary Christian artists, ambitious and accomplished drummer Rachel Anthony wanted to find a college that would equip her with the skills needed to sustain a career in the music industry.

"A good friend told me about DIME and after visiting, I was impressed and interested in being a part of something so amazing and close to home!" Rachel says. "I realized that studying at DIME could enhance my playing skills and help me understand how to navigate a successful career in the music industry.

Applying at DIME couldn't be easier – after getting in touch with us via email, phone or the contact form on our website, you will be scheduled to meet with a student liaison officer who will spend up to an hour with you in a private one-to-one session. It is during this time that we will discuss your goals, career aspirations and assess your playing skills.

"The audition process is fun, and no musician or entrepreneur should be nervous!" Rachel says. "Mine was a blast – meeting Elise McCoy, Student Liaison Manager for the first time; she made me feel immediately comfortable. Playing for someone who really listened was a great experience and made me feel good about my playing skills. We spent a lot of time talking about technique and styles – and what I need to improve on – whilst aspiring to stay true to myself and find my voice in music."

Make Your Mark

All DIME courses have been designed to enable players and music entrepreneurs to hone their skills in the Technique and Styles lessons. You will learn through the music of others in Artists Studies, and will then put your new knowledge into practice in Live Performance Workshop. This practical application of study enables musicians at DIME to hone their craft in live situations. *For the full breakdown of classes, please visit the website.

"Our teachers are professional performers and entrepreneurs who already work in the industry. They work with first-class artists, tour the world, we hear them on the radio and see them on MTV. This experience is invaluable," says Rachel, who during her first semester at DIME already performed with George Clinton and Nate Watts and Friends, who are touring with Stevie Wonder.

"One of my dreams is to meet and play with some of the greatest artists and musicians of my time, to learn from the best and to grow," Rachel adds. "This is possible through DIME's masterclass program. We have also had sessions from UK singer Paolo Nutini and Usher came into class one day! Having access to successful musicians is so critical in our learning environment; it keeps us on our toes and ready to perform at any point, for anyone!"

Book Your Spot

Courses available at DIME include: BA(Hons) Creative Music Performance Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals. BA(Hons) Creative Songwriting. BA(Hons) Music Entrepreneurship Certificate in Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals, Songwriting. Short Courses in Songwriting, Vocals, African Drums, DJ-ing, Summer Schools and many more.

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MARYGROVE COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,041 (77% full time, 23% part time)
- 75% female, 25% male
- 73% African-American, 14% Caucasian, 3% Hispanic, 10% other
- 99% in-state, >1% out-of-state;
 >1% international, 54% transfer students
- 15% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 67%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 916 students applied;
 859 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 94%

FACULTY

- 11-1 student/faculty ratio
- 52 full-time faculty (73% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

18 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Three sororities, four fraternities

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series, Fall Festival/Spirit Day, Honors Convocation, Opening Liturgy-Welcome Ceremony for new and returning students, Women's History Celebration, Leadership Recognition Banquet, performing arts, concerts

MAJORS

46 undergraduate programs and nine graduate programs, with a liberal arts foundation

Most popular majors: 21% social work/ social sciences, 11% business, 10% visual/ performing arts, 10% education

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad, honors program, service learning, dual-

degree, preprofessional studies, certificate, teacher certification

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

Coed residence hall for full-time undergraduate students, suites are shared only by students of the same sex

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$19,936; \$707 per credit hour
- Required fees: \$400
- Room and board: \$7,520
- Books and supplies: \$1,200

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships,

- grants, loans, work-study
- 95% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$13,000 per year
- Call 866.903.3033 or visit www.marygrove.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.0
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 19
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: Official high school transcript or GED
- Materials recommended: Essays, letters of recommendation, awards certificates
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official transcript from all institutions attended
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: March 1; winter enrollment: Nov. 1: summer enrollment: March 1

Note: Fall 2014 information

About the School: Founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1927, Marygrove College is an independent liberal arts college and a Catholic institution of higher learning committed to developing leaders for the new global society. The main campus is situated on 53 wooded acres in northwestern Detroit. • 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221 • phone: 313.927.1240 • fax: 313.927.1399 • email: info@marygrove.edu website: www.marygrove.edu • ACT code: 2024

MICHIGAN JEWISH INSTITUTE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,845 (68% full time, 32% part time)
- 70% female, 30% male
- 1% in-state, 97% out-of-state, 2% international

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,591 students applied;
 1,552 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 98%

FACULTY

- 20-1 student/faculty ratio
- 10 faculty on campus (26.7% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A variety of membership, volunteer and study organizations **Greek life:** Not offered

Greek life: Not offer

MAJORS

 $Eight\ under graduate\ programs$

Most popular majors: 96% Judaic studies, 2% computer information systems, 2% business information systems

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree

Special academic programs: International study, dual enrollment for high school students, online courses

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless access on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$10,500; per credit hour: \$350
- Required fees: \$50
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: \$1,215

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state, institutional and independent scholarships; grants; loans; work-study
- 90% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$5,218 per year
- Call 248.414.6900, ext. 102 or visit www.mji.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.00
- Average SAT score: Not required
- Average ACT score: Not required
- Application Fee: \$50
- Documents required: Application, official

- sealed transcript, high school diploma or $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GED}}$
- Materials recommended: Interview, portfolio, letters, résumé, essay, ACT or SAT scores
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, official sealed transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions, but applying by February is recommended to meet financial aid deadlines

About the school: Michigan Jewish Institute is a Jewish-sponsored institution of higher learning that combines an arts-and-sciences foundation with career-focused baccalaureate and other degree programs in computer information systems, including an advanced concentration in cooperative computing and a concentration in business and computer information systems, and Judaic studies (general, Judaic education and Judaic leadership concentrations). The Judaic studies degree program is available online. Miles from Detroit: 22 • 6890 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322-3022 • phone: 248.414.6900 ext. 106 email: info@mji.edu • website: www.mji.edu • ACT code: 2023

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total undergraduate enrollment: 37,988 (92% full time, 8% part time)
- 52% female, 48% male
- 7% African-American,
 4.2% Asian-American, 71.6% Caucasian,
 3.3% Hispanic, .7% Native American
- 84.5% in-state, 9% out-of-state;
 9.9% international, 6% transfer students
- 42% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 91%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 33,216 students applied; 21,950 accepted
- Acceptance rate: 66%

FACULTY

- 16.9-1 student/faculty ratio
- 2,495 full-time faculty (92% are Ph.D.s or equivalent)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 600 organizations and clubs

Greek life: More than 50 Greek letter organizations

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Student Union, offering a food court, billiards hall, 16-lane bowling alley, musical acts and guest speakers; attending games of the 25 intercollegiate athletic teams; participating in student clubs and organizations; Wharton Center for the Performing Arts; Broad Art Museum

MAJORS

Nearly 200 undergraduate majors

Most popular majors: Communications, advertising, business, education, finance, engineering, telecommunications

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Medical Doctorate, Doctor of Philosophy

Special academic programs: Honors College, study abroad, numerous residential living-learning communities

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

25 coed undergraduate residence halls with 15 dining rooms, classrooms, labs and quiet, smoke-free and alcohol-free living

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available in all buildings and select areas on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$13,246
- Out-of-state, full time: \$35,026
- Required fees: Included in tuition
- Room and board: \$9,204
- Books and supplies: Vary by program

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state and institutional loans, grants, scholarships
- 77% receive financial aid

- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$11,322 per year; for freshmen, \$11,572 per year
- Call 517.353.5940 or visit www.finaid.msu.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.6
- Average SAT score: 1130
- Average ACT score: 26
- Application fee: \$50
- Documents required: Application, ACT or SAT scores (writing component required), high school transcript, personal statement
- Materials recommended: List of activities
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, college transcript, high school materials if transferring less than 28 credits, personal statement
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admission; for maximum consideration, apply by Nov. 1

About the school: Michigan State University, the nation's pioneer land-grant university, began as a bold experiment that democratized higher education and helped bring science and innovation into everyday life. Today, MSU is one of the top research universities in the world – one of the biggest, greenest campuses in the nation – and is home to a diverse community of dedicated students, scholars, athletes, artists, scientists and leaders. Miles from Detroit: 90 • 426 Auditorium Rd., Room 250, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824 • phone: 517.355.8332 • fax: 517.353.1647 • email: admis@msu.edu • website: www.msu.edu • ACT code: 2032

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 5,662 (93% full time, 7% part time)
- 26% female, 74% male
- 1.3% African-American, 1.1% Asian-American, 85.3% Caucasian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 1.7% Hispanic, 0.5% Native American, 7.2% other, 2.7% unknown
- 73.5% in state, 21.8% out of state; 4.7% international, 3.7% transfer students
- 47% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 85%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 5,111 students applied; 3,859 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 76%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 410 full-time faculty (85.4% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

235 organizations and clubs

Greek life: 6% of men join fraternities and 3% of women join sororities

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Enterprise Program, senior design, broomball, K-Day, winter carnival, Parade of Nations, Division I hockey, Safehouse Halloween, cardboard boat races, International Night, Late Night Programming, Family Weekend

MAJORS

72 undergraduate programs, 68 minors and 74 graduate programs

Most popular majors: 91.2% science and engineering; 4.8% business, management, marketing and related support services; 3.6% liberal arts; 0.4% education

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, certificates

Special academic programs: Enterprise Program, co-ops/internships, exchange program, dual enrollment, secondary teacher certification, online learning, double major, honors program, independent study

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Three coed residence halls are on campus. All have wireless Internet, game rooms, computer labs, lounges, kitchenettes and laundry facilities. Apartments available for married and single students. There's also the New Pavlis Honors College House next to campus.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available throughout entire campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$13,740; \$520 per credit hour
- Out-of-state, full time: \$29,220; \$1,082 per credit hour
- Required fees: \$300
- Room and board: \$9,516
- Books and supplies: \$1,200; other expenses: \$2,272

FINANCIAL AID

 Forms needed: Application for admission, FAFSA, federal income tax return with tax schedules, W-2 forms

- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, specialized aid
- 92% undergraduates receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$7,198
- Call 906.487.2622 or visit www.finaid.mtu.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.7
- Average SAT score: 1803
- Average ACT score: 27
- Application fee: Free
- Documents required: Application for admissions, ACT or SAT score, official high school transcript
- Materials recommended: Class rank, high school classes with grades
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application for admission, official transcript from high school and each college attended, good standing at previous college(s)
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions; priority date, Jan. 15

About the school: Michigan Tech offers more than 130 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in natural, physical and environmental sciences; engineering; forest resources; computing; technology; business; economics; arts; humanities; and social sciences. In our Enterprise Program, teams of students have launched nanosatellites, created better snowboards and helped senior citizens winterize their homes. Near campus, students can ski, golf, mountain bike, kayak and much more in our beautiful Upper Michigan location. Miles from Detroit: 550 • 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 • phone: 906.487.2335 fax: 906.487.2125 • email: mtu4u@mtu.edu • website: www.mtu.edu • ACT code: 2030

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 8,233 (90% full time, 10% part time)
- 54% female, 46% male
- 2% African-American,
 0.5% Asian-American, 84% Caucasian,
 3% Hispanic, 2% Native American,
 3.5% other, 5% unknown
- 80% in-state, 19% out-of-state,
 1% international; 6% transfer students
- 32% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 73%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 6,841 students applied;
 4,940 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 72%

FACULTY

- 21-1 student/faculty ratio
- 325 full-time faculty (79% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 300 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (1% of student body) and sororities (1% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Wildcat hockey games, campus cinema, working out at the P.E.I.F. recreation center, hiking Sugarloaf Mountain, cliff jumping at Presque Isle

MAJORS

181 undergraduate programs and 28 graduate programs

Most popular majors: Art and design, nursing, criminal justice, elementary education, biology

Degrees available: Vocational diplomas, associate, bachelor's, master's, graduate education specialist

Special academic programs: Superior Edge Citizen-Leader Development Program, study abroad, honors, Freshman Fellowship, Student Leader Fellowship, certificate, graduate certifications and endorsements

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and winter semesters, plus Summer College

HOUSING

10 coed residence halls consist of suites (two rooms connected by a bathroom), smoke- and chemical-free housing, and single rooms. University apartments are available

WIRELESS ACCESS

All full-time students receive a ThinkPad or MacBook Pro as part of tuition and fees. In August 2009, launched the first WiMAX (4G) network on a U.S. college campus.

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$9,323; per credit hour: \$361
- Out-of-state, full time: \$14,555; per credit hour: \$579
- Required fees: \$225Room and board: \$8,954
- Books and supplies: \$900

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Scholarships, grants, loans, non-need and need-based aid, work-study
- 85% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$10,100 per year
- Call 906.227.2327 or visit www.nmu.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.55
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23.8
- Application fee: \$35
- Documents required: High school transcript, application
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 College transcript, statement of good standing from prior institution
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Founded in 1899, along the breathtaking shoreline of Lake Superior, Northern Michigan University is a public university offering students personal attention in more than 180 academic programs, combined with instructional state-of-the-art technology, including a notebook computer for each student. Miles from Detroit: 450 • 1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 • phone: 906.227.2650 • fax: 906.227.1747 • email: admiss@nmu.edu website: www.nmu.edu • ACT code: 2038

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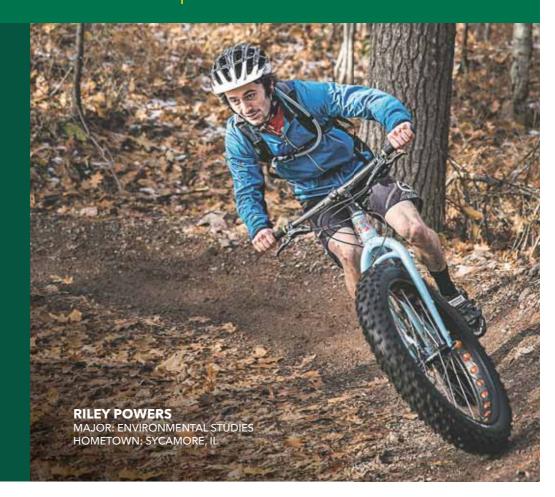
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NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,586 (96% full time, 4% part time)
- 40% female, 60% male
- 10% African-American, 1% Asian-American, 78% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic
- 71% in-state, 13% out-of-state;
 16% international, 24% transfer students
- 50% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 73%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 1,735 students applied; 1,172 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 68%

FACULTY

- 24:1 student/faculty ratio
- 50 full-time faculty (32% with Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 40 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (11% of student body) and sororities (17% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Northwood International Auto Show, business organizations, varsity athletic events, style show, Stafford Dinner

MAJORS

Four-year BBA/MBA program, 20 undergraduate programs and on-site/ online graduate programs, with an emphasis on leadership, management and entrepreneurship

Most popular majors: Advertising, accounting, entrepreneurship, economics, fashion, hospitality management

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad and international exchange programs

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters, plus summer and compressed courses

HOUSING

Single-sex residence halls, apartment-style complexes

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$21,950; \$10,975 per semester
- Required fees: \$1,182Room and board: \$9,310Books and supplies: \$1,182

FINANCIAL AID

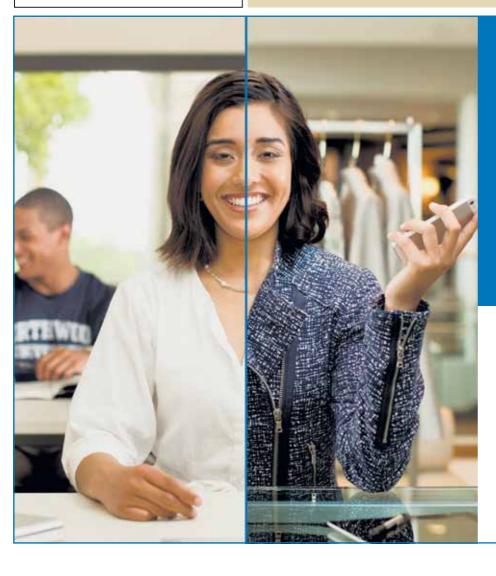
- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Merit and privately funded scholarships, need-based and non-need grants, work-study, athletic scholarships, business club scholarships

- 75% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$14,635 per year
- Call 800.622.9000 or visit www.northwood.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.3
- Average SAT score: 1030 (math/verbal only)
- Average ACT score: 22 (ACT Plus Writing recommended but not required)
- Application fee: \$25; free online
- Documents required: Official high school transcripts, ACT or SAT scores, brief essay
- Materials recommended: Letters of recommendation, ACT Plus Writing test
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official college transcripts and high school transcripts
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Whether your goal is selecting the right major, training for a specific profession or preparing for graduate school, Northwood University has a place for you. With industry-relevant programs delivered uniquely through classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, you'll graduate with the skills and experiences to put your resume at the top of the stack. Employers of Northwood University graduates are unanimous in their praise. Miles from Detroit: 125 • 4000 Whiting Dr., Midland, MI 48640 • phone: 800.457.7878 • fax: 989.837.4490 • email: miadmit@northwood.edu website: www.northwood.edu • ACT code: 2041



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A CHANGING FACE

"Community colleges in Michigan have definitely changed over the last few years," says Nikole Ford, assistant director of enrollment services, assessment and orientation at Henry Ford College in Dearborn.

Once primarily a place where students could learn a trade or pick up classes while they figured out what they wanted to do, community colleges are now home to a new wave of students working toward certificates, earning associate degrees and focusing on transfer paths. State legislation passed in 2013 allows Michigan's 28 community colleges to offer bachelor's degree programs in culinary arts, maritime technology, cement technology and energy production technology.

In 2013, nearly 13 million students attended 1,132 community colleges across the country; more than one-third were first-generation college students. The average community college annual tuition for 2014-2015 was \$3,347, much lower than the average four-year college tuition of \$9,139, according to figures from the American Association of Community Colleges. The average Michigan community college student is about 26 years old, the Michigan Community College Association says.

A QUALITY SPRINGBOARD

Traditionally, community colleges have been a starting point for students to boost lackluster high school grades or to save money on tuition and housing before transferring to four-year institutions. But many high-achieving students begin at community college with a purpose.

"Many students choose to start at Henry Ford College to join the unique honors program," Ford says.

Selective and rigorous, the program offers students core humanities, English, science, math and foreign language courses, plus the opportunity to work closely with faculty to gain admission to four-year transfer colleges.

"Our students have gone on to win scholarships to cover the remaining classes toward bachelor's and master's degrees," Ford says.

IMMERSE YOURSELF

The key to getting the most out of your community college education is to find out what's available and get sucked in.

"Sometimes students will go to classes but not get involved in the campus," says Gretchen Parks, president of the Michigan Association for College Admission



Counseling and director of college counseling at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. "They may not sit down with a counselor who could potentially best direct their course selection. They have a great background in college placement and can suggest courses guaranteed to transfer. They're really a wonderful resource."

In Michigan, transfer agreements exist between twoyear and four-year institutions, so critical coursework will be transferrable, Parks says.

YOUR FIRST CHOICE

Large numbers of high school grads seek seats in community college classrooms as a first choice rather than a fall back. And with good reason, says John Boshoven, counselor for continuing education at Washtenaw International High School in Ypsilanti and Community High School in Ann Arbor. Of his students, 17 percent elect to attend a two-year college.

"At community college, the faculty are not researchers; they are teachers," he says. "And they teach very well."

A lower cost per credit hour just makes sense and allows undecided students to dabble in several subjects and get core courses out of the way.

"It's especially great for art students who can't afford \$50,000 in tuition for four years. Many community colleges offer phenomenal art programs," Boshoven says, adding that for those who learn at an individual pace or who need support, community colleges offer wonderful programs.

WORKFORCE FAST-TRACKING

"Community colleges bend over backward to give students exactly what they need to become productive employees for local employers, and local is key," says Eric Greene, director of public information and marketing at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek. "They excel at working with employers to deliver customized education and classroom experiences students need to succeed."

In an economy where it's a luxury to use college to find

out who you are and what you want to become, more than ever before, community colleges work with fouryear public and private counterparts so credits transfer smoothly, Greene says.

"We specialize in giving people what they need to quickly enter the workforce, which is good for the students, for the economy and for society," Greene says. "There are wins all around."

LIFELONG LEARNING

Overall, the community college stands tall as a hub for varied, flexible and ever-growing education.

"We are constantly looking to meet the needs of the community," Ford says, "whether it involves helping to better prepare high school students, serving high-achieving students or those working on basic skills, as well as partnering with industry and organizations to train tomorrow's workforce."

- Claire Charlton

REAL EDUCATION, REAL WORLD SKILLS

Unique partnerships with industry experts allow some community college students to get the best of both worlds: hands-on training and theoretical bigger-picture coursework. Such is the case with the Michigan Advanced Technician Training program, which debuted at Henry Ford College in fall 2013.

Funded by industry employers, the program consists of three years of instruction, associate degree in a high-tech field, paid on-the-job training and guaranteed employment upon completion, with a two-year employment commitment by the student.

"The MAT2 program revitalizes the quality of education driven by industry and is fulfilled by the community college," says Joel Milinsky, manufacturing and apprenticeship programs implementation facilitator at Henry Ford College. "It's all new but really based on Henry Ford's model for creating technical curriculum for apprenticeship."

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Annual enrollment: 23,266 (25.6% full time, 74.4% part time)
- 57.9% female, 42.1% male
- 25.3% African-American,
 3.5% Asian-American,
 57.4% Caucasian,
 3% Hispanic,
 0.5% Native American,
 3% Unknown
- 98.1% in-state, 0.04% out-of-state; 1.8% international, 26.6% transfer
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 41.5%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 11,001 students applied; 11,001 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 100%

FACULTY

- 22-1 student/faculty ratio
- 268 full-time faculty (% with Ph.D.: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Nursing Club

Greek life: Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapters on each campus

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Intramural/intercollegiate sports

MAJORS

153 undergraduate degrees and certificates **Most popular majors:** 9% general studies, 8.2% nursing, 8.6% business administration, 7.8% liberal arts, 5.2% science

Degrees available: Associate degree Special academic programs: O2O Transfer Agreement with Oakland University, 260 articulation agreements with 35 local institutions, partnership programs, reciprocal degree programs with Macomb CC, certificates, certificates of achievement, continuing education

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and winter semesters, summer sessions

WIRELESS ACCESS

160-plus access points at five campuses

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-district, full time: \$82 per credit hour
- Out-of-district, full time: \$154 per credit hour
- Out-of-state and international: \$216 per credit hour
- Required fees: \$25 registration fee;
 \$10 technology fee per semester
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: \$1,350

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants, loans, work-study, scholarships
- 66% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$5,104 per year
- Call 248.341.2200 or visit www.oaklandcc.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: Not required
- Average ACT/SAT score: Not required
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application, proof of residency
- Materials recommended: None
- Materials needed for transfer students: Michigan Uniform Guest Application (from home school)
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Open

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Highland Lakes Campus 7350 Cooley Lake Rd. Waterford, MI 48327 Ph: 248.942.3100

Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248.522.3400 Royal Oak Campus 739 S. Washington Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48067 Ph: 248.246.2400

Southfield Campus 22322 Rutland Dr. Southfield, MI 48075 Ph: 248.233.2700

About the school: With five campuses and an annual enrollment of 80,000 students, Oakland Community College is the largest community college in Michigan and the 25th largest in the United States. Established in 1964, OCC offers degrees and certificates in more than 162 fields, including university transfer degrees in business, science and the liberal arts. • 2900 Featherstone Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 • phone: 248.232.4100 • website: www.oaklandcc.edu ACT code: 2043

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LOW-COST TUITION

OCC's tuition is the lowest of all public Michigan colleges and universities.

- College District Residents\$82.00/credit hr.
- Non-Residents of College District......\$154.00/credit hr.

FINANCIAL AID

Last year, over \$80 million was provided to OCC students through federal, state, private and institutional awards.

TRANSFERABILITY

OCC transfers more students to four-year schools than any community college in the state.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES AND CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

OCC offers day, night, weekend, traditional, short-term and online courses. With five campuses located in Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield and Waterford, OCC is conveniently located no matter where you are.



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY.

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 16,935 (73.8% full time, 26.2% part time)
- 58.1% female, 41.9% male
- 9.3% African-American,
 5.6% Asian-American/Pacific Islander,
 77.6% Caucasian, 2.9% Hispanic,
 1.1% Native American, 0.2% Native
 Hawaiian, 3.3% other
- 94.7% in-state, 2.1% out-of-state; 3.2% international, 41% transfer students
- 14% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 73.3%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 12,164 students applied; 7,985 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 66%

FACULTY

- 22-1 student/faculty ratio
- 560 full-time faculty (93% with Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 250 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Nine fraternities and sororities

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Welcome Week, Reunion Weekend, Friday Night Live (comedy shows and novelty acts), Keeper of the Dream, homecoming, Weekend of Champions, fall homecoming

MAJORS

139 undergraduate and 125 graduate programs

Most popular majors: Communications, elementary education, engineering, nursing, pre-med, psychology

Degrees available: Bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, doctoral degrees

Special academic programs: "Degree in Three" program for select majors, double major, accelerated program, English as a second language, honors program, studentdesigned major, study abroad, certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and summer semesters

HOUSING

Six coed residence halls, plus student apartments, learning communities, honors floors, housing for disabled students

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless network available throughout most of campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$11,460; per credit hour: \$353.75
- Out-of-state, full time: \$11,108. Many students qualify for a scholarship that covers the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition.
- Required fees: None
- Room and board: \$8,895
- Books and supplies: \$1,362

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Federal, state, private and institutional scholarships, grants, loans and work study

- All admitted undergraduate students receive consideration for scholarships
- 71% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$3,938 for grants/scholarships; \$5,424 for loans per year
- Call 248.370.2550 or visit www.oakland. edu/finaid for more information

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.4
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application, transcripts, ACT
- Materials recommended: Same as above
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Application, transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Aug. 1; winter: Dec. 1; summer I: April 1; summer II: June 1

About the school: Located in southeastern Michigan, Oakland University offers more than 260 degree and certificate programs to more than 20,000 students. OU provides an exceptional educational with flexible class schedules, state-of-the-art facilities, student services, research labs and internships. Miles from Detroit: 25 2200 Squirrel Rd., Rochester, MI 48309 • phone: 800.OAK.UNIV • fax: 248.370.4462 • email: ouinfo@oakland.edu • website: www.oakland.edu • ACT code: 2033



OLIVET COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,110 (96% full time, 4% part time)
- 46% female, 54% male
- 9% African-American, 1% Asian-American, 80% Caucasian, 5% Hispanic, 1% Native American, 5% other
- 97% in-state, 3% out-of-state; 1% international, 22% transfer students
- 64% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 80%

INCOMING STUDENTS

- 1,702 students applied; 1,088 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 63%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 49 full-time faculty (55% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 30 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Fraternities (12% of student body) and sororities (10% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Gamma lota Sigma and other professional organizations, Global Citizens Honors Program, Student Government Association, President's Leadership Institute, international travel, in- and out-of-state service opportunities, band and choir, NCAA Division III athletics, intramural sports

MAJORS

60 undergraduate majors and concentrations, Master of Business Administration in Insurance

Most popular majors: Criminal justice; business administration, including insurance and risk management; exercise science, including physical therapy; biology, including premedical sciences

Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's Special academic programs: Global

Citizens Honors Program, weekly seminars,

service learning requirement, internships, domestic and international travel

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters. Spring semester includes three-week Intensive Learning term.

HOUSING

Two single-sex and two coed residence halls

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time, with required fees: \$20,801
- Room: \$3,950
- Board: \$3.950
- Books and supplies: \$1,000 or less

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Merit-based, music

and additional academic scholarships; Global Citizens Honors Program full tuition and additional scholarships; federal and state aid; institutional scholarships and grants

- 100% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$17,630
- Call 800.456.7189 or visit www.olivetcollege.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.35
- Average SAT score: 1020
- Average ACT score: 21.7
- Application fee: \$0
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT or SAT test scores
- Materials recommended: Campus visit
- Materials needed for transfer students: Transcript from other colleges/ universities attended
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions; early acceptance, Jan. 1

About the school: From enrollment to graduation, Olivet College is committed to each student's personal, academic and career success. With classes that average fewer than 17 students, Olivet College professors provide individualized attention both inside and outside the classroom while also empowering students who seek success. In addition, 88% of Olivet's alumni are either employed or pursuing graduate school within one year of graduation. Miles from Detroit: 125 • 320 S. Main St., Olivet, MI 49076 • phone: 800.456.7189 • fax: 269.749.6617 • email: admissions@olivetcollege.edu website: www.olivetcollege.edu • ACT code: 2308

ROCHESTER COLLEGE

Rochester College

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,044 (73% full time, 27% part time)
- 59% female, 41% male
- 17.5% African-American 1.4% Asian-American, 74% Caucasian, 2.63% Hispanic, 0.7% Native American, 3.27% other
- 88.95% in-state, 9.55% out-of-state; 1.5% international; 22% transfer students
- 27% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 62%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 928 students applied; 507 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 55%

- 12-1 student/faculty ratio
- 36 full-time faculty (50% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Greek life: Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Athletic events, social clubs, campus ministry, variety show

MAJORS

26 undergraduate programs Most popular majors: 23% business, management or marketing; 19.27% psychology, counseling, social work;

11.45% liberal arts; 10% education Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree Special academic programs: Global

educational opportunities/study abroad, science field study

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters, plus May session

HOUSING

Four single-sex residence halls, one marriedhousing apartment building

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available in public meeting spaces and other locations throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$19,422
- Required fees: \$1,331
- Room and board: \$6,554
- Books and supplies: Vary

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Institutional, federal, state and scholarships, awards, grants, loans, work-study
- 87% receive financial aid
- Average financial-aid package: \$2,336 per year
- Call 800.521.6010 or visit www.rc.edu/admissions/financial-services

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.83
- Average SAT score: 1030
- Average ACT score: 20.6
- Application fee: \$35; free online
- Documents required: High school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, application
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript, high school transcript, \$35 fee with application, RC scholarship application
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Rochester College cultivates academic excellence, principled character, servant leadership and global awareness through a rigorous educational experience that integrates liberal arts and professional studies within an inclusive Christian heritage. Miles from Detroit: 26 • 28800 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307 • phone: 800.521.6010 • fax: 248.218.2035 • email: admissions@rc.edu • website: www.rc.edu • ACT code: 2072

Several Schools Want You!How to make your final decision

Your college responses have come back, and it's all good news. Congratulations! You have been accepted to several schools. Now it's time to make your final choice. Many times, the decision boils down to simple numbers.

"One of the things that will happen at this stage is a financial discussion with a student's family. You'll take time to review not just the offers, but the financial aid packages as well," says Lisa Sohmer, former board member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. At this stage, you simply choose the college with the best price tag, or you ask the more expensive college to sweeten its deal.

MONEY MATTERS

Recently, higher price tags have meant more selective schools will struggle to fill their freshman class, says Jerry Pope, former admissions officer for Illinois Wesleyan University and St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

"A lot of students are starting at community college to save money, so some four-year state schools have had to come up with more creative funding," he says.

The result? More money for out-of-state students. "Here's where you can be an informed consumer and practice the fine art of negotiation," Pope says.

A courteous request for a financial aid review is "appropriate and smart," according to the book "Admission Matters" by Sally Springer, Jon Reider and Joyce Vining Morgan. Be aware that colleges are more likely to match packages offered by schools with which they regularly compete for students, they say. Your request for financial aid reconsideration is always appropriate if your financial situation has changed in any way.

If your colleges are similar in price or if money isn't an issue, then consider the many other factors that can help you make your final decision.

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?

Think about where you want your college experience to take you. If you're hoping to make as much money as possible upon graduation, you may lean toward the school with the more prestigious name, but experts stress that smart students succeed financially no matter their chosen school.

Still, research from PayScale Inc. can help you determine which of your prospective schools produces the highest-paid graduates. If post-graduate study in a scientific field is your goal, then you might be tempted to pursue your undergraduate degree at a large research university.

But you are just as likely to progress to doctorate level in science or engineering if you attend a liberal arts college first, according to information from the National Science Foundation, which found that a group of small baccalaureate colleges, known as the Oberlin 50, out-produce research universities in numbers of future doctorate recipients.

TIME FOR ANOTHER VISIT

"Sometimes you need to have another visit just to be sure," Sohmer says.

If you haven't already, then see if you can arrange an overnight stay in a dorm where freshman usually live. Soak it all in. What do you love, and what can you live without? Talk with dorm residents about what they like about their classes, the food, the faculty and the general vibe of the place. Remember, they were once in your position and have reasons behind their own decisions. As you engage and reflect on what you learn, visualize yourself as a student here. Is it a good fit?

DIG OUT THE NOT-SO-POSITIVE

Reach beyond the college's marketing materials by reading student newspapers and blogs. What do students actively complain about? Do they rail against international affairs, political news and the state of the environment, or are they angry about campus safety, diminishing services or unjust teacher-to-student ratios? Read reviews on www.unigo.com, www.studentsreview.com and www.collegeprowler.com. For a true peer recommendation, consult your high school adviser

to connect with former students from your school who attend the college you are considering.

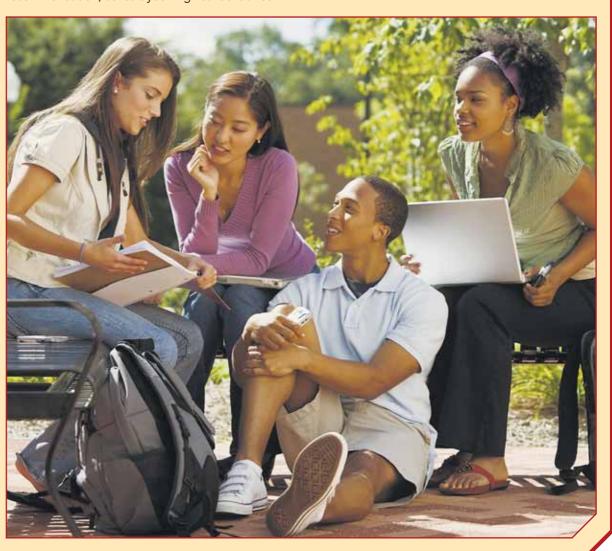
FIND YOUR BEST PATH TO SUCCESS

If you're still having trouble making your decision, then it's time to ask yourself why. Perhaps what you need is a break from academics for you to travel, work or just find out more about yourself. If this sounds like an option for you, then do some research before making any major decision. The NACAC website offers some thinking points and suggestions on its gap year page.

Many colleges consider a year off with a structured plan for travel, internship or volunteer work to be a positive experience that can build maturity and better prepare a student for serious college study.

In its acceptance letter, for example, Harvard University actively encourages admitted students to consider taking a year off, noting that the experience can be meaningful and enriching. Talk with your colleges to discover if they have a specific policy for deferring admittance for a year.

- Claire Charlton



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SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 250
 (23% full time, 77% part time)
- 41% female, 59% male
- 2% African-American, 0% American Indian or Alaska Native, >1% Asian-American, 80% Caucasian, 17% Hispanic, >1% two or more races or other
- 77% in-state, 15% out-of-state; 8% international, 83% transfer students
- 17% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 100%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 3 students applied;
 3 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 100%

FACULTY

- 6-1 student/faculty ratio
- 30 full-time faculty (83% are Ph.D.s)

MAJORS

Degrees available: Associate, bachelor's,

master's, Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology, Licentiate in Sacred Theology

Most popular majors: Pastoral studies, pastoral theology, philosophy, theology Special academic programs: Nondegree certificate programs in Catholic theology, permanent diaconate, music ministry, postgraduate certificate in New Evangelization

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer terms

TUITION/COSTS

- Commuters: \$409 per credit hour (undergraduate); \$572 per credit hour (graduate); \$685 per credit hour (STL graduate)
- Seminarians: \$17,407 per year for College of Liberal Arts; \$25,235 per year for School of Theology
- Room and board (per year): \$9,484
- Registration fee: \$50 (per term), \$10 key deposit, \$100 room deposit

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, SHMS application, institutional applications
- Types of aid available: Institutional, federal, state
- 73% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$10,857 per year
- Call 313.883.8534 or visit www.shms.edu for more information

ADMISSIONS

- New student application fee: \$30
- Documents required: Application, official transcript(s) from prior studies, interview with admissions committee chairperson, two recommendation forms, autobiographical essay, test scores
- Materials recommended: N/A
- Materials needed for transfer students: N/A
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment:
 Aug. 15

About the school: Sacred Heart Major Seminary is an institution of higher education that primarily prepares candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood and prepares individuals for the diaconate, lay ministry and other leadership roles. SHMS seeks to provide an excellent undergraduate formation based on an emphasis in philosophy and ministry that will serve as a sound foundation to pursue theological studies. The graduate theology programs seek to ensure a clearly Catholic professional and academic formation for ministerial service. • 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206 phone: 313.883.8520 • email: admissions@shms.edu • website: www.shms.edu • ACT code: 2048

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 8,453 (85.28% full time, 14.72% part time)
- 58% female, 42% male
- 10.6% African-American,
 0.7% Asian-American, 72.1% Caucasian,
 3.5% Hispanic, 0.4% Native American,
 12.7% other
- 94.0% in-state, 1.2% out-of-state; 4.8% international, 27.8% transfer
- 30.52% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 70.6%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 6,275 students applied;
 4,965 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 79%

FACULTY

- 18-1 student/faculty ratio
- 309 full-time faculty (82% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 100 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** Fraternities (3% of student body) and sororities (3% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Homecoming, Card's Party, Battle of the Valleys intramural activities, football

MAJORS

More than 90 undergraduate programs and more than 12 graduate programs

Most popular majors: Nursing, social work, criminal justice, elementary education, preoccupational therapy

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Education Specialist

Special academic programs: Honors, writing, international

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Suites, apartments, townhouses

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in all student housing

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$8,253; per credit hour: \$275.10
- Out-of-state, full time: \$19,971; per credit hour: \$665.70
- Required fees: \$438
- Room and board: \$8,678
- Books and supplies: \$1,220

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants, loans, scholarships, third-party billing
- 95% of degree-seeking undergraduates who applied for financial aid received it

- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$7,756
- Call 989.964.4900 or visit www.svsu.edu/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.2
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 22
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: High school transcript; ACT or SAT score
- Materials recommended: Same as listed above
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 College transcript, proof of high school graduation
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Founded in 1964, Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive regional state university that is student-centered, offering small classes, highly qualified faculty dedicated to teaching and more than 70 quality academic programs in its five colleges. Its more than 9,800 diverse students learn and lead on a modern and welcoming campus. Situated on 782 acres in mid-Michigan, Saginaw Valley State University also serves as a cultural and intellectual resource for the region. Miles from Detroit: 110 • 7400 Bay Rd., University Center, MI 48710 • phone: 800.968.9500 • fax: 989.790.0180 email: admissions@svsu.edu • website: www.svsu.edu • ACT code: 2057

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total Enrollment: 11,542 (33% full time, 67% part time)
- 54% female, 46% male
- 15% African-American, 4% Asian-American, 66% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic, 1% Native American, 1% nonresident alien, 2% two or more races, 7% unknown
- 99% in-state, 1% out-of-state; 1% international; transfer: N/A
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 60%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 8.459 students applied: 8,459 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 100%

FACULTY

- 28-1 student/faculty ratio
- 102 full-time faculty (13% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

38 organizations and clubs Greek life: Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

School Daze, Navratri (cultural program), Multicultural Fair

MAJORS

45 associate degrees and 63 certificate

Most popular majors: Liberal arts transfer, registered nursing, criminal justice, business administration transfer, medical assisting, culinary arts, computer graphics technology, health information technology

Degrees available: Associate, certificate, skilled certificate, post-associate certificate Special academic programs: Open

Entry/Open Exit, distance learning, dual enrollment, early/middle college

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer semesters

HOUSING

Not offered

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in all buildings

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-district: \$2,790; per credit hour: \$93
- Out-of-district: \$4,050; per credit hour: \$135
- Out-of-state: \$5,970; per credit hour: \$199
- Required fees: \$684
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: \$1,326

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Loans, grants, awards, scholarships
- 67% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: N/A
- Call 734.462.4433 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/aid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 2.40
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: None
- Documents required: Application
- Materials recommended: Official copy of high school diploma, GED and/or college transcript
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, official transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

Livonia Campus

18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 Ph: 734.462.4426 Fx: 734.462.4553

Radcliff Center

1751 Radcliff St., Garden City, MI 48135 Ph: 734.462.4770

About the school: Schoolcraft College offers 70 academic majors, certificates and associate degrees, leading directly to employment and associate-tobachelor's degree transfer partnerships with universities. Classes are offered in Livonia, Garden City and online. Miles from Detroit: 28 • 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 • phone: 734.462.4683 • email: gotosc@schoolcraft.edu • website: www.schoolcraft.edu • ACT code: 2070

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY



ENROLLMENT STATS

- Total enrollment: 2,322

15-1 student/faculty ratio

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Intramural athletics, Greek life, academic clubs and organizations, volunteer organizations, campus ministry, band Athletics: Affiliated with NAIA Men:

Baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, track and field, volleyball; Women: Basketball, bowling, cheer, cross country, dance, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball

MAJORS

More than 40 undergraduate and graduate

Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree Special academic programs: Degree completion programs, online courses

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless campus

TUITION/COSTS

- Full-time undergraduate: \$20,532
- Room and board: \$8,210
- Required fees: \$620

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: merit, athletic, art, theater, band, music, choir, campus ministry scholarships
- Average need-based financial-aid package: N/A
- Call 517.264.7180 or visit www.sienaheights.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Application fee: None
- Documents required: application, high school transcript or GED certificate, ACT or SAT score
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: rolling admissions

Note: Fall 2012 information

About the school: Founded in 1919, Siena Heights is a Catholic liberal arts university sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Miles from Detroit: 40 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221 phone: 800.521.0009, ext. 7180 • fax: 517.264.7745 email: admissions@sienaheights.edu website: www.sienaheights.edu • ACT code: 2052

Your Spare Time

Letting your extracurricular passions shine though

Your college application should introduce you as a complete package - a roundup of curriculum choices, grades, test scores, class rank and various extracurricular activities.

But with regard to spare-time involvement, is more necessarily better? Not necessarily, experts say. Just a few carefully chosen activities are more than enough.

BE SELECTIVE BUT INVOLVED

"Admissions offices do not want to see a laundry list of activities if they are not meaningful," says Gretchen Parks, director of college counseling at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. Instead, focus on one or two activities in which you can immerse yourself, expand further or take a position of leadership, Parks says.

Depth of involvement trumps breadth, according to The College Board, which advises students to focus on a limited number of interests and show long-term involvement, rather than scatter their attention widely.

High school is your time to discover your own individual interests and pursue them through clubs and teams. You'll find that you naturally want to spend more time on pursuits that you find interesting and that time commitment demonstrates your involvement organically.

WORK IT, BUT WISELY

With all the emphasis on extracurricular clubs, remember that attention to your grades always comes first and know that admissions offices will say the same.

"It's very difficult to see high school students stay up until 3 o'clock in the morning because they don't get home until 10:30 p.m. from all their activities,"

The bottom line is choose an activity or two that you love and stick with it, but put your grades first.

"Just find your passion, and colleges will rise to that," she says. "If you can work that passion into your college essay, your knowledge and excitement will shine through." - Claire Charlton

SOUTH UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: (33% full time, 67% part time)
- 79% female, 21% male
- 43% African-American, 3% Asian-American, 48% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic, 5% not reported/disclosed
- % live on campus: N/A

FACULTY

- 12:1 student/faculty ratio
- 94% of faculty are Ph.D.s

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Four student organizations Greek life: Not offered

MAJORS

Most popular majors: PTA, nursing, MBA, healthcare, and criminal justice Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer semesters; day and evening classes offered online and on campus.

HOUSING

Not offered

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless access available throughout

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: See website per credit hour: See website
- Out-of-state, full time: See website per credit hour: See website
- Required fees: See website
- Books and supplies: See website

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: See website
- Types of aid available: See website
- Visit www.southuniversity.edu or call 248 675 0200

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: \$50
- Documents required: ACT or Accuplacer
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official transcripts from all previous institutions
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: See website

Note: Fall 2014 information

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to excel in their specific discipline. The university boasts an 86% job placement rate. Rich in tradition, South University is one of the fastest-growing schools in the state of Michigan. The 40,000-square-foot campus sits on the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi. Miles from Detroit: 20 • 41555 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48377 • phone: 248.675.0200 • fax: 248.675.0190 • website: www.southuniversity.edu • ACT code: 6620

About the school: Founded in 1899 in Savannah, Georgia, South University opened its Novi campus in October 2010. South University has cutting-edge technology that allows students

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,962
- (88% full time, 12% part time)

FACULTY

- 16-1 student/faculty ratio
- 90 full-time faculty (72% with Ph.D.s)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Radio station, intramural sports, music groups, ROTC, bible study, service projects

MAJORS

72 undergraduate, 11 graduate programs Most popular majors: Teacher education, business, psychology, graphic design, art Degrees available: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree Special academic programs: Degree completion, online courses, honors, crosscultural, Students in Free Enterprise, postbaccalaureate teacher certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters, plus January and May terms

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In- and out-of-state, full time: \$23,750
- Required fees: \$600
- Room and board: \$9,060

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: N/A
- 92% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial aid package from all sources: \$23,148
- Call 800.968.0011 or visit www.arbor.edu/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.4
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$30; free online
- Documents required: Application, high school transcript, ACT/SAT score; ACT writing not required
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Aug. 15; priority, March 15

Note: Fall 2014 information

About the school: For nearly 140 years, Spring Arbor University has offered liberal arts training in a Christcentered environment situated on a 100-acre campus. Miles from Detroit: 89 • 106 E. Main St., Spring Arbor, MI 49283 phone: 800.968.9103 • fax: 517.750.6620 • email: admissions@arbor.edu • website: www.arbor.edu ACT code: 2056



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UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 3,149 (75% full time, 25% part time)
- 64% female, 36% male
- 19% African-American,
 2% Asian-American, 51% Caucasian,
 4% Hispanic, 20% other
- 96% in-state, 4% out-of-state;
 4% international, 40% transfer students
- 23% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 77%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 3,173 students applied;
 2,020 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 64%

FACULTY

- 13-1 student/faculty ratio
- 328 full-time faculty (87% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

50 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** 15 fraternities and sororities

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Homecoming, Greek Week, Alternative Spring Break, Safety Street, PT&V (Prologues, Transitions & Viewpoints)

MAJORS

More than 50 undergraduate programs and more than 50 graduate programs

Most popular majors: 31% health professions, including nursing; 23% engineering and science; 16% liberal arts, social sciences and humanities; 8% business, management, marketing and related support services; 7% architecture

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral degree

Special academic programs: Study abroad, pre-medicine and pre-dental school programs, internships/co-op experience

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and winter semesters

HOUSING

Six coed residence halls. Options include Honors Residential program, WISE floor (Women in Science and Engineering)

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless throughout most of campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state and out-of-state, full time: \$30,660; per credit hour: \$780
- Required fees: none
- Room and board: \$8,390
- Books and supplies: \$1,568

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: State and federal grants, loans and scholarships; private scholarships; university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds;

university loans from institutional funds

- 82% receive financial aid
- Average financial-aid package: \$22,851 for new freshmen
- Call 313.993.3350 or visit www.udmercy.edu/admissions

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.43
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23.9
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: High school diploma or GED
- Materials recommended: Campus visit, essay, personal statement
- Materials needed for transfer students: Previous transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: July 1

Note: Fall 2010 information

About the school: The University of Detroit Mercy is Michigan's largest private Catholic university, with approximately 100 academic majors and programs. It's sponsored by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. For the 10th consecutive year, UDM is listed in the top tier of Midwestern master's degree universities in the 2010 edition of U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges. • 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221 • phone: 313.993.1245 • fax: 313.993.3326 • email: admissions@udmercy.edu • website: www.udmercy.edu • ACT code: 2060

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 28,283 (96% full time, 4% part time)
- 49% female, 51% male
- 5% African-American, 13% Asian-American, 70% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic/ Latino, 2% Native American, 6% other
- 60% in-state, 34% out-of-state; 6% international
- 40% of all undergraduates live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 97%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 49,776 students applied; 16,047 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 32%

FACULTY

- 16-1 student/faculty ratio
- 2,366 full-time faculty (% with Ph.D.s: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 1,000 student organizations **Greek life:** 65 fraternities and sororities (19.5% of student body)

MAJORS

250 undergraduate programs

Most popular majors: Business, social sciences, engineering, psychology, biological/life sciences, visual and performing arts

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral degree

Special academic programs: More than 50 undergraduate programs

than 50 undergraduate programs, international programs/study abroad, certificate

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Trimesters

HOUSING

19 residence halls; all incoming freshmen guaranteed space in university housing

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available throughout campus in select areas

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$13,486; per credit hour: \$846/first hour, \$489/subsequent hours
- Out-of state, full time: \$41,906; per credit hour: \$1,894/first hour, \$1,537/subsequent hours
- Required fees: Included in tuition
- Room and board: \$10,246
- Books and supplies: \$1,048

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA, parent and student 1040 forms, College Scholarship Service Profile
- Types of aid available: Scholarships and grants (federal, state, institutional and externally funded), self-help (such as work-study), athletic awards
- 70% in-state and 51% out-of-state students receive financial aid

- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$15,849
- Call 734.763.6600 or visit www.finaid.umich.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.85
- Average SAT score: 2040-2260
- Average ACT score: 30-33
- Application fee: \$75
- Documents required: Official high school transcript(s), official SAT or ACT with writing scores, essays, application form, letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, U-M Transfer Supplement, high school and college transcript, essays, ACT or SAT scores (if taken)
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Early action, Nov. 1; regular decision and transfer, Feb. 1

About the school: This world-class institution excels in nearly every discipline. The University of Michigan is known for its superb learning facilities and academically excellent and diverse community, as well as its lively school spirit. Go Blue! Miles from Detroit: 40 • 1220 Student Activities Building, 515 E. Jefferson St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109 • phone: 734.764.7433 • fax: 734.936.0740 • website: www.umich.edu, www.admissions.umich.edu • ACT code: 2062

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 7,374 (65.7% full time, 34.3% part time)
- 50.7% female, 49.3% male
- 10.5% African-American,
 6.3% Asian-American, 68.1% Caucasian,
 5.5% Hispanic, 0.5% Native American,
 9.3% other
- 93.5% in-state, 6.5% out-of-state;
 2.9% international, 56% transfer students
- % live on campus: N/A
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 81%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 5,084 students applied; 3,264 accepted
- Acceptance rate: 64%

FACULTY

- 16-1 student/faculty ratio
- 305 full-time faculty (84% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

180 organizations and clubs

Greek life: Fraternities (3% of student body) and sororities (3% of student body)

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Michigan Journal, campus video, student government, Student Activity Board, Lyceum, WUMD Radio, civic engagement activities

MAJORS

75 undergraduate and 33 graduate programs, with an emphasis on engineering, computer science, business, education, sciences; three doctoral programs; one specialist program

Most popular majors: English, biological science, communications, computer science, criminal justice, electrical engineering, general studies, mechanical engineering, pre-business, psychology

Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, post-degree certificate

Special academic programs: Distance learning, study abroad, honors program, transfer honors program, BBA honors program, teacher certificate program, dual degree, graduate certificate programs

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and summer semesters

HOUSING

Not offered; referral service available

WIRELESS ACCESS

Access points in library, University Center and many academic buildings on campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$10,952 (lower-level undergraduate), \$11,222 (upper-level); per credit hour: \$417
- Out-of-state, full time: \$23,150 (lower-level), \$23,420 (upper-level); per credit hour: \$905
- Required fees: N/A
- Books and supplies: \$1,300

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Loans, scholarships, grants, gifts, work-study
- 92% of freshmen receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$6,059 per year
- Call 313.593.5300 or visit www.umd.umich.edu/financialaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.62
- Average ACT score: 24.3
- Application fee: \$30; free online
- Documents required: Official transcripts,
 test scores
- Materials recommended: Optional letters of recommendation, personal statement
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official transcripts from all previous institutions
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Sept. 7; freshman scholarships, Dec. 15

About the school: Since its founding, the University of Michigan-Dearborn has been distinguished by its commitment to providing excellent educational opportunities responsive to the needs of southeastern Michigan. UM-Dearborn is a comprehensive university located on a 200-acre campus in the heart of the metropolitan area. Miles from Detroit: 10 • 4901 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, MI 48128 • phone: 313.593.5100 • fax: 313.436.9167 email: admissions@umd.umich.edu • website: www.umd.umich.edu • ACT code: 2074













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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 7,078 (60% full time, 40% part time)
- 60% female, 40% male
- 12.55% African-American,
 1.75% Asian-American, 67.8% Caucasian,
 3.7% Hispanic, 0.7% Native American,
 13.5% other
- 92.57% in-state, 1.58% out-of-state; 5.85% international, 11.3% transfer
- 4% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 72%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 3,160 students applied; 2,485 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 79%

FACULTY

- 15-1 student/faculty ratio
- 300 full-time faculty (69.3% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Greek life: Fraternities (5% of student body) and sororities (5% of student body)

MAJORS

127 undergraduate programs and 66 graduate programs, with a focus on liberal arts and sciences, education, nursing, business and computer science

Most popular majors: 20.6% nursing, 14.6% business, 7% biology, 6.2% education, 4.4% computer information systems

Degrees available: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral degree **Special academic programs:** Study abro

Special academic programs: Study abroad, honors, graduate program, dual enrollee, pre-professional programs, post-doctoral certificates

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter and spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

Available

WIRELESS ACCESS

Network connectivity in all buildings that house student activities

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$9,720; per credit hour: \$388.75
- Out-of-state, full time: \$18,942; per credit hour: \$765.50
- Required fees: \$418
- Room and board: \$7,911
- Books and supplies: \$1,000

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, employment, veteran's benefits

- 63.9% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$12,405 per year
- Call 810.762.3300, or visit www.umflint.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.22
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 21.34
- Application fee: \$30
- Documents required: GED or high school transcript and test scores, UM-Flint counselor recommendation form
- Materials recommended: Résumé, letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Rolling admissions

About the school: Located in Flint, a city of more than 100,000 residents in east-central Michigan, the UM-Flint campus occupies 72 acres, including property on the Flint River, and is accessible by I-75, I-475 and I-69. Miles from Detroit: 69 • 303 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48502 • phone: 810.762.3300 fax: 810.762.3272 • email: admission@umflint.edu • website: www.flint.umich.edu • ACT code: 2063

WALSH COLLEGE



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UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 1,295 (6% full time, 94% part time)
- 51% female, 49% male
- 6% African-American, 5% Asian-American, 84% Caucasian, 2% Hispanic, 3% other or two or more races
- 97% in-state, 1% out-of-state;
 2% international, 100% transfer
- 0% live on campus

FACULTY

- 14-1 student/faculty ratio
- 24 full-time faculty (77% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Nine student organizations **Greek life:** Not offered

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Accounting and Tax Student Organization, American Marketing Association, Delta Mu Delta, Finance and Economics Club, International Student Organization, Investment Club, MBA Association, Student Government Association, Student Veterans Association

MAJORS

Three undergraduate and 12 graduate programs

Most popular majors: Accounting, management

Degrees available: Bachelor of Accountancy; Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting Processes, Finance, General Business, Management, Marketing, Information Technology; Master of Business Administration; Master of Science in Accountancy, Finance, Information Technology, Information Technology Leadership, Management, Marketing, Taxation; dual degrees

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring and summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time, undergraduate: \$12,375; \$400 per credit hour
- In-state, full time, graduate: \$16,527; per credit hour: \$673
- Required fees: N/A
- Room and board: No housing available
- Books and supplies: N/A

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Michigan Tuition Grant, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, GradPLUS, unsubsidized and subsidized loans
- 45% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid

package: \$8,400 per year

Call 248.823.1665 or email finaid@walshcollege.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: N/A. Students must have 60 semester credit hours before being admitted to the college.
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: \$35
- Application requirements: Students must have 60 semester credit hours before being admitted to the college. High school seniors will be admitted pending completion of 60 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment:
 No official application deadlines; students are recommended to apply six months prior to the semester in which they want to start

About the school: Founded in 1922, Walsh College is a private, not-for-profit, upper-division institution offering undergraduate and graduate business and technology degrees and certificate programs. One of southeastern Michigan's largest business schools, Walsh has locations in Troy, Novi, Clinton Township and Port Huron, as well as online. Miles from Detroit: 25 • 3838 Livernois Rd., Troy, MI 48083 • phone: 248.823.1610 • email: admissions@walshcollege.edu website: www.walshcollege.edu

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 12,327 (30.5% full time, 69.5% part time)
- 52.2% female, 47.8% male
- 18.1% African-American, 3.9% Asian-American, 66.9% Caucasian, 5.9% Hispanic, 0.4% Native American, 0.2% Pacific Islander, 4.5% two or more
- 96.5% in-state, 1.8% out-of-state; 1.6% international, transfer: N/A
- 0% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 48%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 7,351 students applied;
 7,351 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 100%

FACULTY

- 20-1 student/faculty ratio
- 165 full-time faculty (% are Ph.D.s: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

27 clubs and organizations

Greek life: Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Intramural and club sports, Washtenaw Voice • student newspaper, Orchard Radio

MAJORS

113 associate in arts, science and applied science degree and certificates; advanced certificate programs

Degrees available: Associate degree Special academic programs: 3+1 transfer programs, MPOD transfer agreement with University of Michigan, MACRAO agreement with 27 four-year Michigan colleges and universities and 127 articulation agreements, certificates, advanced certificates

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring/summer semesters

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available throughout main campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

• In-district, full time: \$2,232;

per credit hour: \$93

- Out-of-district, full time: \$3,576; per credit hour: \$149
- Out-of-state, full time: \$4,728; per credit hour: \$197
- International, full time: \$5,400; per credit hour: \$225
- Required fees: Included in tuition
- Room and board: N/A
- Books and supplies: N/A

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Grants, loans, work-study, scholarships
- 41% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: N/A
- Call 734.973.3523 or visit www4.wccnet.edu/studentservices/ studentconnection/financialaid/

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: N/A
- Average ACT/SAT score: N/A

- Application fee: N/A
- Documents required: Application, proof of residency and identity
- Materials recommended: Copies of high school and college transcript, ACT/SAT/ COMPASS/ASSET scores
- Materials needed for transfer students: Application, official college transcript

Note: Fall 2014 information

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About the school: For more than 40 years, Washtenaw Community College's open-door admissions policy, affordable tuition rates and high-quality classes have attracted students from local communities and around the world. More than 22,000 students register for credit classes each year, and thousands more enroll in noncredit LifeLong Learning classes. WCC's diverse student body includes more than 1,000 students from more than 100 foreign countries. WCC's small classes allow for lots of individual attention. The average class size is 22 students, a fraction of the size of many basic classes at four-year colleges and universities. WCC also emphasizes convenience and offers classes seven days a week, at night and online. Transferring is easy because WCC has agreements with four-year schools throughout Michigan. • website: www.wccnet.edu • ACT code: 2067



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WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



UNDERGRADUATE STATS (CREDIT STUDENTS)

- Total enrollment: 18,119 (21% full time, 79% part time)
- 67% female, 33% male
- 66% African-American,
 1% Asian-American, 16% Caucasian,
 2% Hispanic, 15% other or unknown

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- Students applied: N/A; students accepted: N/A
- Acceptance rate: N/A

FACULT

- 26-1 student/faculty ratio
- Full-time faculty: N/A (% with a Ph.D.: N/A)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student government

Greek life: Phi Theta Kappa

MAJORS

More than 100 programs, degrees and certificates

Most popular majors: Allied health and business occupations

Degrees available: Associate degree Special academic programs: Language Institute, Health Science Center, study abroad, dual enrollment, distance learning

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, spring and summer semesters

TUITION/COSTS

• In-district, full time (based on 12 credit

hours per semester for two semesters): \$3,150; per credit hour: \$105

- Out-of-district, full time: \$3,480; per credit hour: \$116
- Out-of-state, full time: \$3,580; per credit hour: \$146
- Required fees: \$268
- Books and supplies: N/A

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed include: FAFSA, tax forms
- Types of aid available: Federal and state grants, loans, scholarships
- 70% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: N/A
- Call 313.496.2600 or visit www.wcccd.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: N/A. Open admissions for most programs
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: N/A
- Application fee: None

- Documents required: High school diploma or GED
- Materials recommended: Proof of residency
- Materials needed for transfer students: College transcript(s)

Note: Fall 2014 information

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Eastern Campus 5901 Conner St. Detroit, MI 48213 Ph: 313.922.3311

Northwest Campus 8200 W. Outer Dr. Detroit, MI 48219 Ph: 313.943.4000

Western Campus 9555 Haggerty Rd. Belleville, MI 48111 Ph: 734.699.7008

University Center 19305 Vernier Rd. Harper Woods, MI 48225 Ph: 313.962.7150

About the school: Wayne County Community College District is a multicampus, urban/suburban institution with campuses throughout Wayne County. website: www.wcccd.edu • ACT code: 2068

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

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UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 18,347 (65% full time, 35% part time)
- 55% female, 45% male
- 20% African-American, 8% Asian-American, 54% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic, 14% other or unknown
- 94% in-state, 1% out-of-state;
 4% international, 12% transfer
- 12% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 76%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 12,199 students applied; 9,433 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 77%

FACULTY

- 15-1 student/faculty ratio
- 1,728 full-time faculty (58% are tenure/tenure-track)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Over 360 organizations and clubs **Greek life:** 12 fraternities, 14 sororities

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

New Student Convocation, Homecoming Week, Finals Week, Late-Night Breakfast Study Break, Alternative Spring Break Detroit, Student Organizations Day, Homecoming Step Show and Fall Stroll Show, Scholars Day, Campus Activities Team

MAJORS

129 bachelor's degree programs, 77 certificate programs, 172 master's and doctoral programs, three professional programs

Most popular majors: Biology, psychology, management, pre-nursing, pre-pharmacy, pre-medicine

Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's, doctorate, certificates

Special academic programs: Research, accelerated study, work-study, online courses, honors programs, dual enrollment, teaching certificates, independent study, study abroad, MedStart, HealthPro Start, B Start (business), GradStart (Engineering), pre-professional studies, programs in medicine, pharmacy and law

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall, winter, spring/summer semesters

HOUSING

Three coed residence halls, three apartment buildings; one to three students per room, alcohol- and tobacco-free living, women's only floor, scholarly communities, single rooms available

WIRELESS ACCESS

Available in libraries and labs throughout campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$10,094; per credit hour: \$336.45
- Out-of-state, full time: \$23,117; per credit hour: \$770.55
- Required fees: \$1,355
- Room and board: \$9,430 (on campus)
- Books and supplies: \$1,196

FINANCIAL AID

• Forms needed: FAFSA

- Types of aid available: Grants, loans, scholarships, college work-study, other
- 80% receive financial aid
- Average need-based financial-aid package: \$8,229 per year
- Call 313.577.2100 or visit www.finaid.wayne.edu

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.3
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 23
- Application fee: \$25
- Documents required: Official high school transcript, ACT/SAT test scores
- Materials recommended: Letters of recommendation
- Materials needed for transfer students:
 Official college transcript; if student has
 fewer than 24 transferable credit hours,
 high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: priority, Aug. 1; winter semester priority, Dec. 1; spring/summer priority, April 1

About the school: Founded in 1868, Wayne State University is a nationally recognized research institution dedicated to preparing students to excel in an increasingly fast-paced and interconnected global society. As Michigan's only urban research university, WSU occupies a unique niche as a catalyst for investigating and helping to resolve the myriad issues facing residents of the contemporary urban environment. With nearly 28,000 students enrolled in 13 schools and colleges, WSU prides itself on providing world-class education in the real world on seven campuses throughout metro Detroit.

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Stand Out In the Crowd

Make your mark on admissions officers

Your dream college receives roughly 50,000 applications each year, yet only one-third of these are successful, and you want yours to be shortlisted. It's true that in order to earn an acceptance letter, you must stand out to admissions officials. But how?

BEGIN WITH THE OBVIOUS

Start with a super strong application, says Barb Sosin, former president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling. "It's important that students represent themselves very well through the application process."

Pay attention to the finer details on your application, too, suggests Lisa Sohmer, director of college counseling at Garden School in Jackson Heights, New York, and former board member of National Association for College Admission Counseling.

"Send complete, thorough, well-done applications, including your essay," she says.

NEVER DIMINISH YOUR PRESENCE

"In my experience as an admissions officer, I can't think of a single student who came on too strong," Sosin says. "Admissions people love that. They want students to share their interest in the college and to ask questions. They are there to represent their school and should be an expert in what they have to offer, as well as financial aid packages, or feel comfortable referring prospects to their financial aid office. They are a great resource for families and not enough people take advantage of them."

Here are some other techniques to make you stand out in the sea of applicants:

■ Cultivate a relationship. "Showing interest is key," Sosin says. Take advantage of visit days and open houses. If you are comparing programs, meet with the faculty members in the departments, ask to sit in on classes and speak to other students. Be sure to attend an overnight visit program, and then acknowledge your experience to your admissions contact.

- Play up your difference. "Share that you have been involved in different things throughout high school," Sosin says. "Not many play the French horn, for example, and people will remember that if you tell them about it." Pay close attention to the level at which colleges favor diversity and be sure to address your unique qualities in your essay.
- Visit the school and follow up. "If you have an interview, this is a good opportunity to make your mark. If not, it can be more challenging," Sohmer says. "While you are there, someone will give you their card or tell you their name. I encourage students to write a quick email or handwritten note to thank them for the time you spent with them. It's what a polite person would do, and it's never bad to be remembered as the one who is polite." If you can't visit, then be sure to make yourself known to college fair representatives, and then follow up directly to thank them for their time.
- Supplement your application. "Send emails if you have things to add to the application, and if you have a question, follow up with who you met on campus or at the college fair," Sohmer says. "This is certainly appropriate if you are waitlisted or deferred."
- Claire Charlton

A Word About "Demonstrated Interest"

Among candidates with similar credentials, a lack of demonstrated interest can be a deal breaker, according to the book "Admission Matters" by Sally Springer, Jon Reider and Joyce Vining Morgan. More than 50 percent of colleges surveyed consider demonstrated interest to be of considerable or moderate importance in admissions, according to NACAC.

What these colleges don't define is "demonstrated interest." Vanderbilt University, for example, tracks applicant contacts but does not create a score used in admissions based on this information. Stanford University considers your application for admission as demonstrated interest and does not keep track of, nor require, contact by prospective students.

Your best bet? Carefully scrutinize colleges' websites to get a feel for their philosophy about demonstrated interest or quiz representatives at your next college fair about its importance.

Transferring? What You Need to Know to Succeed

Where you begin your college career might not be where you complete it. Whether you discover that a college isn't what you expected, find you would like to study closer to or farther away from home, or begin at a two-year school and are ready to move on, a transfer is in your future. And you're not alone.

"The nature of transferring has changed, and it happens for different reasons. Students now transfer with more fluidity," says Lisa Sohmer, former board member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and director of college counseling at Garden School in New York.

In years past, Sohmer says, students transferred only when they flunked out or when their financial aid circumstances changed. Today, one-third of students who begin at a four-year or a two-year school will transfer sometime during their educational experience, according to NACAC. So what do you need to know about transferring from one school to another?

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

"The most important thing is your endgame," says Barb Sosin, former president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling and former admissions officer at Kettering University in Flint.

KNOWING YOUR FINAL DESTINATION WILL KEEP YOU ON TRACK FOR YOUR FIRST TWO YEARS

"Spend your time at community college, making sure as many of your credits as possible will transfer," she says, noting that recognized articulation agreements between schools make this information readily available through counselors or school websites. "Map out your plan and don't waste time or money."

TREAT YOUR TRANSFER SERIOUSLY

While NACAC's research found that high school GPA and standardized test scores ranked lower in importance for transfer applicants – good news if your high school performance was lacking. Grades earned post-high school are the most important factor for admission for more than 90 percent of colleges surveyed. Recommendations and quality of postsecondary school ranked high, too. Colleges want to see that you have a strong academic or professional focus, and 40 percent of colleges consider the receipt of an associate degree as favorable.

"Transfer advisers are a great resource to help you with your path."

– Barb Sosin, former president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling

USE YOUR RESOURCES

Community colleges and four-year universities alike have specialized transfer advisers, so plan to work with both sets, if possible. They have valuable insight into the transfer experience and can support you along the way.

"Transfer advisers are a great resource to help you with your path," Sosin says. "They are successful when their students successfully transfer on."

You can even consult with high school counselors if you need transcripts or discover any changes in admissions climate at your chosen destination.

– Claire Charlton

8 Tips to Maximize Your College Visit

If your parents went to college, then they likely never visited campus before hauling their suitcase into their freshman dorm. Today, students have many more educational options available, so choosing a college is largely a consumer choice that merits careful comparison. A campus visit is an all-important step toward a truly informed decision.

"If you can afford the time and money, the opportunity to really feel a school's vibe is important. And selective colleges are paying attention to demonstrated interest as part of the admissions process," says Marie Bigham, director of college counseling at Greenhill School in Texas. "It's becoming a new data point for admissions."

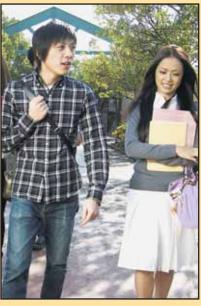
Finding the right fit is much easier when you spend some face time on campus, so follow these tips to maximize your college visit:

- 1. TIME IT RIGHT. Visit colleges in the second half of your junior year, when you're ready to focus on specifics, according to the book "Admission Matters," by Sally Springer, Jon Reider and Joyce Vining Morgan.
- 2. CALL IN ADVANCE TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT. "Make an appointment wherever you go. It's very difficult to walk on and expect to be seen," says Lisa Sohmer, director of college counseling at Garden School in New York. "Admissions officers will show you around in a way you can't show yourself, getting you into buildings and really seeing the workings of the college."
- 3. LEARN WHAT TO EXPECT AND PREPARE FOR IT. If this is a formal visit, then consult the agenda carefully. Find out if you will receive a tour, if you can meet with faculty, coaches and financial aid experts, if you can sit in on classes and what your parents can do during the visit, says nonprofit education group Colleges That Change Lives.
- **4. CAPTURE THE MOMENT.** "Take pictures and make sure the first is of something that says the name of the school," Sohmer says. "It's simple, but it helps you remember."

- **5. DON'T LEAVE DISAPPOINTED.** You will be in a general tour, but don't hesitate to ask questions specific to your goals and expectations. If the guide doesn't know the answer, then ask to be referred to someone who can answer your questions.
- **6. DIVIDE AND CONQUER.** If you are visiting with your parents or friends, then attend separate tours to get many different perspectives, Bigham says.
- **7. ABSORB.** Eat on campus, visit off-campus student hangouts and read the student newspaper. Read bulletin boards. Talk to students. Visualize yourself as a student on this campus. Explore. Have fun.
- **8. MIND YOUR MANNERS.** Especially on overnights! Remember that you are a guest, and your actions may be noted if you enjoy yourself too much. Have fun, but don't go crazy, Bigham says.

Finally, if a visit is out of the question at admissions time, then try to walk the campus before you make your final decision about attendance, Sohmer says.

"No student should enroll in a college that they haven't visited, no matter how far away," Sohmer says. "The day you figure out it's not what you thought should not be the day you are there with your luggage." — Claire Charlton



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE STATS

- Total enrollment: 18,889 (83.2% full time, 16.8% part time)
- 49.6% female, 50.4% male
- 11.79% African-American, 1.58% Asian-American, 72.22% Caucasian, 5.02% Hispanic, 0.42% American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.12% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 1.05% unknown, 3.17% two or more races, 4.63% international
- 88.5% in-state, 6.9% out-of-state; 4.6% international, 33.4% transfer
- 28% live on campus
- Freshman (second-year) retention rate: 77.5%

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- 14,334 students applied; 12,018 were accepted
- Acceptance rate: 84%

FACULTY

- 17-1 student/faculty ratio
- 934 full-time faculty (79.2% are Ph.D.s)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 380 clubs and organizations **Greek life:** 7% of student body

MOST POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Bronco Bash welcome back party, 15 intercollegiate athletic sports, Student Recreation Center, intramural and club sports, Miller Auditorium's Broadway shows and big-name entertainers, Homecoming Week, \$1 movie nights, arts and cultural events, community service, student groups

MAJORS

147 undergraduate programs and103 graduate programs

Most popular majors: 3.54% business, 3.16% nursing, 2.89% biomedical sciences, 2.73% interdisciplinary health services, 2.60% criminal justice

Degrees available: Bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral

Special academic programs: Lee Honors College, study abroad programs, studentplanned major, accelerated degrees, postmaster's certificates

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall and spring semesters; summer I and summer II sessions

HOUSING

19 residence halls (all smoke-free), four apartment-style complexes, six dining facilities, six cafes, several food carry-out options. Designed to support student success, they complement individual residence hall living-learning communities that focus on specific student populations or offer special services and resources.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Wireless available across campus

TUITION/COSTS (PER YEAR)

- In-state, full time: \$9,794; per credit hour: \$338.70
- Out-of-state, full time: \$24,026; per credit hour: \$830.90
- Required fees: \$891
- Room and board: \$8,723 (15-meal plan)
- Books and supplies: \$1,000+

FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA
- Types of aid available: Loans, grants, work-study, scholarships

- 84% receive financial aid
- Average financial-aid package: \$14,400 per year
- Call 269.387.6000 or visit www.wmich.edu/finaid

ADMISSIONS

- Average high school GPA: 3.41
- Average SAT score: N/A
- Average ACT score: 22.8
- Application fee: \$40
- Admissions deferred: No
- Documents required: ACT or SAT score (ACT with or without Writing component accepted), high school diploma or GED
- Materials recommended: General college prep classes
- Materials needed for transfer students: Official college transcript, application, minimum 2.0 GPA
- Application deadlines for fall enrollment: Transfers, priority date: Aug. 1; all others: rolling admissions

About the school: Western Michigan University is a learner-centered, discovery-driven and globally engaged national research university with a small-college feel. A top-100 public university, WMU is affiliated with a private nonprofit law school and medical school. It features some of the finest instructional and performance facilities in the Midwest, including a world-class aviation campus and a cutting-edge engineering campus with a thriving business technology and research park. Miles from Detroit: 160 • 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008 • phone: 269.387.2000 • fax: 269.387.2096 • email: ask-wmu@wmich.edu website: www.wmich.edu • ACT code: 2066

The Value of a Liberal Arts Education

"The goal of a liberal arts education isn't maximum earnings; it's the maximum happiness factor," says John Boshoven, counselor of continuing education at Community High School in Ann Arbor.

Boshoven says this is especially true for students who pursue careers in education, social work or politics.

"Those of us who are called, we know that this is what we are called to and fulfilled by," he says.

UNDECIDED BUT AMBITIOUS

Even if you don't know exactly what you want to do, liberal arts degrees develop the type of skills – critical thinking, communication and writing – that employers are looking for, says Troy resident Susie Reed, a 2009 University of Michigan graduate with dual degrees in political science and social science.

"Liberal arts students who do internships and research over the summer while in college actually do really well in terms of job placement upon graduation if they don't go directly into law or grad school," says Katy Murphy, director of college counseling at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California.

Reed, whose interests were focused on "things that would impact people in their working life," spent a semester in New York interning with a union and taking night classes in labor studies, which earned her credits that transferred back to U-M. She also spent a summer studying workplace models in Argentina, worked another summer in a law firm, volunteered with a worker center and was involved on campus in student politics.

"I didn't go into college knowing exactly what I wanted to do after I graduated," Reed says. "But all those experiences combined really helped me identify what I really wanted to do, so when I graduated, I was pretty clear about the type of career I wanted."

NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK

Reed didn't get her "dream job" right away. She worked restaurant jobs and continued to volunteer at the worker center, staying in touch with people who could help get her hired. The networking paid off; a year and a half after she graduated from U-M, she was hired as a union organizer.

"Networking skills are really important," Murphy says. "Students have to go to college with the mindset that they are preparing for the next stage of life."

Half the jobs haven't been invented yet, Murphy says, so even though opportunities to intern or research are important, networking skills may be even more so.

"Understand how to network and present yourself," Murphy says. "Even meeting with family and friends, you have great ways to learn how to behave like an adult."

Although students don't often get the "ultimate job" right away, Boshoven says, it is a "lot easier to get a job from a job. As long as you are open to more adventure in your job and not feel that you

have to have that 'right' job or the job that is going to bring financial gain right away, a college degree – even a liberal arts degree – is much more likely to launch you to a career."

Boshoven doesn't deny that college is expensive.
"But lifetime earnings are tremendously bolstered

by college completion and even more so by graduate school completion," he says.

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS GAIN BY HIRING THE LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATE?

"Many CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are liberal arts majors, and many were performing arts majors," Boshoven says. "They were speaking on stage or on film and developed the skills to communicate on the fly or in an organized manner.

Study of liberal arts develops those critical thinking skills, those communication skills, the problem-solving skills, the ability to work in groups. With kids changing careers five or six times now, they are able to switch gears a lot more easily than someone who is very specialized."

Even graduate business schools find students with liberal arts degrees attractive.

"Many prominent MBA programs don't want people straight out of a business program," Murphy says.

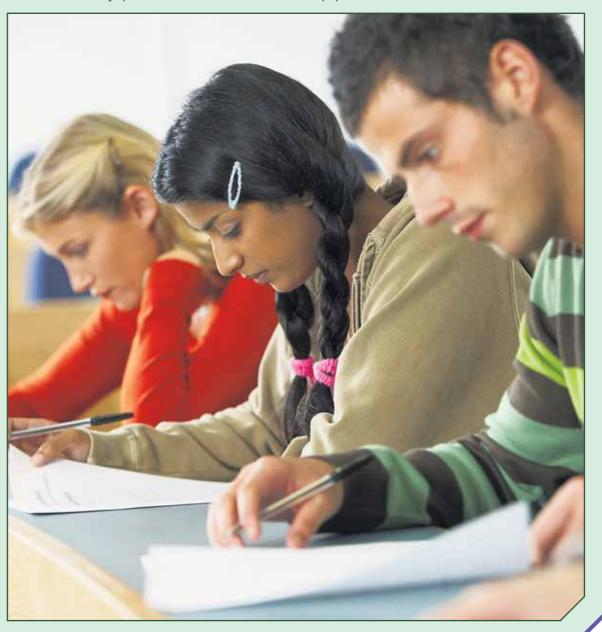
Students who enter graduate programs in business administration with liberal arts degrees are appreciated for their interdisciplinary approach to problem solving.

"Smart people know how to dig in and solve a problem," Murphy says. "The essence of a liberal arts education is that you can solve a problem and represent yourself well."

- Pam Houghton

RESOURCES:

- Website: Colleges That Change Lives http://www.ctcl.org
- Book: "Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change The Way You Think About Colleges" by Loren Pope. Available in Kindle format and paperback.



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We hear it every day: A high school diploma is an absolute must for a good job. But smart students won't stop there.

Today, nine out of 10 jobs require education beyond high school, according to the Michigan Department of Education. Jobs that require further education and training – yet not to the bachelor-degree level – contribute significantly to the economy, according to information from the Association of Career and Technical Education, which indicates that 30 percent of the 46.8 million jobs created by 2018 will require some college or a two-year associate degree.

Fortunately, Michigan students and second-career-seeking adults can choose from a variety of trade and vocational schools to achieve the industry-recognized credentials necessary to launch careers in the fields of their choice.

EARNINGS POTENTIAL

From allied health to fashion design and merchandising to skilled trades, workers with proper skills and education can earn substantial incomes in satisfying, upwardly mobile jobs. Those with career and technical education credentials can earn at least \$4,000 more per year than peers with humanities-related associate degrees — and an average of nearly \$20,000 more per year in high-demand fields such as health care, according to a 2009 study by the Hudson Institute and CNA.

FAST RESULTS

Because trade and vocational programs focus training toward a particular career field, students can expect to complete their education quickly. Most certificate programs, for example, take between one and two years to complete, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In some cases, education gained toward certification even can be applied toward licensure or associate- or bachelor-degree study in the future, making career-based education a smart use of time.

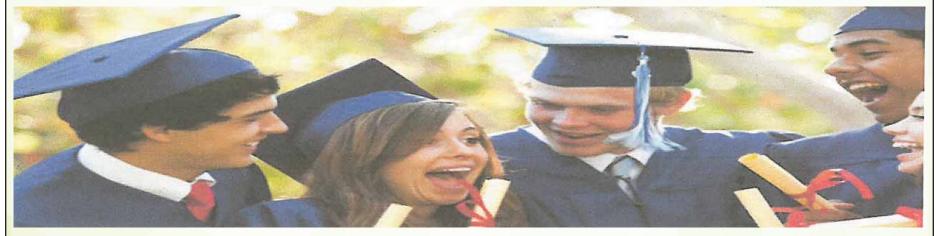
MONEY SENSE, TOO

Private for-profit schools, as well as public community colleges, generally offer certificate programs leading to careers in health care, massage therapy, veterinary, food service, personal care, construction, agriculture and protective services.

While school costs vary, average tuition and fees for first-time, in-state students at public community colleges in 2011-2012 were \$3,384, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, substantially less than tuition for public or private four-year colleges and universities.

- Claire Charlton

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Are You SAT Ready?

Michigan high school juniors will soon take a new test

Each spring, 115,000 Michigan high school students file into school cafeterias, classrooms, lecture halls and multipurpose rooms with sharpened No. 2 pencils, pink erasers and calculators that span the spectrum from simple, battery-powered models to those with multifunctional, super-scientific graphing capabilities. Until now, these 16- and 17-year-old juniors have gathered to take the ACT, a college entrance exam that, in part, makes up the state-administered educational assessment known as the Michigan Merit Exam.

Beginning in 2016, high school juniors will see a new monogram on their test booklets: SAT. That's because The College Board, the organization that administers the globally recognized SAT exam, successfully bid on the three-year contract with the Michigan Department of Education, or MDE.

"The College Board's SAT test is respected and used around the country, and Michigan high schools work with them now through their Advanced Placement program that helps students earn college credits while in high school," MDE spokesperson Bill DiSessa says.

At a cost of approximately \$17.1 million for the threeyear contract, The College Board's bid was \$15.4 million less than the closest bidder and was recognized favorably by the state's Joint Evaluation Committee, a team of education committee members including representatives from Michigan high schools, school districts and a Michigan community college.

OUT WITH THE OLD

Is this a case of replacing like with like? No one is sure yet, because Michigan juniors of 2016 will be sharpening their pencils to a whole new test.

"The SAT will be a revamped SAT, so it's not something we have seen yet. It's not a known commodity," says

Gretchen Parks, president of the Michigan Association for College Admissions Counseling, who says the change could be positive.

"The truth of the matter is that The College Board has been around for decades; they've been in the business of testing for a very long time," says Parks, who is also director of college counseling at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. "They have retooled the SAT several times, as they should, and it was time for them to do a reboot of the test. They'll be doing some things that are going to make it a bit more user-friendly, like not using the same archaic vocabulary, but what's a bit more meaningful for the kids who are testing these days."

TRANSITION TIME

Within the next year, the MDE and The College Board will meet to discuss the transition and the change's effect on Michigan schools and students, according to DiSessa.

This spring, students and schools will have access to free test preparation materials, including online practice exams, to get a feel for what is to come. According to the MDE, the new SAT will be aligned to Michigan's content standards and will offer more than just multiple-choice questions.

NEW FOR STUDENTS

But what does the move away from the ACT and toward the SAT mean for Michigan high school students with respect to college admissions? Probably not a lot, Parks says.

"It's not the big deal that it's being played up to be," she says. "Colleges are still accepting both tests, so both will be available. I suggest students take both tests to see which they score better at."

- Claire Charlton

Test Prep, Common Sense-Style

Gretchen Parks, president of MACAC and director of college counseling at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, offers these helpful suggestions in preparation for your next college entrance exam, no matter what it is:

- Your high school's counselor will have test booklets with sample questions. Take a look at it or go online for more samples. Subscribe to daily updates and you can get a question each day.
- The College Board and the ACT have wonderful books to help prepare. If you are dedicated, then you can work through these and check your answers.
- Think about how you best learn and apply those to your prep. Is it when you are held accountable in a classroom environment? If so, there are a lot of formal test prep options. Otherwise, seek out tutors, one-on-one help and study groups, or work with teachers at school. (Really, the best foundation is doing well in school and working hard.)
- Don't cram the day before; this is more long-term stuff. Go to bed on time, get up on time and have breakfast. Make sure you have No. 2 pencils with good erasers, a calculator with batteries that work, your photo ID, your admission ticket and the right location!
- If you feel more comfortable knowing beforehand the layout of the testing location, then call the location and ask. I'm a big believer in becoming familiar with the environment you will be in, if possible.

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Nearly 90 percent of colleges say the strength of a student's high school curriculum is of moderate-to-considerable importance in the admission decision, according to information from the National Association for College Admission Counseling. More than 96 percent of colleges say a student's grades in college prep courses primarily influence their admission decisions.

THE TRULY PREPARED STUDENT

College success isn't just about getting through the door; it's about rising to the academic challenges of tough college courses year after year. In other words, the students who succeed are those who can handle the rigor of university because they prepared while still in high school.

"Colleges want well-rounded students they know will succeed," says Barb Sosin, former admissions professional at Kettering University in Flint. "So early on, students need to work with their high school counselors on building the best academic curriculum available. What can they take to prepare for the next stage?"

TAKE ADVANTAGE

Wise students will dig deep into the academic offerings available to them, electing honors, advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses wherever possible, while maintaining the perspective that colleges recognize individual academic talent and interest.

"It's about being appropriately challenged and proving early exposure to rigor and critical thinking. If you have taken a college-level course and achieved an A or a B, you are showing you can do college-level work," says Jerry Pope, national college adviser in Niles Township, Illinois, who highlights a study finding students twice as likely to attend college if they have taken just one AP course in high school.

STUDY HARD NOW

Students who coast through high school with a plan to work hard only when comfortably seated in their first college lecture hall should use high school to truly prepare for the work ahead.

"I tell students that taking the most appropriate rigorous course load will prepare them for a lot of school choices. If they slack off in high school, going to college will be really hard. They should hone their writing skills because the expectation of writing in college is much higher," says Marie Bigham, board director of NACAC.



Bigham adds that STEM students need a rigorous math and science curriculum in high school.

"We want them to have every science the school offers and math through the calculus level," Bigham says.

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

From an admissions perspective, students should be prepared for colleges to assess and reassess transcripts, says William James, director of the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts, a six-school educational consortium in Oakland County.

"Because an A in one high school does not always translate to an A in another high school, colleges assign rankings to high schools," he says. "Most students and parents do not know that non-core classes are dropped from the equation, as are weighted grades in honors or AP courses. In the eyes of the admissions counselor, a well-rounded student is one who excels in college prep courses." – Claire Charlton



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7:30-7:50 p.m. Financial Aid Essay Writing Works						
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FARING WELL AT A NACAC NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Make the most of your time by planning ahead

National College Fairs offer an exciting opportunity to talk to the people in the know. Admissions representatives from a variety of colleges are all gathered in one place, just waiting to answer your questions.

But it's easy to get caught up in the crowds and confusion. Soon you're crossing the room – or many rooms – stopping at any booth that catches your eye or seems popular. When that happens, you end up with lots of pretty brochures but not a lot of clear impressions about which colleges you might be interested in. Making the most of a college fair means planning your strategy before you enter those

double doors. You may even want to watch a short video on what to expect at the fair at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent.

"Treat a college fair like a buffet dinner," advises a director of undergraduate admissions from Florida. "There will be more there than you can possibly take in, but then again, not everything is to your taste."

Experienced buffet diners know that it's best to scope out their choices before they start filling their plate. Savvy students can do the equivalent by looking over a list of college fair participants before the fair. Choose the colleges you most want to find

out more about. If you have time, research these colleges by reading information in your guidance office or by checking out guidebooks or websites.

"Know what you want to find out at the fair," says a director of admissions at a college in Ohio.

Write up a short list of questions to ask admission representatives. To compare several schools, plan on asking the same questions at each table. The questions you ask should be unique to your interests and not easily found in standard college materials.

"The college fair is a good time to talk

person-to-person with the representative of that school," says one guidance counselor. "Your job is to think of good questions."

So cross out the questions like, "How many people are in the freshman class?" Instead, ask what the two or three most popular majors are; that can give you a good idea of the main interests of the majority of the students.

If you have a particular major in mind, don't ask "How good is major X?" No college representative will tell you that a program is bad. Instead, ask how many students take that major, what research faculty members are involved in and the opportunities for undergraduates to participate in it, or what courses you would take your first year in a particular major. Students who are undecided should ask about what services and support are available to help them explore various majors.

Other things you can ask about include extracurricular activities, what kinds of students the college is looking for, what percentage of students receive financial aid and other concerns unique to your interests and situation.

Mapping Out a Strategy

You can register for all NACAC National College Fairs at www.gotomyncf.com. Save time by registering prior to attending and watching a short video about student registration at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent. Colleges use scanners that collect your contact information electronically – name, address, phone number and email address – on-site, leaving you more time to speak with representatives at the fair

Before you leave for the fair, make sure you have the following supplies: a copy of your registration admittance pass, a small notebook with your list of colleges and the questions you want to ask, a pen or pencil and a backpack or tote bag to hold all the college information you'll be collecting.

If you can't register online, then you might wish to print up a few sheets of self-stick address labels. Include your name, address, phone number, email address, high school, year of graduation, intended major(s) and any extracurricular activities you're interested in. At the fair, place the address labels on the college information cards to save you time in filling out the same information over and over at each college's table.

Although this may be a lot to consider, the real strategizing begins when you arrive at the fair. Look for a map of where each college is located and map out your route. Note where each college is located and plan the most efficient way to visit the colleges on your list. For example, You might want to make sure to visit all the colleges of interest to you in one room before moving to the next. Also, make sure to check out the schedule of information sessions; many fairs have sessions on the search process, applications, financial aid and other issues run by experts in the field. These sessions are a great place to ask general questions about the college admission process.

Your notebook and pen are great tools for keeping all those conversations straight. After you leave a table, jot down your impressions of the college and the answers the admission representatives gave you. Try to

do this before you visit the next table, while your impressions are still fresh.

Teaming Up

Depending on the time of day of the fair, both students and parents may be encouraged to attend. If a family member attends the fair with you, then talk about your plan ahead of time. You may decide to split up; perhaps a parent can attend the financial aid seminar so you can visit more colleges.

Another option is staying together for part or all of the time. You may find that your parents or siblings ask different questions than you do. Also, it can be helpful to get a second opinion on your impressions of particular colleges.

Browsing

Planning ahead ensures that you get to visit the colleges that most interest you. But also make sure to leave time for browsing.

"Be adventurous! Don't just focus on 'name' schools," says an admissions director. "You may find that a school you've never heard of offers the exact major, extracurricular program, etc., that you're seeking."

Following Up

By the time the fair is over, you'll have a bag filled with information about colleges – and a possible case of information overload. Don't succumb to the temptation of just piling all those brochures in some obscure corner of your bedroom.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, take a day or two away from the college search. Then, get out all of those brochures – along with the notes you took while at the fair – and read through them. You may find that some colleges

aren't as interesting as you first thought. Others only look better the more you research them. For those colleges, follow up by filling out the information cards in the brochures or by starting to schedule college visits.

COLLEGE CATEGORIES

As you plan for college, you have many options. Listed below are the categories that describe the different types of institutions available to you.

NONPROFIT PRIVATE

These colleges and universities:

- receive funding primarily from student tuition and endowments. Some funding comes from governmental support in the form of tax breaks and student loans.
- follow the leadership of a board of trustees
- develop own institutional plans since they operate mostly on private support
- rely on private funds, which lead to a higher average cost
- offer financial aid opportunities to reduce the total cost

PUBLIC

These colleges and universities:

- receive a large part of funding from state or local taxes. Some funding comes from tuition and endowments.
- follow performance standards set by the state
- are typically state-run, which lowers the tuition for in-state students
- are typically categorized as two-year, four-year, research, comprehensive or community colleges

FOR-PROFIT/PROPRIETARY

These colleges and universities:

- receive up to 90 percent of their revenue from federal student aid
- operate under the demands of investors and stockholders
- usually offer a non-traditional format
- have come under federal scrutiny for high-pressure sales and recruitment tactics

A close examination of the academic, social and financial factors will lead you to a best-fit college. To read more on the differences in college categories, please visit our website at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent.



TIPS FOR ATTENDING A NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Before the Fair...

- 1. Answer the following questions to help determine what kind of school would be best for you:
- Do you want to attend a two- or fouryear institution? Coed or single sex?
- What size school do you want to attend?
- What programs of study are you considering?
- How far from home do you want to go?
- Do you wish to participate in any specific extracurricular activities or athletics?
- Do you want to attend a school in an urban, suburban or rural environment?
- Do you require any special services such as tutoring, note takers, readers, TDD or interpreters?
- Discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers and friends.
- 2. Research your colleges of interest on the Internet and in your guidance office/ library.
- 3. Check dates and registration deadlines for college entrance examinations.
- 4. Register before heading to the fair and watch the video about student registration at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent.
- 5. Watch this video for more information about what happens at a NACAC College Fair at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent.
- 6. Download and print the checklist to take with you to the fair.

At the Fair...

- 1. Pick up a bag and a fair directory.
- 2. Visit with colleges and universities that you feel meet your criteria.
- 3. Talk with a college counselor at the Counseling Center if you have any questions or need help with your college search.
- 4. Attend a workshop.

After the Fair...

1. Be sure to watch the videos about preventing anxiety during your college search and financial aid options at www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent.

About NACAC

Founded in 1937, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, or NACAC, is an organization of more than 14,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education.

NACAC is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process, as outlined in the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

A member-directed organization, NACAC is governed by its voting members — an assembly of delegates elected by voting members in NACAC's state and regional affiliates and by an elected board of directors

The board of directors sets the strategic direction for NACAC. Additionally, 10 standing committees, ad hoc committees and an Affiliate Presidents Council lend their expertise and experience to the issues, programs

and governance that keep the association vibrant in its service to members, the profession and students.

NACAC's award-winning publications and other media resources, professional development programs and practical research efforts have all been designed to give counseling and admission professionals the tools they need to improve the counseling services they provide to students.



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