

Peer Institution Profiles

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Created between June 18 and July 12, 2007, updated in July 2011, this *Peer Institutions Profile* contains the latest available information for the 25 selected institutions according to the final agreement that was reached between SCHEV and Longwood University Administration in 2007. For each institution, the profile includes a brief description of history, academic program, accreditation status, enrollment, faculty, costs, and residence life. For a quick reference, two appendixes, *Abbreviations of Accreditation Agencies* and *Major Regional Accreditation Agencies and their Contact Information* are also attached to this document.

The profiling data are collected from and verified against the Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System (IPEDS) reports, *U.S. News & World Report: American's Best Colleges*, the schools' official website, and the telephone inquiries conducted by staff members of the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research (OAIR). Except for tuition and fees, a large portion of the data reported in this profile reflects the status of the selected institutions for 2009-10 data collection year.

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Abilene Christian University

<http://www.acu.edu>

History: Founded in 1906 and granted university status in 1976, Abilene Christian University is a private, church affiliated, and master's-level institution according to the Carnegie Classification. Today, the University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Bible Studies, the College of Business Administration, the College of Education and Human Services, the School of Information Technology and Computing, the School of Nursing, the School of Social Work, the Graduate School, and the Distance Learning Program.

The University offers more than 67 baccalaureate majors, 25 master's degree programs, and one doctoral program.

Accreditation: The University has maintained full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) since 1951. To 2006, all its specialized programs have been accredited by specialized professional accrediting (SPA) agencies including the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research (FIDER), and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 3916 undergraduate students and 897 graduate students from 50 states and 42 countries. Minority and international students represented about 22% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: Average SAT score, 1110 or ACT, 24; high school rank, 25% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 75%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 221 full-time and 30 part-time faculty members. Of the tenure-track faculty members, more than 97% hold terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 17

Costs: For 2011-2012, the cost for a typical full-time student attending the school is \$35,498 for undergraduate study and \$30,776 for graduate study.

Residence Life: About 50% of students live on the campus. The University requires all freshmen and sophomore students to live on the campus.

Berry College

<http://www.berry.edu>

History: Founded in 1902, established as a junior college in 1926, and became coeducational in 1971, today, Berry College is a private, independent, and comprehensive college in the south. The College consists of the Campbell School of Business, the Charter School of Education and Human Sciences, the Evans School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences.

Continuing its service tradition, most Berry's students still work on the campus for experience and spending money. The well established Bonner Center for Community Service program encourages all the students to participate in volunteer service activities.

The College offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, and Education Specialists. In addition, the school makes dual-degree programs in Engineering and Nursing available to the undergraduate students.

Accreditation: The College has maintained a full accreditation by SACS since 1957. Berry College is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of Schools of Music, and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. It has been ranked as No. 2 in the south among comprehensive colleges by the *U.S. News & World Report* for several consecutive years.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the school enrolled 1,777 undergraduate and 145 graduate students. Among them, 80% came from the State of Georgia. The rest came from 40 states and 20 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented about 10% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: average SAT score, 1100 or ACT, 23; high school rank, 28% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 78%.

Faculty: Fall 2009, the University employed 145 full-time and 53 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 85% held doctoral degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 12 to 1

Average class size: 17

Costs: For 2011-2012, the estimated cost of undergraduate tuition is \$25,890. The cost of graduate studies varies from \$470/per semester hour for the Business Administration program to \$345/per semester hour for the Education program.

Residence Life: About 56% of students, mostly freshman and sophomores, live on the campus.

Butler University

<http://www.butler.edu>

History: Founded in 1855, Butler University is an independent, coeducational, private, and liberal arts and sciences-based higher learning institution. Today, the University consists of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Business Administration, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the Jordan College of Fine Arts.

The University offers over 60 major fields of study that lead to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Music, Master of Science, and Doctor of Pharmacy.

Accreditation: the University is fully accredited by the regional accreditation body and various SPA agencies including AACSB International, the Council for Pharmacy Education (CPE), the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD), the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), and the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled about 3,726 undergraduate students and 779 graduate students. Minority and international students represented about 11.9% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the average SAT score, 1154; high school rank, 50% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 87%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 331 full-time and 148 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 81.8% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 11 to 1

Average class size: 21

Costs: For 2011-2012, tuition for a typical, full-time, undergraduate student attending the school is \$31,110. For graduate students, the actual costs vary by program and year of study.

Residence Life: About 68% of students live on campus.

California State University-Bakersfield

<http://www.csub.edu>

History: Opened in September 1970 as the 19th member of the 23-campus California State University System, the University is a regional comprehensive university. Today, it consists of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Business and Public Administration, the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the School of Education.

The University operates on a quarter-system from September to June with two summer sessions. It offers major field of study for 32 undergraduate degree programs, 7 credential programs in education, and 17 graduate degree programs.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Additionally, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, NCATE, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP).

Enrollment: Fall 2010, the University enrolled 6,550 undergraduate and 1,356 graduate students. Minority and international students represented 71% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: SAT 25/75 percentile, 290-470 (Critical Reading) and 285-470 (Math); and freshman retention rate, 69%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 265 full-time and 101 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time and on tenure track faculty members, 90% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 25 to 1

Average class size: 30

Costs: For 2011-2012, the cost for a typical, full-time, student attending the school is \$11,520 for undergraduate study (in-state) or \$18,336 (out-of state). For graduate students, the actual costs vary by program and the year of enrollment.

Residence Life: the capacity of campus housing is about 270 (5 x 54/per building) beds at total. 95% of students live off the campus.

Eastern Connecticut State University

<http://www.easternct.edu>

Founded in 1889, twice changed the name, the school was granted university status in 1983. Today, Eastern Connecticut State University consists of the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Continuing Education, and the School of Education and Professional Studies. The University offers 35 undergraduate majors and 56 minors, teacher certificate program, and graduate programs in education, organizational management, and educational technology.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Its specialized programs are accredited by the corresponding SPA agencies, such as NCATE.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled a total 5,610 students. Among them, 5,242 were undergraduate students and 368 were graduate students. Minority and international students represented 26% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2009: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 470-550 (Critical Reading) and 480-560 (Math); high school rank, 25% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 78%.

Faculty: Fall 2009, the University employed 198 full-time and 253 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 97% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 17 to 1

Average class size: 23

Costs: For 2011-2012, tuition and fees for a typical, full-time, undergraduate student is \$8,555 for in-state, \$10,617 for New England regional residents, and \$19,179 for out-of-state. For graduate students, the rate is \$388/per credit hour.

Residence Life: More than 60% of full-time undergraduates live on the campus.

Elon University

<http://www.elon.edu>

History: Founded in 1889 and granted university status in 2001, Elon University is a dynamic, private, and comprehensive university. Today, the University consists of the Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, the School of Communications, the School of Education; and the School of Law. It offers over 50 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in business administration, education, physical therapy and law.

The university operates on a 4-1-4 academic calendar, including a four-week term in January. For school year 2010-11, 78% students completed internships, over 42% students held at least one leadership position in the 150 campus organizations and programs, and about 18% of undergraduate students participated in faculty led/guided research projects.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by SACS. All its specialized programs are also accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International and NCATE. Recently, the University was named as one of the top three universities in the nation for community service by the federal government's Corporation for National and Community Service.

Enrollment: Fall 2010, the University enrolled 5,032 undergraduate and 677 graduate students from 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 49 foreign countries. About 28% of total student population came from North Carolina. Minority and international students represented 21% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: SAT average: 1829; high school rank, 32% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 90%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 358 full-time and 143 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 86% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 13 to 1

Average class size: 21

Costs: For a typical full-time undergraduate student, cost for tuition is \$34,550. For a graduate student, the rate varies by program.

Residence Life: About 58% of students live on campus.

King's College

<http://www.kings.edu>

History: Founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross from the University of Notre Dame, admitted the first coeducational class in 1970, King's College is a small private college with an open Catholic tradition, a foundation in the liberal arts, and several selective professional programs. The College consists of the College of Arts and Sciences and the William G. McGowan School of Business.

The college offers 35 majors, 10 pre-professional programs and 7 special concentrations in fields of study, such as business, humanities and social sciences, education, sciences and allied health programs. The College's specialized graduate programs were established in 1991.

Accreditation: The College has maintained its accreditation status granted by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools since 1955. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB-International, NCATE, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant (ARC/EPA), and the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the college enrolled 2,296 undergraduate and 349 graduate students from the Mid-Atlantic and New England region. Minority students represented approximately 12% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: the SAT scores range, 1450-1750; high school rank, 16% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 81%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 129 full-time and 80 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 87% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 13 to 1

Average class size: 18

Costs: For 2011-2012, the total cost of attending the college for a typical full-time undergraduate student is \$38,350 including \$10,670 for room and board.

Residence Life: About 43% of students live on campus.

Marist College

<http://www.marist.edu>

History: Founded in 1929, granted 4-year institution status in 1946, renamed as Marist College (original called Marian College) in 1960, Marist College officially opened its admission to lay male students in 1960 and female students in 1968. Today, the College consists of the School of Management, the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the School of Communication and the Arts Programs, the School of Computer Science and Mathematics, the School of Science, and the School of Graduate and Continuing Education.

The College offers more than 43 major fields of study for undergraduate degrees, 12 fields of study that led to Master's degrees, and 12 advance certification programs.

Accreditation: The College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,330 undergraduate students, 750 adult continuing education students, and 849 graduate students. Minority and international students represented 24% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2009: the SAT scores range, 1710-1910; high school rank, 29% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 88%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 226 full-time and 422 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 78% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 25

Costs: The 2011-2012 costs of attending the school for a full-time, undergraduate, student is \$40,990 including \$12,100 for room/board. For graduate students, the tuition varies by program (ranging from \$333 to \$815/per credit hour).

Residence Life: About 75% of students live on campus.

Monmouth University

<http://www.monmouth.edu>

History: Founded as a 2-year institution in 1933, granted 4-year institution status in 1956, authorized to offer master's degree programs in 1960s, and granted university status in 1995, today, Monmouth University is a private, moderate-sized, coeducational, comprehensive higher learning institution. The University consists of seven schools: the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences; the School of Education; the School of Business Administration; the School of Science, Technology and Engineering; the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies; the Graduate School; and the Honors School.

The University offers 31 undergraduate and 20 graduate degree programs in addition to a multitude of certificate programs.

Accreditation: Monmouth University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB-International, ACS, CCNE, CSWE, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), and the New Jersey State Board of Nursing.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the university enrolled 4,681 undergraduate students and 1,818 graduate students from 26 states and 52 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 27% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: average SAT scores, 1616; average ACT scores, 24; high school rank, 11% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 80%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 247 full-time and 313 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 85 % held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 22

Costs: Estimated, the tuition for a typical full-time undergraduate student to attend the school is \$14,000. This figure does not include the costs of room and board. The costs for graduate students vary by program.

Residence Life: Less than 45% of students live on campus.

Pacific Lutheran University

<http://www.plu.edu>

History: Founded in 1890, closed in 1918, reopened in 1920 as Pacific Lutheran College, experienced merger with Columbia College (1920) and Spokane College (1929), the institution was reorganized and reclaimed its original name, Pacific Lutheran University, in 1960. Today, the University consists of three divisions (the Division of Humanities, the Division of Natural Sciences, and the Division of Social Sciences) and five schools (the School of Arts and Communication, the School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Nursing, and the School of Physical Education). The University maintains its membership of the “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”

The University offers a wide range of undergraduate programs and selective graduate programs, such as Business Administration, Creative Writing, Education, Nursing, and Marriage and Family Therapy, and maintains a strong liberal arts emphasis at their core.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. In addition, all its specialized programs have been accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ABET, ACS, CCNE, CSWE, NASM, NCATE, and the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (CAMFTE/AAMFT).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 3,305 undergraduate students and 276 graduate students from Washington State (72%) and 31 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 27% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2009: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 490-630 (Critical Reading) and 500-620 (Math); high school rank, 32% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 82%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 271 full-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 77% held doctoral degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 25

Costs: For 2010-2011, costs of attending the school include \$30,950 for tuition and approximately \$9,000 for room and board.

Residence Life: About 49% of students live on campus.

Rollins College

<http://www.rollins.edu>

History: Founded in 1885, recognized as the oldest college in the State of Florida, Rollins College is an independent and coeducational institution. Today, the school consists of the College of Arts & Sciences, the Hamilton Holt School (evening division), and the Crummer Graduate School of Business.

The College offers 36 major fields of undergraduate study and several graduate programs in business management and environmental management.

Accreditation: The College is fully accredited by the SACS. Its specialized programs are also accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ACS, NASM, NCATE, the American Association of Museums (AAM), the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and the Florida Department of Education.

Enrollment: Fall 2010, the College enrolled approximately 1,730 undergraduate and 721 graduate students from 45 states and 48 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 25% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 560-650 (Critical Reading) and 560-650 (Math); high school rank, 38% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 82%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 173 full-time and 137 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 91% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 10 to 1

Average class size: 17

Costs: For 2011-12, the cost of attending the school as a typical, full-time, undergraduate student is \$38,400. For graduate students, the rate varies by program.

Residence Life: About 70% of students live on campus.

Salisbury University

<http://www.salisbury.edu>

History: Founded in 1925, authorized to grant the Bachelor of Science in 1935, Salisbury University is a 4-year, public, and comprehensive university with a steady program expansion since early 1960s. The milestones of the expansion included the programs that led to Master's in Education (1962), English (1974), Business Administration (1981), Nursing (1982), Education (Administration, 1994), Education (Teaching, 1996), History (1998), Applied Health Physiology (2000), and Social Work (2001).

Today, the University consists of the School of Business, the School of Education and Professional Studies, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Science and Technology. Collectively, these schools offer 42 major fields of undergraduate study, 14 graduate degree programs, and 4 certification programs.

Accreditation: In addition to being institutionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB-International, ACS, CAAHEP, CCNE, CSWE, NASM, NCATE, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), and the National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council (NEHSPAC).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 7,557 undergraduate students and 647 graduate students from 28 states and 57 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 20% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2009: average SAT, 1691; high school rank, 23% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 80%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 388 full-time and 191 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 85% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 17 to 1

Average class size: 24

Costs: The cost of attending the school is \$15,120 for in-state undergraduate students, and \$23,616 for out-of-state undergraduate students.

Residence Life: About 24% of undergraduate students live on campus.

Seattle Pacific University

<http://www.spu.edu>

History: Founded in 1891, twice changed name in 1930s, the school was officially named as Seattle Pacific University in 1977. Today, the University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Economics, the School of Education, the School of Health Sciences, the School of Psychology, Family and Community, and the School of Theology. It is well known for its standing within the Wesleyan branch of historic and evangelical Christianity, recognizing the Free Methodist Church as the founding denomination, and being an “arts” town to have the highest live-theatre attendance per capita of any major city.

The University offers 61 undergraduate majors, 15 master's degree programs, and 5 doctoral programs.

Accreditation: Since 1936, the University has been fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ABET, CAMFTE/AAMFT, CCNE, NASM, NCATE, the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE), the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), and the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 3,016 undergraduate students and 984 graduate students. Minority and international students represented 23% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: average SAT score, 1150; and freshman retention rate, 88%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 195 full-time and 160 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 87% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 30 or less

Costs: The costs of attending the school for undergraduate students include \$29,976 for tuition and \$9,081 for room and board. For graduate students, the charge for per credit hour ranges by program.

Residence Life: About 51% of students live on campus.

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

<http://www.ship.edu>

History: Founded in 1871 as the Cumberland Valley State Normal School, admitted its first group of students in 1873, the school was designated as Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania by the state in 1983. Today, the University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Services, and the John L. Grove College of Business.

The University offers 75 undergraduate programs, 8 pre-professional programs including pre-vet and pre-med, and 7 affiliate programs whereby students can earn combined undergraduate and graduate degrees through accelerated programs. The additional offering includes 17 Master's degree programs and 3 Post Master's Programs.

Accreditation: The University has been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools since 1939. Its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ACS, CACREP, CSWE, NCATE, the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled about 6,942 undergraduates and 1,311 graduate students from 18 states and 10 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 17% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 450-540 (Critical Reading) and 460-550 (Math); high school rank, 7.5% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 74%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 334 full-time and 86 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 92% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 20 to 1

Average class size: 25

Costs: For 2011-12, the costs of attending the school are \$20,380 for in-state students, and \$29,520 for out-of-state students.

Residence Life: About 37% of students live on campus.

State University of New York, Geneseo

[Http://www.geneseo.edu](http://www.geneseo.edu)

Established in 1867, renamed several times, granted authority to confer baccalaureate degrees in all its curricula in 1942, the College became one of the 13 original campuses of the State University of New York (SUNY) system in 1948. Today, the College is a comprehensive public college that consists of 20 academic departments and offers 54 major fields of study that lead to Bachelor, Master's and professional degrees in many selected fields.

To ensure the quality of its offering, the College requires all students to complete the *Common Core*. It includes courses in western humanities, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences, foreign languages, non-western traditions, United States history, critical writing and reading and numeric and symbolic reasoning.

Accreditation: The College has been an accredited institution by the Middle States Association since 1952. Its professional programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International and NCATE.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the College enrolled 5,495 undergraduate students and 165 graduate students. Minority and international students represented 26% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 610-690 (Critical Reading) and 620-690 (Math); high school rank, 50% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 89%.

Faculty: For fall 2008, the College employed 253 full-time and 95 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty, 87% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student /faculty ratio: 19 to 1

Class size: 28

Costs: For 2011-12, the tuition for attending the school is \$4,970 (in-state) or \$12,870 (out-of-state) for undergraduate students. For graduate students, the same figure is \$7,574 (in-state) or \$11,593 (out-of-state). The charge for room and board is \$9,070.

Residence life: 56% of students live on the campus.

SUNY College at Plattsburgh

<http://www.plattsburgh.edu>

History: Founded as Plattsburgh Normal School, a 2-year institution, in 1889, the school was renamed as SUNY College at Plattsburgh in 1948 when it was restructured as a 4-year public liberal arts college. Today, the College consists of three divisions: the Division of Arts and Science, the Division of Education, Health, and Human Services, and the School of Business and Economics. It offers degree programs, primarily at the Bachelor's level, in more than 60 fields of study.

The College has been well known for pioneering environmental science program in the SUNY system. In addition, it has been known for the quality of its communications and media program, the national championship hockey team, and its art museum.

Accreditation: The College is fully accredited by the regional accreditation agency.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the College enrolled 5,906 undergraduate and 547 graduate students. Minority and international students represented 27% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT scores range 1000-1140 and ACT score range 22-24; high school rank, 9% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 81%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 288 full-time and 235 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 91% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 16 to 1

Average class size: 21

Costs: For 2011-2012, the tuition for undergraduate students attending the school is \$5,408 (in-state) and \$15,704 (out-of-state). The same figures for graduate students are \$8,370 (in-state) and \$16,074 (out-of-state).

Residence Life: About 50% of students live on campus. Freshman and sophomore students are required to live on campus.

The University of Tampa

<http://www.ut.edu>

History: Founded in 1931 as Tampa Junior College, renamed as the University of Tampa in 1933, today, the school has grown into a medium-sized comprehensive, private university. The University consists of the John H. Sykes College of Business, the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Natural and Health Sciences, the College of Social Science, Mathematics, and Education, the Program of Graduate Studies, and the Evening College.

The University offers more than 120 fields of study which include several pre-professional programs and the Master's degree programs through a strong core curriculum that is rooted in the liberal arts and flexible scheduling that meets the needs of adults who want to study part-time at night.

Accreditation: The University is accredited by SACS for awarding associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, AAM, NASM, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), and the Florida State Board of Education. In addition to being approved and recognized for Veterans' training and educational benefits by the U.S. Department of Education, the University maintains its membership of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), a European accrediting association.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,546 undergraduate and 745 graduate students from 50 states, U.S. territories, and 100 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 37% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: the average SAT score 1100; high school rank, 20% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 72%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed a total of 450 faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 90% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 17 to 1

Average class size: 21

Costs: For undergraduate students, the costs include \$22,834 for tuition and \$8,830 for room and board. For graduate students and Evening College students, the charge varies: \$472/per credit hour for graduate students and \$305/per credit hour for evening students.

Residence Life: About 70% of students live on campus.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

<http://www.utpb.edu>

History: Founded in 1973, the University offered only junior, senior, and graduate-level courses till 1991 when the school was restructured as a 4-year institution with a curriculum for students from freshman through graduate studies. Today, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, the School of Education, and the Program of Graduate Studies and Research.

The University offers 32 fields of undergraduate study, 17 graduate degree programs, and several certification programs. Since 2003, the school of education has maintained a 98% pass rate in Texas Examinations of Educators Standards (TEXES).

Accreditation: The University has been accredited by SACS since 1973. Its specialized programs are also accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International and NCATE.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 2,739 undergraduate and 807 graduate students from 160 Texas counties and other surrounding states. Minority students represented 50.5% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 430-540 (Critical Reading) and 460-580 (Math); high school rank, 22% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 61%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 130 full-time and 67 part-time faculty members. Of those full-time faculty members, 82% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 19 to 1

Average class size: 22

Costs: For 2011-12, the charge is based on the number of semester credit hours (SCH). For a typical, full-time, undergraduate student, the tuition for attending the school is approximately \$5,599 (in-state) or \$13,909 (out-of-state). For a graduate student, the price for 3 SCH varies, ranging from \$640 (in-state) to \$1,459 (out-of-state).

Residence Life: About 15% of students live on campus.

Trinity University

<http://www.trinity.edu>

History: Founded in 1869, relocated in San Antonio in 1942, established a voluntary covenant relationship with the Synod of Texas in 1969, the Trinity University has been an independent private university with a self-perpetuating board of trustees ever since.

Today, the University consists of 26 academic departments that offer 38 majors and 50 minors and 5 graduate programs. Two of the graduate programs, accounting and education, can be completed as 5-year combined bachelor and master's programs. By spring 2007, about 40% Trinity students have studies in over 35 different countries and on every continent but Antarctica.

Accreditation: Trinity University is accredited by SACS to award bachelors and masters degrees. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ABET, ACS, NASM, NCATE, the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA), and the Texas Education Agency.

Enrollment: Fall 2010, the University enrolled 2,417 undergraduate and 202 graduate students from various states and over 40 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 40% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 580-680 (Critical Reading) and 590-690 (Math); high school rank, 47% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 90%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 237 full-time and 69 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 98% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 9 to 1

Average class size: 21

Costs: For 2011-2012, the costs for undergraduate students include \$30,012 for tuition/fees, and \$10,312 for room and board. For graduate students, the costs vary by the number of semester hours at a rate of \$1,111/per semester hour up to 12 hours.

Residence Life: The University requires all unmarried undergraduate students to live on campus for three years (fall and spring semesters). About 74% students live on campus.

Truman State University

<http://www.truman.edu>

History: Founded in 1867 as North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College, renamed several times between 1919 and 1995, today, the University is officially recognized as Truman State University. The University consists of the School of Business, the School of Health Sciences and Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and several special programs. It offers 45 undergraduate and 6 graduate fields of study.

Accreditation: Truman State University was initially accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1914, and has maintained the full accreditation status ever since. In addition, its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ACS, CAATE, CACREP, CCNE, NCATE, NASM, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASLHA), and the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,468 undergraduate and 313 graduate students from various states and foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 16% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2008: the average SAT score, 1334 or ACT, 27; high school rank, 48% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 87%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 338 full-time and 27 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 85% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 16 to 1

Average class size: 24

Costs: For 2011-12, the tuition cost of attending the school is \$6,458 (in-state) or \$11,856 (out-of-state) for undergraduate students. For graduate students, the tuition is \$291 per credit hour (in-state) or \$499 (out-of-state) through 11 hours. From 12-14 hours, the tuition is \$7,320 (in-state) and \$12,556 (out-of-state). The charge for room and board ranges from \$6,780 to \$7,995.

Residence Life: About 47% of students live on campus.

University of Scranton

<http://matrix.scranton.edu>

History: Founded in 1888 as Saint Thomas College, achieved university status in 1938, entrusted to the care of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1942, today, the University of Scranton is a comprehensive, co-educational higher education institution with an emphasis on liberal arts and an affiliation with Catholic Church and the Society of Jesuit.

The University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, the Arthur J. Kania School of Management, and the J.A. Panuska, Sr., College of Professional Studies. Collectively, these divisions offer courses and grant various degrees in nearly 58 major fields of study. In the recent years, the University has been recognized as top “baccalaureate source of Ph.D.” in all science disciplines nation wide.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, all its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including AACSB International, ACOTE/AOTA, CACREP, CCNE, CRE, NCATE, the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 4,154 undergraduate and 1,657 graduate students from 27 states and 9 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 18% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the average SAT, 1129; high school rank, 26% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 90%.

Faculty: Fall 2008, the University employed 267 full-time and 251 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 82% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 13to 1

Average class size: 22

Costs: For 2011-12, the tuition for undergraduate students ranges between \$33,248 and \$35,692 dependent upon on the year of initial enrollment. For graduate students, the costs vary by program (ranging from \$453 to \$862 per credit hour).

Residence Life: About 83% of all full-time freshmen live on campus.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

<http://www.uwp.edu>

History: Founded in 1968, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside is a regional and public higher learning institution. The University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Technology, and the Graduate Programs. Collectively, these divisions offer 33 undergraduate majors and 70 emphases of study which range from pre-professional programs in Dentistry to Veterinary Medicine. In addition, the University offers graduate programs that lead to Master's degrees in Business Administration, Science, Applied Molecular Biology, and Computer and Information Systems.

Accreditation: The University is fully accredited by the regional as well as specialized professional accreditation agencies, such as AACSB International.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,153 undergraduates and 150 graduate students from 22 states and 30 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 31% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the ACT Composite score* 25/75 percentile 18-23. Neither SAT nor ACT is required for the admission, and the freshman retention rate is 65%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 179 full-time and 121 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 66% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 19 to 1

Average class size: 25

Costs: For 2011-2012 undergraduate students, the tuition of attending the school is \$6,623(in-state) or \$14,195(out-of-state). The cost of room and board is \$6,796. For graduate students, the tuition is \$3,412 (9 credit hours, in-state) or \$8,879 (9 credit hours, out-of-state).

Residence Life: Approximately 19% of students live on campus.

Valparaiso University

<http://www.valpo.edu>

History: Founded as Valparaiso Male and Female College by the Methodist Church in 1859, forced to close in 1871, reopened as Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute in 1873, the school gained its current university status when re-chartered in 1906. Since 1925, Valparaiso University has remained as an independent Lutheran institution while enjoying close relations with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Today, the University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Engineering, the College of Nursing, the Christ College (Honor College), the Graduate Division, the School of Law, and the College of Adults Scholars (non-traditional student specific programs). Collectively, these programs offer a wide range of fields of study to meet diverse needs of an increasingly diverse student population.

Accreditation: The University is accredited by the regional and professional accrediting agencies.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 2,888 undergraduate and 1,177 graduate and professional students. Among them, 1/3 came from the home state of Indiana, 2/3 from other states and 40 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 16% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the SAT 25/75 percentile, 490-600 (Critical Reading) and 510-620 (Math); high school rank, 32% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 81.5%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 252 full-time and 114 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 91% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 14 to 1

Average class size: 22

Costs: For 2011-2012 undergraduate students, the costs include \$28,590 for tuition and \$8,330 for room and board. For graduate students, the rate is \$460-\$750/per credit hour. The variation is determined by program.

Residence Life: About 66% of students live on campus.

Westfield State College

<http://www.wsc.ma.edu>

History: Founded as the Normal School at Barre in 1838, renamed as State Teachers Colleges in 1932, obtained the current name in 1959, Westfield State College has been a 4-year coeducational comprehensive public institution ever since. Today, the College consists of the Day Division and the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education.

The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and many options for minors as well as concentrations. Particularly, through its Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, the students can pursue degrees that range from bachelor's degree, post-baccalaureate Teacher Certificate, and master's degree in Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, English, Public Administration, or certificates of Advanced Graduate Studies in Education, Homeland Security Studies, and Applied Behavior Analysis.

Accreditation: Westfield State College has been fully accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges since 1957. Its specialized programs are accredited by corresponding SPA agencies including CAAHEP, CSWE, NCATE, the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES), and the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Public Safety Commission (MPAPSC).

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,043 undergraduate and 632 graduate students. Among them, 92% came from the home state. Minority students represented 17% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the average SAT score, 1050; high school class rank is not available; and freshman retention rate, 78.4%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 211 full-time and 172 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 85% held a doctoral or terminal degree.

Student/faculty ratio: 17 to 1

Average class size: 30

Costs: For a typical, full-time, undergraduate student, the charge for tuition and fees is \$7,431 (in-state), \$7,916 (for New England regional residents), or \$13,511 (out-of-state). The charge for room and board ranges from \$8,327 to \$10,995.

Residence Life: About 48% of students live on campus.

Winthrop University

<http://www.winthrop.edu>

History: Founded in 1886 as the Winthrop Training School (woman only), extended its educational offerings to minorities in 1964 and to men in 1972, attained university status in 1992, today, Winthrop University is a publicly funded, culturally diverse, residential, and comprehensive higher learning institute. The University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the Richard W. Riley College of Education, and the University College.

The University offers 41 undergraduate and 25 graduate degree programs in more than 100 fields of study to an increasingly diverse student population. More important, an engaging liberal arts core curriculum provides the foundation for all degree programs.

Accreditation: The University is accredited by the SACS to award baccalaureate, master's, and specialist degrees/certificates. In addition, 100% of its specialized programs have been accredited by corresponding SPA agencies.

Enrollment: Fall 2009, the University enrolled 5,097 undergraduate and 1,144 graduate students from 42 states and 48 foreign countries. Minority and international students represented 31% of the total student population.

Freshman class 2010: the average SAT score, 1057; high school rank, 22% reported in the top tenth; and freshman retention rate, 67%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 279 full-time and 276 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 81% held doctoral or terminal degrees.

Student/faculty ratio: 15 to 1

Average class size: 22

Costs: For 2011-2012 undergraduate students, the tuition for attending the school is \$12,656 (in-state) or \$23,796 (out-of-state).

Residence Life: About 30% of students live on campus.

Longwood University

<http://www.longwood.edu/>

History: Longwood University, a pioneer first in private and later in public education, is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the United States. Longwood was founded on March 5, 1839, when the Farmville Female Seminary Association was incorporated by the General Assembly of Virginia. Longwood became fully coeducational in June 1976. Longwood was first authorized to offer a four-year curriculum leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education in 1916. It was authorized to offer the Bachelor of Arts in 1935, the Bachelor of Science in 1938, a curriculum in business education the same year, courses leading to a degree in music education in 1949, and the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1976. In 1978, Longwood was authorized to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts, and in 1981, the Bachelor of Music. The University's first graduate program, Master in Education, was authorized in 1954. By 2006, the program of graduate studies expanded to include Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Education, Sociology, and Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Master of Arts in English. The latest addition to the academic programs is the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Longwood welcomed the first group of nursing students in fall 2009. Today, the University consists of the Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and Economics, the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and the Cormier Honors College for Citizen Scholars.

The University offers 39 baccalaureate majors with 91 concentrations and 42 undergraduate minors. It also offers 5 graduate majors covering 23 masters' degree programs, 3 professional endorsement programs, and 3 certificate programs.

Accreditation: Longwood University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-1097:Telephone number 404-679-4500) to award bachelors and masters degrees. Academic programs of Longwood are also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; Virginia State Board of Education; National Association of Schools of Music; Council on Social Work Education; National Recreation and Park Association in cooperation with the American Association for Leisure and Recreation; Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business National Council for Exceptional Children National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training, and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Enrollment: Fall 2010, the University enrolled 4,126 undergraduate students and 705 graduate students from more than 46 states and foreign countries. Of the total undergraduate population, 17% are minority and international students including the 2.9% reporting race/ethnicity as unknown.

Freshman class 2010: SAT 25/75 percentile, 950 to 1120; high school GPA average, 3.34; and freshman retention rate, 80%.

Faculty: Fall 2010, the University employed 214 full-time and 60 part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 78% held doctoral or terminal degrees.
Student/faculty ratio: 18 to 1
Average lecture class size: 21

Costs: For 2011-12, the tuition for attending school for a typical, full-time, in-state undergraduate student is \$18,644 and \$9072 for a graduate student.

Residence Life: About 74% students live on the campus. The University requires freshmen students to live on campus.

Appendix I: Abbreviations of Accreditation Agencies

Specialized Professional Accreditation Agency

AACSB International	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
AAM	American Association of Museums
ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.
ACEHSA	Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration
ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
ACOTE/AOTA	Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association
ACS	American Chemical Society
ACSM	American College of Sports Medicine
ARC/EPA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant
ASLHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ATS	Association of Theological Schools
CADE	Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
CAATE	Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
CAMFTE/AAMFT	Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

CAPTE	Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
CCCU	Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CFP	Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards
CIDA	Council for Interior Design Accreditation
CoAES	Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences
CPE	Council for Pharmacy Education
CRE	Council on Rehabilitation Education
CSWE	Council on Social Work Education
FIDER	Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research
IACS	International Association of Counseling Services
MPAPSC	Massachusetts Police Accreditation Public Safety Commission
NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
NAEYC	National Association of the Education of Young Children
NASAD	National Association of Schools of Art and Design
NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance
NASM	National Association of Schools of Music
NASP	National Association of School Psychologists
NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre
NCATE	National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education
NEHSPAC	National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council
NLNAC	National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

Appendix II: Major Regional Accreditation Agencies and their Contact Information

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

3304 North Broadway Street, #214, Chicago, IL 60657

(773) 857-7900

Joseph Vibert, Executive Director

<http://www.aspa-usa.org>

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation

One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036-1135

(202) 955-6126

Dr. Judith Eaton, Executive Director

<http://www.chea.org>

Middle States Commission on Higher Education

3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West, Philadelphia, PA 19104

(267) 284-5000

Dr. Elizabeth H. Sibolski, President

<http://www.msche.org>

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

209 Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 01730-1433

(781) 271-0022

Jacob Ludes III, President/CEO

<http://www.neasc.org>

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

The Higher Learning Commission

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413

(312) 263-0456

Dr. Sylvia Manning, President

<http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org>

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

8060 165th Avenue, NE, Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052

(425) 558-4224

Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President

<http://www.nwccu.org>

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges**

1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097
(404) 679-4500

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President

<http://www.sacscoc.org>

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities**

985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 748-9001

Dr. Ralph A. Wolff, President and Executive Director

<http://www.wascweb.org>

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges**

10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949
(415) 506-0234

Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President

<http://www.accjc.org>