THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The University of Pennsylvania (Penn) is an Ivy League school with highly selective admissions and a history of innovation in interdisciplinary education and scholarship. Penn boasts a picturesque campus amidst a dynamic city and a world-class research institution.

Founded by Benjamin Franklin and recognized as America's first university, Penn remains today a world-renowned center for the creation and dissemination of knowledge. It serves as a model for research colleges and universities throughout the world. In addition to four undergraduate schools, Penn has twelve graduate and professional schools, including four in the health sciences: Medicine (Penn is home to the nation’s first medical school), Veterinary Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Nursing. Penn is a leader in life sciences research as indicated by its position as one of the top three recipients of research grant awards among 125 academic medical centers and hundreds of American universities.

One of Penn's many assets is the location of all of its component schools on a single, compact urban campus, facilitating close collaboration across diverse disciplines. Its 269-acre urban campus boasts many notable landmarks. These include Houston Hall, the nation's first student union; the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, one of the finest museums of its kind in the country; Franklin Field, the oldest collegiate football field still in use and the country's first double-decked college stadium; plus buildings by noted architects Frank Furness, Louis Kahn, Eero Saarinen, Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown.

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Welcome to Penn

At the University of Pennsylvania, you'll find a historic, Ivy League school with highly selective admissions and a history of innovation in interdisciplinary education and scholarship. You'll also find a picturesque campus amidst a dynamic city and a world-class research institution.

Intellectual rigor and a practical outlook

Penn carries on the principles and spirit of its founder, Benjamin Franklin: entrepreneurship, innovation, invention, outreach, and a pragmatic love of knowledge. Franklin's practical outlook has remained a driving force in the university's development.

Top students

Today Penn is home to a diverse undergraduate student body of nearly 10,000, hailing from every state in the union and all around the globe. Admissions are among the most selective in the country and Penn consistently ranks among the top 10 universities in the annual U.S. News & World Report survey. Another 10,000 students are enrolled in Penn's 12 graduate and professional schools, which are national leaders in their fields. The Wharton School is consistently one of the nation's top three business schools. The School of Nursing is one of the two best in the U.S. The School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Education, Law School, School of Medicine, and School of Veterinary Medicine all rank among the top 10 schools in their fields.

A singular campus

With its green lawns and landmark architecture, our beautiful West Philadelphia campus houses all of Penn's activities, from student life, athletics, and academics to research, scholarship, and cultural life. All of Penn's 12 schools are located within walking distance of one another. This geographical unity, unique among Ivy League schools, supports and fosters Penn's interdisciplinary approach to education, scholarship, and research.

Powerful research

Research is a substantial and esteemed enterprise at Penn. The research community includes 1,000 faculty, 1,000 postdoctoral fellows, 3,000 graduate students, and 5,000 support staff, with a budget of more than half a billion dollars each year. Penn's 25 research centers and institutes bring together researchers from multiple departments, schools, and disciplines. The scale and interdisciplinary character of our research activities make Penn a nationally-ranked research university.

Reference [http://www.upenn.edu/](http://www.upenn.edu/)
Penn Facts and Figures

Students

- Full-time: 19,050
- Part-time: 4,193
- Total: 23,243
- Full-time Undergraduate: 9,917
- Full-time Graduate/professional: 8,996
  (as of Fall 2003)

Undergraduate Admissions
Penn received a record-high 18,831 applications for admission to the Class of 2007. Of those applicants, 3,837, or 20.4 percent, were offered admission, making the Class of 2007 the most selective in Penn's history and the institution among the most selective universities in America. Ninety percent of the students admitted for Fall 2003 came from the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and scored an average of 1,414 on the SAT. 2,423 students matriculated into this year's freshman class.

Internationalism
A record-high 2,658 international students applied for admission to Penn's undergraduate schools for Fall 2003, and 361 (13.6%) received admissions offers. More than nine percent of the first year class are international students. Of the international students accepted to the Class of 2007, 15.1% were from Africa and the Middle East, 41.8% from Asia, 1.4% from Australia and the Pacific, 12.8% from Canada and Mexico, 13.7% from Central/South America and the Caribbean, and 15.3% from Europe. Penn had 3,748 international students enrolled in Fall 2003.

Study Abroad
Penn offers opportunities to study abroad on more than 100 programs in 36 countries. Penn ranks first among the Ivy League schools in the number of students studying abroad, according to the most recent data (Institute for International Education, 2003). In 2002-03, 781 Penn undergraduate students participated in study abroad programs.

Diversity
About 39.4 percent of those accepted for admission to the Class of 2007 are Black, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American. Women comprise 51.4 percent of all students currently enrolled.

Undergraduate Schools
Penn's four undergraduate schools, with their Fall 2003 student populations, are:

- The College at Penn (School of Arts and Sciences), 6,471
- School of Engineering and Applied Science, 1,514
- School of Nursing, 455
- The Wharton School, 1,782

Graduate and Professional Schools
Penn's 12 graduate and professional schools, with their Fall 2003 student populations, are:

- Annenberg School for Communication, 70
- School of Arts and Sciences, 2,348
- School of Dental Medicine, 559
- Graduate School of Education, 1,002
- School of Engineering and Applied Science, 1,074
- School of Design, 607
- Law School, 927
- School of Medicine, 1,250
- School of Nursing, 370
- School of Social Work, 315
- School of Veterinary Medicine, 439
- The Wharton School, 2,255
Penn Facts and Figures

Faculty

Standing (Spring 2004): 2,440
Associated (Spring 2004): 2,059
Total: 4,499

The student-faculty ratio is 6:1 (Spring 2004).

Measures of distinction of the faculty include:

61 members of the Academy of Arts and Sciences;
51 members of the Institute of Medicine;
37 members of the National Academy of Sciences;
25 members of the American Philosophical Society
100 Guggenheim Fellowships (1980-2001);
10 members of the National Academy of Engineering;
Seven MacArthur Award recipients;
Six National Medal of Science recipients;
Five Nobel Prize recipients; and
Three Pulitzer Prize winners

Staff

Penn is the largest private employer in the city of Philadelphia and the second-largest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As of Spring 2004, Penn has a total regular work force of 12,831. The University of Pennsylvania Health System, which includes the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, employs an additional 11,247 people.

Academics

Total undergraduate majors currently being pursued: 94 (Academic Year 2004).

Undergraduate Graduation Rate

Penn has an aggregate undergraduate graduation rate of 92 percent.

Libraries

5.2 million books
3.9 million items on microfilm
38,474 periodical subscriptions
2,332 CD-ROM databases
6,858 e-journals

Athletics and Recreation

A charter member of the Ivy League, Penn offers intercollegiate competition for men in 17 sports, including baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, football, golf, lacrosse, heavyweight rowing, lightweight rowing, soccer, sprint football, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and wrestling. It offers intercollegiate competition for women in 16 sports, including basketball, cross country, field hockey, fencing, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and volleyball. During the 2003-2004 academic year, there were 8587 team members participating in 422 intramural teams in 12 sports; 1000 additional students were members of 33 club sports.
Penn Facts and Figures

Campus Size
- West Philadelphia campus: 269 acres, 151 buildings (excluding hospital)
- New Bolton Center: 600 acres, 77 buildings
- Morris Arboretum: 92 acres, 30 buildings

Living Alumni of Record
Total: 241,753 (Spring 2004)

Undergraduate Tuition and Fees
$30,716 (Academic Year 2005)

Room and Board Fees
$8,918 (Academic Year 2005)

Community Service
Approximately 5,000 University students, faculty and staff participate in more than 300 Penn volunteer and community service programs. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools recognized the University's West Philadelphia Improvement Corps (WEPIC), in Penn's Center for Community Partnerships, for exemplary school-college partnerships in Pennsylvania.

Fundraising (Fiscal Year 2003)
- Endowment $3.547 billion (as of June 30, 2003)
- Voluntary support: $399.6 million
- 109,356 individuals gave $231.8 million in contributions
- $124 million in gifts from foundations and associations
- $43 million in gifts from corporations

Sponsored Projects (Fiscal Year 2003)
- $704.5 million in awards
- 4,614 awards
- 2,911 projects
- 1,296 principal investigators

Budget
$3.59 billion (Fiscal Year 2003)

Payroll (including benefits)
$1.537 billion (Fiscal Year 2003)

Reference  http://www.upenn.edu/about/facts.php
Penn’s Heritage

Penn's innovative approach to education began with a revolutionary concept.

In 1749 in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin presented his vision of a school in a pamphlet titled *Proposals for the Education of Youth in Pensilvania*. Unlike other American Colonial colleges, the new school would not focus on education for the clergy. Instead, it would prepare students for lives of business and public service. The proposed program of study would become the nation's first modern liberal arts curriculum. Doors to the University opened in 1751, when the first classes were held.

More than 250 years later, Penn continues to blaze trails in education. It is home to the nation's first medical school, which added as early as 1874, a university teaching hospital. The University is also the birthplace of technological invention. In 1946, Penn introduced ENIAC, the world's first electronic, large-scale, general-purpose digital computer.

In addition to ushering in new ideas, Penn has welcomed countless leaders through its doors. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence and eleven signers of the Constitution are associated with the University. Eadweard James Muybridge, who pioneered motion photography, began his experiments under the University's auspices. Since 1923, fifteen Penn scholars have been awarded Nobel Prizes. In 1994 Judith Rodin became the first woman to be inaugurated President of an Ivy League institution.

Penn's heritage is likewise reflected in its environs, where its 269-acre, urban campus boasts many notable landmarks. These include Houston Hall, the nation's first student union; the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, one of the finest museums of its kind in the country; Franklin Field, the oldest collegiate football field still in use and the country's first double-decked college stadium; plus buildings by noted architects Frank Furness, Louis Kahn, Eero Saarinen, Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown.

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Penn's campus is located in Philadelphia, one of America's most historic and livable cities. Our community engagement involves many resources throughout the University.

On and Around Campus

- **Arts & Culture at Penn**
  A central source for information on arts and cultural resources at Penn.

- **Athletics and Recreation**
  Athletic events and information, recreation facilities and activities, fitness programs.

- **Campus Media**
  Newspapers for faculty, staff and students; Penn's public radio station; other Penn publications.

- **Campus Safety and Security**
  Division of Public Safety, crime reports, transportation, night parking and security services.

- **Dining on Campus**
  Campus dining halls, area restaurants, catering options, vending machines, food trucks and more.

- **Health Care**
  Penn's world-class facilities for health care--both human and animal.

- **Housing and Related Services**
  College Houses, off-campus apartments, homeownership programs and services for staff and faculty.

- **Organizations for Faculty, Staff and Students**
  Official representative bodies, social activities, support groups, cultural organizations.

- **Religious Life**
  The University Chaplain, student religious groups, services on campus.

- **Retail Services**
  Shopping at Penn and in University City.

- **Transportation, Travel and Parking**
  Campus transit services, mass transit info and pass programs, parking on campus, travel services for staff and faculty.

Philadelphia City Life

Guides to the city, events and nightlife, lodging information, information on Penn's place in Philadelphia.

Community Involvement

- **Center for Community Partnerships**
  Penn's central administrative office for community partnership programs.

- **Community Services and Initiatives at Penn**
  Faculty, staff, alumni and student community-service organizations; administration initiatives; community-service courses and programs.

- **Office of Government, Community, and Public Affairs**
  Handles University relations with government at the local, city, state, and federal levels.

- **Penn and Philadelphia**
  Penn shares a spirit of cooperation with its neighbors, local government and business.

- **Penn Resources/Facilities Open to the Public**
  Hotels, hospitals, cultural and recreational facilities and more.

Contact Information

- **For Students**
  School offices, University Life Division, other offices that serve students, public safety services, health services, crisis counseling and support, academic support and more.

- **Penn Information Desk**
  A-Z listing of programs and services for students.

- **Emergency Telephone Numbers**
  Fire, police and medical emergencies, crisis intervention, weather emergency info, physical plant emergencies, communications problems.

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