



## Jefferson 1856

# Jefferson University

Founded in 1856, Jefferson University is a selective, private university located in the mid-Atlantic, just 30 minutes from a major urban center of just under a million residents. With a strong sense of history but a forward-looking philosophy with regards to education, Jefferson has a strong liberal arts core, with excellent pre-professional opportunities (business, engineering, performing arts, and nursing) for interested students. Focused on recruiting the best and brightest, the university established a highly sought-after honors program that draws students from each of the five undergraduate divisions. In addition, the President, a former ambassador for the U.S., has led a push for increased global awareness and action on the part of the faculty and students. A highly successful capital campaign has resulted in a brand-new student athletic facility, a series of impressively renovated dormitories that helped expand housing opportunities, and a completely new museum of art on campus.

A total of 7,000 students are enrolled at Jefferson. 5,000 are undergraduates—the primary focus of the faculty community. The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest of the five colleges, followed by Business, Engineering, Performing Arts, and Nursing. Although the College of Nursing is the smallest community, it is one of the original colleges with a distinguished group of alumni. At the core, Jefferson is a liberal arts institution, and all students are required to complete a set of general education requirements that provide a solid foundation in analytical thinking, problem solving, and writing. In addition, the university encourages creative cross registration among the schools, and unique programs in computer science and art, history and business, nursing and the arts have been designed by bright and enterprising students. Most popular majors include: International Affairs, Environmental Sciences, Economics, English, Biology, and Theater. While there are no required core courses, all students complete two semesters in a writing course and a senior seminar. Students who want to graduate with distinction must complete a final independent research project.

Thanks to the renovation and expansion of its housing options, all students are guaranteed housing for four years. In fact, the newly completed dorms have brought back many to campus. Currently 95% of undergraduate students live on campus. A particular draw for many students has been the learning living centers focused on International Affairs, Creative Arts, Global Leadership, and Environmental Action. Faculty advisors live and teach in these dormitories. Students are described as happy and healthy by visitors. Sports opportunities are available at all levels, and the men's basketball and women's swimming programs have enjoyed particular success recently. Sororities and fraternities are lively, with about 20% of the population participating and residing in residences on campus. Beyond Jefferson is an active and prospering urban center with two professional athletics teams, a number of fine museums, a concert hall, and an efficient light rail system that makes all of this accessible to students.

Admission to Jefferson is selective, with approximately 33% of the overall applicants admitted. The university is committed to enrolling a diversely talented population from across the country. 45% of the students come from public schools and 55% from independent or religiously affiliated schools. Jefferson University currently has a test optional policy and plans to extend this for applicants who plan to enroll as first-year or transfer students in Fall of 2025. Interviews are not required but highly recommended. The following profile provides a breakdown of our freshman Class of 2027.

### Rank in Class:

Top Quintile 35%  
Second Quintile 20%  
Third Quintile 10%  
Fourth Quintile 8%  
Fifth Quintile 2%  
Not Reported 25%

### Admitted Freshman Class

Average GPA: 3.8  
SAT Middle 50% CR: 660-720 M: 680-770  
ACT Middle 50% 30-33

