

University FAQ Document

📖 Admissions & Application

****Q: What are the application deadlines for undergraduate programs?****

A: The regular application deadline is January 15. Early decision is November 1.

****Q: Do you offer early decision or early action options?****

A: Yes, we offer both Early Decision (binding) and Early Action (non-binding).

****Q: Is SAT or ACT required?****

A: Standardized test scores are optional for the 2024–2025 admissions cycle.

****Q: What documents are required for international applicants?****

A: International applicants need TOEFL/IELTS scores, transcripts, passport copy, and financial documentation.

****Q: Can I apply to more than one major?****

A: Yes, you can list a first and second major preference when applying.

****Q: How long does it take to get a decision?****

A: Admission decisions are typically released 6–8 weeks after the application deadline.

****Q: Are application fees waivable?****

A: Yes, we offer application fee waivers for eligible students upon request.

****Q: Can I transfer from a community college?****

A: Yes, transfer applications are accepted for both fall and spring semesters.

****Q: What is the acceptance rate?****

A: The acceptance rate for the previous cycle was approximately 28%.

****Q: Do you accept Common App or Coalition App?****

A: We accept both Common Application and Coalition Application.

****Q: What GPA is required for admission?****

A: While there is no strict cutoff, a GPA of 3.5 or higher is considered competitive.

****Q: Are letters of recommendation required?****

A: Yes, we require at least one academic letter of recommendation, preferably from a teacher or counselor.

****Q: Can I submit a portfolio with my application?****

A: Yes, portfolios are encouraged for applicants to arts, architecture, or design programs.

****Q: Is an interview required for admission?****

A: Interviews are optional and by invitation only for selected applicants.

****Q: Can I defer my admission offer?****

A: Yes, admitted students may request a deferral for up to one academic year for valid reasons.

****Q: Are homeschooled students eligible to apply?****

A: Yes, homeschooled students are welcome and must submit detailed curriculum records and test scores.

****Q: How do I track my application status?****

A: Applicants can track their status via the applicant portal using their login credentials.

****Q: Do you offer application assistance or counseling?****

A: Yes, our admissions team provides virtual info sessions and one-on-one guidance by appointment.

****Q: Can I update my application after submission?****

A: Yes, you may upload updated transcripts, test scores, or achievements before the deadline.

****Q: Is there an advantage to applying early?****

A: Yes, early applicants often have higher acceptance rates and earlier scholarship consideration.

Academics

****Q: What is the average class size?****

A: The average undergraduate class size is 22 students, ensuring a personalized learning experience.

****Q: What is the student-to-faculty ratio?****

A: Our student-to-faculty ratio is 10:1, promoting close interaction between students and professors.

****Q: Are there honors programs available?****

A: Yes, we offer an Honors College with access to specialized seminars, faculty mentorship, and research funding.

****Q: Can I double major?****

A: Yes, students can double major, provided they meet the requirements for both programs.

****Q: What is the academic calendar structure?****

A: We follow a semester system: Fall (August–December), Spring (January–May), and optional Summer sessions.

****Q: Are online or hybrid classes available?****

A: Yes, we offer a variety of online and hybrid courses across many disciplines.

****Q: How do I register for classes?****

A: Students register for classes through the online student portal, based on their assigned registration window.

****Q: What happens if a class is full?****

A: You can join a waitlist through the portal or seek instructor approval for enrollment.

****Q: How are final grades calculated?****

A: Grades are based on a mix of exams, assignments, participation, and projects, with specific weights set by the instructor.

****Q: What grading scale is used?****

A: We use a standard A–F grading scale, where A = 4.0, B = 3.0, and so on.

****Q: Is academic advising available?****

A: Yes, all students are assigned an academic advisor who assists with course planning and graduation tracking.

****Q: Can I change my major after enrollment?****

A: Yes, you can change majors by submitting a request through the registrar's office.

****Q: Are minors offered?****

A: Yes, students can choose from over 50 minors to complement their major.

****Q: What academic support services are offered?****

A: We provide free tutoring, writing assistance, and study skills workshops.

****Q: What is the policy on academic probation?****

A: Students with a GPA below 2.0 may be placed on probation and must meet with an advisor for academic planning.

****Q: Can I take courses outside my major?****

A: Yes, electives and general education requirements encourage exploration across disciplines.

****Q: Are research opportunities available for undergraduates?****

A: Absolutely. Students can join faculty-led research or apply for independent research grants.

****Q: Are professors accessible outside of class?****

A: Yes, faculty hold regular office hours and are reachable via email and appointments.

****Q: Can I study abroad during my program?****

A: Yes, we offer exchange programs and study abroad options in over 30 countries.

****Q: What is the process for academic appeals?****

A: Students can file appeals for grade disputes, withdrawals, or other academic issues through the Academic Affairs Office.

💰 Financial Aid & Tuition

****Q: What is the annual tuition cost for undergraduate students?****

A: For in-state students, tuition is approximately \$12,000 per year. For out-of-state students, it is around \$28,000.

****Q: Do you offer need-based financial aid?****

A: Yes, need-based aid is available for eligible students based on FAFSA or equivalent financial documentation.

****Q: Are there merit-based scholarships available?****

A: Yes, we offer a variety of merit scholarships awarded automatically based on academic performance and test scores.

****Q: How do I apply for financial aid?****

A: Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and any institutional forms by the priority deadline of March 1.

****Q: What is your FAFSA school code?****

A: Our school code is 001234. Be sure to include it when submitting your FAFSA.

****Q: What is the average financial aid package amount?****

A: The average aid package is approximately \$18,000 per year, including grants, scholarships, and loans.

****Q: Are international students eligible for financial aid?****

A: While need-based aid is limited for international students, merit scholarships are available for qualifying applicants.

****Q: Is work-study available on campus?****

A: Yes, federal and institutional work-study positions are available to students who qualify.

****Q: Can financial aid cover housing and meal plans?****

A: Yes, your aid package can be applied toward tuition, housing, meal plans, and other fees.

****Q: How do I know if I qualify for financial aid?****

A: You'll receive a financial aid award letter after submitting your FAFSA and application materials.

****Q: What happens if my financial circumstances change?****

A: You can submit a special circumstances appeal with updated documentation to request a financial aid adjustment.

****Q: When will I receive my financial aid award letter?****

A: Award letters are usually sent 2–3 weeks after your admission offer and FAFSA submission.

****Q: Can I lose my financial aid if my GPA drops?****

A: Yes, students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), typically a GPA of 2.0 or higher, to retain aid.

****Q: Do you offer tuition payment plans?****

A: Yes, we provide monthly tuition installment plans for students who wish to pay over time.

****Q: How do I pay my tuition bill?****

A: Tuition can be paid online via the student portal using credit/debit cards, bank transfer, or approved payment plans.

****Q: Are parent loans available to help cover costs?****

A: Yes, the Federal PLUS Loan and private parent loan options are available to assist with education expenses.

****Q: Do you offer financial aid for summer courses?****

A: Yes, financial aid is available for summer if the student is enrolled at least half-time and has remaining eligibility.

****Q: What scholarships require separate applications?****

A: Departmental and talent-based scholarships may require additional applications, portfolios, or auditions.

****Q: Where can I check my financial aid status?****

A: You can view your aid status, documents, and awards in the Financial Aid section of the student portal.

****Q: What should I do if my aid doesn't cover the full cost?****

A: We recommend meeting with a financial aid advisor to explore additional scholarships, grants, and loan options.

🏠 Housing & Campus Life

****Q: Is on-campus housing guaranteed for first-year students?****

A: Yes, all first-year undergraduate students are guaranteed housing if they apply by the priority deadline.

****Q: What types of residence halls are available?****

A: We offer traditional dormitories, suite-style housing, and apartment-style residences.

****Q: Are dormitories co-ed?****

A: Yes, most residence halls are co-ed by floor or wing. Some single-gender housing is available upon request.

****Q: Can I choose my roommate?****

A: Yes, during the housing application process, you may request a specific roommate or be matched based on preferences.

****Q: What is included in student housing?****

A: Housing includes furniture, high-speed internet, access to laundry facilities, and 24/7 security.

****Q: Are meal plans required?****

A: Yes, all students living in campus housing must select from one of the available meal plans.

****Q: What dining options are available on campus?****

A: Our campus features multiple dining halls, cafes, and restaurants offering vegetarian, vegan, halal, and gluten-free options.

****Q: How much does on-campus housing cost?****

A: Housing costs range from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per academic year depending on the type of residence selected.

****Q: Can I live off campus?****

A: Yes, upperclassmen and transfer students are allowed to live off campus. First-year students generally must live on campus.

****Q: Are pets allowed in residence halls?****

A: Only service animals and registered emotional support animals are permitted in university housing.

****Q: What safety measures are in place on campus?****

A: Campus safety includes 24/7 security patrols, emergency blue light stations, ID-controlled building access, and campus escort services.

****Q: What happens during housing breaks and holidays?****

A: Residence halls may close during extended breaks; however, limited housing may be available upon request.

****Q: Is housing available during summer sessions?****

A: Yes, summer housing is available for students enrolled in summer courses or working on campus.

****Q: Are there themed or living-learning communities?****

A: Yes, we offer themed housing options for honors students, international students, and special interest groups.

****Q: How do I apply for housing?****

A: You can apply for housing via the university housing portal after accepting your admission offer.

****Q: What student clubs and organizations are available?****

A: We offer over 200 student organizations, including academic, cultural, recreational, and service-based clubs.

****Q: Is Greek life part of campus culture?****

A: Yes, fraternities and sororities are active and participate in leadership, service, and social events.

****Q: What recreational facilities are on campus?****

A: Our campus has a fitness center, swimming pool, basketball courts, group fitness classes, and intramural sports leagues.

****Q: Are there events and activities for students?****

A: Yes, the student affairs office organizes weekly events, including movie nights, game nights, and campus festivals.

****Q: Is there support for student mental health and wellness?****

A: Absolutely. We offer free counseling services, wellness workshops, and crisis support through the student health center.

🎯 Placements & Job Opportunities

****Q: Does the university offer placement assistance to students?****

A: Yes, the Career Services Center provides support with internships, job placements, resume reviews, and interview preparation.

****Q: Are there on-campus recruitment drives?****

A: Yes, we host multiple on-campus recruitment events every year where companies interview and hire students directly.

****Q: Which companies recruit from the campus?****

A: Recruiters include both global and national companies such as Google, Deloitte, Infosys, Amazon, TCS, and more.

****Q: What is the average placement rate?****

A: Our overall placement rate is over 85% within six months of graduation.

****Q: What is the average starting salary for graduates?****

A: The average starting salary for undergraduates is approximately \$60,000 annually, depending on the program.

****Q: Do all programs offer placement opportunities?****

A: Yes, most academic programs are supported by industry partnerships and internship pathways.

****Q: Are internships mandatory for graduation?****

A: In some programs, internships are required; in others, they are optional but highly recommended.

****Q: How do I apply for internships?****

A: Students can apply for internships via the university's job portal, employer events, or through Career Services advisors.

****Q: Does the university have tie-ups with companies?****

A: Yes, we partner with over 300 companies for internships, co-ops, and full-time hiring.

****Q: Is there a dedicated placement cell?****

A: Yes, the Career Services and Industry Relations Office functions as a dedicated placement cell.

****Q: Are placement opportunities available for international students?****

A: Yes, though they must comply with visa regulations (e.g., CPT, OPT) and may require additional documentation.

****Q: Does the university help with resume building?****

A: Yes, we offer one-on-one resume reviews, workshops, and AI-powered resume screening tools.

****Q: What support is available for interview preparation?****

A: Mock interviews, behavioral coaching, and technical interview prep sessions are offered regularly.

****Q: Are alumni networks involved in job placement?****

A: Yes, our strong alumni network often posts job opportunities and mentors current students.

****Q: Is career guidance available for undecided students?****

A: Absolutely. Career counselors are available to help students identify career paths and choose appropriate majors.

****Q: What platforms are used for job listings?****

A: We use platforms like Handshake, LinkedIn, and our own university career portal for job and internship postings.

****Q: Are there job fairs for specific fields?****

A: Yes, we host sector-specific job fairs such as Tech Week, Business & Finance Expo, and Healthcare Career Day.

****Q: Can students take part-time jobs while studying?****

A: Yes, both on-campus and off-campus part-time jobs are available, with support from the Career Services office.

****Q: What are co-op programs, and are they available?****

A: Co-op (cooperative education) programs allow students to alternate semesters of study and full-time work — yes, they are offered in engineering and business majors.

****Q: What happens if I don't get placed during campus recruitment?****

A: The Career Services team continues to assist you with job search strategies, alumni networking, and off-campus opportunities.

Library & Academic Resources

****Q: What are the operating hours of the university library?****

A: The library is open from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM on weekdays and 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on weekends.

****Q: Can I access library resources online?****

A: Yes, students have access to e-books, academic journals, databases, and research tools through the online library portal.

****Q: How do I borrow books from the library?****

A: You can check out books by presenting your student ID at the circulation desk or using the self-service kiosks.

****Q: What is the loan period for books?****

A: Most books can be borrowed for 21 days, with up to 2 renewals if there are no pending holds.

****Q: Are there late fees for overdue materials?****

A: Yes, a daily fine applies to overdue items, and unpaid fines may block registration or transcript requests.

****Q: Can I reserve a study room in the library?****

A: Yes, individual and group study rooms can be reserved online in advance or at the help desk.

****Q: Are there printing and scanning facilities available?****

A: Yes, the library provides printing, scanning, and photocopying services at minimal cost.

****Q: Does the library offer academic databases like JSTOR or IEEE?****

A: Yes, students have access to major databases including JSTOR, IEEE Xplore, ScienceDirect, and ProQuest.

****Q: Can I get help with research or citations?****

A: Absolutely. Librarians are available for one-on-one consultations and citation workshops.

****Q: Are there quiet zones for study?****

A: Yes, designated quiet zones and silent study areas are available on each floor of the library.

****Q: What academic software is available in the library labs?****

A: Library labs are equipped with MATLAB, SPSS, AutoCAD, MS Office, and Adobe Creative Suite.

****Q: Can I borrow a laptop from the library?****

A: Yes, short-term laptop lending is available for students on a daily or weekly basis.

****Q: Is Wi-Fi available in the library?****

A: Yes, high-speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the library for all registered students.

****Q: Does the library offer access to past exam papers?****

A: Yes, the library archive contains a repository of previous years' question papers for reference.

****Q: How do I renew a borrowed book online?****

A: Log into the library portal with your student credentials and select the item you wish to renew.

****Q: Are there any academic workshops offered by the library?****

A: Yes, the library hosts workshops on research skills, academic writing, citation management, and using databases.

****Q: Can alumni access library resources?****

A: Alumni can access limited online databases and visit the library physically, but borrowing privileges may be restricted.

****Q: Is there support for students with disabilities?****

A: Yes, accessible resources, assistive technologies, and dedicated staff support are available in the library.

****Q: What should I do if I lose a library book?****

A: Report the loss to the library staff. You may be charged a replacement fee based on the book's value.

****Q: How do I get help using a specific academic resource?****

A: You can book a session with a subject librarian or use the live chat support available on the library website.

🎓 Scholarships & Fee Structure

****Q: What is the annual tuition fee for undergraduate programs?****

A: Tuition fees vary by program. On average, undergraduate tuition is \$12,000 for in-state and \$28,000 for out-of-state students per year.

****Q: What are the fees for postgraduate programs?****

A: Postgraduate tuition typically ranges from \$15,000 to \$35,000 per year, depending on the department and program type.

****Q: Are there additional fees beyond tuition?****

A: Yes, additional costs may include registration, technology, lab, student activity, and library fees, typically totaling \$1,000–\$2,000 per year.

****Q: What housing and meal plan fees should I expect?****

A: On-campus housing ranges from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year. Meal plans vary from \$2,500 to \$4,500 per year.

****Q: Are there any one-time admission or enrollment fees?****

A: Yes, a one-time enrollment deposit of \$200–\$500 may be required to secure your admission.

****Q: Do you offer full scholarships?****

A: Yes, a limited number of full-ride scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence and leadership potential.

****Q: What types of scholarships are available?****

A: We offer merit-based, need-based, athletic, departmental, and external donor scholarships.

****Q: Is there an entrance scholarship for first-year students?****

A: Yes, new students are automatically considered for entrance scholarships based on GPA and test scores.

****Q: How can I apply for scholarships?****

A: Some scholarships are automatic; others require a separate application via the scholarship portal.

****Q: What documents are needed for scholarship applications?****

A: Required documents may include academic transcripts, recommendation letters, essays, and proof of income for need-based awards.

****Q: What is the deadline for applying for scholarships?****

A: Most scholarship applications are due by February 15, though some vary by department.

****Q: Are international students eligible for scholarships?****

A: Yes, international students are eligible for merit-based and some external scholarships.

****Q: Can I apply for multiple scholarships at once?****

A: Yes, students are encouraged to apply for all scholarships they are eligible for.

****Q: Do scholarships renew every year?****

A: Some scholarships are renewable each year based on maintaining a minimum GPA (usually 3.0 or higher).

****Q: What is the average scholarship amount awarded?****

A: The average award ranges from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per academic year, depending on the scholarship.

****Q: Are there scholarships for specific majors?****

A: Yes, departmental scholarships are available for students in fields like STEM, arts, business, and education.

****Q: Are athletic scholarships available?****

A: Yes, athletic scholarships are awarded to student-athletes participating in NCAA-recognized sports.

****Q: Is financial aid separate from scholarships?****

A: Yes, scholarships are typically merit-based or program-specific, while financial aid is determined by financial need through FAFSA.

****Q: What happens if I lose my scholarship due to low GPA?****

A: You may lose eligibility but can reapply or appeal if academic performance improves in the following term.

****Q: Where can I find a complete list of scholarships offered?****

A: Visit the university's scholarship portal or financial aid webpage for a searchable database of internal and external scholarships.