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Pepperdine University

#80 in National Universities (tie)

4 year • Malibu, CA

★★★★★ 16 reviews

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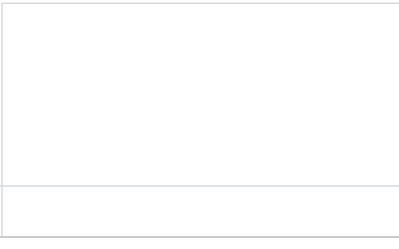
Pepperdine University is a private institution that was founded in 1937. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 3,629 (fall 2023), and the campus size is 830 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Pepperdine University's ranking in the 2025 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #80. Its tuition and fees are \$69,918.

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At-a-Glance

Setting	N/A	Visit School Website
Tuition & Fees	\$69,918	24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA, 90263
Undergraduate Enrollment	3,629	Work at this school? Claim it here »
Acceptance Rate	50%	

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2025 Rankings

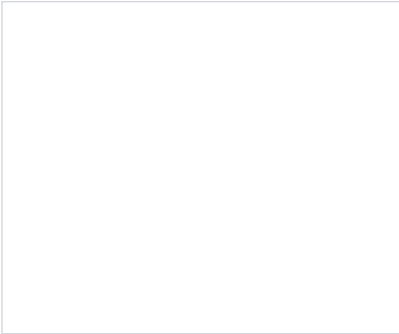
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- #80 in National Universities (tie)
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Admissions



Jan. 15

Application Deadline

50%

Acceptance Rate

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SAT Range*	1250-1450
ACT Range*	26-
High School GPA*	3.0-

* These are the average scores of applications admitted to this school. Ranges represent admitted applicants who fell within the 25th and 75th percentile.

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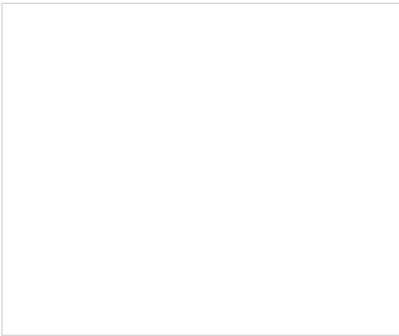
☐ Accepted

☐ Enrolled

☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

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Cost

Tuition & Fees	\$69,918
Food & Housing	\$21,750(2024-25)
Average Need-Based Aid Package	\$44,096

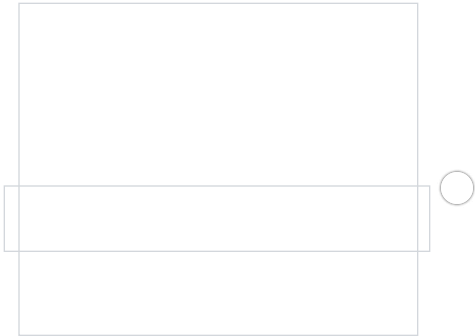
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\$42,167


Annual Cost*

*Average cost after aid

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Academics




75%

4-Year Graduation Rate



13:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



73%

Classes With Fewer Than 20 Students

Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	29%	N/A
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	14%	N/A
Psychology	11%	N/A
Social Sciences	9%	N/A
Visual and Performing Arts	9%	N/A

* In cases where salary data at the specific major level is unavailable, a general salary for the major category is displayed.

Faculty Research Impact

Bibliometric Rank	292
Bibliometrics is the statistical analyses of publications and citations for the purpose of measuring faculty research impact.	
Publication share in the Top 25% of Journals by CiteScore	54%
Publication share in the Top 5% of Journals by CiteScore	16%

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Field Weighted Citation Impact	1.06
Total Papers published between 2019-2023	879
Citations Per Publication	7

Metrics are extracted from SciVal based on Elsevier's  Scopus[®] data. Last updated 2024.


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Students



3,629

Undergraduate Enrollment

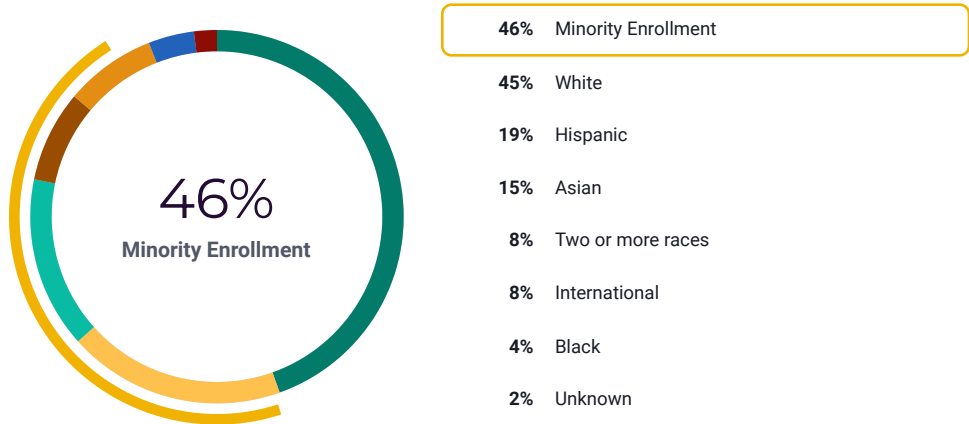
Graduate Enrollment	5,916
Total Enrollment	9,545
Full-Time Degree-Seeking Undergraduates	3,442

Student Diversity

Gender Distribution

Male 41% Female 59% Other 0%

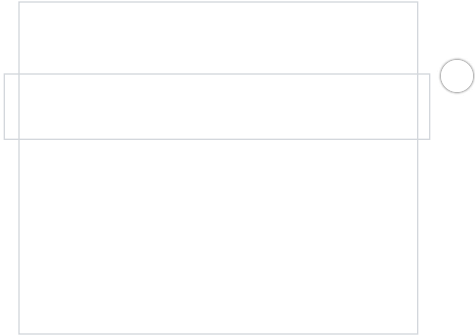
Ethnic Diversity



Not Specified is not included in this breakdown due to an enrollment of 0%.

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Campus Life

Housing and Dorms

Types of campus housing available:

- women's dorms
 - men's dorms
 - apartment for single students
 - special housing for disabled students
 - theme housing
 - wellness housing
- other housing options


Student Activities



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After College

4-Year Graduation Rate	75%
Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2023)	50%
Average Debt at Graduation	\$29,645




\$64,934

Median Salary 6 Years After Graduation

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Life Changing

2 months ago
Class of 2001, Carmel by the Sea, CA



I cannot write enough positive things about my undergraduate experience at Pepperdine University. From the small classes, the intimate community and unbeatable experiences, I was so busy I didn't watch tv for the entire 4 years. This was before social media and tv was everything! Classes were interesting and challenging. Professors took roll call and actually cared about you if you were absent or grades were slipping. I was able to attend Pepperdine's campus in London where I traveled the world and learned to horseback ride English style in Hyde Park. Incorporating God and service into our learning gave me a solid foundation for life's challenges in the work force and in my personal life. Alumni are so well connected that 4 of us all live on the same street in our city. My best friends are Pepperdine alums and their children dear friends of mine. No joke!

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Excellent advancement opportunities!

1 year ago
Jeremy Z. Class of 2021, Santa Monica, CA

Pepperdine's strengths are its small class sizes, consistently excellent faculty, flexible employment and scholarship resources, and access to learning and volunteer programs in Malibu, West LA, and MANY international campuses. I had a unique path as a student: non-religious, not studying abroad, double majoring in Music Composition and Advertising. With my senior year remote during the pandemic, I was able to find work projects outside of my course work to persue my education more independently with my professors and managers. I had an amazing experience on this path, and I frequently return to campus for freelance opportunities within the music department, theatre department, center for the arts, and communications department. Pepperdine has prepared me well for my graduate studies in Music.

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I am truly enjoying my time here!

2 years ago
Derek M. Class of 2023, Irvine, CA

The past 2 years as a student have been fantastic! The staff is friendly and each of the instructors is very accomplished. I am happy to have found such an amazing University that takes care of our veterans.

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Best School

4 years ago
Class of 1984, Paris France

From Paris France Best memory ever of location, student life, teaching and atmosphere

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A Blessing to My Life and to Southern California

4 years ago
Tara B. Class of 2023, Fort Wayne, IN



Highly recommend this school. Warm, close-knit community with a vibrant and flourishing spiritual life. Caring professors who form friendships with students. Acclaimed academics. Beautiful location.

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Best School Ever

4 years ago
Zach, Chicago

Awesome experiences

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Greatest Decision of My Life

4 years ago
Kate, Calabasas, CA

Pepperdine provides you with world class facilities, instructors, and experiences. I believe it is worth the investment. Freshman year isn't the most typical "college" experience, but you learn discipline, grit, and professionalism.

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Fabulous all around!

5 years ago
2010grad, CA

Great networking opportunities, small class sizes, excellent instructors. Would still come back here if I could do it all again!!

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Why you should consider Pepperdine

5 years ago
Carolina B. Class of 2020, Chicago, IL

Pepperdine is a wonderful place. Everyone at Pepperdine is very friendly and you get an experience unlike any other. The professors at Pepperdine really go all the way to make you feel at home. When it comes to community it is easy to make friends and become part of the community if you have the right attitude. Pepperdine is home to kind and hardworking students that are always running around to the next thing. This place is not just school, but also home.

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Lack of Community on Campus

5 years ago

Wavetransfer, Santa Clara, CA

The most negative part of my experience at Pepperdine was the lack of community on campus. I wish I knew about this before making my decision to attend. While I attended, about 90% of students left campus all weekend- campus became a ghost town. The classes I took were good, but comparable to those I took from the university I transferred to and graduated from after I left.

No, I would not recommend this school to a friend

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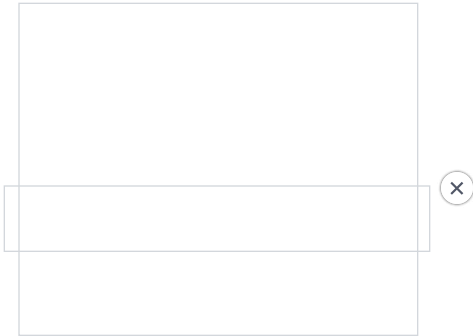
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