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# Duke University

#7 in [National Universities](#) (tie)

4 year • Durham, NC

★★★★☆ 34 reviews

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## Overview

Duke University is a private institution that was founded in 1838. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 6,640 (fall 2022), and the campus size is 8,693 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Duke University's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #7. Its tuition and fees are \$66,172.


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## At-a-Glance

Setting **N/A**

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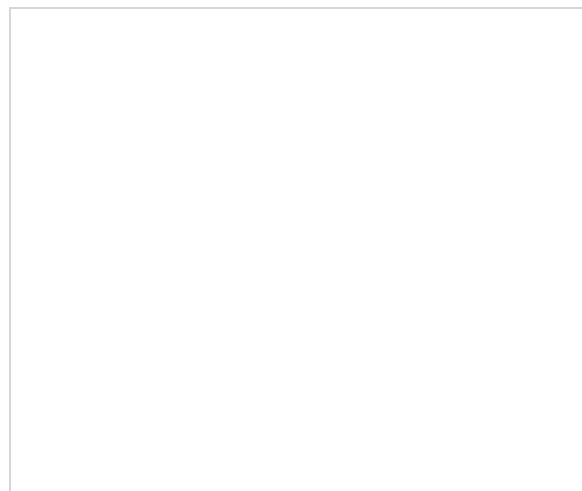
Tuition & Fees **\$66,172**

 2138 Campus Drive, Box 90586, Durham, NC, 27708

Undergraduate Enrollment **6,640**

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Acceptance Rate **6%**



## 2024 Rankings

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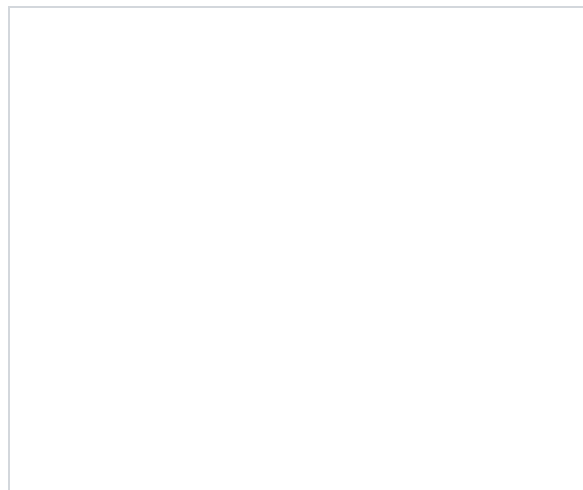


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## Admissions



Jan. 3

Application Deadline

6%

Acceptance Rate

SAT Range\*

1490-1570

ACT Range\*

34-35

High School GPA\*

N/A

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*\* 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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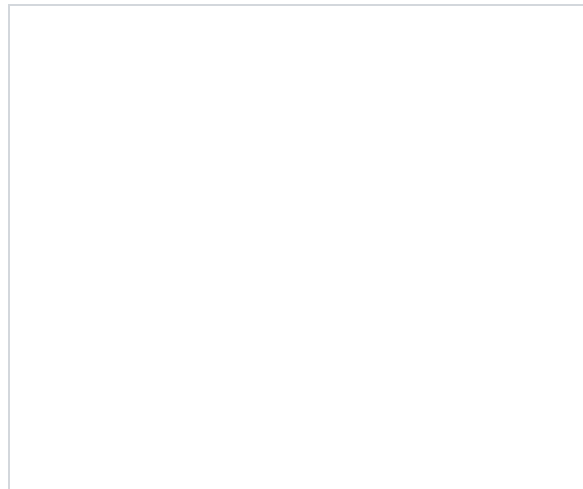
☐ Accepted

☐ Enrolled

☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

Data provided by U.S. News College Compass Users. ⓘ



## Cost

Tuition & Fees	\$66,172
Room & Board	\$19,066
Average Need-Based Aid Package	\$63,935

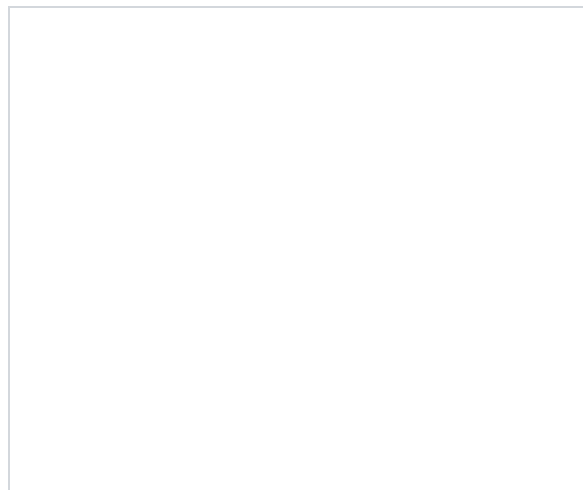


**\$31,416**

Annual Cost\*

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\*Average cost after aid



## Academics



91%

4-Year Graduation Rate



5:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



71%

Classes With Fewer  
Than 20 Students

## Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Computer Science	11%	N/A
Econometrics and Quantitative Economics	10%	N/A
Public Policy Analysis, General	9%	N/A
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	8%	N/A
Research and Experimental Psychology, Other	7%	N/A

Data provided by  PayScale Last updated 2021.

\* 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	19
Bibliometrics is the statistical analyses of publications and citations for the purpose of measuring faculty research impact.	
Publications Cited in Top 25% of Journals	70
Publications Cited in Top 5% of Journals	26
Total Papers published between 2018-2022	55,297

Data provided by  Scopus® Last updated 2023.

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## Students



6,640

Undergraduate Enrollment

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Graduate Enrollment	11,384
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Total Enrollment	18,024
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Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students	6,543
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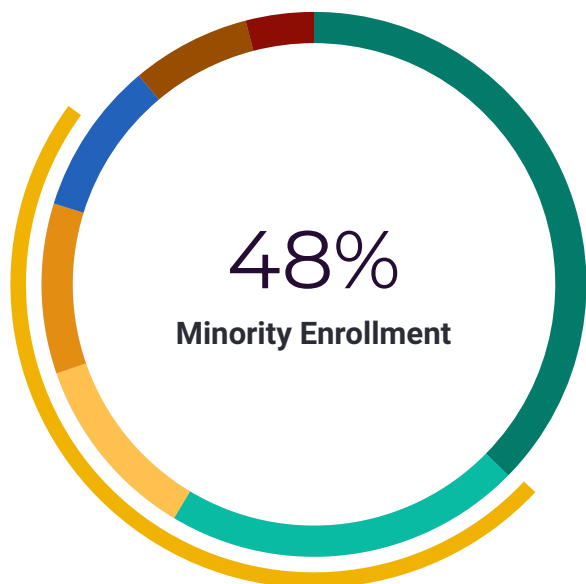
## Student Diversity

### Gender Distribution

Male 47%      Female 53%

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### Ethnic Diversity



**48%** Minority Enrollment

**37%** White

**21%** Asian

**11%** Hispanic

**10%** International

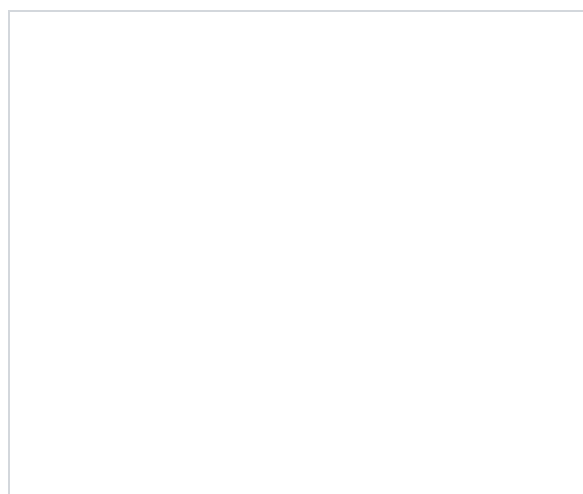
**9%** Black

**7%** Two or more races

**4%** Unknown

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:

- coed dorms
- women's dorms
- men's dorms



- apartment for single students
- theme housing
- wellness housing

## Student Activities

82+

Sports Teams

17

Fraternities

18

Sororities

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## After College

Graduation Rate **91%**

Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2021) **24%**

Average Debt at Graduation **\$24,990**






**\$69,932**

Median Starting Salary of Alumni

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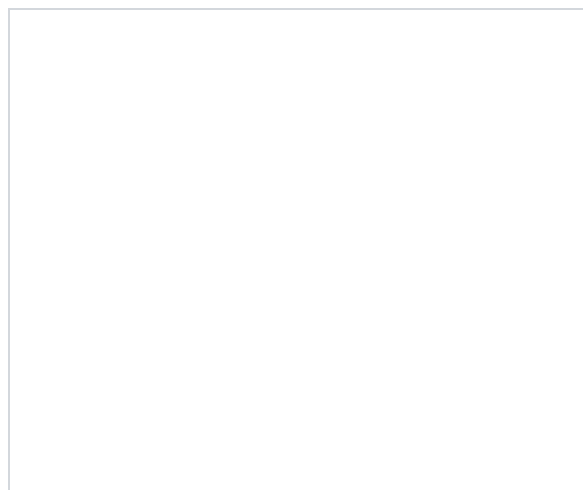
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1 month ago

Xavier, Kunshan, Jiangsu

Province, China

I'm doing a study abroad program at Duke and I've had the chance to join a medic club and practice suturing, perform biological research, make valued connections, and drastically improve physical health. These opportunities that students have easy access to already make Duke worth it, never-mind some of the fun teachers.

**Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend**[Flag this review](#)**Was this review helpful to you?****Duke excels in all areas**

1 month ago



Anne, Saint Pete

I have three kids at Duke-all with different interests and skills. Duke provides a vibrant and supportive experience to each.

**Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend**

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### Outstanding for everything

2 months ago

AG 2027, Washington, DC

Duke is honestly amazing overall. Our campus is gorgeous, our professors are so intelligent, accomplished, and kind, our sports culture is unmatched, our academics are rigorous, but our atmosphere is nothing but collaborative. We're a prestigious school from the outside, but at Duke everyone is incredibly kind, open to new ideas, and very down-to-earth. The courses are certainly challenging, but there are so many resources for student wellness and health. Plus, social life here makes all the studying worth it. Both on campus and with off-campus disaffiliated greek life, the party scene is pretty good and always lots of fun. Overall, I love this school and honestly think it is the best college in America.

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### Duke is the model University in the South.

5 months ago

Jason, Marietta, GA



Visited and reviewed Duke Engineering programs.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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### Great school!

7 months ago

Eva pan, Cincinnati ohio

Great school, great people!

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### World class institution with a vibrant student body

1 year ago

Class of 2015, Chicago, IL

Incredible resources, brilliant and diverse student body, well-rounded social scene. Duke has everything to unlock your future, and you'll enjoy the process.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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### Everything is fantastic!

2 years ago

EK, Durham, NC

The professors, the fellow students, the food, the dorms, the basketball, and everything else about the school are fantastic!

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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### Duke Delivers

2 years ago

Class of 2021, Boston, MA

I could not have asked for more. Great academics! Great friends! Great Career!

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## First Class Education and Community

2 years ago

Class of 2022, Durham

I have enjoyed my time at Duke and in Durham immensely. The campus is not only beautiful but filled with energy and endless opportunities. The city of Durham is progressive, hip, and on the cusp of becoming one of the best cities in the country. The academics are top notch, and all the professors were not only approachable but welcomed students to meet with them. I always felt like they truly cared about making class as enriching and interesting as they possibly could. There are so many academic and social opportunities available for students at Duke. I never felt I had to join Greek Life to have a social life. I have been having an amazing time here, and it will be bittersweet when I graduate this year.

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## Engineering

2 years ago

Jason, Atlanta, GA

Excellent Programs

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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