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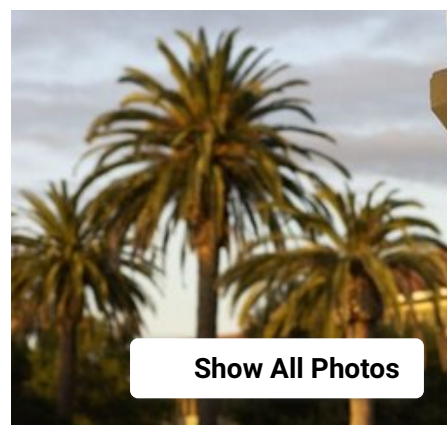
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Stanford University

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

4 year • Stanford, CA

★★★★★ 10 reviews





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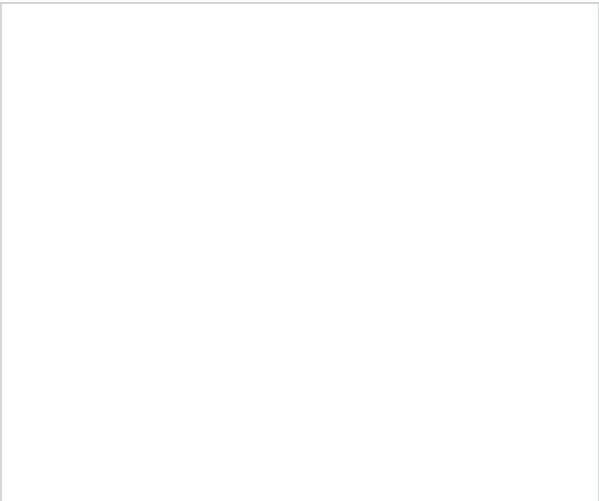
Overview

Stanford University is a private institution that was founded in 1885. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 8,049 (fall 2022), its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 8,180 acres. It utilizes a quarter-based academic calendar. Stanford University's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #3. Its tuition and fees are \$62,484.

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At-a-Glance

Setting	Suburban	 Visit School Website 
Tuition & Fees	\$62,484	 Stanford, CA, 94305
Undergraduate Enrollment	8,049	 Work at this school? Claim it here »
Acceptance Rate	4%	



2024 Rankings

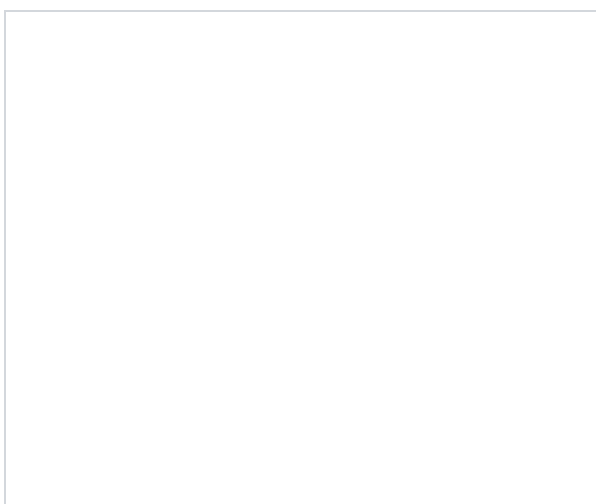
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- #3 in National Universities (tie)
- #4 in Best Value Schools
- #2 in Engineering Programs (doctorate)



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Admissions



Jan. 5

Application Deadline

4%

Acceptance Rate

SAT Range*

1500-1580

ACT Range*

33-35

High School GPA*

3.9

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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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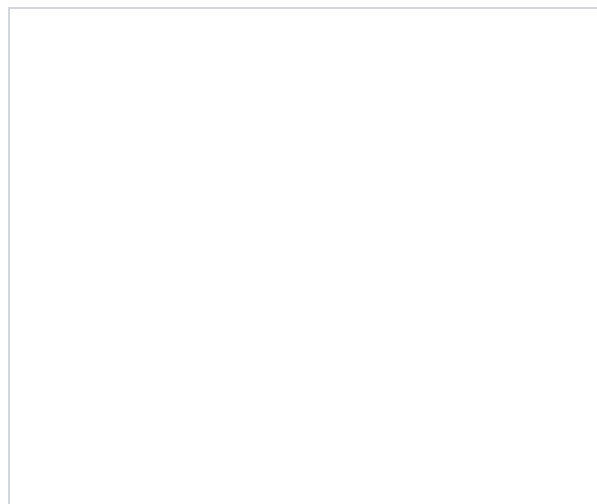
☐ Accepted

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☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

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Cost

Tuition & Fees **\$62,484**

Room & Board **\$19,922**



\$7,200

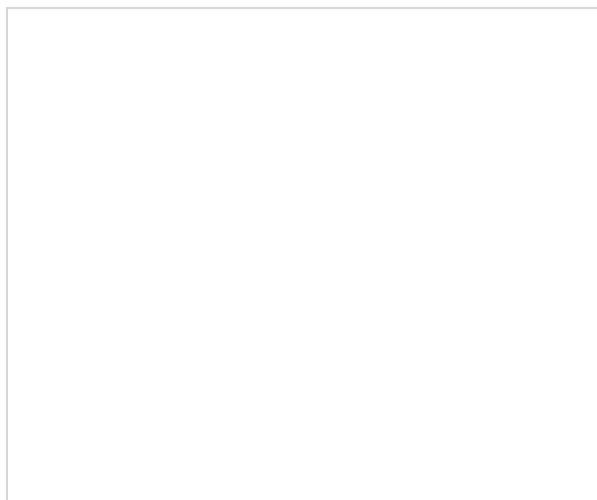
Average Need-Based Aid Package

\$72,000

Annual Cost*

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**Average cost after aid*



Academics



73%

4-Year Graduation Rate



6:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



69%

Classes With Fewer
Than 20 Students

Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Social Sciences	17%	N/A
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	16%	N/A
Engineering	15%	N/A
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	13%	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	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 2

Bibliometrics is the statistical analyses of publications and citations for the purpose of measuring faculty research impact.

Publications Cited in Top 25% of Journals 73

Publications Cited in Top 5% of Journals 30

Total Papers published between 2018-2022 76,093

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Students



8,049

Undergraduate Enrollment

Graduate Enrollment 10,234

Total Enrollment 18,283

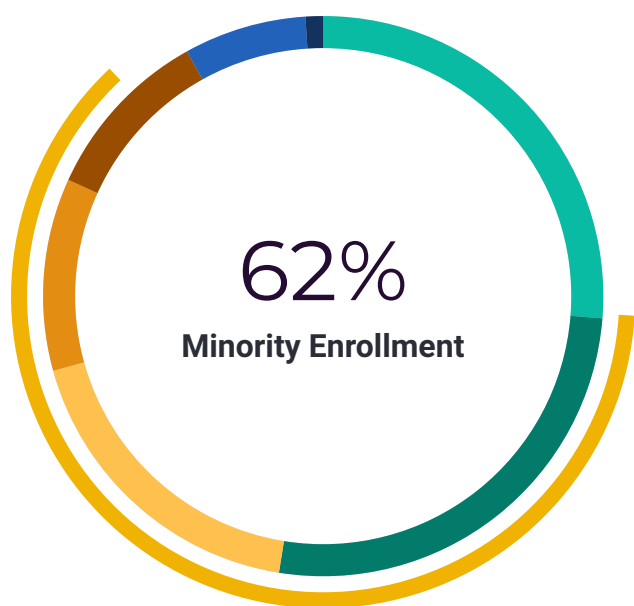
Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students 7,761

Student Diversity

Gender Distribution

Male 49% Female 51%

Ethnic Diversity



62% Minority Enrollment

26% Asian

26% White

18% Hispanic

11% International

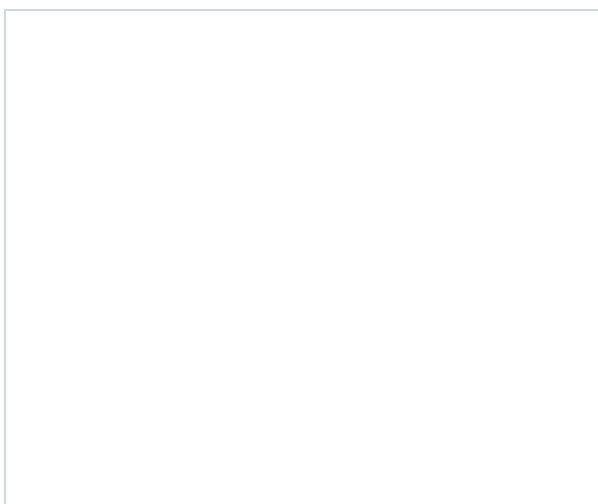
10% Two or more races

7% Black

1% American Indian

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
- sorority housing
- fraternity housing
- apartments for married students
- apartment for single students
- special housing for disabled students
- cooperative housing
- theme housing
- wellness housing
- other housing options

Student Activities

112+

Sports Teams

11

Fraternities

10

Sororities

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After College

Graduation Rate 73%

Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2021) 14%

Average Debt at Graduation \$20,691

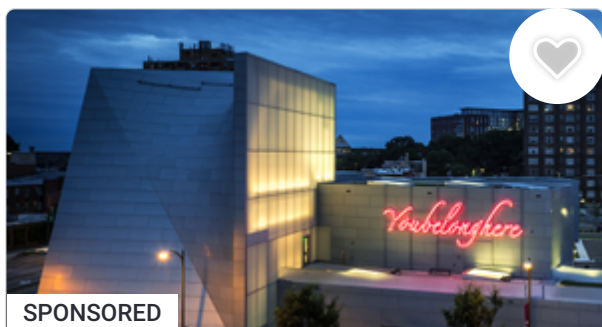


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Median Starting Salary of Alumni

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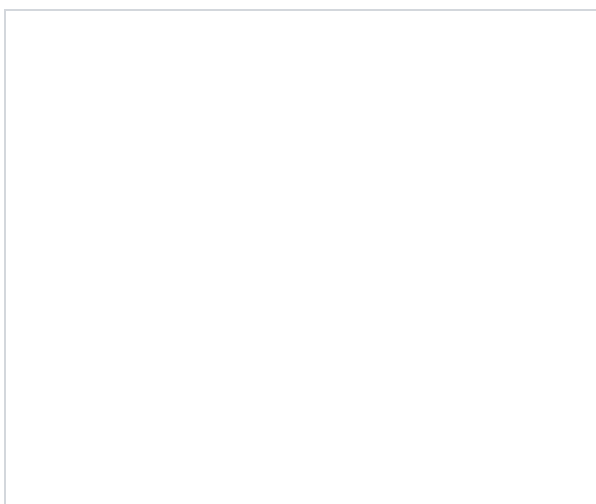
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Reviewed by 10 users**TOP 5 UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD**

3 months ago

Emma, California

Perfect university in the Bay Area, more precisely in Silicon Valley. Best university in the Bay before UC Berkley and Santa Clara University. You cannot go wrong coming here or those two other universities.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend[Flag this review](#)**Was this review helpful to you?****2****8****Best University in the World**

1 year ago

Familiar with most top

universities, Northern California

I have experience with several top US and European Universities. Each has its strength. But overall, Stanford is the best. It is hard to describe all aspects of the Stanford's advantages (NYT had an excellent article about this). I would like to use a simple measure that is

correlated with Student experience. Stanford spent the most money per student among all Universities in the world (annual budget/number of students). While financial resource is not everything, it is highly correlated with the educational experience a student can have and it is the best single number we can use to assess the quality of a University (or any organization). And of course, the reason that Stanford has the most financial resource (dont confuse this with endowment which is only one source of income for Universities) is related to the success of its research activities and its graduates. In addition to what the University can offer, students have access to the high tech companies in the Silicon Valley for internship/externship. Stanford is also the only comprehensive university among the top ranked schools with law, medicine, engineering, education, sustainability/environment, in addition to liberal arts disciplines. Other excellent top schools typically miss one or more of these important disciplines such as law and medicine for MIT, Law for Princeton, etc.

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Stanford : The Holistic Approach to Admission on The Farm

1 year ago

DRS 🌲, Mountain View, CA

Stanford is primarily a graduate-level-focused institution that admits 3 to 4x more students for masters programs than for undergrad degrees. Therefore, do yourself a favor, don't stress; earn your UG degree elsewhere (unless you like extreme pressure or CS), do very well, then apply as a grad student. That's what I did. Stanford, to me, is like an excellent. ' finishing school' that helps me build my network, income potential, and skill set.

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amazing, just awesome

2 years ago

Kirubel M class of 2024,
California

The teacher-student ratio is the best thing for me.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Wonferful Place

4 years ago



Jessica, Bayonne NJ

Stanford offers so many resources to students that it gets kind of overwhelming where to explore first and there is never enough time to do it all. I wish I can go back because the wealth of knowledge at Stanford seems limitless. The campus is huge so everything is available to you since it feels like a city which is extremely convenient for the busy student. I have no complaints about Stanford, but I do miss being a student there.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Utopia

4 years ago


Alex, Jersey City, NJ

Stanford has been a wonderful experience for me and I am sad that I am at the end of my journey here. Stanford has provided me with ample resources, distinguished professors, and challenging classes. Stanford has so many organizations or student clubs to partake in. The weather and beauty of the campus is the cherry on top that makes Stanford great.

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Amazing

5 years ago

Alex M. Class of 2014, Houston
Texas

Everything was clean, the student were well organized and on task.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Best school in the country

5 years ago

N.A. 2001, Washington, D.C.

You can't go wrong here. Students are smart, teachers are great, campus is gorgeous, weather is fantastic, and academics are stellar.

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Stanford is great!

5 years ago

Wandjay, Seattle, WA

Stanford has something for everyone; its proximity to Silicon Valley and renowned Humanities programs are two examples.

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Academics

5 years ago

Jon, Palo Alto, California

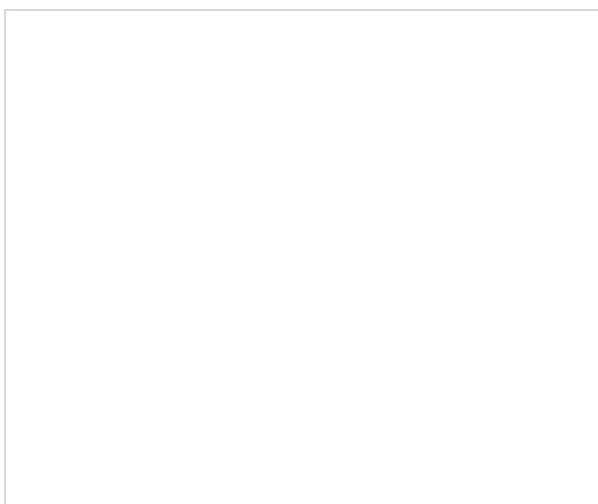
Stanford offered theory and application in the curriculum with an extensive work load over all segments of academic study/interest. I am glad it holds high standards in rigor, quality, and workload to the breadth and depth of the education being offered. I look forward to how the current President Marc Tessier-Lavigne will strengthen Stanford in all of these areas more, as a community, and as a whole. I am going to miss Stanford so much after I graduate next year. I will never forget my beloved Stanford and the experiences I developed here.

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