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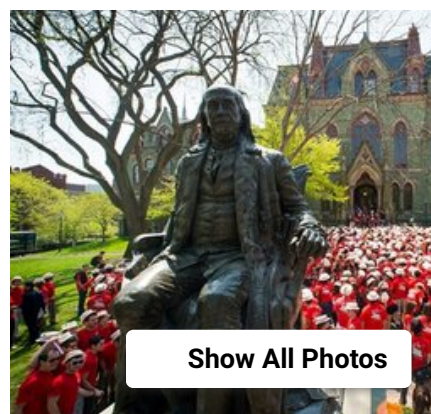
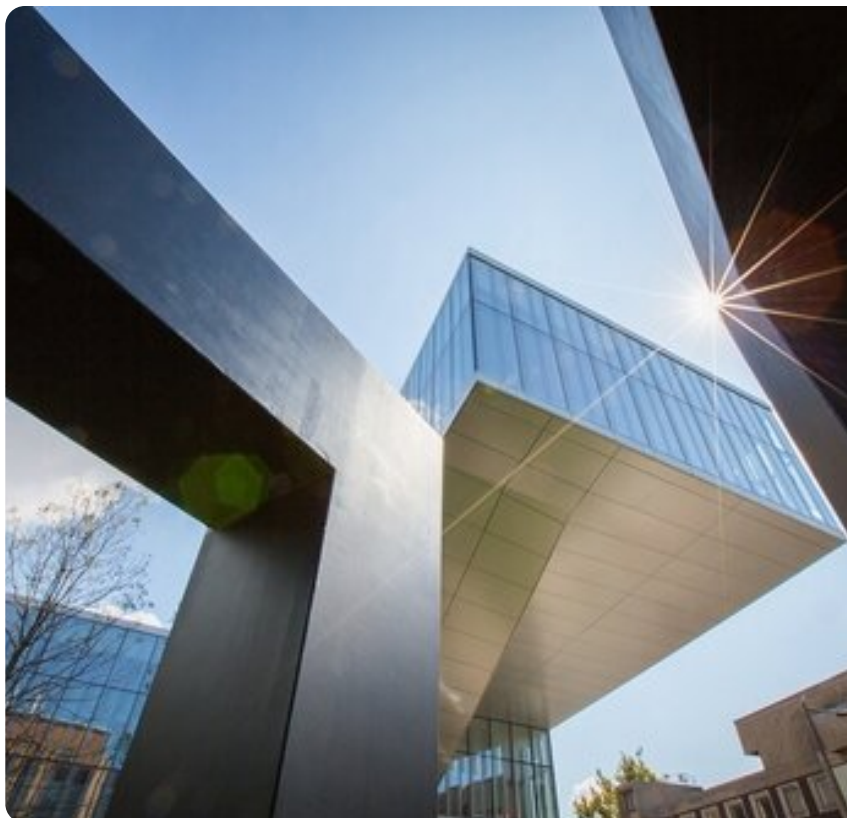
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# University of Pennsylvania

#6 in [National Universities](#)

4 year • Philadelphia, PA

★★★★★ 32 reviews




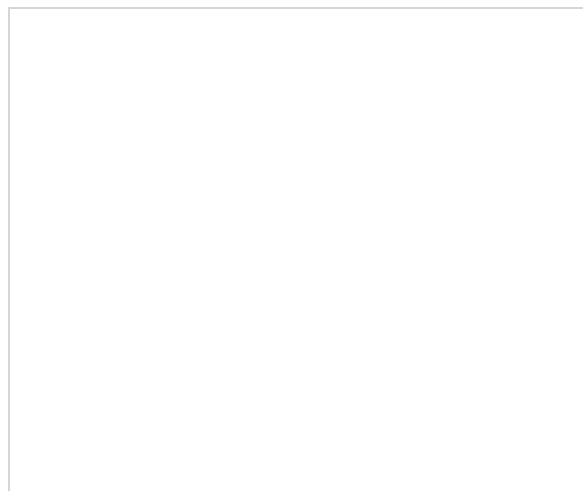
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## Overview

University of Pennsylvania is a private institution that was founded in 1740. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 9,760 (fall 2022), its setting is urban, and the campus size is 299 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. University of Pennsylvania's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #6. Its tuition and fees are \$66,104.

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## At-a-Glance

Setting **Urban** Visit School Website Tuition & Fees **\$66,104** 1 College Hall, Room 100, Philadelphia, PA, 19104Undergraduate Enrollment **9,760** [Work at this school? Claim it here »](#)Acceptance Rate **7%**

## 2024 Rankings

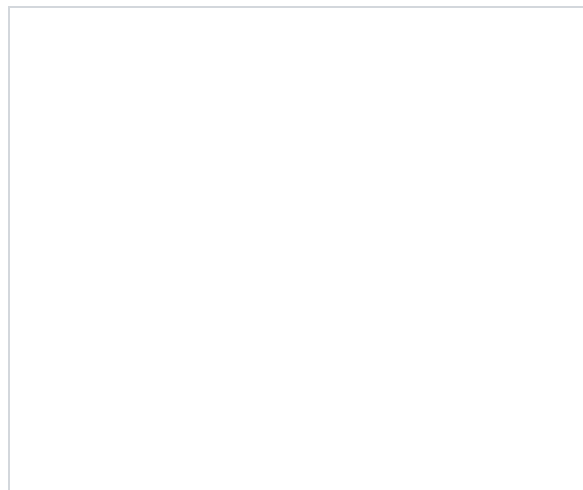
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## Admissions



Jan. 5

Application Deadline

7%

Acceptance Rate

SAT Range\*

1500-1570

ACT Range\*

34-35

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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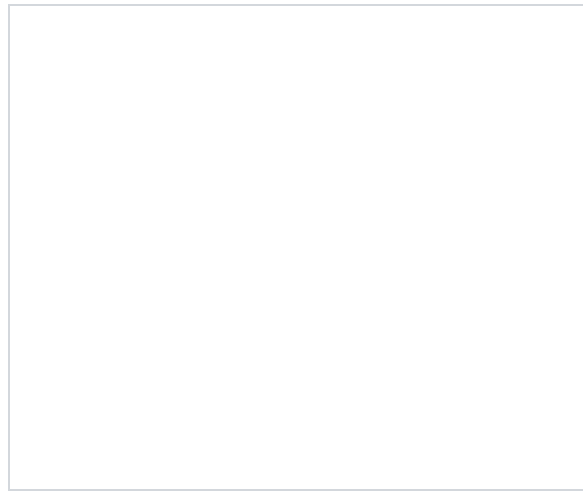
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☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

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## Cost

Tuition & Fees **\$66,104**

Room & Board **\$18,496**

Average Need-Based Aid Package **\$62,265**

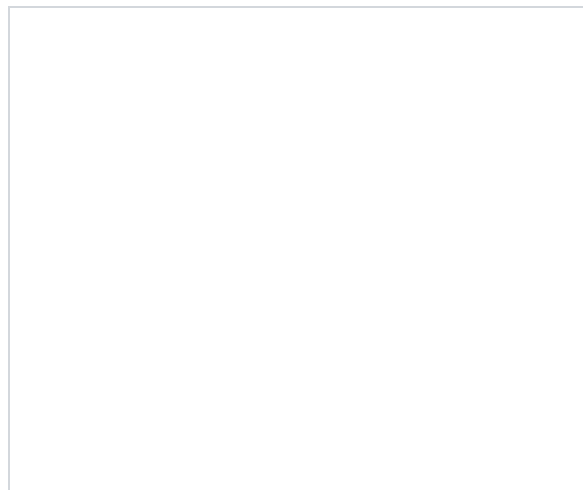


**\$14,851**

Annual Cost\*

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\*Average cost after aid



## Academics



88%

4-Year Graduation Rate



8:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



59%

Classes With Fewer  
Than 20 Students

## Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	19%	N/A
Social Sciences	14%	N/A
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	11%	N/A
Health Professions and Related Programs	9%	N/A
Engineering	9%	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	17
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	27
Total Papers published between 2018-2022	60,800

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## Students



9,760

Undergraduate Enrollment

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Graduate Enrollment	13,614
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Total Enrollment	23,374
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Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students	9,717
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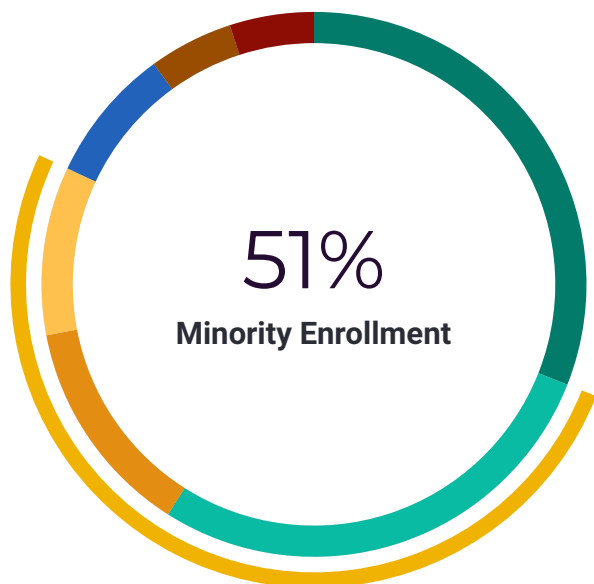
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### Gender Distribution

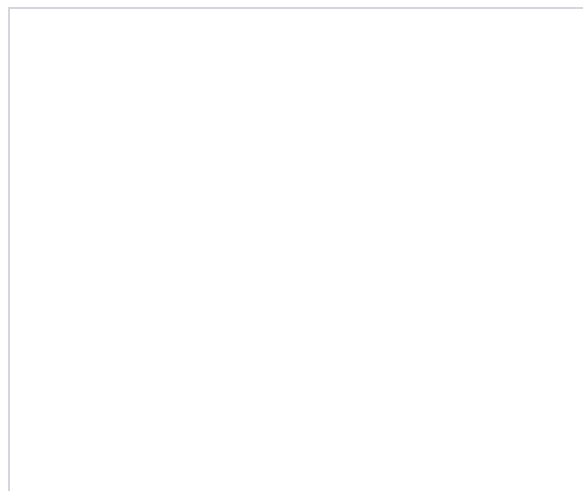
Male 46%      Female 54%

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### Ethnic Diversity

**51%** Minority Enrollment**31%** White**28%** Asian**13%** International**10%** Hispanic**8%** Black**5%** Two or more races**5%** Unknown

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

[See Full Student Life Details »](#)

## 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
- theme housing

## Student Activities

29+

Sports Teams

33

Fraternities

15

Sororities

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## After College

Graduation Rate **88%**

Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2021) **18%**

Average Debt at Graduation **\$27,705**




**\$76,746**

Median Starting Salary of Alumni

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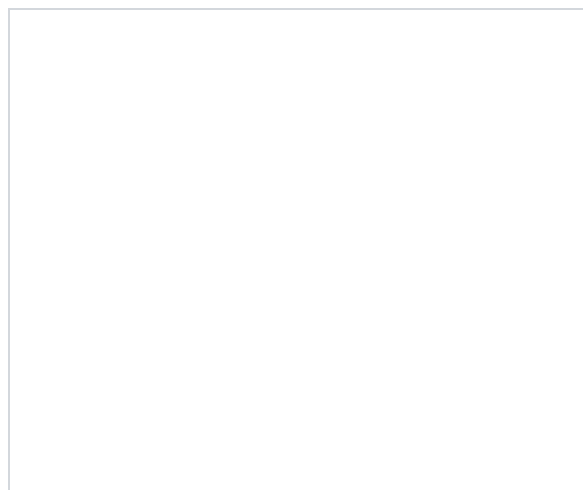
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27 days ago

M. Parent of Alum, Class of '23,  
Somewhere in the South

When I arrived in the States, as a HS graduate, I didn't speak the language and didn't know anything about the US college education. I attended a community college first to learn English, then local universities, including law school. My husband completed his college education in a different country, so he was as green about college rankings as I was. We never in our wildest dream believe that our son would get into Penn. But he proved us wrong. The four years he was there, he loved it. He loved Philadelphia, the challenges of being around very intelligent and driven kids, the Jewish life at Penn, and belonging to his frat family members. He graduated now and is working in NYC. We don't have enough good things to say about Penn. There are perils to be aware, as well. The pressure is real. The desperation palpable. Kids trying not to disappoint. I understand the concerns. I had them the whole four years. I want there, close by. The only gage for me on how he was doing was his tone, his voice, and talking with the parents of his frat brothers. Being far from your child is always a challenge. It's even more so when you read about suicides (including that of a newly minted CAPS director) on campus. But hindsight, I worried more than I needed to... We can only hope and pray that our younger child gets into Penn as well, as this has also been his dream school since he was in middle school. Penn gave our oldest son a chance and he ran with it. Whether or not our youngest will end up there, Penn will always be in our hearts. ❤️💙

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

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### Challenging Environment but Rewarding

1 month ago

S, W'23 C'23, New York, New York



Do not be mistaken, Penn is not sunshine and lollipops. Beyond the grade deflation, Penn has one of the most, if not the most, difficult cultures and environments of the Ivy League. The pressure cooker of being an *\*extremely\** pre-professional environment for students in every college plus the emphasis on a strong liberal arts core curriculum is not as easy to navigate as it sounds. The classes are either super easy or super hard, and the difficulty and quality of the courses range drastically – business classes are notoriously easier (not easy, easier!) and courses in the life sciences and engineering are notoriously back-breaking. Do not even get me started on the Math Department... The "party school" depicted by Playboy in the pre-COVID days no longer exists. Penn is by far the *ONLY* Ivy that knows how to have grown-up fun, but the parties are exclusive and expensive. If you're not in a T1-2 greek society, it is unlikely you will experience Penn's best parties and events. However, the social scene is still very much alive beyond these gatherings. Clubs and pre-professional fraternities indulge in maybe even higher levels of debauchery and college fun. If you don't love Penn or feel out of place, it is most likely (and I say this as someone who once wanted to transfer out) because you have not found your niche or social group yet. At the end of the day, regardless of background, income, interests, sexuality, race, social standing, etc., I have never met anyone who is heavily involved that does not love Penn. Penn offers immense support for physical and mental health, academic support, socioeconomic support, and so on. Penn offers a lot, but unfortunately not many students know about all the resources offered. If you make the most of Penn, it offers the most out of all the Ivies, academically, socially, professionally. If you don't plan on making the most of Penn... why bother attending P.S. if dining hall food is important to you, this is not your place.

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### Happy College Kid

1 month ago

Parent of class of 27, NY

This was my son's dream school and he has loved every moment since he set foot on

campus. As a parent, the school has been welcoming and easy to navigate. The education is top notch, the campus is stunningly beautiful, the students are kind, and there are opportunities to explore any area of interest. There are many cherished college traditions that unite the students with Penn pride.

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### Cut my lifespan short

1 month ago

John S., 2023, New York City,  
New York

Every year I spent at this institution cut my lifespan short by 5 years. Every semester I spent here, at least one undergraduate student died by suicide. Think twice about coming here---it can break you. It broke a few good friends of mine.

No, I would not recommend this school to a friend

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### A Life Changing Experience

9 months ago

Class of 2018, Chicagoland

Penn is the best school for extraordinary students who are also sociable. Penn has a campus-centric culture where social life and extracurriculars are valued. Opportunities are endless if you make an effort to capture them. Students often build relationships they maintain for a lifetime. Job placement and salaries are second only to Harvard among the Ivies. Excellent alumni network. Very strong research opportunities. It will require your best effort, but it can change your life.

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### Hyper-Professional Environment

1 year ago

Graduate School, San Francisco

Attended graduate school here and received a top notch education with outstanding research opportunities across its many world class departments. The professional network is immense. After my time here, I was able to choose my dream job in my dream city. Yet there was a price to pay for this success. The community felt cold, at all times professional, and often competitive among the many egos. Wharton looms large as it crafts a school-wide mindset of individual prestige and monetary aspirations over community cohesion and service to its city.

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### Alumni and Parent

1 year ago

Ray 1992, wife 1994, son 2024,

Upstate New York

My son is a junior at Penn. My wife and I met at Penn more than 30 years ago. We all have enjoyed our time at Penn. Penn gave my wife and me financial support. We are paying full price for our son. I found that the education, work and research opportunities I had were top notch, which gave me skills and abilities that I still use everyday. Some of the classes are very competitively tough, which might be great for some students and bad for others. My wife and I both enjoyed the extracurricular clubs. Our son really enjoys being around intelligent students, but loves to socialize too. I don't think he has ever been as happy. I recommend Penn to those who are academically strong, don't mind studying everyday, and seek out challenges.

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### Great school for Smart and driven

2 years ago

Carl Class of 2022, NYC

Philladelphia is a wonderful little city. Penn is very competitive so come ready to play. No safe spaces at this school.

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### Unparalleled research, academics, tradition and campus life

3 years ago

Maria S., Class of 2020, Miami,  
FL

Penn is an incredibly unique university: at the top of research (mRNA, CAR-T two of the latest, among the many in so many areas!) in so many fields, academic excellence and rooted in tradition, its transformative culture looks to solve the biggest challenges in the world with a global, multidisciplinary approach. As a grad student, I couldn't find a better place to discover and apply knowledge. Beautiful campus and fantastic friends and social life. The "power of Penn" is totally true. A power for good.

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### Amazing place and experience

4 years ago

CB, Illinois



Superb place

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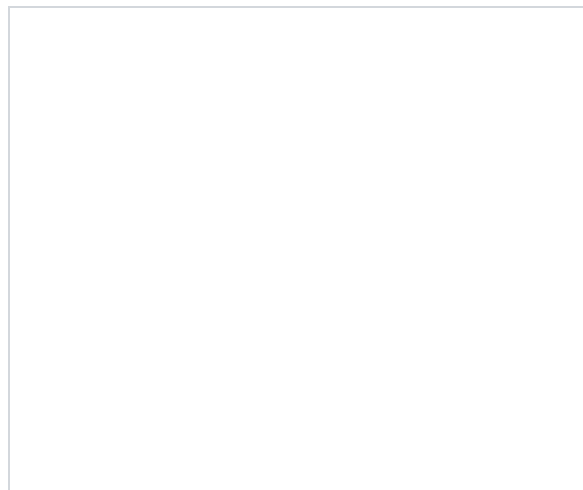
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