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University of Pennsylvania

#7 in National Universities (tie)

Philadelphia, PA



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University of Pennsylvania is a private institution that was founded in 1740. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 9,962 (fall 2021), 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 2022-2023 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #7. Its tuition and fees are \$63,452.

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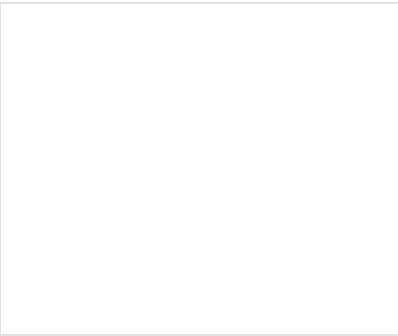
School Type	Private, Coed
Year Founded	1740
Religious Affiliation	None

Academic Calendar	Semester
Setting	Urban
Phone	(215) 898-5000
School Website	<div></div> Website 

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University of Pennsylvania's 2022-2023 Rankings

University of Pennsylvania is ranked #7 out of 443 [National Universities](#). Schools are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence.

- #7 in National Universities (tie)
- #18 in Best Value Schools
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University of Pennsylvania Alumni Starting Salaries

Below are the median starting salaries by major for alumni of University of Pennsylvania.

Median starting salary of alumni: ⓘ

\$68,200

By major:

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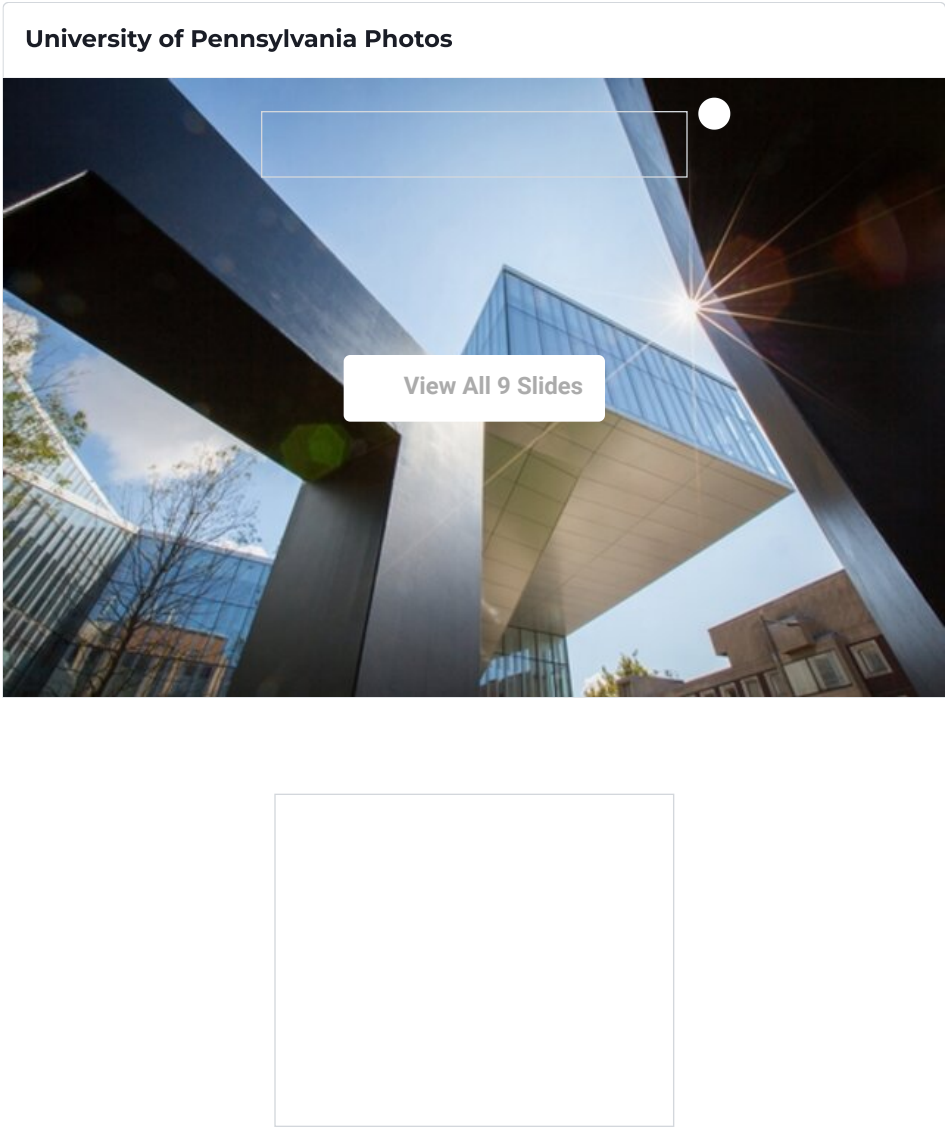
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University of Pennsylvania Admissions

University of Pennsylvania admissions is most selective with an acceptance rate of 6%. Half the applicants admitted to University of Pennsylvania have an SAT score between 1480 and 1570 or an ACT score of 33 and 35. However, one quarter of admitted applicants achieved scores above these ranges and one quarter scored below these ranges. The application deadline is Jan. 5 and the application fee at University of Pennsylvania is \$75.

Selectivity: **Most selective**

Fall 2021 Acceptance Rate: **6%**

Application Deadline: **Jan. 5**

SAT/ACT Scores Must Be Received By: **Dec. 1**

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This free college acceptance calculator plots your test scores and GPA against other students' data to give you an idea of how you stack up as an applicant.

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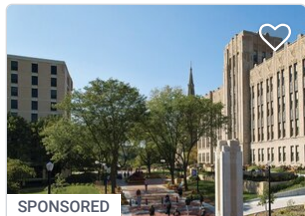
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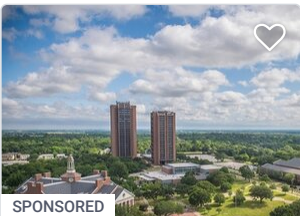
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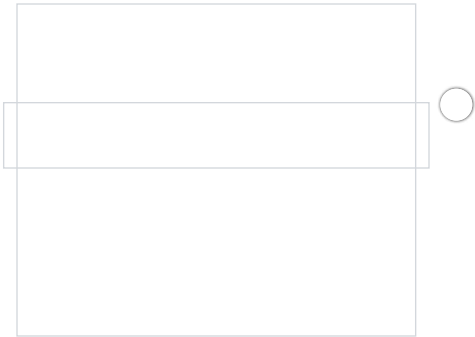


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Academic Life at University of Pennsylvania

The student-faculty ratio at University of Pennsylvania is 7:1, and the school has 67.9% of its classes with fewer than 20 students. The most popular majors at University of Pennsylvania include: Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Social Sciences; Health Professions and Related Programs; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Philosophy and Religious Studies; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies; Mathematics and Statistics; Physical Sciences; Psychology; and Visual and Performing Arts. The average freshman retention rate, an indicator of student satisfaction, is 97%.

Class Sizes:

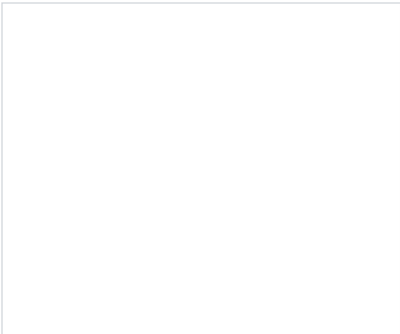
Classes with fewer than 20 students	67.9%
20-49	23.3%
50 or more	8.8%

Student-Faculty Ratio: 7:1

4-Year Graduation Rate: 89%

Total faculty:  UNLOCK WITH COMPASS

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Student Life at University of Pennsylvania

University of Pennsylvania has a total undergraduate enrollment of 9,962 (fall 2021), with a gender distribution of 46% male students and 54% female students. In sports, University of Pennsylvania is part of the NCAA I.

Student Gender Distribution:

Male 46%
Female 54%

Total enrollment: 23,431 (fall 2021)

Collegiate athletic association: NCAA I

Full-time degree-seeking students: UNLOCK WITH COMPASS

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University of Pennsylvania Tuition & Financial Aid

At University of Pennsylvania, 46% of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$53,570.

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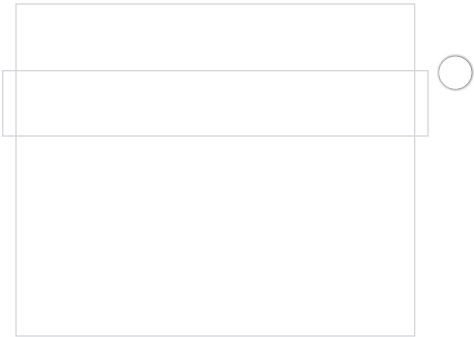


Tuition and fees: \$63,452 (2022-23)

Room and Board: \$17,888 (2022-23)

Minimum credits per term a student can take for full-time tuition price:
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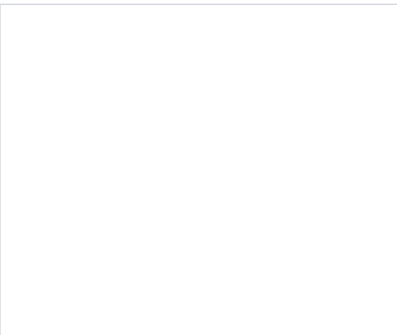
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University of Pennsylvania Campus

University of Pennsylvania offers a number of student services, including nonremedial tutoring, women's center, placement service, day care, health service, health insurance. University of Pennsylvania also offers campus safety and security services like 24-hour foot and vehicle patrols, late night transport/escort service, 24-hour emergency telephones, lighted pathways/sidewalks, controlled dormitory access (key, security card, etc.). Alcohol is permitted for students of legal age at University of Pennsylvania.

Students who have cars on campus: **N/A**

Health insurance offered: **Yes**

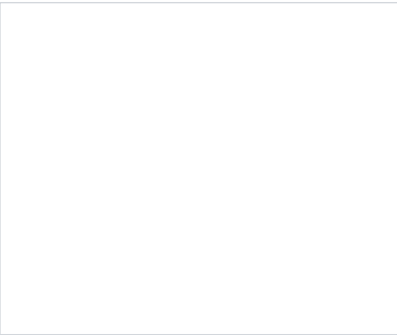
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Hyper-Professional Environment
1 month ago
Graduate School, San Francisco

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.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Alumni and Parent

1 month 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 experience

7 months ago

alum, New York

Had a wonderful 4 years at Penn. Very diverse student body from various socio-economic backgrounds and the highest international student representation out of the top schools. I met so many students with diverse backgrounds and educational interests. Most of the professors are absolutely top notch and there are amazing research opportunities if you seek them out. My favorite class was in my senior year, 8 person seminar class with an award winning professor who is the most passionate person in his field. I found that many professors really cared about their students. Of course there are large freshman level introductory courses, but there are also many seminar classes that allows you an opportunity to truly get to know your professors. Everyone I met at Penn is extremely smart and very driven, but we also know how to socialize. It's not a crazy party school like a state school but students love to work very hard and also know how to have a good time - which I think is important in life. (Penn was ranked a top party school at one point lol). I honestly believe Penn helped me become a very well rounded adult - I've learned to be inquisitive and driven, but also sociable and well liked by colleagues, if I say so myself :)

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 7  29[Flag this review](#)**Great school for Smart and driven**

1 year 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.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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2 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.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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3 years ago

CB, Illinois

Superb place

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The campus is full of energy!

3 years ago
AK Parent, Washington DC

My son has had an amazing experience at Penn. He has had the opportunity to learn from world-renowned professors, live in a wonderful dorm, experience the city of Philadelphia, and be surrounded by inspired classmates.

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Amazing place

3 years ago
Dean '95, Syracuse, NY

Undergrad 1995. Penn is unique in the Ivies. The campus is self-sustaining, you don't realize you're in a city, but then you also have Philly to explore. Top notch academics. A springboard for the rest of your life.

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A parent. UPENN and Wharton both live up to their reputation

3 years ago
a parent, canada

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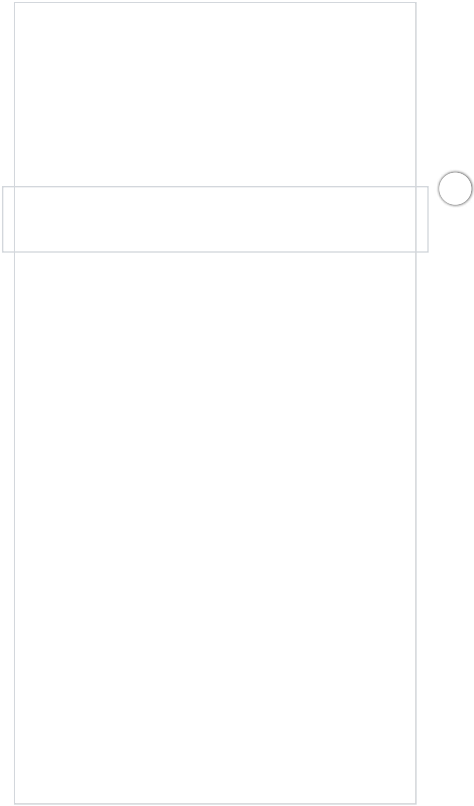
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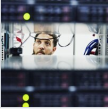





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