



## Partner Institutions

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WHEATON COLLEGE

# POSSE NEW YORK




Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.


Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner colleges and universities so you can narrow down which schools you'd like to be considered for. If you advance to the next round as a semi-finalist, we're going to ask you to let us know your top choice colleges or universities.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each Posse partner school. We hope you get excited about them; they are among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,  
Posse



**POSSE STEM PROGRAM**

 The majority of Posse partner colleges and universities admit Posse Scholars interested in pursuing any major. If, however, you are interested in pursuing a major specifically in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and would like to go to college in a Posse of students interested in majoring in a STEM field, you may want to consider one of the STEM Posse partner schools (Brandeis University and University of Wisconsin-Madison).



## CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

**“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”**

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

## THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.





# BABSON

**LOCATION:** Babson Park, Massachusetts

**CLOSEST CITY:** Boston, Massachusetts

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,800

**WEBSITE:** [www.babson.edu](http://www.babson.edu)

Babson is the only school focused on business among the Posse partner schools. Through a hands-on curriculum, students are immersed in an environment that fosters entrepreneurial thinking, leadership, creativity and communication. The flagship of the first year is the Foundations of Management and Entrepreneurship (FME), a course in which all students start their own businesses or organizations. Babson is on a beautiful campus located 14 miles west of Boston, and its 2,800 undergraduate students come from 44 states and 77 countries.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Babson is ranked #1 for Entrepreneurship by *U.S. News & World Report 2019* for the 26th consecutive time across undergraduate programs and the 30th consecutive time across MBA programs.
- » Last year, more than 100 student clubs and organizations held events for undergraduate students including a spring concert, Babson Dance Ensemble performance, and countless athletic opportunities from 22 Division III varsity sports.
- » Babson offers 27 in-demand concentrations. You may decide to concentrate in up to two specific areas as a way to focus your studies.
- » In the class of 2023, 44 percent of Babson students are U.S. students of color and 29 percent are international.
- » In the class of 2019, 99% of students were employed or attended graduate school within six months of graduation and the average starting salary was \$60,830 (based on a knowledge rate of 84%).





## BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** Waltham, Massachusetts  
**CLOSEST CITY:** Boston, Massachusetts  
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 3,500  
**WEBSITE:** [www.brandeis.edu](http://www.brandeis.edu)

Brandeis University was founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community in response to the exclusionary practices of other elite institutions. The founders created a nonsectarian, multicultural institution with the close faculty access of a liberal arts college in the context of a vibrant research university. The university was named for Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, and embraces his legacy of social justice. This legacy is reflected in our motto “Truth, Even Unto Its Innermost Parts.” Brandeis students have intensive, personalized educational experiences with world-renowned faculty, united by “tikkum olam” or the common goal of repairing the world.

### QUICK FACTS

- » Brandeis’s premier faculty includes Nobel Prize winners; fellows in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; members of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine; MacArthur “Genius” Grant recipients and Pulitzer Prize winners.
- » In addition to our strength in the sciences, students major in areas as diverse as: African and Afro-American Studies; Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation; Business or Economics; Health: Science, Society and Policy; International and Global Studies; Psychology; and Education Studies.
- » 40% of the class studies abroad, and students can choose from over 300 study abroad programs in 70 countries across the globe.
- » The Princeton Review lists Brandeis as #1 for colleges with students most engaged in community service.
- » Brandeis students average three internships before graduation, and 97% of Brandeis undergraduates are employed, in graduate school, or engaging in a meaningful activities such as fellowships, travel or volunteer work.



*Brandeis University offers only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Posse Scholarships.*



## CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** New London, Connecticut

**CLOSEST CITY:** Hartford, Connecticut

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,800

**WEBSITE:** [www.conncoll.edu](http://www.conncoll.edu)

Connecticut College is one of the nation's leading private, residential liberal arts colleges. Its 1,800 students live and learn on a 750-acre campus that offers historic granite architecture and views of Long Island Sound. The student-faculty ratio of 9:1 allows students a high level of interaction with faculty. Students choose from 56 majors, minors and interdisciplinary certificate programs. Conn offers a rigorous academic program with a history of excellence in environmental studies, international studies, the arts and community action. The College's award-winning, four-year career development and internship program challenges students to make contributions to today's interconnected world.

### QUICK FACTS

- » All Conn students are eligible for up to \$3,000 to fund a summer internship or research opportunity between junior and senior year. Each year, nearly 80 percent of students participate.
- » Conn varsity teams compete at the NCAA DIII level in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) against Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams.
- » Connecticut College is consistently recognized as a top producer of Fulbright scholars, with 38 students and young alumni awarded this prestigious international fellowship over the past six years.
- » Recent graduates have attended graduate and professional schools at Brown, Columbia, Harvard, Duke, London School of Economics, MIT, NYU, Oxford, University of Chicago, Yale and other top schools.
- » Conn graduates include a NASA astrophysicist, Commissioner for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, CEO of Oath, publisher of Quartz, Warner Bros. executive and Olympic medalists.





# FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**CLOSEST CITY:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,426

**WEBSITE:** [www.fandm.edu](http://www.fandm.edu)

Franklin & Marshall College students learn while doing, working directly with deeply engaged faculty on high-impact research and scholarship. We recruit curious and hard-working students from all over the world. Hailing from 44 countries and 48 states, our students become leaders in the classroom, community and playing field. We teach them to connect ideas, write well, apply theories to everyday life, embrace diversity, and seek answers to big questions. Within a supportive community that values individuality and developing one's own voice, our students discover how to unleash their talent and exceed their own expectations.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Sixty-five percent of students engage in research under the guidance of a faculty mentor.
- » Forty percent of faculty publications are co-authored by students.
- » We have over 150 off-campus programs in 57 countries.
- » More than half of our students receive some form of need-based financial aid.
- » Seventy percent of students participate in community service.

# LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** Easton, Pennsylvania

**CLOSEST CITY:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,610

**WEBSITE:** [www.lafayette.edu](http://www.lafayette.edu)

Lafayette provides powerful university-sized resources in a student-centered, exclusively undergraduate college in Easton, Pennsylvania. It is a college community that pairs the liberal arts with engineering in such a way as to create true interdisciplinary thinkers. Only 70 miles from New York City and 60 miles from Philadelphia, all the experiences its 2,610 students need to create their edge are built into their four years. For nearly 200 years, Lafayette has given students the knowledge and habits of mind that they need to succeed; to become inventive, resilient world citizens who have an impact wherever they land. Lafayette provides an unparalleled platform from which students can find their way forward into a complex, rapidly changing world.

## QUICK FACTS

- » The college is nestled in an exciting small town setting on a beautiful campus while only being a short bus ride from major metropolitan centers.
- » Beginning in their first year, students benefit from faculty advising, career counseling, mentoring opportunities, and other activities that integrate them into the life of the college.
- » The college has over 150 clubs/societies/multicultural organizations, the energy of 23 Division I sports, a multitude of community service opportunities, and the excitement of the arts.
- » Ninety-five percent of Lafayette grads are employed, continuing their education, in internships, or in volunteer work within six months after graduation. Lafayette consistently ranks among the top 10 national liberal arts colleges in starting salaries according to [payscale.com](http://payscale.com).
- » Among all colleges and universities in the country, Lafayette has an endowment-per-student rate that is in the top 8 percent; that translates to top faculty and superb facilities.







# LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

**LOCATION:** Appleton, Wisconsin

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Milwaukee + Madison, Wisconsin

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.lawrence.edu](http://www.lawrence.edu)

Founded in 1847, Lawrence University integrates a college of liberal arts and sciences with a world-class conservatory of music, both devoted exclusively to undergraduate education.

Nestled along the Fox River in Appleton, Wisconsin, (metro population 225,000), the foundation for this learning community is a safe and close-knit residential campus with a diverse student body of 1,500 drawn from nearly every state and more than 50 countries.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Since the original publication of “Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges,” in 1996, Lawrence has been included in every edition.
- » At 9:1, Lawrence boasts one of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios of any national liberal arts college in the country.
- » Appleton, the heart of a thriving economy boosted by Fortune 500 companies, large health-care companies, and small businesses, offers students easy access to the arts, athletics, culture and professional opportunities.
- » Sixty percent of the courses taught at Lawrence—be they independent research, studio lessons, honors projects and Oxford-style tutorials—consist of one student working with one professor.
- » Lawrence recently added an Ethnic Studies major, emphasizing the importance of an interdisciplinary approach when examining race and ethnicity. Students explore current and historical issues pertaining to race and ethnicity in both domestic and global contexts.

# Middlebury

**LOCATION:** Middlebury, Vermont

**CLOSEST CITY:** Burlington, Vermont

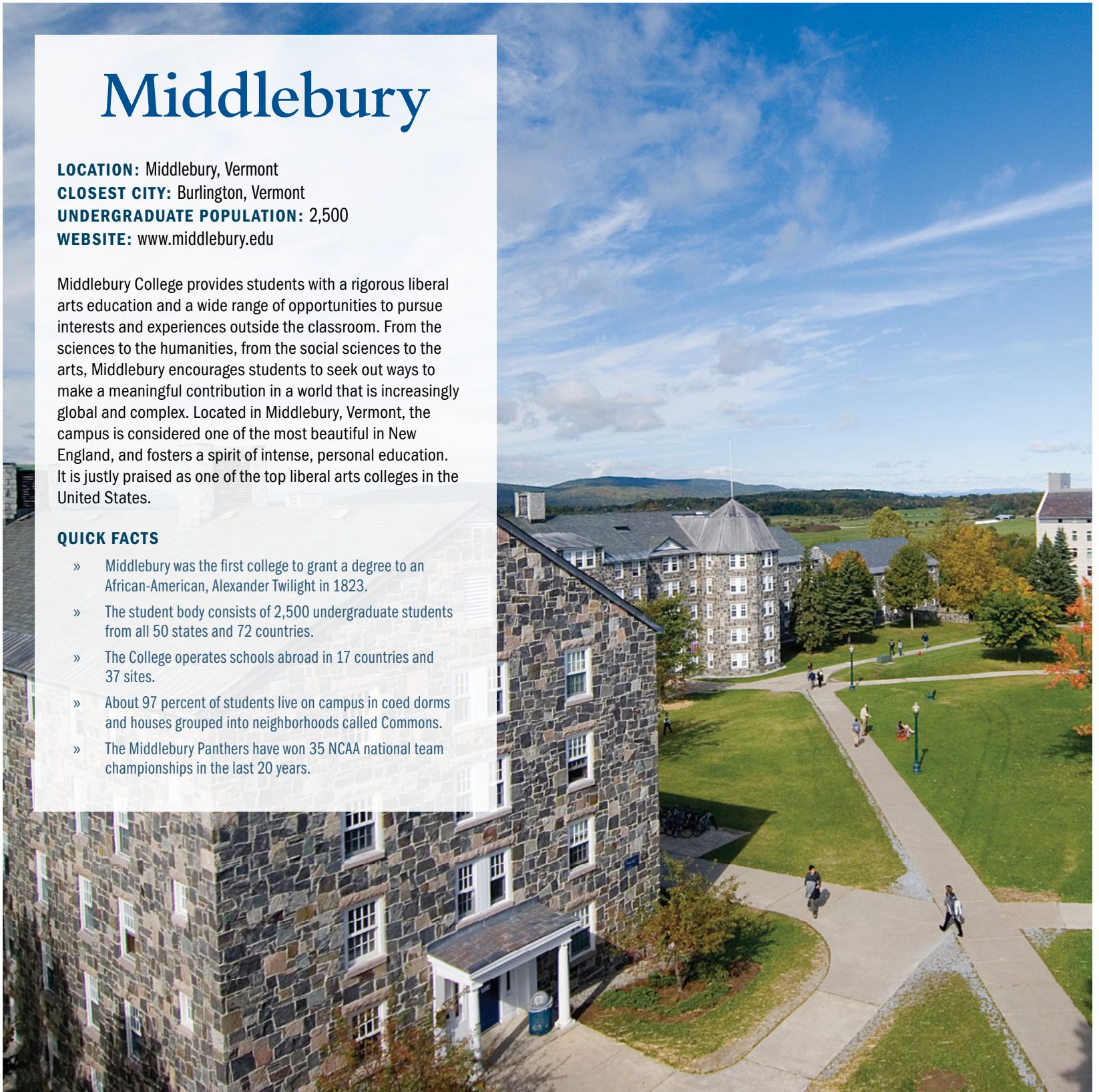
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.middlebury.edu](http://www.middlebury.edu)

Middlebury College provides students with a rigorous liberal arts education and a wide range of opportunities to pursue interests and experiences outside the classroom. From the sciences to the humanities, from the social sciences to the arts, Middlebury encourages students to seek out ways to make a meaningful contribution in a world that is increasingly global and complex. Located in Middlebury, Vermont, the campus is considered one of the most beautiful in New England, and fosters a spirit of intense, personal education. It is justly praised as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Middlebury was the first college to grant a degree to an African-American, Alexander Twilight in 1823.
- » The student body consists of 2,500 undergraduate students from all 50 states and 72 countries.
- » The College operates schools abroad in 17 countries and 37 sites.
- » About 97 percent of students live on campus in coed dorms and houses grouped into neighborhoods called Commons.
- » The Middlebury Panthers have won 35 NCAA national team championships in the last 20 years.





**LOCATION:** Northampton, Massachusetts  
**CLOSEST CITY:** Springfield, Massachusetts  
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,500  
**WEBSITE:** [www.smith.edu](http://www.smith.edu)

Smith College educates women of promise for lives of distinction. Smith links the power of the liberal arts to excellence in research and scholarship, developing leaders for society's challenges. The rigorous academic program—anchored in the sciences, the humanities and arts—is demanding yet flexible, with course offerings in more than 50 areas of study. A host of unique study abroad programs, the first engineering program offered at a women's college and a growing roster of “concentrations,” which allow students to organize unique combinations of intellectual and practical experiences, are signature offerings of the college.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Smith opened in 1875 with 14 students. Today, Smith has an enrollment of 2,500 and educates students from 50 states and 60 countries.
- » The faculty-to-student ratio is 1:9.
- » There are no dormitories or sororities at Smith. Students live in 37 self-governing residential houses, with between 10 and 100 others, and most include women from all four classes.
- » The Five College Consortium increases students' choices for academic courses and includes four liberal arts colleges—Smith, Amherst, Hampshire and Mount Holyoke—and The University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- » In a historic announcement, beginning in the fall of 2022, Smith College has eliminated loans from its undergraduate financial aid packages for students receiving need-based institutional grants and has replaced the loan amount with grants from the college.





**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**LOCATION:** Madison, Wisconsin

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 29,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.wisc.edu](http://www.wisc.edu)

Established in 1848, the University of Wisconsin–Madison is a place where exceptional academic performance flourishes. Today, more than 43,000 students from all 50 states and over 130 countries are proud Badgers.

The faculty and academic resources deliver a powerful education. Offering more than 4,000 courses in over 140 undergraduate majors, we work with you to explore your full academic potential.

Outside of class, take part in intramural and club sports, and a range of artistic, music, and cultural events. Cheer on the 23 Division I varsity teams competing in Big Ten athletics.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » In a city of over 240,000 people, surrounded by five lakes, students have endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- » Prominent research includes stem cell discoveries, the study of cosmic neutrinos, and examining social justice issues.
- » Find students with interests like yours in nearly 900 student-run organizations and university-sponsored programs.
- » The university's alumni network of more than 400,000 Badgers is a valuable resource for recent graduates.
- » UW-Madison has one of the largest Posse programs in the nation, recruiting students from four cities and boasting more than 180 Scholars on campus.



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# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tennessee

**CLOSEST CITY:** Nashville, Tennessee

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 6,886

**WEBSITE:** [www.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu)

Vanderbilt University, situated on a beautiful 330-acre campus in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, includes ten schools, of which four have undergraduate programs. The combination of excellent academic rigor, a vibrant campus life, and urban location attracts talented students from around the world, consistently earning the university a top-20 ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*. Vanderbilt is home to a diverse community of 6,900 undergraduate and 5,700 graduate students. Over 50 percent of undergraduates participate in academic research, and with a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, Vanderbilt affords easy access to faculty. First-year students live on The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, a living-learning residential community, and students live in Vanderbilt housing all four years.

## QUICK FACTS

- » 69 majors and 70+ minors are offered across four undergraduate schools: College of Arts and Science; School of Engineering; Peabody College of Education and Human Development; Blair School of Music.
- » Vanderbilt's vibrant campus life includes 420+ student organizations, 27 sororities and fraternities, over 150 study abroad programs, Division I athletics, more than 40 club and intramural sports, and exciting internship opportunities.
- » Nashville, Vanderbilt's hometown, regularly earns high marks for quality of life and employment opportunities, including #3 for Best Big Cities for Jobs (*Forbes*, 2019) and #2 for College City Gets High Marks (*Princeton Review*, 2020).
- » Vanderbilt has earned the #1 ranking for "Best Quality of Life" from *Princeton Review* in 2020.
- » 42.1% of students from the first-year class entering fall 2019 are from underrepresented minorities; 11.8% are international students.
- » 65% of undergraduates receive some type of financial assistance to attend Vanderbilt.



# wheaton college massachusetts

**LOCATION:** Norton, Massachusetts

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Boston, Massachusetts + Providence, Rhode Island

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,700

**WEBSITE:** [www.wheatoncollege.edu](http://www.wheatoncollege.edu)

Wheaton College in Massachusetts is a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts and sciences college located halfway between Boston and Providence, Rhode Island. The student body is made up of approximately 1,700 students from 40 U.S. states and nearly 40 countries around the world. The college offers more than 100 majors and minors in subjects ranging from business to psychology, political science to neuroscience, and theater to film and new media—and offers cross-registration with nearby Brown University. Since 2000, Wheaton students have won more than 250 highly competitive national scholarships and fellowships, including Rhodes Scholarships, Marshalls, Watsons and Fulbrights. Wheaton has been a Posse partner since 2000.

## QUICK FACTS

- » The Wheaton Edge guarantees all students the opportunity for a funded internship, research position, or other experiential learning immersion by their senior year. 97% of Wheaton students are employed, in graduate school or in a year of service within 6 months of graduation.
- » Wheaton is ranked among the Top 60 U.S. Liberal Arts Colleges by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Ed* and Top 200 Best Value College by the *The Princeton Review*.
- » Wheaton's Student Government Association manages close to \$300,000 in funds to support over 100 student clubs and organizations ranging from gaming to multicultural organizations to hip hop dance.
- » After the first year, students can choose where to live on campus—in either traditional dorms, historic homes or one of 16 “theme” houses.
- » Wheaton students have countless opportunities to study abroad in places like Bhutan, Ghana, Hong Kong, Rwanda, or Spain, or to take courses (in English) in countries including China and Tanzania.



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