

Fast Facts

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Characteristics

Washington University in St. Louis was founded as a private, independent institution of higher learning in 1853. A medium-sized research and teaching university, it is counted among the world's leaders. **Twenty-two Nobel laureates** have been associated with Washington University, with nine doing the major portion of their pioneering research here.

- Considered by many to be America's fastest-rising national university
- 2 Rhodes Scholars named in 2006, as well as many prestigious graduate scholarships
- 7 Schools
 - Arts & Sciences (including Graduate School and University College)
 - Olin Business School
 - Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts (including Art & Architecture)
 - School of Engineering & Applied Science
 - School of Law
 - School of Medicine
 - Brown School of Social Work

Financial

- US\$ 1.9 billion annual budget
- US\$ 4.6 billion endowment
- Four-star highest rating from CharityNavigator.com for sound fiscal Management over last decade.
- AAA rating by both Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's. Only a very few private research universities enjoy this highest rating.

Academic Programs

- More than 90 degree programs at bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels
- Nearly 1,500 courses of instruction
- 20 graduate and professional programs ranked in top 10 by *U.S. News & World Report*

Research

- US\$ 706.3 million in total research support, of which US\$ 535 million comes from federal sources.

- School of Medicine ranks 4th in research support from National Institutes of Health among all USA medical schools.

National Rankings

- **U.S. News & World Report:**
 - 13th among all national university undergraduate programs
 - 1st among all schools of social work
 - 4th among all schools of medicine
 - Top-10 ranking for 20 graduate programs
- **Financial Times**
 - 1st in China and 7th in world for the Washington University-Fudan University Executive MBA program

People

- **Faculty:** 3,297 instructional faculty, both full-time and adjunct
 - 23 members, National Academy of Sciences
 - 29 members, Institute of Medicine
 - 29 fellows, American Academy of Arts & Sciences
 - 72 fellows, American Association for the Advancement of Science
 - 18 fellows, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
 - 2 members, National Academy of Engineering
 - 13 members, American Law Institute
 - 3 members, American Philosophical Society

- **Students:** More than 14,000, of whom some 5,600 are full-time graduate and professional students, and more than 6,000 full-time undergraduates, plus some 1,220 part-time students.
 - 2,809 degrees awarded in 2010

- **Applicants:** nearly 25,000 applicants for about 1,500 openings in the freshman class, making the university one of USA's top destinations for the best students; 7th most selective according to *U.S. News*

- **Alumni:** 125,334 living alumni
 - 85,410 live beyond St. Louis in all 50 states and 5,446 in 149 other countries
 - 34,478 in St. Louis, Missouri, region

- **Employees:** 13,000 employees, full time and part time

Undergraduate costs

(2010-11 academic year)

Tuition — \$39,400

Required student activity fee — \$394

Required student health fee — \$XXX

Double-occupancy housing — \$7,982-\$8,828

Meal plans — \$3,498 to \$4,788

Athletics

- 19 varsity men's and women's NCAA Division III sports (9 men's; 10 women's)
- Ranked 2nd overall in nation among NCAA Division III colleges
- Labeled as a "powerhouse" in Division III by *The New York Times*
- Founding member of University Athletic Association, 141 UAA titles
- Women's volleyball has won 10 NCAA championships since 1989, and women's basketball is only second team in history to win 4 consecutive NCAA championships.

Campuses

Danforth Campus: 169 acres in St. Louis County bordered by Forest Park and the cities of St. Louis, Clayton and University City, the Danforth Campus is the academic home to the majority of the university's undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

Medical Campus: 164 acres in St. Louis' Central West End is the Washington University Medical Center that includes the Washington University School of Medicine and its associated hospitals, clinics, patient care centers and research facilities.

The university encompasses more than 2,300 acres and more than 150 major buildings on the Danforth and Medical campuses; the West Campus (on Forsyth Boulevard) and the South Campus (on Clayton Road) in Clayton; North Campus (on Skinker Boulevard) in the city of St. Louis; 560 Music Center (Trinity Avenue) and Lewis Center (Kingsland Avenue) in University City; and the 2,000-acre Tyson Research Center 20 miles southwest of the city of St. Louis.