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How to Choose Your College

On May 27, 2001, I was released from the prison that was high school. Taking off my red cap and gown while the shackles were released, I felt free for the first time in four years. After a quick sigh of relief and a laugh, my best friend's parents approached me and asked the dreaded question: "So where are you going to college?"

This was the one question I feared my entire senior year, and I still wasn't sure if I had made the correct decision. I had applied to eight different colleges in three states, with the farthest being eight hours from my house, but I had no clue where I actually wanted to go. I knew I did not want to attend any colleges in my hometown of Evansville, IN, though. (I wasn't going to be a "townie!") I wanted a small university, fairly close to home, with a great biology department and an opportunity to sing. Above all, I wanted a place where I felt I belonged, and could have an impact.

Despite my initial preferences, I ended up finding everything I wanted and more at a college 20 minutes from my house -- the University of Southern Indiana (USI, Evansville, IN). And so far, my choice has been one of the best decisions I've made, even though it was one of the most stressful. Believe me, I learned a lot about what it takes to find the perfect school.

Become a Shadow

I found that one of the best ways to get a feel for a college is to take a campus tour. While many schools now offer virtual tours, they just aren't the same. Visiting a school allows you to meet with students, walk around, and talk to faculty and admissions counselors. After the tour, you can wander the campus and see everything you wanted to see that the tour didn't show. Just ask for a map, and start walking. By actually visiting a college's campus, you may decide, like I did, that you really don't want to go there, or you may move the college toward the top of your list.

Another great opportunity when visiting a college is "shadowing," which allows you to follow a student majoring in your field of interest. Some colleges offer shadowing programs where you can spend the night in a campus dorm and actually sit in on classes. It's a unique chance to experience campus life, sample college classes, and ask questions you may not want to ask when your parents are around!

Become a Priority

When it came to choosing my perfect college, I had to remember that I was deciding for myself -- not my friends, and definitely not my parents. Remember, you're the one that has to live there and attend classes, so you have to do what's right for you. The last thing you want is another prison sentence. I eventually narrowed my list of colleges down to four. I had two dream schools -- one of which I planned to attend if I got accepted and received scholarships -- a more reasonable school, and a backup school just in case the unspeakable happened. After receiving response letters, I sat down and looked at each college that had accepted me. There were three -- one dream school, my reasonable choice, and of course, the backup plan. I reflected upon each of my college campus tours. How did I feel on campus? Did I like it and feel welcome, or hate it and feel out of place? (...)

Become Informed

Remember to be realistic and honest with yourself. Sit down and talk with your parents. Discuss every detail about your college choice, no matter how unimportant it seems. Talk about the campus' appearance, location, and size. Discuss class sizes, majors offered, and whether you'll feel comfortable learning from teaching assistants, if that's a major part of lecture courses. Talk about housing and dining options, and of course, the bathrooms. Don't be afraid to take a walk on the wild side and even be a "townie." I mean, hey, for some of us, it works out pretty well (...).

Facts about Cornell University

from www.cornell.edu

Overview

Founded	1865	By Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White.
Opened	1868	Morrill Hall was the first building constructed on the main Ithaca campus, which today includes more than 260 major buildings on 745 acres.
Identity	Public and private	Cornell is the federal land-grant institution of New York State, a private endowed university, a member of the Ivy League/Ancient Eight, and a partner of the State University of New York. It has been described as the first <i>truly</i> American university because of its founders' revolutionarily egalitarian and practical vision of higher education, and is dedicated to its land-grant mission of outreach and public service.
Colleges and schools	14	Seven undergraduate units and four graduate and professional units in Ithaca, two medical graduate and professional units in New York City, and one in Doha, Qatar.

Faculty and Staff, 2007–08

Faculty	2,906
Staff	11,504

Student Enrollment, Fall 2007

	Number Enrolled
Undergraduate	13,510
Graduate/professional, Ithaca	6,290
Total undergraduate and graduate/professional, Ithaca	19,639
Total Weill medical graduate/professional	1,033
Total university	20,833

Student Gender and Ethnicity, Fall 2007

	Male	Female	Minority*
Undergraduates	51%	49%	28%
Graduate/professional students: Ithaca	58%	42%	15%
Graduate/professional students: Medical-NYC	47%	53%	28%
Graduate/professional students, Medical-Qatar			
- Pre-Medical Program (90 students):	50%	50%	
- Medical-Degree Program (61 students):	46%	54%	

* Combined percentage of self-declared African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans in the U.S. citizen/legal resident portion of the student population.

Regional Origin, Fall 2007*

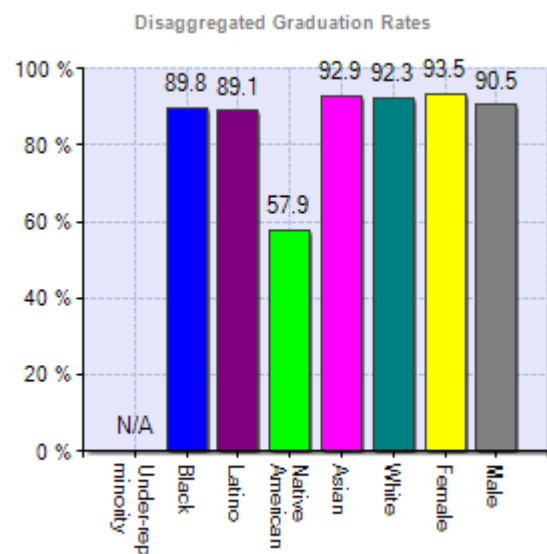
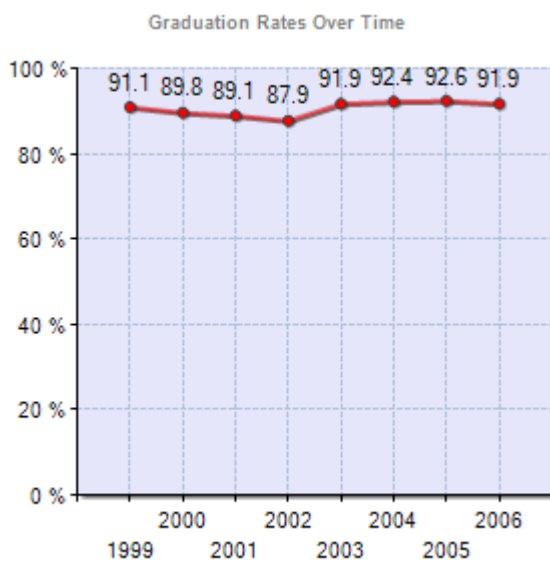
Middle Atlantic	17%
Midwest	7%
New England	9%
New York State	31%
Southeast	6%
Southwest	3%
Far West	10%
International, and United States possessions	17%

* Ithaca campus only

Degrees Granted, 2006–07

Bachelor's degrees	3,467
Master's degrees	1,713
Doctoral degrees	526
J.D.	189
M.D.	95
D.V.M.	78
Total university	6,068

University Stats



Hofstra University at a Glance

From www.hofstra.edu

The University

- **Location:** Hempstead, Long Island, 25 miles east of New York City. Telephone: (516) 463-6600
- **Directions:** Long Island Rail Road stops less than two miles from campus: J.F. Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports within 30 minutes
- **Founding Date:** 1935
- **Character:** A private, nonsectarian, coeducational university
- **Accessibility:** Hofstra is 100 percent program accessible to persons with disabilities..

Academics

- **Colleges and Schools:** Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Frank G. Zarb School of Business, School of Communication, School of Education and Allied Human Services, New College of Hofstra, School of Law, School for University Studies, Honors College, Saturday College, and University College for Continuing Education.
- **Faculty** (including librarians): There are 1,193 faculty members of whom 544 are full-time. Ninety percent of full-time faculty holds the highest degree in their fields.
- **Degrees:** Bachelor's degrees offered in about 145 undergraduate programs of study. Graduate degrees are offered, including M.B.A., M.F.A., PhD., Ed. D., Psy.D., Au.D. and J.D. degrees, advanced certificates and professional diplomas, in about 155 graduate programs of study.
- **Class Size:** Average undergraduate class size is 22 students. Student-faculty ratio is 14 to 1.

By the Numbers

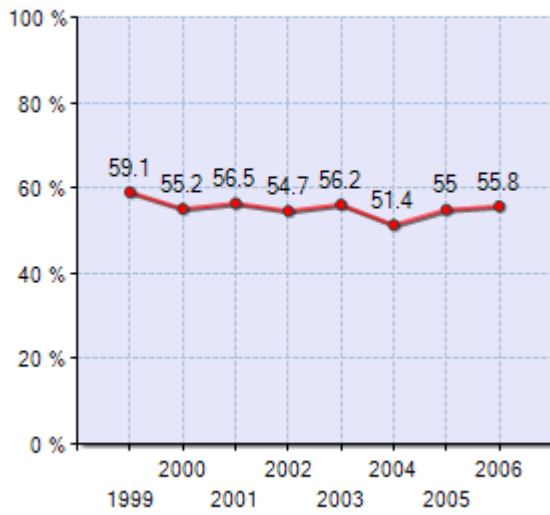
- **18** Eateries on campus
- **18** Varsity sports
- **22** Average undergraduate class size
- **30** Local and national fraternities and sororities
- **37** Residence halls
- **100** Percent program accessibility to persons with disabilities
- **150** Student clubs and organizations
- **140** Undergraduate programs of study
- **155** Graduate programs of study
- **500** Cultural events per year
- **1193** Faculty members
- **7718** Full-time undergraduate enrollment
- **12600** Total University enrollment, including part-time undergraduate, graduate and School of Law
- **1.2 Million** Print Volumes in the Hofstra libraries, plus 24/7 electronic access to more than 50,000 journals and electronic books.

Students

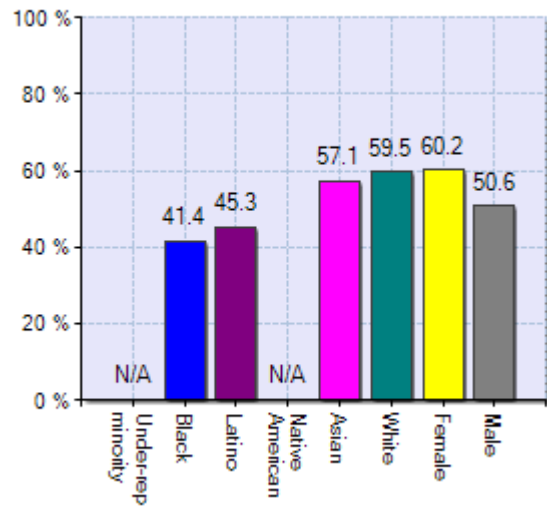
- **Student Body:** Full-time undergraduate enrollment of 7,718. Total University enrollment, including part-time undergraduate, graduate and School of Law, is about 12,600. Male-female ratio is 44 to 56.
- **States/Countries:** The students on main campus come from 51 states and territories and 65 countries. Students (including undergraduate, graduate and law) come from 54 states and territories and 68 countries.
- **Academic Level of Undergraduate Student Body:** Hofstra is a selective institution seeking to enroll those students who demonstrate the academic ability, intellectual curiosity, and motivation to succeed, and contribute to the campus community. Hofstra enrolled almost 2,400 new students of whom 1,735 are first-time undergrads in 2007-2008.

Hofstra University Stats

Graduation Rates Over Time



Disaggregated Graduation Rates



From www.collegeresults.org

New York University : Facts

from www.nyu.edu

Founded in 1831, New York University is the largest private university in the United States. The University, which is composed of 14 schools, colleges, and divisions, occupies five major centers in Manhattan. It operates branch campus and research programs in other parts of the United States and abroad, as well as study abroad programs in more than 25 countries. New York University is also one of the largest employers in New York City, with over 16,000 employees.

Schools, Colleges, and Institutes

- Washington Square Center

- College of Arts and Science/CAS (1832)
- School of Law/LAW (1835)
- Graduate School of Arts and Science/GSAS (1886)
- Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development/ED (1890)
- Leonard N. Stern School of Business/STERN (1900)
- Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences/CIMS (1934)
- School of Continuing and Professional Studies/SCPS (1934)
- Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service/WAGNER (1938)
- School of Social Work/ESSW (1960)
- Tisch School of the Arts/TSOA (1965)
- Gallatin School of Individualized Study/GAL (1972)

- NYU School of Medicine

- David B. Kriser Dental Center

- Institute of Fine Arts

- New York University Midtown Center

Buildings

- Academic and Administration

- Over 5 million square feet of interior space

- Residential

- Housing for over 11,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students

- Libraries

- The eight libraries hold over 4.5 million volumes. Elmer Holmes Bobst Library and Study Center alone holds more than 3.3 million.

Enrollment

- Total: 50,917
- Undergraduate: 19,401
- Graduate and Professional: 18,990
- Noncredit Programs: 12,526

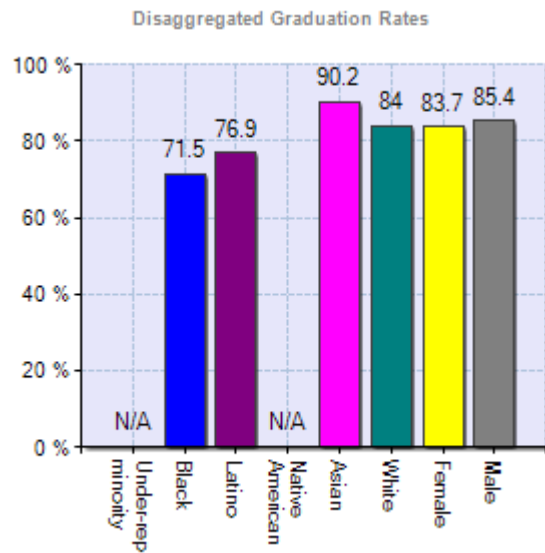
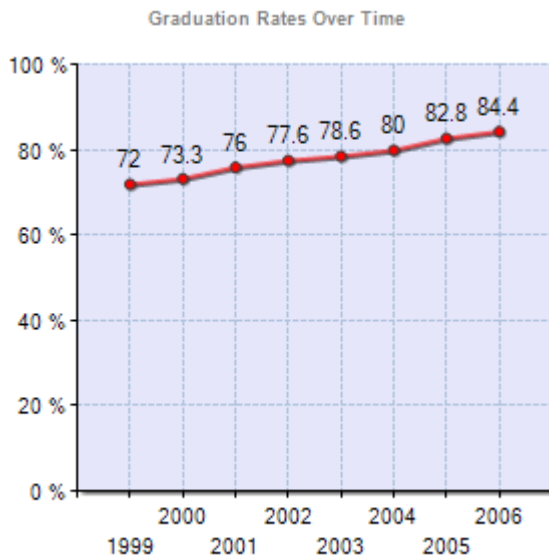
Degrees Conferred

- Total: 11,804
- Associates: 698
- Baccalaureate: 4,492
- Master's: 4,840
- Doctoral: 407
- Professional: 1,367

International

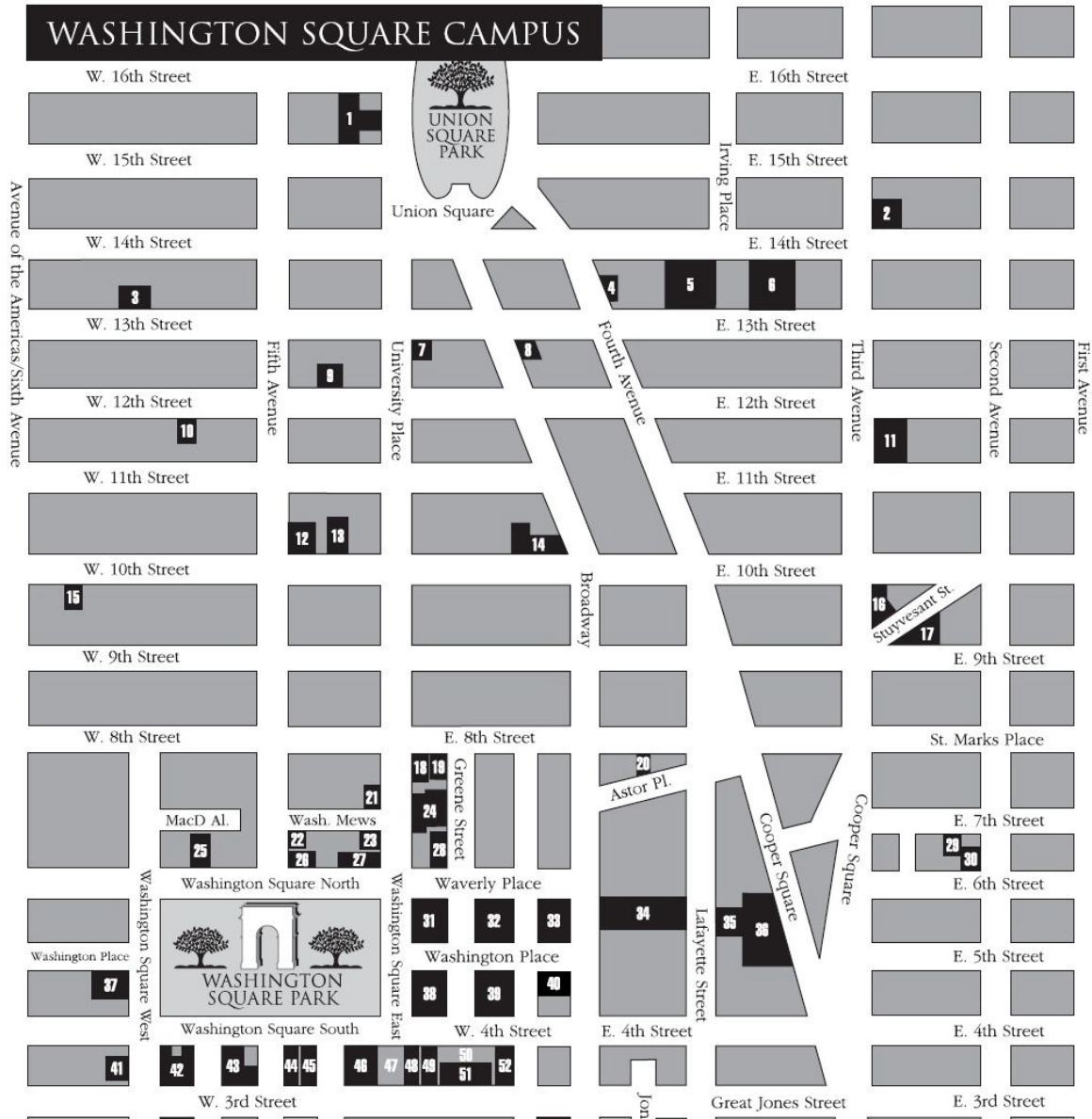
- International students make up 9.7 percent of NYU's student body (3,823).

Statistics



From www.collegeresults.org

A Map



KEY:

2	Third Avenue Residence Hall 131 Third Avenue
4	Library 145 Fourth Avenue
5	School of Medicine 110 East 14 th Street
6	Dental Center 140 East 14 th Street
14	School of Law 55 East 10 th Street
25	Undergraduate Admissions 22 Washington Square North
27	Institute of Fine Arts 1 Washington Square North
33	College of Arts and Science 715 Broadway

