



Seventy-First Annual Report to Secondary Schools

First-Year Students in the Class of 2021

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Student Background Profile

51% are men; 49% are women
 56% are receiving scholarship or grant aid
 43% self-identify as U.S. students of color (204 students)
 11% African-American (50 students)
 14% Asian-American (67 students)
 11% Latinx (54 students)
 6% Multiracial (29 students)
 1% Native American (4 students)
 20% are Pell Grant eligible
 11% are first-generation college students
 8% are non-U.S. citizens
 Students come from 39 states, including
 Puerto Rico and 24 foreign countries

Student Academic Profile

83% finished in the top 10% of their class
 (of those with reported rank)
 22% of those ranked are valedictorians
 37% were admitted through Early Decision
 Mean SAT scores (reported SAT scores
 are March 2016 and after):
 evidence-based reading & writing 742
 math 750
 Mean ACT score: 33
 Secondary schools represented in the
 class: 388

	Men	Women	Total
Applied	4,125 (44%)	5,160 (56%)	9,285
Admitted	601 (50%)	597 (50%)	1,198
Enrolled	241 (51%)	230 (49%)	471

For the Class of 2021, 502 students applied under the Early Decision option; 172 students enrolled.

Statistics for the Past Decade

Year	Number of Students Applied	Number of Students Admitted	Number of Students Enrolled
2007	6,680	1,175 (18%)	474 (40%)
2008	7,745	1,144 (15%)	438 (38%)
2009	7,679	1,227 (16%)	467 (38%)
2010	8,099	1,240 (15%)	490 (40%)
2011	8,461	1,127 (13%)	461 (41%)
2012	8,565	1,110 (13%)	463 (42%)
2013	7,927	1,132 (14%)	466 (41%)
2014	8,478	1,173 (14%)	469 (40%)
2015	8,568	1,210 (14%)	477 (39%)
2016	8,406	1,161 (14%)	471 (41%)
2017	9,285	1,198 (13%)	471 (39%)

Secondary School Representation

	Public	Private	Parochial	Home School
Applied	5,743 (62%)	2,558 (28%)	902 (10%)	82 (1%)
Admitted	693 (58%)	366 (31%)	130 (11%)	9 (1%)
Enrolled	254 (54%)	151 (32%)	62 (13%)	4 (1%)
Number of schools represented in the class	222	112	50	4

Distribution of SAT Scores (reported SAT scores are March 2016 and after)

EVIDENCE-BASED

READING & WRITING	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
750-800	1,477 (30%)	316 (64%)	92 (59%)
700-740	1,275 (26%)	116 (24%)	37 (24%)
650-690	942 (19%)	48 (10%)	20 (13%)
600-640	664 (14%)	11 (2%)	5 (3%)
550-590	306 (6%)	2 (0%)	1 (1%)
500-540	131 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
450-490	47 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
200-440	25 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Mean	694	750	742
Mid 50%	650-750	730-780	720-770

MATH

	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
750-800	1,932 (40%)	347 (70%)	100 (64%)
700-740	982 (20%)	80 (16%)	32 (21%)
650-690	799 (16%)	46 (9%)	18 (12%)
600-640	536 (11%)	15 (3%)	3 (2%)
550-590	355 (7%)	5 (1%)	2 (1%)
500-540	187 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
450-490	53 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
200-440	29 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Mean	703	755	750
Mid 50%	650-770	730-800	710-790

Distribution of ACT Scores

ACT COMPOSITE	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
34-36	1,443 (37%)	385 (54%)	146 (46%)
30-33	1,820 (47%)	291 (41%)	153 (48%)
27-29	418 (11%)	33 (5%)	18 (6%)
24-26	156 (4%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)
21-23	46 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Below 21	30 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Mean	32	33	33
Mid 50%	31-34	32-35	32-34

ACT ENGLISH	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
34-36	2,364 (60%)	516 (73%)	215 (68%)
30-33	948 (24%)	151 (21%)	78 (25%)
27-29	316 (8%)	34 (5%)	19 (6%)
24-26	174 (4%)	8 (1%)	4 (1%)
21-23	74 (2%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)
Below 21	37 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Mean	33	34	34
Mid 50%	31-35	33-35	33-35

ACT MATH	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
34-36	1,214 (31%)	283 (40%)	105 (33%)
30-33	1,306 (33%)	276 (39%)	132 (42%)
27-29	874 (22%)	119 (17%)	68 (21%)
24-26	353 (9%)	27 (4%)	10 (3%)
21-23	100 (3%)	5 (1%)	2 (1%)
Below 21	66 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Mean	31	32	32
Mid 50%	28-34	30-35	29-34

Rank in Class

	Enrolled
Number of students in the top tenth of high school graduating class	135 (83%)
Number of students in the top quarter of high school graduating class	152 (94%)
Number of students in the top half of high school graduating class	162 (100%)
Total number of ranked students	162 (34% of class)

Geographical Distribution of Those Matriculating

Alabama	1	Indiana	1	Nevada	2	South Carolina	1	New England	20%
Arizona	6	Iowa	1	New Hampshire	5	Tennessee	4	Mid Atlantic	29%
Arkansas	1	Kentucky	1	New Jersey	40	Texas	11	Mid West	9%
California	60	Louisiana	2	New Mexico	3	Virginia	11	South S East	11%
Colorado	5	Maine	1	New York	71	Washington	8	West S West	21%
Connecticut	27	Maryland	9	North Carolina	12	Wisconsin	1	International	10%
Delaware	3	Massachusetts	59	Ohio	3				
Florida	9	Michigan	4	Oregon	3				
Georgia	8	Minnesota	8	Pennsylvania	14				
Hawaii	2	Montana	1	Puerto Rico	1				
Illinois	21	Nebraska	2	Rhode Island	2				

Financial Aid

	2017 Class of 2021	2016 Class of 2020	2015 Class of 2019
Admitted students who applied for scholarship and grant aid	887 (74%)	850 (72%)	898 (75%)
Admitted students who demonstrated need for scholarship and grant aid	664 (55%)	652 (55%)	643 (54%)
Of those, admitted students awarded scholarship and grant aid	664	652	643
Total amount offered	\$33,047,093	\$31,901,810	\$29,345,211
Average amount offered	\$49,769	\$47,837	\$45,638
Matriculating students who received scholarship and grant aid	265	245	266
Total amount	\$13,264,943	\$11,797,067	\$12,191,822
Average amount	\$50,056	\$48,151	\$45,834
Percentage of class receiving scholarship and grant aid	56%	52%	56%

Fall Transfer Students

	Men	Women	Total
Applied	241 (51%)	227 (49%)	468
Admitted	22 (65%)	12 (33%)	34
Enrolled	10 (63%)	7 (44%)	17

Seventy percent of enrolled transfer students matriculated from a community college.
Eleven transfer students enrolled in the spring of 2017.

Senior Major Distribution of the Class of 2017

SINGLE MAJORS		Art & the History of Art		Computer Science and	
American Studies	2	and English	3	Economics	7
Anthropology	7	Art & the History of Art		Computer Science and English	1
Architectural Studies	3	and Political Science	1	Computer Science and	
Art & the History of Art	4	Art & the History of Art		Environmental Studies	1
Asian Languages & Civilizations	7	and Psychology	1	Computer Science and Film &	
Biochemistry & Biophysics	12	Asian Languages & Civilizations		Media Studies	1
Biology	15	and Computer Science	2	Computer Science and History	1
Black Studies	3	Asian Languages & Civilizations		Computer Science and	
Chemistry	11	and Geology	1	Mathematics	2
Classics	5	Asian Languages & Civilizations		Computer Science and Music	1
Computer Science	10	and Political Science	1	Computer Science and Physics	1
Economics	29	Asian Languages & Civilizations		Computer Science and	
English	21	and Psychology	1	Psychology	1
Environmental Studies	6	Astronomy and Geology	1	Computer Science and	
Film & Media Studies	2	Biochemistry & Biophysics		Sociology	1
French	3	and Computer Science	1	Computer Science and Spanish	1
Geology	8	Biochemistry & Biophysics		Computer Science and Statistics	1
German	2	and English	1	Economics and English	2
History	22	Biochemistry & Biophysics		Economics and Environmental	
Interdisciplinary	2	and Interdisciplinary	1	Studies	4
Law, Jurisprudence &		Biochemistry & Biophysics		Economics and French	2
Social Thought	8	and Physics	1	Economics and History	4
Mathematics	26	Biochemistry & Biophysics		Economics and Mathematics	10
Music	1	and Religion	1	Economics and Philosophy	2
Neuroscience	10	Biology and Economics	2	Economics and Political Science	5
Philosophy	9	Biology and Environmental		Economics and Psychology	6
Physics	6	Studies	2	Economics and Spanish	1
Political Science	25	Biology and Mathematics	1	Economics and Statistics	1
Psychology	25	Biology and Psychology	3	English and Environmental	
Religion	3	Biology and Russian	2	Studies	1
Russian	1	Biology and Spanish	5	English and French	1
Sexuality, Women's & Gender		Biology and Statistics	1	English and Geology	1
Studies	1	Black Studies and Economics	1	English and Law, Jurisprudence	
Sociology	9	Black Studies and		& Social Thought	2
Spanish	2	Film & Media Studies	1	English and Neuroscience	1
Statistics	3	Black Studies and French	1	English and Political Science	2
Theater & Dance	1	Black Studies and		English and Psychology	4
Total Single Majors	304	Interdisciplinary	1	English and Religion	2
		Black Studies and		Environmental Studies and	
		Political Science	1	Geology	1
		Black Studies and Sexuality,		Environmental Studies and	
DOUBLE MAJORS		Women's & Gender Studies	1	Political Science	1
American Studies and Classics	1	Black Studies and Sociology	1	Environmental Studies and	
Anthropology and Biology	4	Black Studies and Spanish	1	Psychology	1
Anthropology and Chemistry	1	Chemistry and English	1	Environmental Studies and	
Anthropology and Psychology	1	Chemistry and Environmental		Sociology	1
Architectural Studies and Law,		Studies	1	European Studies and	
Jurisprudence & Social		Chemistry and Psychology	1	Psychology	1
Thought	1	Chemistry and Religion	1	Film & Media Studies and	
Art & the History of Art and		Chemistry and Spanish	1	Mathematics	1
Asian Languages &		Classics and Law, Jurisprudence		Film & Media Studies and	
Civilizations	1	& Social Thought	1	Sociology	2
Art & the History of Art		Classics and Mathematics	1	French and History	1
and Black Studies	1	Classics and Philosophy	1	French and Mathematics	4
Art & the History of Art				French and Political Science	1
and Chemistry	1				

Senior Major Distribution of the Class of 2017 (continued)

French and Psychology	1	Music and Psychology	2	TRIPLE MAJORS	
French and Sociology	1	Physics and Psychology	1	Anthropology, Interdisciplinary	
German and History	1	Political Science and Spanish	3	and Music	1
History and Neuroscience	1	Psychology and Sexuality,		Art & the History of Art,	
History and Spanish	1	Women's & Gender Studies	2	Black Studies and Sexuality,	
Interdisciplinary and Political		Psychology and Sociology	1	Women's & Gender Studies	1
Science	1	Psychology and Spanish	2	Black Studies, Economics	
Mathematics and Neuroscience	1	Psychology and Theater		and Political Science	1
Mathematics and Philosophy	1	& Dance	1	Computer Science, Mathematics	
Mathematics and Psychology	1	Religion and Spanish	1	and Philosophy	1
Mathematics and Statistics	3	Russian and Sociology	1	Total Triple Majors	4
Mathematics and		Sociology and Spanish	1		
Theater & Dance	1	Sociology and Statistics	1	Total	
Music and Neuroscience	3	Total Double Majors	175	Class of 2017 Graduates	483

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