



**PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE**  
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## 2017-2018 FACT SHEET

**President:** Dr. Roderick L. Smothers

**Founded:** In 1877 as Walden Seminary by the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1882, the name was changed to Philander Smith College and it was chartered as a four-year college on March 3, 1883.

**Fall 2017 Enrollment Statistics:** Headcount: **891** Females: **62%** Males: **38%**  
 Full Time: **841** Part Time: **50**

**Student Ethnicity:**

Non Resident Alien	2%	Hispanic / Latino	1%
American Indian / Alaska Native	.1%	Asian	.2%
Black / African American	94%	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	.1%
White	.7%	Two or More Races	2%

**Geographic Origin of Student Body:** 50% from Arkansas 48% U.S. non Arkansas 2% International

**Freshman Class**

Headcount: **335** Female **65%** Male **35%**  
 Average ACT: **17.1** Average SAT: **954** Average H.S. GPA: **2.83**  
 Geographic Origin: **44%** from Arkansas **55%** from other states 1% International

**Retention:** (Percent of the 279 first-time full-time freshman from 2016 who returned in 2017) **60%**

**Graduation Rates:** ( 2011 Freshman Cohort ) **4 year: 16%** **6 year: 27%**

**Academic Programs:** 19 Majors in 6 Academic Divisions: General Education, Business and Economics, Education, Humanities, Natural and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. New campus based and online offering of the major “Criminal Justice”.

**Total Employees:**

Full Time Faculty: **41** Full Time Staff: **101**  
 Part Time Faculty: **40** Part Time Staff: **4** Student to Faculty Ratio: **16:1**

**Tuition And Fees:** \$12,564 **Room and Board:** \$8,250

**Campus:** 25 acres located just south of downtown Little Rock---Arkansas’s State Capitol

Added living spaces for 56 additional students with the opening of **Panther Village** in January , 2017.

**Athletics:** Philander Smith College participates in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), fielding teams in men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s track and field and men’s and women’s cross country while playing in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. The mascot is the Panther, and the school colors are green and gold .

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