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# COLLEGE ADMISSION ROUNDTABLE

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# Admission Presentations

- Delaware County Community College (2 year/Career & Technical) Ms. Jazmin Wright
- Gettysburg College (Liberal Arts colleges) Mr. Darryl Jones
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (PA State System) Ms. Pamela Guzman
- Temple University (Universities) Mr. James VanBlunk
- University of Miami (Highly Selective) Ms. Tamara Lapman



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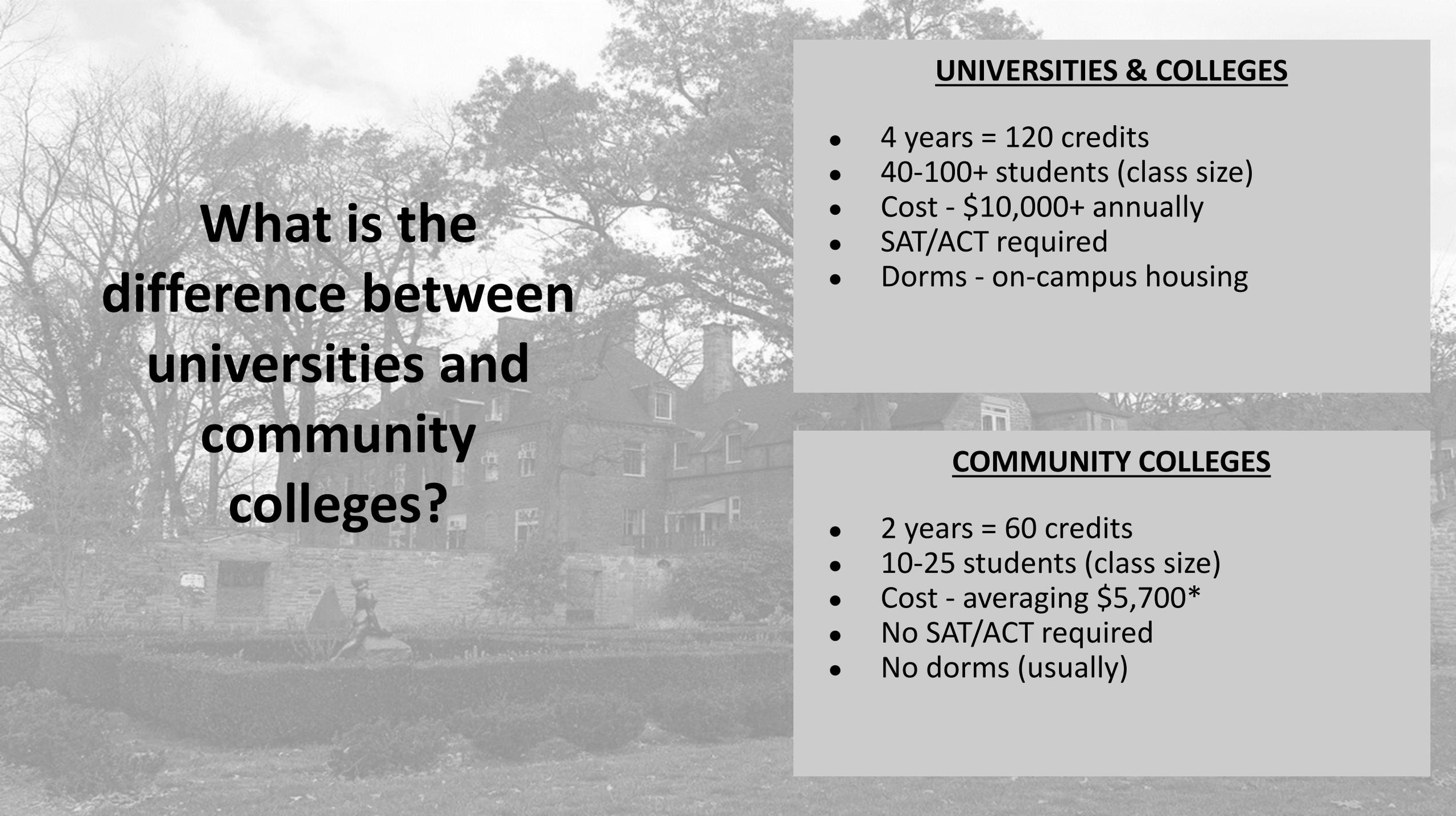
# COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Delaware County Community College



# Benefits of a Community College Education

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- Affordable Tuition
  - Quality Education
  - Smaller Class Size
  - Personal Attention
  - Support Services
  - Developmental Coursework
  - Transferable Majors
  - Course Equivalencies



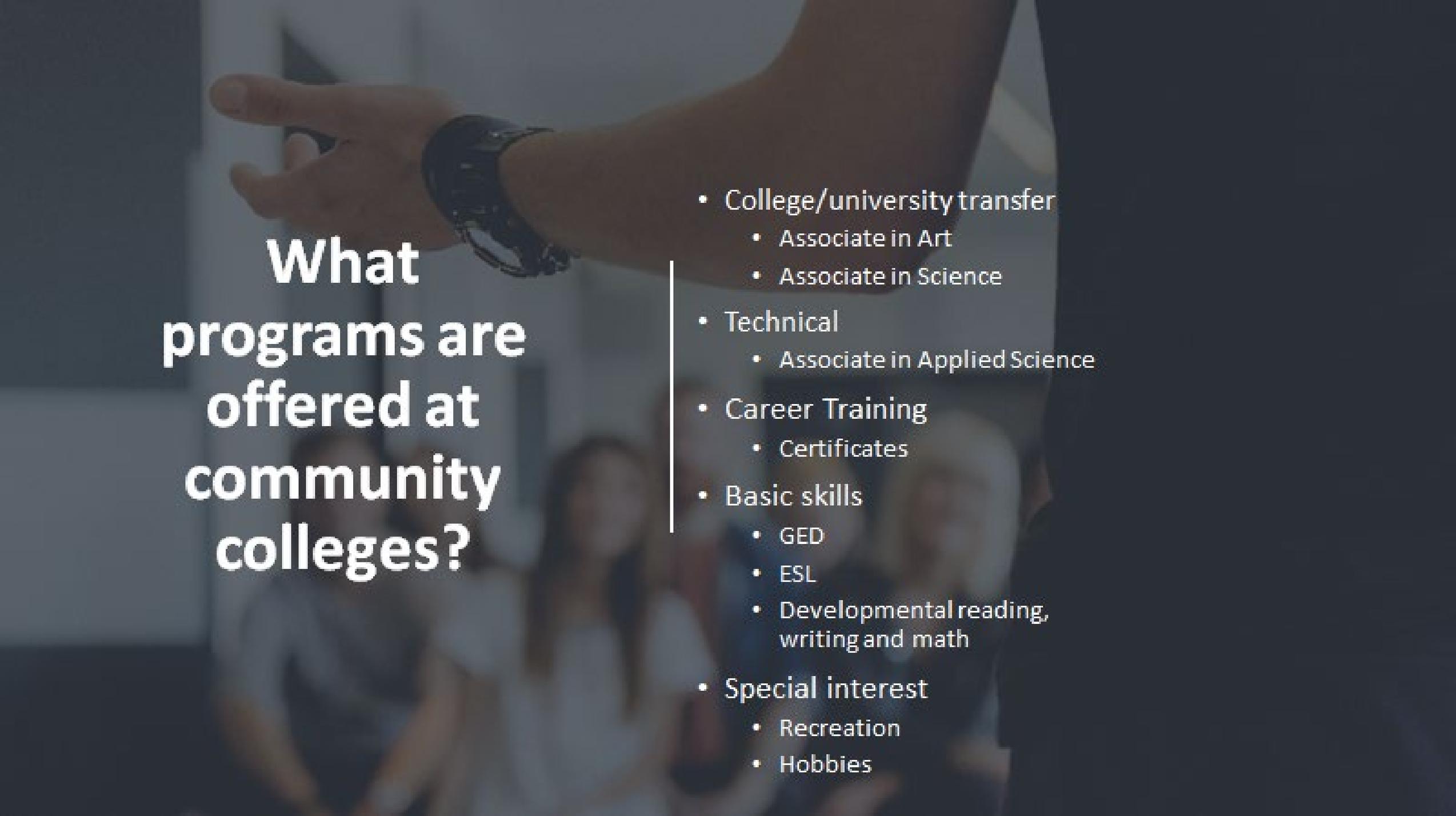
# What is the difference between universities and community colleges?

## UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

- 4 years = 120 credits
- 40-100+ students (class size)
- Cost - \$10,000+ annually
- SAT/ACT required
- Dorms - on-campus housing

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 2 years = 60 credits
- 10-25 students (class size)
- Cost - averaging \$5,700\*
- No SAT/ACT required
- No dorms (usually)

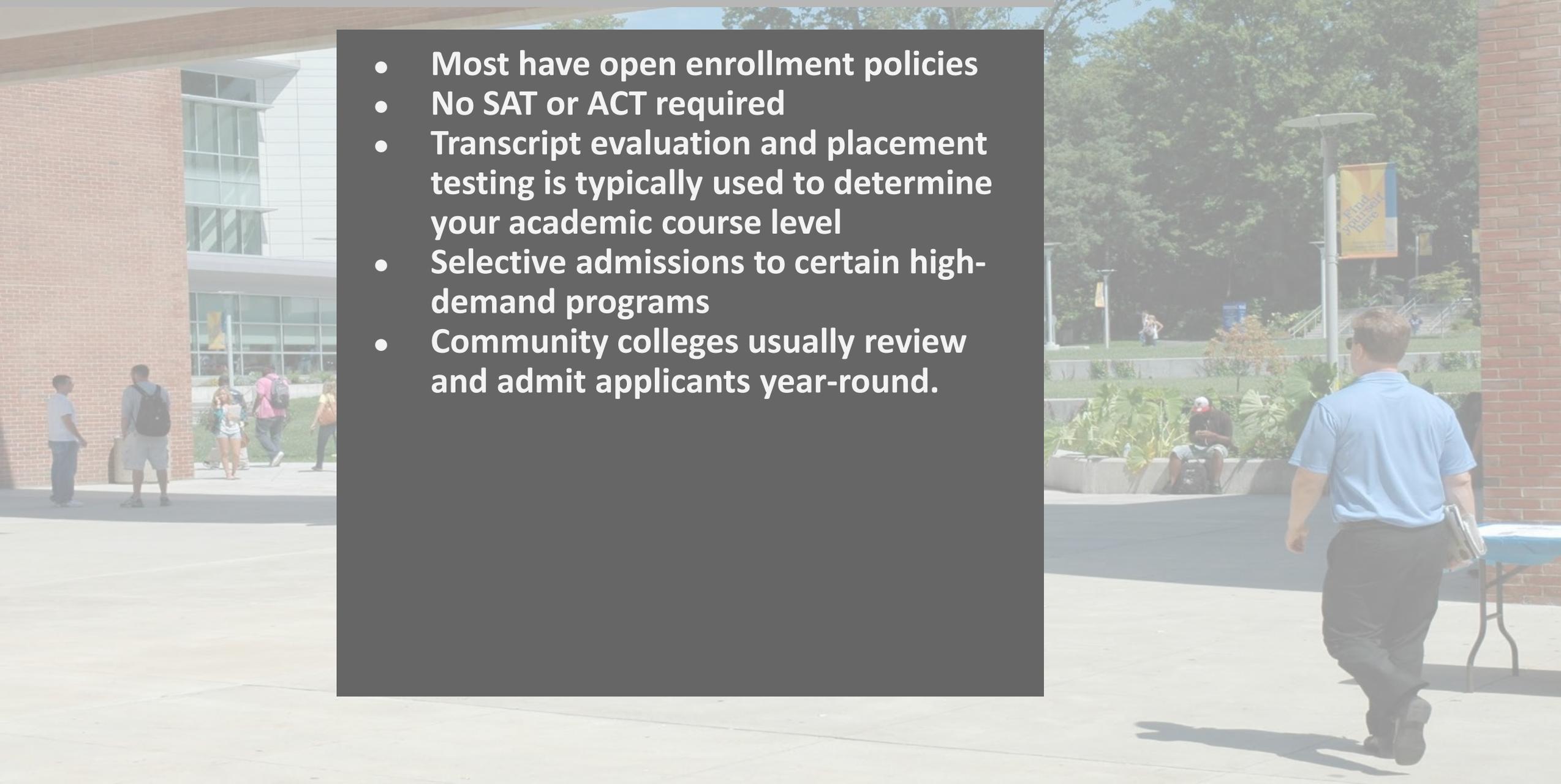


# What programs are offered at community colleges?

- College/university transfer
  - Associate in Art
  - Associate in Science
- Technical
  - Associate in Applied Science
- Career Training
  - Certificates
- Basic skills
  - GED
  - ESL
  - Developmental reading, writing and math
- Special interest
  - Recreation
  - Hobbies

# Admission to a Community College

- Most have open enrollment policies
- No SAT or ACT required
- Transcript evaluation and placement testing is typically used to determine your academic course level
- Selective admissions to certain high-demand programs
- Community colleges usually review and admit applicants year-round.





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# LIBERAL ARTS

Gettysburg College





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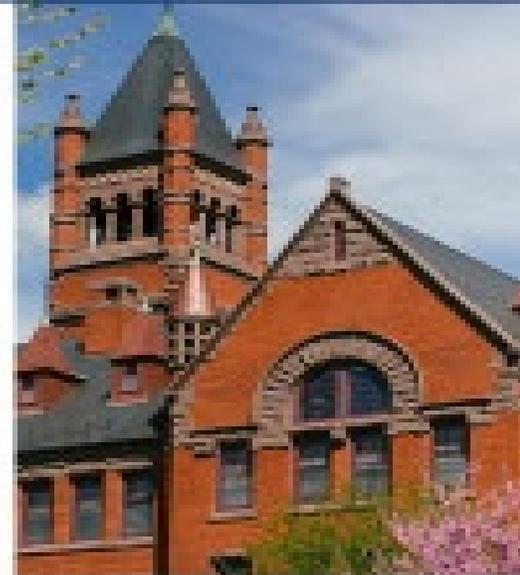


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# Gettysburg

COLLEGE

**2,600**  
STUDENTS FROM NEARLY  
40 STATES AND 40 COUNTRIES



**9:1** STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

**50%** collaborate on research projects with faculty

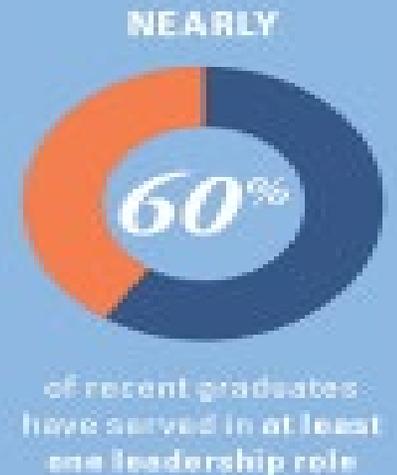
**17** AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

**98%** OF STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED OR IN GRAD SCHOOL 1 YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

**80%** OF STUDENTS COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP BEFORE GRADUATION



With more than **120** student clubs and organizations on campus, Gettysburg students are involved in as many as three (and often more) organizations.





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# Outcomes & Success

**98%** OF STUDENTS ARE **EMPLOYED**  
**OR IN GRAD SCHOOL** 1 YEAR  
AFTER GRADUATION

**80%** OF STUDENTS COMPLETE  
**AT LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP**  
BEFORE GRADUATION

**30,000+**

**ACTIVE AND GLOBAL**  
**ALUMNI NETWORK**





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# Admissions, Scholarships and Financial Aid

## What counts?

- Common Application
- Academic transcript
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendations
- Personal statement
- Standardized testing/test optional
- Visit/virtual visit

## Deadlines

- Early Decision I: November 15
- Early Decision II: January 15
- Regular Decision: January 15

## Merit Scholarships

- Eisenhower: \$40,000 per year
- Lincoln: \$35,000 per year
- Presidential: \$30,000 per year
- David Wills: \$28,000 per year
- Founders: \$20,000 per year
  
- STEM Scholars: need met with grants
- Music Scholarships: \$20,000 and \$37,000 per year

## Need-based Financial Aid

- FAFSA
- CSS Profile



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# PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Indiana University of Pennsylvania



# Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Pamela Guzman, Assistant Director of Admissions at Indiana University of PA (IUP)





- **14 State System schools in PA**
  - **Enrolls 100,000+ students**
  - **2,300+ degree and certificate programs**
- **Among lowest in tuition in PA while offering scholarships**
  - **Cost will depend on which university you attend**

PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION



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**ITUP**



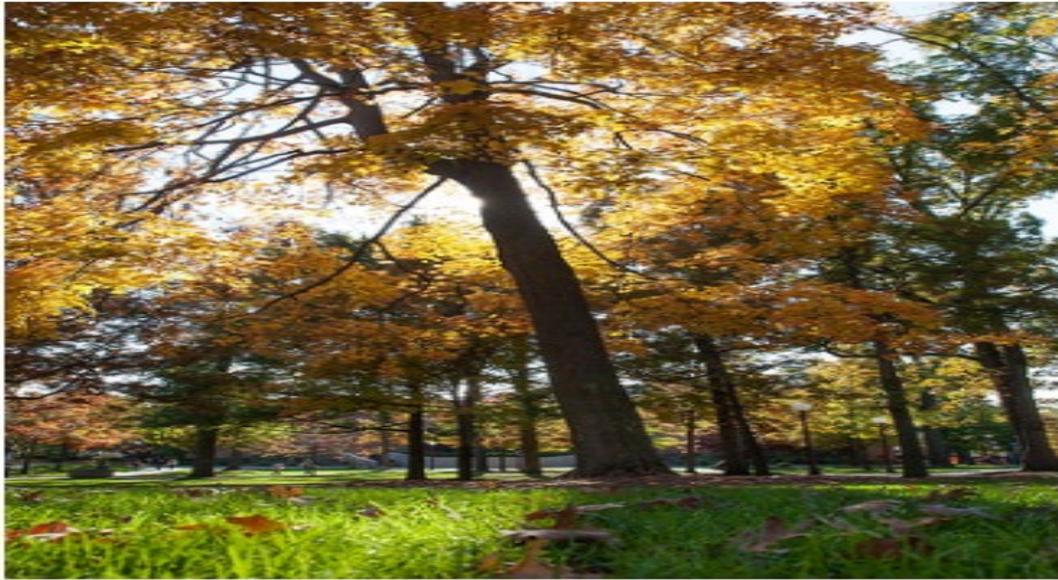
**MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY**



**SlipperyRock University**



# PA STATE UNIVERSITIES



- Rolling admissions
- Less selective: focus is access & inclusion
- Shared Programs
- Suburban & Rural campuses
- Limited scholarship availability (Board of Governor Scholarship), more opportunities
- Mostly DII Athletics



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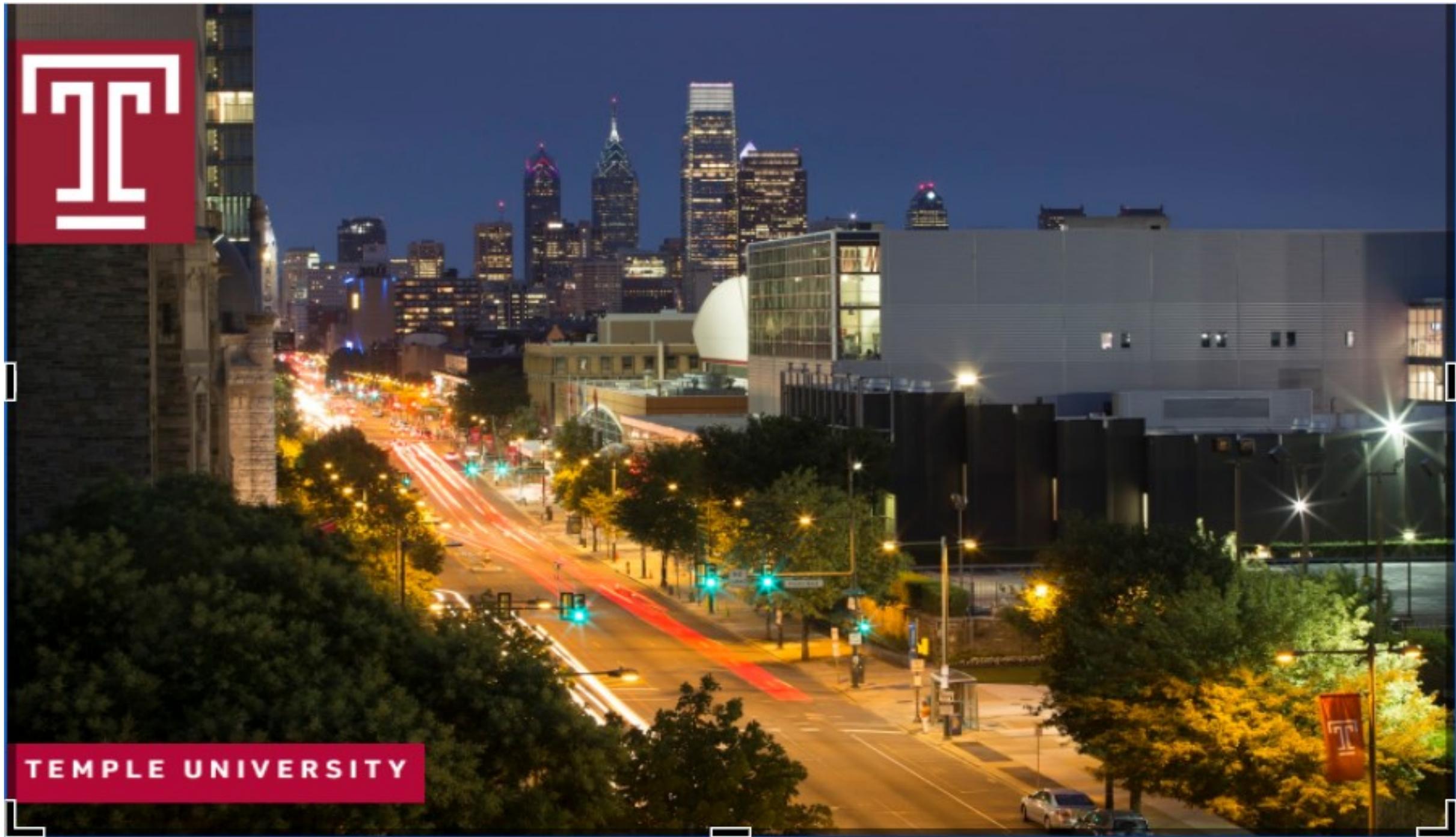
# LARGE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Temple University





TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

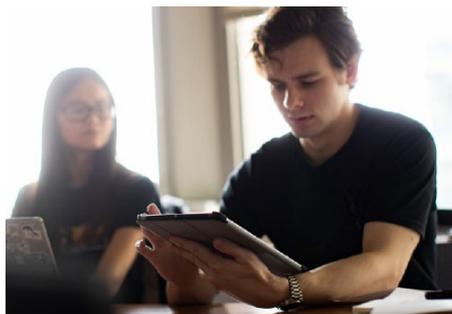


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student-faculty ratio

41%

of classes have fewer than 20 students



## STUDY ABROAD

As a Temple student, you can study in nearly any country. We have campuses in Rome and Tokyo, programs around the world from England to Spain to South Africa, and partnerships with dozens of international universities.

### TEMPLE ROME ENTRY YEAR PROGRAM

Spend your first year at our campus in Rome before completing your degree at Main Campus.

1,000+

Temple students study abroad each year

16

Fulbright students for academic year 2019-2020

17

schools and colleges, including five professional schools

110+

accelerated programs to earn a bachelor's and an advanced degree faster

11

industry-focused career communities organized by the Career Center

ACADEMICS

AMPLIFIED

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



### HONORS PROGRAM

Gain access to exclusive, small classes, no-appointment-necessary advising, Honors housing as well as leadership and research opportunities. Our first Rhodes scholar Hazim Hardeman '17 was in the Honors Program, and was a transfer student.

### DIAMOND RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Team up with a faculty member for mentored research or a creative arts project.

### TUTEACH

Earn a degree in a math or science field along with the qualifications to obtain a middle or high school teaching certificate at the same time through TUTEACH.

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH STUDIES

Take advantage of our advising and accelerated programs to help you seamlessly transition into medical, dental or another professional health school.

One popular, very competitive program is our Pre-med Health Scholars, which offers provisional acceptance to our Lewis Katz School of Medicine. You can apply for this program right after you apply to Temple and **it's strongly encouraged to apply by the Early Action (Nov. 1) deadline.**

# tomorrow

[admissions.temple.edu/apply](https://admissions.temple.edu/apply)

# is ours

DEADLINES FOR

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

To start, you'll need to submit the Common Application and specify your decision plan (You must check Early Action to get an earlier decision.) Next, you'll activate your TUportal account, where you'll submit additional materials that could include

- self-reported transcripts from a U.S.-based high school/secondary school (for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only);
- official standardized test scores (SAT, ACT or approved international qualification), unless you plan to apply test optional; and
- English language proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English test, etc.) if required.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The application process may involve additional options or required documents, such as official high school/secondary school transcripts.

For more detailed instructions about the international application process, visit [admissions.temple.edu/apply/international-students](https://admissions.temple.edu/apply/international-students).



### WE'RE TEST OPTIONAL

Because we know test scores don't always reflect your strengths, you can choose not to submit test scores by applying with Temple Option.

If you believe an SAT or ACT score would complement your application, you should submit your scores. Standardized test scores are otherwise entirely optional and in no way required for admission.

### WHAT'S TUPORTAL?

It's a platform we use to communicate with you and provide important updates throughout the application and enrollment process. This is where you will complete the self-report transcript so you'll need to activate an account to complete your application.

Fall (August start)	
Early Action .....	Nov. 1
Regular Decision .....	Feb. 1
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) .....	Feb. 1
<i>For U.S. citizens and permanent residents only</i>	
Temple University's code: 003371	

*The sooner, the better: submit your application much earlier than the deadline.*



### First-Year Profile Fall 2020

Average GPA: 3.48  
Average SAT: 1206\*  
Average ACT: 27\*

### Honors Program Profile Fall 2020

Average GPA: 3.95  
Average SAT: 1441\*  
Average ACT: 32\*

*\*Test scores used for admission.*



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# HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

University of Miami



selective universities

# Size doesn't tell the whole story

- **Big school opportunities and resources**

- **Small school attention**

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR EXAMPLE...

# Academically

- 180 majors
- 9 schools and colleges
- \$350 million annually for research
- 11,000 undergraduates

- 12:1 student to faculty ratio
- 16-27 average class size
- Accessible advising/support for study abroad, research, career services, etc.

# Residentially/Socially

- Big school spirit
- Division I athletics
- 300+ clubs and organizations

- Residential college system
- 1<sup>st</sup> year on-campus housing required
- Accessible leadership opportunities

# In the admission process

- 40,000+ applications
- Direct entry admission to schools/colleges

- Highly holistic review process
- Contextual review
- Supplemental essay



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

