

Carnegie Mellon

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General Information

The University

First envisioned in 1900 by steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Mellon University has steadily built upon its foundations of excellence and innovation to become one of America's leading universities. The university's unique approach to education—giving students the opportunity to become experts in their chosen field while studying a broad range of course work across disciplines—creates leaders and problem-solvers for the changing marketplace of today and tomorrow.

Colleges and Undergraduate Programs

Carnegie Institute of Technology (CIT)

biomedical*, chemical, civil & environmental, electrical & computer, engineering & public policy*, materials science, mechanical engineering

College of Fine Arts (CFA)

architecture, art, design, drama, music

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS)

economics, English, history, modern languages, philosophy, psychology, social & decision sciences, statistics

Information Systems (IS)

information systems

Mellon College of Science (MCS)

biological sciences, chemistry, mathematical sciences, physics

School of Computer Science (SCS)

computer science

Tepper School of Business (Tepper)

business administration

Bachelor of Humanities & Arts Program (BHA)

H&SS and CFA (Intercollege degree)

Bachelor of Science & Arts Program (BSA)

MCS and CFA (Intercollege degree)

Bachelor of Computer Science & Arts Program (BCSA)

SCS and CFA (Intercollege degree)

*May be taken as an additional major only

Location

Carnegie Mellon's 150-acre campus is located in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh, five miles from the downtown area. As home to several of the city's colleges, universities, museums and hospitals, Oakland offers many activities and resources to area students. While Carnegie Mellon has the collegiate feel of a residential campus, the surrounding Pittsburgh community provides all of the cultural and social advantages of a big city. Off campus, students can take advantage of three culturally-active neighborhoods within walking distance, the public Schenley Park, urban and suburban shopping, sightseeing, professional sports venues, museums, art galleries, amusement parks and much more. The university is 1 1/2 hours from the Allegheny Mountains, which have some of the best skiing in the East, and a short plane ride away from many major metropolitan areas including Boston, New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Student Diversity

Students in this private, co-educational university come from 50 states and more than 40 countries. Each year, Carnegie Mellon enrolls a diverse freshman class of approximately 1,400 students. The total undergraduate population is 5,800. Students come from a variety of economic, social and cultural backgrounds and represent a wide range of academic and artistic interests. Approximately 13 percent of the student body identifies with an ethnic minority population such as African American, Hispanic/Latino American or Native American. The international student population is approximately 13 percent.

Faculty

Carnegie Mellon has approximately 1,200 full-time and 201 part-time teaching and research faculty members. The student-faculty ratio is 10:1 and the average class size is 25-35. Approximately 96% of faculty members have a Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field.

Faculty members are practicing professionals at the forefront of their respective fields. These professors, instructors and lecturers are in the classroom, lab, studio or work place creating new knowledge on a daily basis and passing that knowledge on to their students. More often than not, they teach both undergraduate and graduate courses. Undergraduates have the opportunity to work on groundbreaking research projects with these award-winning faculty members.

Academic Facilities

The campus contains more than 50 academic, research and administrative buildings and three libraries. An online resource sharing system and reciprocal borrowing policy between Carnegie Mellon and other local universities provide students with almost unlimited library resources.

In addition to academic facilities, Carnegie Mellon features the \$47 million University Center which houses state-of-the-art recreational and entertainment facilities, a food court, a non-denominational chapel and office space for student clubs and organizations. Other facilities include numerous research laboratories, the historic Kresge Theater, art galleries, abundant studio and rehearsal space and a gymnasium. Additions to several academic buildings have been made for the sciences, humanities, business and robotics research areas.

Undergraduate First-Year Admission Statistics 2009-10

College	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
CIT	6,048	1,900	441
CFA	3,220	673	247
H&SS	3,475	1,199	266
IS	625	166	47
MCS	4,288	1,470	229
SCS	2,627	401	136
Tepper	2,745	436	84
BHA/BSA/BCSA***	103	103	21
TOTAL	23,131	6,348	1,471

*** Intercollege Programs

Undergraduate First-Year Admission Averages 2009-10

College	SAT CR*	SAT M*	SAT WR*	Rank**	GPA
CIT	620-720	690-790	620-720	5%	3.72
CFA	590-690	600-700	580-680	19%	3.50
H&SS	620-720	640-740	620-720	9%	3.59
IS	590-690	660-760	600-700	10%	3.57
MCS	620-720	690-790	630-730	5%	3.71
SCS	670-770	720-800	650-750	5%	3.79
Tepper	620-720	680-780	630-730	5%	3.64
BHA/BSA/BCSA	660-760	650-750	650-750	8%	3.63

Mean ACT scores:

ACT English: 31 ACT Math: 31 ACT Composite: 31

* represents the middle 50% range

** represents the top percentage in the class

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Housing

Approximately 80% of students live in university housing, which includes 12 traditional residence halls, 15 houses, 10 apartment buildings, 13 fraternity houses and 6 sorority houses. First year students are required to live on campus. Housing is guaranteed for four years, provided students remain in the university housing system.

Activities

Student activities include more than 150 clubs and organizations, varsity, club and intramural sports and fraternities and sororities. (Approximately 19% of students participate in Greek life.) A sampling of clubs and organizations includes The Tartan newspaper, the Juggling Club, Amnesty International, Ballroom Dancing, the Robotics Club, The Thistle yearbook and the Kiltie Marching Band.

Computing Services

There are thousands of computers on campus, including Macintosh, Windows and Linux systems, which are housed in public clusters in almost every academic building and residence hall. In addition, most departments have their own computer clusters for students to use. All of the residence hall rooms are wired to the Andrew network, Carnegie Mellon's high-speed computer network linking the campus and providing access to the outside world. In fall of 1999, we became the first university to offer campus-wide wireless connectivity.

Athletics

Carnegie Mellon is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and competes within the Division III University Athletic Association (UAA). Men's varsity sports include basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field. Women's varsity sports include basketball, cheerleading, cross country, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball.

Club sports include badminton, baseball, crew, cycling, Explorers (outdoors), fencing, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, racquetball, roller hockey, rugby, ski club, women's softball, ultimate frisbee, men's volleyball and water polo. Over 40 intramural sports include everything from touch football and basketball to table tennis and foosball.

Costs

Carnegie Mellon's costs for the 2009-2010 academic year are:

tuition/fees	\$40,920
room/board	\$10,340
books/supplies	\$1,000
personal/misc.	\$1,400
transportation	varies
TOTAL	\$53,660+

In addition, minimal health insurance coverage is required at a cost of \$968/year for all students unless a waiver is granted for students covered under their family's health plan. Premium health insurance coverage is suggested for international students at a cost of \$2,084/year.

Financial Aid

Carnegie Mellon is a need-blind institution. Carnegie Mellon uses the Federal Methodology to determine financial aid eligibility. Required forms are the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Carnegie Mellon Application for Financial Aid Form, parental W-2s and parent and student tax returns. Financial aid packages usually include a combination of loans, grants and work-study allowances.

Freshman Averages:

- 59% receiving financial aid (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens)
- 54% receiving need-based aid
- average Presidential Scholarship \$7,704
- average need-based grants \$22,482
- average need-based package \$27,348

Presidential Scholarships

Presidential Scholarships range from \$1,000 to approximately \$13,000 and are reserved for outstanding students who qualify for little or no need-based financial aid. Presidential Scholarships are renewable for four years (five for architecture).

Presidential Scholarships are open to all qualified students regardless of race or national origin. To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship, you must have at least filed a FAFSA. You must be a first-time freshman and US citizen or permanent resident to be eligible.

Students are encouraged to apply for outside scholarships as a source of aid. ROTC scholarships are also available.

Admission Requirements

Carnegie Mellon looks for academic and artistic achievers who are leaders inside as well as outside the classroom. They have a wide range of interests and activities. Most admitted students are in the top of their classes and have strong test scores; however, there are no minimum standardized test scores or grade requirements.

The university uses the following to make admission decisions: high school performance, standardized test scores (including the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with Writing and SAT Subject Tests), an audition or portfolio review (if applicable), non-academic activities (including extra-curricular accomplishments, honors and awards, leadership positions, community service and part-time jobs), secondary school counselor and teacher recommendations, an admission essay and a personal statement.

Application Information

Carnegie Mellon has three types of decision plans: Early Decision, Regular Decision and Early Admission.

Early Decision is for students who declare Carnegie Mellon as their first choice. This plan is a binding agreement; admitted students are expected to enroll. Carnegie Mellon will meet the full demonstrated need with a combination of grants, loans and work-study as calculated by the university for all students admitted under Early Decision. However, we do not guarantee to meet full need for students who are deferred or denied admission under Early Decision and later admitted under Regular Decision. The application deadline for Early Decision I is November 1 (not available for acting, music theater, directing, composition, flute, music technology, piano, voice or BHA/BSA/BCSA). The application deadline for Early Decision II is December 1 (not available for architecture, art, design, drama, music or BHA/BSA/BCSA). Candidates are notified of a decision by December 15 (for Early Decision I) and January 15 (for Early Decision II).

Regular Decision is the plan we recommend for most applicants. Applications are due by January 1 (December 1 for fine arts applicants) and notification occurs between March 15 and April 15.

Early Admission is for high school juniors planning to skip their senior year. The application deadline is January 1. Candidates are notified of a decision between March 15 and April 15.

Visiting Campus

The Office of Admission offers group information sessions, campus tours and personal interviews (which are recommended for admission) throughout most of the year. To schedule a visit, please contact the Office of Admission Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST). (Campus interviews will not be available from late November through mid-May.) Please note that visitor parking is extremely limited on campus and may not always be available. Please allow extra time to find parking.

Each fall, university representatives travel across the country to visit high schools, present information sessions and interview students. Alumni volunteers in the Carnegie Mellon Admission Council (CMAC) also interview students and attend college fairs.

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