



Dartmouth College

Website: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/>

Dartmouth College is a private coeducational Ivy League university in Hanover, New Hampshire. It was founded in 1769 by a Congregational minister, Eleazar Wheelock. The university is composed of the liberal arts college, the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth Medical School, the Tuck School of Business, as well as 19 graduate programs in the arts and sciences. The campus is somewhat isolated in rural New Hampshire on 269 acres, but it is picturesque with most of the buildings built in the Georgian American colonial style.

Campus traditions and participation are very important to Dartmouth students. Many students participate in the school's athletics program. About 20% of the students are involved in a varsity sport with 80% involved in some sort of club, varsity, or other athletics. The university has 34 varsity teams that compete in the NCAA Division I Ivy League. Physical education courses are required for all undergraduates at Dartmouth as is a swim test.

In addition to athletics, the university has more than 200 student organizations. These are varied with publications, issue oriented groups, performing groups, and others. Many students are involved in one of the school's many fraternities or sororities.

Dartmouth uses a quarter system with 10 week terms instead of semesters. All students spend their summer during sophomore year at the university. They can spend other summers studying at off campus programs, at internships, or on vacation. Dartmouth is recognized for its emphasis on its undergraduate program. Despite its focus on undergraduates, it is known for its strength in research as well.

It is the smallest university in the Ivy League with only 4,196 undergraduates and 1,791 graduate students. Dartmouth is a very selective university that only accepts about 13% of applicants. The university is committed to meeting all of its students' financial need with over 60% of students receiving financial aid. Some of the most popular majors at Dartmouth include economics, English, engineering, political science, psychology, and history.

Dartmouth's charter specifically mentions its intent and dedication to educating Native Americans. Unfortunately, this was not realized during the first couple hundred years of the university's existence. It was not until 1970 that the university dedicated itself to increasing the number of Native American

students. This dedication translated to Dartmouth graduating more than 500 Native American students since then. That is more than all the other Ivy League schools combined.

Despite its small size, Dartmouth is ranked as one of the most technologically savvy schools in the country. The campus was the first in America to have wireless internet, and it continues to work on introducing technological innovations.

Many famous alumni have graduated from Dartmouth including many United States Senators, Fred Rogers, Timothy Geithner, Richard Eberhart, and numerous CEOs. The close bonds that students form at Dartmouth extend past graduation as does loyalty to the university. Alumni of Dartmouth are known for their generous donations to their alma mater, and the alumni have higher salaries after graduation than others schools. Dartmouth is dedicated to not only educating students, but also to preparing them for the future.