



## Duke University

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

Located in Durham, North Carolina, is Duke University, a private research university. The university was originally founded in 1838 in Trinity before moving to Durham in 1892. Duke is divided into two undergraduate colleges as well as ten professional and graduate schools and seven institutes. The university has more than 220 buildings and owns 8,610 acres. Much of the land, 7,200 acres, is Duke Forest.

The campus can be divided into four areas: Central, West and East campuses and the Medical center. One of the main attractions on the campus is Sarah P. Duke Gardens, which attracts more than 300,000 visitors every year. The campus is known for its Collegiate Gothic architecture as well as the Georgian style architecture on the East campus. Duke University has one of the ten largest private research library systems in the country with more than six million volumes.

The university has approximately 6,400 undergraduates and 7,262 graduate and professional students. The university is a diverse one as 39% of the undergraduates are minorities, and Duke has students from all fifty states and 106 countries. There are many students from other countries as 7% of the undergraduates and 18% of the graduate students are international students. As one of the most selective universities in the country, Duke only admits 22% of students who apply. Even though it is not in the Ivy League, the university's superior academics and selectivity make it a competitor of the Ivy League universities.

The university is one of the top producers of Rhodes Scholars, Truman Scholars, Marshall Scholars, Goldwater Scholars, and Udall Scholars in the country. Duke is one of three universities which form what is known as the Research Triangle. It is the location of the highest concentration of PhDs and MDs in the world.

Duke University offers 86 undergraduate majors as well as a number of graduate programs. Some of the most popular majors at Duke include political science, biomedical engineering, biology, economics, English, psychology, and public policy. Its law, medical, and business schools are ranked among the top in the country. Some of its graduate programs are also highly ranked.

There are many opportunities for students at Duke University to get involved in student organizations. About 30% of the men are involved in fraternities and 40% of women are in sororities. There are more than 500 student organizations at Duke University. The student organizations include ones focused on special interests, community service, student government, and political groups. Additionally, Duke is

well-known for its many community service groups. The university also has a number of student publications.

Duke belongs to the Division I Atlantic Coast Conference. The university is famous for its basketball team; its fencing, soccer, tennis, cross country running, lacrosse, field hockey, and golf teams are all ranked among the top in the country.

Many famous alumni have graduated from Duke University such as Richard Nixon, Elizabeth Dole, Dan Abrams, Charles Townes, and Kevin Martin. Duke University enjoys a reputation as being one of the finest research universities in the world.