



Rice University

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

Rice University first opened in 1912 under the name of the William Marsh Rice Institute for the Advancement of Letters, Science and Art. It is officially called the William Marsh Rice University, but the name is usually shortened to Rice University. Rice is a private research university located in Houston, Texas, on a wooded campus of about 285 acres.

The Lynn R. Lowrey Arboretum is spread throughout the campus with over 4,000 shrubs, plants, and trees. Most of the buildings on campus are Byzantine in style, which was done to make the campus appear more uniform. Students at Rice University enjoy small classes as the undergraduate to faculty ratio is 5:1.

There are about 3,237 undergraduates at the university as well as 2,277 graduate students. The university is very selective as it only accepts 22% of applicants. Women comprise 48% of undergraduates and 35% of graduate and professional students at Rice. The students are from all 50 states and 83 countries. Additionally 84% of the students are receiving financial aid of some kind. More than 71% of students receive financial aid of some kind.

The school's eight schools offer 40 undergraduate degrees, 51 master's programs, and 29 doctoral programs. Rice University has been ranked in the top hundred schools in both the United States and the world. Rice is famous for some of its applied sciences programs including nanotechnology, artificial heart research, space science, and structural chemical analysis.

Rice has received high rankings in a number of categories. It is considered to have some of the happiest students, it is a best value college, and one of the top colleges for quality of life for students. The most popular majors at Rice University include economics, architecture, biochemistry, electrical engineering, history, kinesiology and exercise science, English, mechanical engineering, and political science.

Rice University has a centralized admissions process. This means that students are admitted to the university as a whole rather than a specific school. It also gives students more time to focus on their interests and determine what they want to major in. The faculty members are dedicated to making sure students get the education they need. The university has a number of research centers including the Baker Institute for Public Policy, the Rice Quantum Institute, the Ken Kennedy Institute for Information Technology, and the Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology.

There is plenty for students to do at Rice University. The university has a number of student run media, including publications, a radio station, and a television network. Rice has a number of rich student

traditions. Rice University is close to the Houston Zoo, the Astrodome, a dozen museums, a golf course, and other attractions.

Rice University is part of the NCAA Division I Conference USA, and it also competes in NCAA Division I FBS football. Some of the most popular sports teams at the university include football, basketball, tennis, soccer, and volleyball.

Rice University has a number of famous alumni including Howard Hughes, Bill Archer, Robert Woodrow Wilson, and James H. Newman. Rice University's strength in research and instruction has led it to be termed a "Southern Ivy."