

The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2010

Institutional Questionnaire

(Numbers in parentheses refer to parallel question on CDS 2007-2008)

1. Name of college or university
2. Wesleyan University
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UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

6. **Total enrollment** (FT degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate & professional) 3,222
7. **Undergraduate enrollment** (FT degree-seeking) 2,817

Please characterize **total undergraduate** student body in terms of:

8. **Sex:** Male 50.00% Female 50.00%
9. **Geographic Origin:** In-State 7.00% Out-of-state 86.00% Foreign 9%
10. **High school:** Public 55.00% Private / Parochial 45.00% Home Schooled _____ %
11. **Race (B2):** African Amer 7.00% Asian Amer 11.00% Caucasian 61.00%
Hispanic 8.00% Native Amer 1.00% Foreign 6%
12. Percentage of entering freshmen who return for their sophomore year (B22) 94.00%
13. Percentage of entering freshmen who graduate within six years (B11) 93.00%

STATISTICS ON CURRENT FRESHMEN CLASS

14. Number of applicants (C1) 7,750 Percent admitted 27.00% Percent of admitted applicants who enrolled (Yield) 37.00%
15. Number of Early Decision applicants (C21) 665 Percent admitted 39.00%
16. High school class rank (C10) Percent in:
Top Tenth 71.00% Top Quarter _____ % Top Half _____ %
17. Test score ranges of the middle 50% of **all enrolled first-time freshmen (C9)**
25th percentile 75th percentile

SAT critical reading	<u>670</u>	<u>760</u>
SAT math	<u>670</u>	<u>760</u>
SAT writing	<u>670</u>	<u>760</u>
ACT Comp	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>

FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

18. Do you have a “need-blind” admissions policy? If so, what do you mean by the term?
Yes.
19. What percentage of all undergraduates receive any type of financial aid 46.60%
20. What percentage of all undergraduates receive need-based financial aid (H2-d/H2-a) 46.60%
21. What percentage of all undergraduates receive non-need-based merit scholarships based on academic performance? 0.00% Average non-need-based award (H2A-o) _____
22. How many athletic scholarships do you offer? 0 In what sports?
23. Do you guarantee to meet the demonstrated financial need of all admitted students? Y N
- If yes, do you guarantee to do so for all four years? Yes No
- If no, proportion of enrolled students determined to have financial need whose full need is met (H2-h / H2-d) _____ %
24. Have you initiated any special financial aid programs aimed at making your institution more affordable and accessible, e.g. eliminating loans for from financial aid packages or eliminating tuition for low- and middle-income students? If so, please describe in detail.
We have eliminated required loans for those from households earning less than \$40,000 per year and reduced loans for all financial aid recipients.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

25. Do you have rolling admissions? Yes No If yes, when does notification begin (C16)
26. Please indicate application deadlines for:
- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Early Decision (C21) <u>11/15</u> | Regular Admissions (C14) <u>1/1</u> |
| Second Early Decision (C21) <u>1/1</u> | Financial Aid <u>2/15</u> |
| Early Action (C22) _____ | Housing <u>5/30</u> |
| Single-Choice Early Action _____ | |
27. Are campus interviews: not available optional recommended required
Are alumni interviews: not available optional recommended required
- Are campus interviews: used in evaluating students only for information
Are alumni interviews: used in evaluating students only for information
28. Please indicate your policies regarding standardized tests (C8) (choose one)
- SAT I or ACT: required recommended optional
- Which do you prefer? SAT I ACT either

SAT II: required recommended optional

If SAT II tests are required, which ones?

Do you require students taking the ACT to take the optional Writing Test? Yes No

29. Do you accept the Common Application? (C20) Yes No

30. Do you accept electronic applications? required optional preferred unavailable

Do you prefer electronic applications to paper ones? Yes No

31. Do you include any essay questions on your application? Yes No
-If yes, what are they? (Attach tear sheet from application if you prefer.)

32. Please list in descending order the six schools with which you have an applicant overlap.
"Shared Prospective Applicants"

1 Brown 2 Yale 3 Tufts
4 Dartmouth 5 Harvard 6 Vassar

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

33. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshmen have:
1-25 students 65.00% 25-50 25.00% 51-100 7.00% Over 100 3.00%

34. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshman are taught by:
Tenured professors _____% Jr faculty _____% Graduate students _____% Adjuncts _____%

35. What are you five most popular majors (in descending order):

1Psychology 2English 3Government
4Economics 5History

36. Please describe any recent changes in the general education requirements that all undergraduates must complete.

37. Have you made any other curriculum changes in the last two years? Have you added or dropped any programs? If so, please explain.

In addition to the 46 major programs available, there are Certificate Programs in Environmental Studies, Informatics and Modeling, International Relations, Jewish and Israel Studies, and Molecular Biophysics.

38. Please describe your study abroad programs.

The Office of International Studies works to ensure that students participate in substantive educational programs in other countries, and that these programs form a meaningful part of a coherent whole within the major and the overall Wesleyan undergraduate degree. Intellectually rigorous study abroad is integral to the University's efforts to internationalize the curriculum and prepare students for global citizenship. Over 140 programs in more than 50 countries are available.

What proportion of undergraduates receive academic credit for study abroad during their four years?
50%

39. Please describe any special support programs for freshmen that you operate, such as freshmen seminars or "first-year programs" etc. What proportion of freshmen participate?

The University program "First Year Matters" was developed to support first-year students. All first-year students participate.

40. Most colleges and universities today are struggling with tensions related to campus security and responsible alcohol or tobacco use and physical safety. Please describe any new programs or policies dealing with these issues. (Use a separate sheet if you wish.)

Recognizing the serious effects of alcohol and other drug abuse on the academic performance and, more generally, on the wellbeing of our students, Wesleyan has implemented various prevention measures to promote responsible decision-making, reduce the likelihood of harm, and support the creation of a healthier campus culture. Prevention efforts at Wesleyan are led primarily by the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee. Membership includes students and administrators.

41. Do you have any signature academic programs or emphases of which you are particularly proud? Learning communities? Foreign study? Honors programs? Undergraduate research? Writing across the curriculum? If so, please describe and indicate proportions of students who participate.

Support for scientific research at Wesleyan is the highest among top liberal arts colleges, and science majors routinely co-author research with their faculty. Interdisciplinary programs abound, among them the College of Letters, College of Social Studies, and the Science in Society Program.

42. What are your strongest academic programs?

While all academic offerings at Wesleyan are excellent. Some programs have an unusually strong national representation, including Film Studies, English, Writing, East Asian Studies, Economics, History, and Molecular Biology & Biochemistry.

43. What are your weakest academic programs? (Please be candid. Everyone has them!)

44. Are there ways in which the academic mission of your school is evolving?

45. Have you completed any new physical facilities with in the past two years? If so, please describe.
Two new dormitories and the new Usdan Campus center.

STUDENT LIFE

46. What percentage of students live in university housing? (F1) 99.00%

47. In what NCAA division do you compete in athletics (choose one) I IA II III.

48. Which inter-collegiate teams (men's and women's) are most competitive? Please list any athletic championships in the last two years.

Mens Soccer
Mens Lacrosse
Mens Crew
Womens Basketball
Womens Softball
Womens Volleyball

49. Please describe the recreational and intramural sports program. Which are the most popular activities?
What proportion of undergraduates participate?

10 Intramural sports teams and 29 Clubs

50. What percentage of men belong to fraternities? (F1) 2.00% Women to sororities?(F1) 0.00%

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