

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO



The University

Wittenberg University is a four-year comprehensive liberal arts and sciences college. Founded in 1845, it is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a connection that helps the University preserve its commitment to producing graduates who have considered their own personal values and take an active interest in the health of their communities.

Wittenberg University strives to educate students by developing in harmony the intellectual, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical qualities that characterize broadly capable and effective leaders. Wittenberg's primary purpose is to provide a close, supportive, caring learning environment and a superior teaching faculty committed to the liberal arts and willing to impart knowledge, inspire inquiry, and encourage independent thought.

Wittenberg is distinguished by its strong interdisciplinary programs, such as the East Asian Studies Program and the Russian Area Studies Program. Although Wittenberg's traditional strengths have been in the liberal arts, the sciences, management, and education have also developed into popular majors for students. One in four students chooses a science major designed to emphasize collaborative problem solving among students and collaborative research among students and faculty members. Wittenberg is one of only a handful of colleges in the country to include community service as a graduation requirement. Also, Phi Beta Kappa is one of the many academic honoraries to grace the campus.

The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the American Association of University Women.

Of Wittenberg's 2,000 students, 60 percent come from Ohio. Wittenberg hosts approximately 30 to 40 new international students each year from twenty to thirty countries. Deliberate efforts to maintain cultural, ethnic, social, and economic diversity avoid the homogeneity of many small private colleges. Wittenberg has a nonwhite population of at least 15 percent; it strives to have a student population that reflects the broader society.

Wittenberg's residential program is based on a philosophy of progressive responsibility. First- and second-year students reside in the residence halls. After the second year, students have the opportunity to live in Greek housing or one of the many University-owned rental units in the University district and other theme housing. The award-winning food service catered by Sodexo serves food in the Central Dining Room, a cafeteria-style eatery, and a café-style eatery.

Location

Wittenberg's 100-acre parklike campus is as functional as it is attractive, with beautiful rolling hills, lush green spaces, and numerous mature trees. Its twenty-seven buildings include outstanding facilities for the sciences, arts, and music, as well as comfortable residence halls and excellent recreational and athletics facilities. The school is located in Springfield, Ohio, which is a small city with a population of 65,000 that provides easy access to big-city excitement in nearby Columbus and Dayton.

While Wittenberg plays a major role in the lives of Springfield residents, the community also offers unique opportunities to the University's students. Wittenberg is a major leader in the community's cultural, academic, and athletic life, yet Wittenberg people see a great benefit to being in Springfield. The community provides an area rich in cultural opportunities and recre-

ational activities, with lakes, public parkland, nature preserves, bike trails, and public golf courses.

Majors and Degrees

Wittenberg offers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, and Bachelor of Science. Many students increase the power of their education degree by double majoring or adding a minor. The Bachelor of Arts degree may be earned in American studies, art, biochemistry/molecular biology, chemistry, communication, computer science, East Asian studies, economics, education (early childhood, elementary, and middle childhood licensing), English, geography, geology, history, languages (French, Spanish, and German), management (with concentrations in accounting, finance, human resources, international business, and marketing), mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religion, Russian area studies, sociology, and theater. The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, physics, and psychology. Minors may be completed in all the above majors and the following: Africana studies, computational science, creative writing, dance, environmental studies, global studies, marine science, music composition, urban studies, and women's studies.

Special areas of study include forestry and environmental studies, international education, languages (Chinese, Japanese, and Russian), and marine biology/freshwater ecology. Through one of the comprehensive preprofessional programs, Wittenberg students can prepare for law school, medical school (including dental, optometry, or veterinary school), physical therapy, theology, nursing, or another postgraduate program. Wittenberg also offers 3-2 programs in computer engineering, engineering, environmental studies, nursing, and occupational therapy. Advanced study during the two years is completed at schools such as Case Western Reserve, Columbia, Duke, Georgia Tech, and Washington (St. Louis).

Academic Programs

Wittenberg graduates are critical thinkers who are equipped for a lifetime of success in a changing world. A Wittenberg education exposes students to a broad range of ideas and inquiries, from scientific investigations to philosophical explorations. Developing excellent communication, writing, and critical-thinking skills, as well as engaging diverse subjects, improves students as scholars and people.

Wittenberg students must complete a course of study in two broad categories: comprehensive education in the liberal arts and sciences and a major program of study. Each of these categories makes up one third of the total credits required for graduation. To make up the remaining one third of the credits, students may choose either elective courses from across the curriculum or courses required for a minor within one or more particular areas. The comprehensive program is based upon general education learning goals. These goals reflect Wittenberg's emphasis on teaching and student learning.

All candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, Music, Science, and Fine Arts degrees must complete 130 semester hours of credit. Generally, a major consists of 32 to 42 semester hours of credit, and a minor consists of 20 to 22 semester hours of credit.

Off-Campus Programs

Every year, around 100 students from Wittenberg study abroad in more than twenty countries. Some programs last for only a few weeks during semester break or take place over the summer for one to two months; other programs last for a semester or an entire academic year. In addition, some students choose to study off campus with cooperative programs in such places as Washington, D.C., and Duke University.

Academic Facilities

Wittenberg's twenty-seven buildings combine the best of tradition (Myers Hall and Recitation Hall are on the National Register of Historic Places) and the best of tomorrow. Hollenbeck Hall, a state-of-the-art academic building, opened in 2000, and the new Barbara C. Kuss Science Center was dedicated in 2003. A new state-of-the-art, 195-bed residence hall designed for new students is set to open in summer 2006. The new science center is equipped with the latest technology in its laboratories and classrooms. The Wittenberg Department of Music is housed in Krieg Hall, a spacious structure specially designed to provide state-of-the-art instruction in music. The Music Building houses a sixteen-unit electronic keyboard laboratory that students use for advanced music composition.

All of the residence halls have computer labs open to the students around the clock. In Hollenbeck Hall, the computer lab is open 24 hours a day. Departmental labs set their own hours, and the computer lab in the Thomas Library is available during open hours. A fiber-optic network connects classroom and administration buildings, the library, and residence halls. All students are given a network account and an e-mail account. Thomas Library has 367,000 volumes and access to millions more through the statewide electronic library catalog OhioLINK.

Costs

Total annual charges for the 2005–06 academic year were \$34,396. This amount included tuition (\$27,342), room (\$3660), and board (\$3594). Estimated costs for books, travel, miscellaneous expenses, and entertainment are \$2400 for in-state students. Wittenberg estimates a total of \$3400 for out-of-state students to account for additional travel expenses.

Financial Aid

Two features that keep Wittenberg affordable for many families are that more than 80 percent of Wittenberg students receive nearly \$25 million each year in scholarships and financial assistance and that Wittenberg's four-year graduation guarantee states that with proper planning, students should be able to graduate in four years rather than the five- to six-year average of many universities. Students are not charged additional tuition or fees if they have met minimum criteria. Financial aid packages are made up of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment on campus. In order to be considered for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Academic and talent-based scholarships are available from \$1000 per year to full tuition regardless of financial need.

Faculty

Wittenberg faculty members are outstanding classroom instructors and true mentors who consider students their top priority and have a genuine interest in teaching undergraduates. Many of the faculty members are renowned experts in their fields. Robert P. Welker, an education professor, was named Ohio Professor of the Year in 2001. He is the fourth professor from Wittenberg in fifteen years to win this prestigious award. Ninety-seven percent of the faculty members have the highest degree in their field; full-time faculty members number 156, and part-time

faculty members number 67. The faculty-student ratio is 1:13, which allows for the average class size of 19 students.

Student Government

The student government for the undergraduate student body is the Student Senate. The Student Senate operates primarily as a legislative body. The senate is elected/selected each spring. Through its committees this body addresses each aspect of student life.

Admission Requirements

Admission to Wittenberg is selective and is based on the following information: high school record, including the strength of the high school and its curriculum and trends in the student's academic work; SAT or ACT scores; cocurricular activities and community participation; recommendations; and an essay. International students and transfer students are encouraged to apply. An on-campus interview is not required but is highly recommended. Students may apply using the regular application or online at the Web site address listed below.

Application and Information

The deadlines for applying are as follows for incoming freshmen: early decision is November 15, early action I is December 1, early action II is January 15, and regular action is March 15. For full consideration for the Smith or Provost scholarship, a complete application for admission must be received by December 1. Students must apply by February 15 to be considered for merit-based scholarships. Transfer student application deadlines are December 1 for the spring semester and July 1 for the fall semester. The international student application deadline is March 15. More information may be obtained by contacting:

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