Facts in Brief

Type: Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective, national, four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences, ranked as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Location: Beautiful 225-acre campus with over 90 buildings in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. 36 miles from the state capital of Harrisburg, 55 miles from Baltimore, 80 miles from Washington, D.C., 117 miles from Philadelphia, and 212 miles from New York City.

Carnegie Basic Classification (2018 update): Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts and Sciences Focus

Accreditation: Gettysburg College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Full-Time Enrollment (Fall 2018):
- Total: 2,644 (on-campus: 2430; off-campus: 214); 46.3% men, 53.7% women
- Students from out of state (domestic students only): 73.4%; states represented: 42
- Domestic students of color: 17.2% (N=455)
- International students: 6.3% (N=166); countries represented: 39

Admissions (Fall 2018): 6,269 applicants, 2,847 admitted, 748 enrolled; acceptance rate: 45.4%.

High-Impact Learning Experiences (Class of 2018): By the time of graduation,
- 74% completed at least one internship.
- 61% held at least one leadership position.
- 51% worked with faculty on research.
- 57% studied abroad for a semester or longer.

94% of the 2018 first-year cohort enrolled in first-year seminars in Fall 2018.

Retention and Graduation:
- Freshman-to-sophomore retention rate (Fall 2017 entering cohort): 91%
- Six-year graduation rate (Fall 2011 entering cohort): 84%

Faculty (Fall 2018): Among the full-time faculty members,
- 55% men, 45% women.
- 98% have earned a doctorate or the highest degree in their field.
- 63% are tenured.
- 23% are domestic faculty of color or international.
- Student-faculty ratio: 9:1; average class size: 17 students

Degrees Conferred (2017-18 Academic Year):
- 604 students earned Bachelor's degrees, 92 (15%) of whom had double majors.
- Most popular majors: Economics (including Mathematical Economics) (9.9%), Political Science (9.2%), Organization and Management Studies (9.0%), Health Sciences (7.9%), Psychology (6.6%), Biology (including Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) (6.2%), English (6.0%), and History (4.7%).

Alumni Outcomes:
- 2017 Graduating Class: 98% are employed or attending graduate/professional school within a year after graduation.
- Recent graduates earned Rhodes, Fulbright, Goldwater, and many other prestigious scholarships.

Degree Programs: 40 majors, 40 minors. Students may design their own interdisciplinary majors for the Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, the College also awards Bachelor of Music in Performance and Bachelor of Music Education degrees. New majors approved in recent years: Cinema and Media Studies (2015), Mathematical Economics (2012; Bachelor of Science), and a Bachelor of Science major in Computer Science (2012).
Special Programs: Gettysburg College offers more than 100 international and domestic off-campus study programs in all majors; Washington Semester; United Nations Semester; dual-degree program in Engineering or Environmental Management/Forestry; Master of Human Resource Management degree affiliation program; Optometry affiliation agreement; teacher certification programs; pre-health professions advising and pre-law advising; a cooperative college consortium with Dickinson and Franklin & Marshall Colleges; the Eisenhower Institute for public policy and leadership with offices in Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg; the Civil War Institute; the Garthwait Leadership Center offering intellectual and experiential opportunities for students and alumni to develop leadership skills.

Honor Societies: Gettysburg College has chapters of Alpha Kappa Delta, Ankh Maat Wedjau Honor Society, Delta Phi Alpha, Eta Sigma Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Lambda Alpha, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Iota, Pi Lambda Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Sigma Pi Sigma on campus.

Library: The Gettysburg College library collection contains over 370,800 volumes. The library also has in its collection over 1,000,000 sound recordings; over 15,000 DVDs and videos; over 4,600 linear feet of manuscripts and archives; and 34,000 music scores. In addition, the library provides access to 309 online databases, over 170,000 e-books, and over 100,000 print and online journals.

Facilities & Resources: 86,000 square-foot Science Center; state-of-the-art science facilities including a proton accelerator, two electron microscopes (transmission and scanning units), Fourier Transform Infrared and NMR Spectrometers, an optics laboratory, greenhouse, planetarium, observatory, and a plasma physics laboratory; 18 public computer labs with over 350 computers; high-speed internet access from all campus buildings along with wireless connections throughout campus; extensive facilities for fine arts, music, and drama including the Sunderman Conservatory and the Majestic Theater; the John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness, a comprehensive physical education and fitness complex; a Center for Career Engagement; a writing center; a national literary magazine (The Gettysburg Review); a Women's Center; an Office of LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Education; and an Office of Multicultural Engagement.

Student Activities: Gettysburg College has a student-run FM radio station, yearbook, newspaper, and literary magazine. A full range of music ensembles such as four choirs, three bands, a symphony orchestra, a jazz ensemble, and a percussion ensemble; Campus Activities Board, a student-run organization creating and planning social events for the campus community; a Student Senate, and approximately 120 student clubs and organizations with over 1,000 leadership opportunities for students. Additionally, the College's Center for Public Service offers extensive service learning and community service opportunities in the surrounding area as well as internationally. The Gettysburg Recreation Adventure Board (GRAB) also offers many outdoor and experiential trips.

Athletics: As a founding member of the Centennial Conference, Gettysburg College sponsors 24 varsity sports (12 for men and 12 for women) that compete at the NCAA Division III intercollegiate level, along with a variety of club, intramural, and recreational teams and programs. Gettysburg was the first institution to claim 100 conference titles and has captured 106 Centennial team championships over the last 33 years.

Residential Life: More than 90% of Gettysburg students live on campus and choose from a broad array of housing options in over 40 residential buildings from traditional residence halls and theme houses to semi-private suites and apartments. First-year students are assigned to traditional residence halls based on their First-Year Seminar or College Writing course. Male students who join one of Gettysburg’s 9 residential fraternities are eligible to move into fraternity houses during the second semester of their sophomore year (based on space availability and a required minimum grade point average). Gettysburg’s 7 sororities do not own separate residences. Students are able to join Greek organizations during the fall semester of their sophomore year.

Endowment Assets (End of Fiscal Year 2018): $331,220,428

Total Operating Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2018): $131,261,131