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.

2018 Carnegie Basic Classification: Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts and Sciences Focus.

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

Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Enrollment (Fall 2020):
- Total: 2,531
  - Living on-campus and studying remotely: 2,495
  - Participating in off-campus study programs (global study & 3-2 program): 36
  - As of September 18 (3 weeks after the Census Date which was August 28), 1.4% (N=36) of the student body are studying abroad or in the 3-2 program; approximately 35% (N=868) are living on campus (mostly first-year students); 64% (N=1613) are studying remotely. (88% of the first-year class are living on campus; 16% of upper-class students are living on campus.)
  - Men: 47.5%; women: 52.5%
  - Among domestic students: out-of-state: 72%; states/territories represented: 41
  - Domestic students of color: 19.9% (N=503)
  - International students: 4.4% (N=112); countries represented: 36
  - First-generation students: 22%
  - Pell Grant recipients: 19%

Admissions (Fall 2020): 6,468 applicants, 3,120 admitted, 640 enrolled; acceptance rate: 48.2%.

High-Impact Learning Experiences (2019 or 2020 graduating class): By the time of graduation,
- 77% had completed at least one internship (2019 graduating class).
- 59% had held at least one leadership position (2019 graduating class).
- 55% had worked with faculty on research (2019 graduating class).
- 59% had studied abroad (for credit) for a semester or longer (2020 graduating class).

Retention and Graduation:
- First-year retention rate (Fall 2018 entering cohort): 91.3%
- Six-year graduation rate (Fall 2014 entering cohort): 85%

Full-Time Faculty (Fall 2019):
- Women: 45%
- 97% have earned a doctorate or the highest degree in their field. (100% of tenured and tenure-track faculty have a doctorate or the highest degree in their field.)
- 66% are tenured.
- 23% are domestic faculty of color or international.
- Student-faculty ratio: 9:1; average class size: 17 students

Degrees Conferred (2019-20 Academic Year):
- 583 students earned Bachelor’s degrees, 110 (19%) of whom completed double majors.
- Most popular majors: Economics (10.7%, including Mathematical Economics), Political Science (10.7%), Organization & Management Studies (9.7%), Biology (7.5%, including Biochemistry & Molecular Biology), English (7.4%), Health Sciences (6.6%), and Psychology (6.2%).

Alumni Outcomes: One-year-out career placement rates of the 2019 Graduating Class:
- 98% employed or attending graduate/professional school within a year after graduation (75% employed; 23%: attending graduate/professional school).
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 five years: Cinema and Media Studies (2015), and Business, Organizations, and Management (2019).

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: The College has chapters of close to 20 honor societies. For details, visit: https://www.gettysburg.edu/offices/student-rights-responsibilities/student-handbook/policy-details?id=9f0b88ea-305d-41d3-9a96-f05b8eedbd9a

Library: Musselman Library’s collection contains 656,843 books; 136,515 films; 13,586,000 audio recordings; 232,691 music scores; 126,705 serials; 332 databases.

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; an Innovation and Creativity Lab to explore and use a variety of 3-D Printers, CNC, CO2 Laser Cutting, Laser Engraving, Virtual Reality (VR) hardware and more; 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 LGBTQIA+ LIFE; 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 Centennial Conference titles and it has captured 114 Centennial team championships since 1983.

Endowment Assets (End of Fiscal Year 2020): $322,736,790

Total Operating Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2020): $133,317,883