Preface

The annual Fact Book contains important facts pertaining to the institutional context and characteristics of Gettysburg College. Its primary purpose is to inform the College’s goals, strategic planning, and decision-making.

The Office of Institutional Analysis compiles the Fact Book based on data provided by various offices on campus. In the course of a year, updates are made as new information becomes available, mostly during the summer and after the fall census date.

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*Include Faculty Representation

Sources: Based on updates by each division and the President's Office as of Oct. 2022
Committees of the Board of Trustees

*These committees have faculty representation.

Source: President's Office; as of Oct. 26, 2022
Profile of the College

Gettysburg College is a four-year, nonsectarian, coeducational liberal arts college located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It is situated adjacent to one of the nation's most famous Civil War battlefields, the Gettysburg National Military Park. Its purpose, as stated in the charter, "is to serve the cause of liberal education in changing times, by providing a community of learning committed to the discovery, exploration, and evaluation of the ideas and actions of man, and to the creative extension of that developing heritage." It is governed by an independent Board of Trustees consisting of thirty-six members who are elected as provided in the Bylaws with the President of Gettysburg College serving as an ex officio trustee.

The College creates opportunities for students to learn specific intellectual skills and to strive for breadth of understanding. A rigorous program of undergraduate learning in the arts and sciences is complemented by student programs designed to challenge and enrich the academic experience. A close student-teacher ratio of approximately 10 to 1 (Fall 2022) and a campus-wide honor code system promote a positive atmosphere of trust.

Historical Overview of the College

The original charter of "Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg" was an act passed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and signed by Governor George Wolf on April 7, 1832. The chief founder of the College, the Rev. Samuel Simon Schmucker, prepared a document to convert the already existing Gettysburg Gymnasium into a college with the intention of advancing "the cause of liberal education, particularly among the German portion of our fellow citizens." That beginning established its continuing heritage as the oldest college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The first academic year began on November 7, 1832 and the instructional program has continued without interruption to the present day.

Two years after its founding, with a student body of 98 students, the College shared a building on High Street with the Lutheran Seminary. Largely through the efforts of Thaddeus Stevens, the College received the first of six grants from the General Assembly to purchase land and construct a building. A tract of land west of North Washington Street of six acres and one perch was purchased. A building then known as the "College edifice," was designed by Philadelphia architect John Trautwine and was ready for limited use in the fall of 1837.
During the Battle of Gettysburg, the College "served as a Union signal station June 30, July 1, and July 4, 1863, and as a hospital for the care of both Union and Confederate wounded July 1 and for some weeks thereafter." Approximately one hundred years later, for a period during the 1960's, Dwight David Eisenhower, following two terms as President of the United States, lived in Gettysburg and maintained an office on campus. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees. These historical ties are maintained today through the Civil War Institute and the Eisenhower Institute with offices in the District of Columbia and Gettysburg College.

By 1937, five hundred students were enrolled on a campus that contained a dozen buildings. Today the student body numbers around 2,400. Except for a few years in the 1930's, there have been women students enrolled as degree candidates since 1889. At the present time the student body is composed of approximately equal numbers of men and women. The name was officially changed to Gettysburg College by an amendment to the charter on November 14, 1921. A restatement or major revision of the charter took place in 1974 and was approved by the Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 1, 1974. Gettysburg College is a charter member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and was first accredited in 1923.


Sources: The Gettysburg College Charter and the Monograph: “Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: A History of Pennsylvania Hall (Old Dorm), Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania” by Charles Glatfelter, 1970. Alumni information provided by Dr. Carey A. Moore, Professor, Department of Religion, and Maureen Forrestal, Assistant Provost for Student Scholarly Engagement & Dean of Fellowships, Scholarships & Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity.
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 best 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.

**2021 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 Undergraduate Enrollment (Fall 2022):**
- Total: 2,378
  - On-Campus (Enrolled at Gettysburg College): 2,232
  - Participating in off-campus study programs (global study & 3-2 program): 146
- Men: 47.8%; women: 52.2%
- Among domestic students: out-of-state: 73.2%; states represented (including DC): 40
- Domestic students of color: 22.1% (N=526)
- International students: 7.8% (N=186); countries represented (including 2 territories): 49
- Pell Grant recipients: 21% (N=495)

**Undergraduate Admissions (Fall 2022):** 5,796 applicants, 3,264 admitted, 644 enrolled; acceptance rate: 56.3%.

**High-Impact Learning Experiences (2022 Graduating Class):** Despite the disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, by the time of their graduation,
- 70% had completed at least one internship (during their years at Gettysburg; same below)
- 57% had worked with faculty on research.
- 20% had studied abroad (for credit) for a semester or longer (Note that this is an outlier due to the pandemic; prior to the pandemic: participation rate of the 2020 Graduating Class was 57%).
- 82% had participated in community service.

**Retention and Graduation:**
- First-year retention rate (Fall 2021 entering cohort): 89%
- Six-year graduation rate (Fall 2016 entering cohort): 82%

**Full-Time Faculty (Fall 2022):**
- Women: 45%
- 97% hold 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.)
- 67% are tenured.
- 27% are domestic faculty of color or international.

**Degrees Conferred (2021-22 Academic Year):**
- 640 students earned Bachelor's degrees, 123 (19%) of whom completed double majors. In total, these 640 students completed 764 majors. Most popular majors: Political Science (9.9%, or 76/764), Economics (9.7%, including Mathematical Economics), Organization & Management Studies/Business, Organizations, & Management (9.0%), Health Sciences (8.6%), Biological Sciences (BIO & BMB combined) (7.5%), Psychology (6.7%) and History (5.5%). (Note: Denominator was the total number of majors completed by this graduating class)

**Alumni Outcomes: One-year-out career placement rates of the 2020 Graduating Class:**
- 99% employed or attending graduate school/pursuing further education within a year after graduation (76% employed; 23% attending graduate school/ pursuing further education).
Degree Programs: 41 majors (this includes a new major approved during Spring 2023: Art History and Museum Studies), 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.

Special Programs: Gettysburg College offers around 80 international and domestic off-campus study programs; Washington 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 College and Franklin & Marshall College; the Eisenhower Institute for public policy and leadership with offices in Washington, D.C. and at Gettysburg College; 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 1,303,973 books; 135,211 films; 1,695,094 audio recordings; 134,689 music scores; 141,469 serials; 341 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 (ICL) that is an open environment where students, faculty, and staff can create, connect, and explore. The lab offers a continually expanding collection of tools including 3D Printers, Laser Cutters, CNC, Sewing Machines, Virtual Reality, and materials to help bring ideas to life; 15 computer labs with over 330 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 Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, 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; a group of student programmers in different departments responsible for 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 Garthwait Leadership Center 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 117 Centennial team championships since 1983.

Endowment Assets (End of Fiscal Year 2022): $389,675,309

Total Operating Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2022): $123,403,837