

MACALESTER COLLEGE

FACT SHEET

2008–2009

THE COLLEGE

Macalester College is a nationally prominent, privately supported liberal arts college. It was founded in 1874 as a Presbyterian-related but non-sectarian college; its first class entered September 15, 1885.

Macalester's commitments to academic excellence, internationalism, diversity, and civic engagement are reflected in the lives of its graduates, including former United States Vice President Walter Mondale '50 and former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan '61.

ADMISSIONS

- First-year applications to Macalester: 5,041
- Percent admitted: 41
- Incoming first-year class: 479
- Percent of incoming students in top quarter of high school class: 96
- National Merit Scholars in incoming first-year class: 33

FINANCIAL AID

- Percent of first-year students receiving need-based grants from Macalester: 64
- Average first-year financial aid package, U.S. student: \$29,499
- Percent of demonstrated student need met by Macalester financial aid: 100



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Fall 2008 enrollment: 1,900 (1,858 full-time, 42 part-time, 58 percent female)
- U.S. states represented by Macalester students: 48
- Countries represented by Macalester students: 90
- Percent of U.S. students who are students of color: 22
- Percent of student body who are U.S. students of color: 18
- Percent increase in enrollment of students of color in past decade: 55
- Percent of international students (excluding students with dual citizenship): 11
If dual citizens and permanent U.S. residents are counted: 17

FACULTY

- Number of full-time faculty members: 164
- Percent of full-time faculty with doctorate or highest degree in their field: 91
- Percent of U.S. and international faculty of color: 20
- Federal and foundation grants received in past year: \$2.76 million
- Books published in past year: 14

ACADEMICS

- Academic majors in natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and fine arts: 37
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 10:1
- Average class size: 17
- Courses offered: about 800
- 2008 graduates: 445
- Most popular majors among 2008 graduates:
 - Economics 55
 - Political Science 49
 - English and Creative Writing 37
 - Biology 36
 - Psychology 35
- 2008 awards:
 - 2 Fulbright grants
 - 2 Watson fellowships
 - 1 National Science Foundation fellowship
 - 1 Goldman Sachs Global Leaders scholarship
- Past 10 years:
 - 4 Rhodes scholarships
 - 26 Fulbright-Hays awards
 - 20 National Science Foundation fellowships
 - 12 Thomas J. Watson fellowships
 - 3 Barry Goldwater scholarships
 - 2 Goldman Sachs Global Leaders scholarships
 - 2 Mellon fellowships
 - 2 Bienecke scholarships
 - 2 Harry S. Truman scholarships
 - 1 British Marshall scholarship
 - 1 Jack Kent Cooke scholarship
 - 1 Morris Udall scholarship

FINANCES

- Endowment 6/30/08: \$665 million
- Operating budget 2008–09: \$79 million
- Private support 2007–08: \$18.7 million
- Costs 2008–09:
 - Tuition and fees: \$36,504
 - Room and board: \$ 8,472
 - Total: \$44,976
- Goal of Step Forward campaign for capital, endowment, and operating priorities: \$150 million
- Amount raised at time of public campaign launch (10/10/08): \$100 million

FACILITIES

- Campus: 53 acres in a historic residential neighborhood in St. Paul, and the 280-acre Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area on the Mississippi River
- Buildings: 7 academic buildings, library, athletic and wellness complex, technology center, campus center, 10 residence halls, and more, totaling more than 1.2 million square feet
- Special residences: 5 language houses (French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish), 4 theme residences (EcoHouse, Cultural House, Hebrew House, Veggie Co-op)
- Leonard Center: 175,000-square-foot, \$45 million athletic and wellness complex, opened August 2008, houses facilities for fitness and wellness programs as well as training and competition areas
- Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center: meeting space, campus store, lecture and performance auditorium, food pavilions featuring foods from around the world

- Olin-Rice Science Center: generous laboratory space for classes and student-faculty research; open design that facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration
- DeWitt Wallace Library: houses 450,000 volumes, subscribes to 1,350 journals, and provides access to more than 16,000 electronic journals, 40,000 e-books, and 10,000 audiovisual materials including film and music. Online services provide access to 1.5 million volumes at seven nearby colleges and materials at libraries throughout the world.
- Institute for Global Citizenship: \$7.5 million new home under construction, due to open in spring 2009, aiming for LEED platinum certification for sustainable construction.
- Flags: Macalester displays the United States flag and, continuously since 1950, the United Nations flag. Flags of students' home countries are flown on a rotating basis outside Carnegie Hall.

CAMPUS LIFE

- Student clubs and organizations: 106
- Musical performance ensembles: 16
- Students participating in theater productions: 250
- Students participating in dance productions: 100
- Students participating in varsity athletics: 325
- All-America student athletes: 1
- All-MIAC first-team athletes: 20
- Community service hours: 58,516



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Study abroad: About 60 percent of Macalester students study abroad for academic credit. In 2007–08, 285 students studied abroad for a semester or more, in 49 countries.
- Internship program: Each year, more than 250 students earn academic credit for supervised internships with local, national, and international businesses and organizations. In 2007–08, 303 students completed internships at 216 locations around the world.
- Civic engagement: Each semester, more than half of students engage in local community work through a community-based course, applied research, off-campus work-study, community service, or a civic leadership program. More than 90 percent are active in the Twin Cities urban community before graduating.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

- Men: Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field
- Women: Basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, volleyball, water polo

ALUMNI

- Number of alumni: 24,552
- Alumni in Twin Cities area: 7,619
- Percent who pursue an advanced degree within three years of graduation: 63
- Macalester ranking among all liberal arts colleges in number of alumni who earned a doctorate between 1996 and 2005: 18