After four years living and learning in this collaborative oasis of intellectual and creative exchange, Swarthmore graduates are prepared for whatever brand of success they imagine for themselves.

A band of talented individuals, our alumni share a few important adjectives.

INTREPID
equipped with the experience, tools, and temperament needed to address the thorniest problems

WORLDLY
able to navigate social and cultural difference with ease and grace

FLEXIBLE
intellectually limber, with skills that breed confidence and poise, regardless of context

PURPOSEFUL
inclined to leverage ideas and resources for the greater good

TENACIOUS
accustomed to working hard and distinguished by fortitude of spirit and will

As for the nuts and bolts, here’s what our graduates actually do.

POST-GRADUATION EMPLOYMENT
Graduating seniors enter a variety of careers, including technology (17%), scientific research (17%), consulting (15%), finance (9%), education (8%), engineering (8%), law (6%), and healthcare (5%). The most popular geographic destinations for students to begin their careers include:

New York City 19%
Philadelphia 17%
Washington, D.C. 14%
Northern California 10%
Boston 9%
Outside of United States 5%
Southern California 4%

ALUMNI PROFESSIONS
Graduates work in a range of occupations, with the largest categories being educators (24%), scientists and mathematicians (13%), physicians (10%), lawyers or judges (8%), business professionals (8%), and computer scientists (6%).

ADVANCED STUDY
Swarthmore alumni regularly attend the nation’s finest graduate and professional programs. Among those entering immediately after graduation, the top destinations are:
1. Harvard University
2. University of Pennsylvania
3. Yale University
4. Princeton University
5. University of Chicago
6. Columbia University
7. Stanford University
8. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
9. Cornell University
10. Oxford University

GRADUATE SCHOOL SUCCESS
During the last five years, 85% of Swarthmore applicants were admitted to medical school, compared to a national average of 42%. 94% of Swarthmore applicants to law school were accepted, compared to a national average of 77%. In a recent national survey, Swarthmore alumni ranked 3rd highest in the country for earned doctorates across all disciplines, 1st in social sciences, 3rd in life sciences, 4th in humanities, and top 10 in education, math and computer sciences, and physical sciences.
Majors and Programs

Ancient History  Anthropology  Arabic  Art  Art History  Asian Studies  Astronomy  Biochemistry  Biology  Black Studies  Chemistry  Chinese  Classics  Cognitive Science  Comparative Literature  Computer Science  Dance  Design Your Own Major  Economics  Educational Studies  Engineering  English Literature  Environmental Studies  Film & Media Studies  French & Francophone Studies  Gender & Sexuality Studies  German Studies  Global Studies  Greek History  Interpretation Theory  Islamic Studies  Japanese  Latin

Location
Suburban setting 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Degrees Offered
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Student Body, Fall 2018
Undergraduates 1,647  Women 842  Men 805  International and dual-U.S. citizens 331

Student/Faculty Ratio 8:1

Academic Partnerships
Tri-College Consortium with Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College; cross-registration with the University of Pennsylvania

SWARTHMORE FACTS

The College
Private, coeducational, non-sectarian liberal arts college with engineering, founded in 1864 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Campus
425 acres, comprising the Scott Arboretum, featuring rolling lawns, a creek, wooded hills, and hiking trails

Majors and Programs

Admissions
In an effort to build a well-rounded class, the admissions staff carefully considers every aspect of the application without a rigid emphasis on any one factor.

Deadlines

Fall Early Decision
Application due November 15  Notification December 15

Winter Early Decision
Application due January 1  Notification February 15

Regular Decision
Application due January 1  Notification late March

Transfer Decision
Application due April 1  Notification May 15

Financial Aid *
Among the world’s most comprehensive, Swarthmore’s aid policies and resources make it possible for qualified students to attend, regardless of financial background. Here’s how:

- For U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented students, Swarthmore’s admissions process does not take financial need into consideration.
- We provide the financial support each admitted student needs to attend Swarthmore.
- Swarthmore aid awards do not include loans.
- Swarthmore charges no required fees except its annual activity fee.

Tuition, room, board, & activities fee (2019-2020) $70,744
Percentage of students receiving need-based aid (Class of 2023) 56%
Average aid award (Class of 2023) $56,326

Total Applicant Group *
(Class of 2023)
Number applied 11,442
(2,144 non-U.S. citizens)
Number admitted 1,019
(114 non-U.S. citizens)
Percent admitted 9%
Number matriculated 418
(215 women, 203 men; 63 non-U.S. citizens)

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Standardized Testing
SAT Reasoning Test, Middle 50%
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing 680–750
Math 700–790

ACT, Middle 50%
Composite 31–34

Geographic Distribution of Students by Home Address (Fall 2018)
Middle Atlantic 37%
West Coast (including AK and HI) 16%
Outside of U.S. 13%
Southeast 10%
Midwest 9%
New England 8%
Southwest 5%
Mountain States 2%
U.S. Territories <1%
Military P.O. <1%

Nondiscrimination Policy: Swarthmore College does not discriminate in education or employment on the basis of sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, medical condition, pregnancy, disability, or any other legally protected status. This policy is consistent with relevant governmental statutes and regulations, including those pursuant to Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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