After four years of 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.

POSTGRADUATION EMPLOYMENT
Graduating seniors enter a variety of career fields, including technology and engineering (27%), research (21%), finance/business (15%), consulting (14%), nonprofit/advocacy (7%), law/politics (7%), education/teaching (7%), and health care (5%). The most popular geographic destinations for students to begin their careers include:

- Philadelphia 21%
- New York City 17%
- Washington, D.C. 17%
- Outside of United States 10%
- Northern California 10%
- Boston 8%

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. Brown University
6. University of Cambridge
7. Columbia University
8. University of Chicago
9. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
10. Stanford University

GRADUATE SCHOOL SUCCESS
During the past five years, 82% of Swarthmore applicants were admitted to medical school, compared with a national average of 42%. Furthermore, 92% of Swarthmore applicants to law school were accepted, compared with a national average of 76%. 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

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### Degrees Offered

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### Academic Partnerships

- Tri-College Consortium with Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College, cross-registration with the University of Pennsylvania

### Student Body, Fall 2020

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<td>Women</td>
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<td>International and dual-U.S. citizens</td>
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### Geographic Distribution of Students by Home Address, Fall 2020

- Middle Atlantic: 37%
- West Coast (including Alaska and Hawaii): 16%
- Outside of U.S.: 14%
- Southeast: 11%
- Midwest: 8%
- New England: 7%
- Southwest: 6%
- Mountain States: 2%
- U.S. Territories: <1%

*Due to rounding, totals may not add up to 100%.

Swarthmore College actively supports and affirms students of all gender identities and expressions.

### Admissions

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

- **Deadlines**
  - **Fall Early Decision**
    - Application due: Nov. 15
    - Notification: Dec. 15
  - **Winter Early Decision**
    - Application due: Jan. 4
    - Notification: Feb. 15
  - **Regular Decision**
    - Application due: Jan. 4
    - Notification: late March
  - **Transfer Decision**
    - Application due: April 1
    - Notification: May 15

### Financial Aid *

Among the world’s most comprehensive, Swarthmore’s financial 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 meet 100% of determined financial need for all admitted students.
- Swarthmore aid decisions do not include loans.
- Swarthmore charges no required fees except its annual activities fee.

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<td>Students receiving need-based Swarthmore aid (Class of 2023)</td>
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<td>Average Swarthmore aid decision (Class of 2023)</td>
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* Tuition includes a $700 Textbook Affordability Program credit for the academic year to use toward course materials in the Swarthmore Campus & Community Store. Financial aid data applies to the 2019-2020 academic year. Please refer to our website for current information about billed costs and financial aid.

### Total Applicant Group, Class of 2024

- Number applied: 11,630 (2,166 non-U.S. citizens)
- Number admitted: 1,054 (126 non-U.S. citizens)
- Percent admitted: 9%
- Number matriculated: 373 (186 women, 187 men; 54 non-U.S. citizens)

### Standardized Testing, Class of 2024

Swarthmore College suspended the SAT/ACT testing requirement for first-year applicants for fall 2021 and 2022. We will re-evaluate this policy for 2023.

- **SAT Reasoning Test, Middle 50%**
  - Evidence-Based: 700–760
  - Reading & Writing: 700–760
  - Math: 700–790

- **ACT, Middle 50%**
  - Composite: 31–35