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.

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 last 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.

**TENACIOUS**
Accustomed to working hard and distinguished by fortitude of spirit and will

**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

Philadelphia, seen here from Swarthmore’s campus, is less than 30 minutes away by train.
SWARTHMORE FACTS

The College
Private, nonsectarian 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

Location
Suburban setting 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia

Student/Faculty Ratio
8:1

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
- Language & Literature
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Medieval Studies
- Modern Languages & Literatures
- Music
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theater

Degrees Offered
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering

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

Student Body, Fall 2020
- Undergraduates 1,439
- Women 737
- Men 702
- International and dual-U.S. citizens 326

Geographic Diversity of International Students, Fall 2020*
- Asia 41%
- Africa 12%
- South/Central America 11%
- Caribbean 11%
- North America Non-U.S. 10%
- Middle East 9%
- Eastern Europe 4%
- Australia/New Zealand/South Pacific 2%
- *includes international and dual citizens; due to rounding, totals may not add up to 100%

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. 3
  Notification Feb. 15
- Regular Decision
  Application due Jan. 3
  Notification late March

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
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 Reading & Writing 700–760
- Math 700–790

ACT, Middle 50%
- Composite 31–35

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.

- Tuition, room, board, & activities fee (2020–2021)
  $71,310
- Students receiving need-based aid (Class of 2023) 56%
- Average aid decision for non-U.S. citizens (Class of 2023) $65,245

* Data accurate as of March 1, 2021. 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.

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