

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE



Swarthmore College is where intellectually curious problem solvers join together for a better world.

Fast Facts

The College

A private, nonsectarian liberal arts college founded in 1864 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). We offer a Bachelor of Arts and an ABET-accredited 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/Faculty Ratio

8:1; with an average class size of 17.

Location

Suburban setting 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia.



Campus

A 425-acre arboretum with rolling lawns, stunning gardens, and wooded hiking trails.

- 94% of students live on campus.
- Housing is guaranteed all four years.

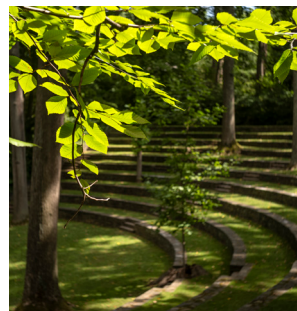
Student Body, Fall 2025

Undergraduates	1,695
International and dual U.S. citizens	23%
U.S. students of color	53%

Geographic Distribution of Students by Home Address (Fall 2025)*

Mid-Atlantic	37%
West Coast	14%
Outside of U.S.	14%
Southeast	11%
Midwest	8%
New England	7%
Southwest	6%
Mountain States	3%
U.S. Territories	1%

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



Swarthmore Tuition Guarantee

Starting in the fall of 2027, Swarthmore College will provide financial aid that meets at least the cost of tuition for students whose families have a household income of \$200,000 or less and have typical assets.



Scan the QR code to learn more or visit swarthmore.edu/tuition-guarantee.

Swarthmore welcomes and affirms students from all races, religions, socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual and gender identities, citizenship statuses, and geographic locations. While we make admissions decisions without regard to race, our holistic admissions process considers individuals' lived experiences, and our student body represents people from all walks of life.

What Happens After Graduation?

Post-graduation Employment

The most popular U.S. cities for graduates to begin their careers include:

- Philadelphia
- New York City
- Boston
- Washington, D.C.
- San Francisco
- Chicago

Alumni Professions

As reported by the Class of 2025:

- Engineering 18%
- Education 12%
- Research 12%
- Finance 11%
- Legal and Administrative 7%
- Healthcare 6%
- Consulting 5%
- Data & Analytics 5%

Graduate School Success

During the past five years:

84% of Swarthmore students who applied to medical school were admitted, compared with a national average of 42%.

89% of Swarthmore students who applied to law school were admitted, compared with a national average of 69%.

In a recent national survey, Swarthmore alumni **ranked third-highest in the country for earned doctorates across all disciplines**; second in math and computer sciences; fifth in life sciences, psychology, and social sciences; and top 10 in physical sciences and earth sciences.

Advanced Study

Swarthmore alumni regularly attend the nation's finest graduate and professional programs. Among those from the graduating Class of 2025 entering immediately after graduation, the top destinations are:

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| Carnegie Mellon University | Thomas Jefferson University |
| Columbia University | University of California, Berkeley |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | University of Pennsylvania |
| New York University | University of Southern California |

About the Admission Process

Admissions

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

Deadlines

Fall Early Decision

Application due November 15
Notification mid-December

Winter Early Decision

Application due January 4
Notification mid-February

Regular Decision

Application due January 4
Notification late March

Transfer Decision

Application due April 1
Notification mid-May

Financial aid applications are due by the same deadlines as admissions (for domestic students).

Class of 2030

Number applied	13,029
(5,156 non-U.S. citizens)	
Number admitted	969
(124 non-U.S. citizens)	
Percent admitted	7.44%
Number enrolled	445
(72 non-U.S. citizens)	

Standardized Testing, Matriculating Class of 2030

Swarthmore is test-optional in the application process.

Verified test scores of those who submitted:

SAT Reasoning Test, Middle 50%	
Evidence-based Reading & Writing	730-770
Math	740-790
ACT, Middle 50%	
Composite	33-35

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, undocumented students, and asylee/refugee students, Swarthmore's admissions process does not take financial need into consideration.
- The College meets 100% of determined financial need for all admitted students.
- Swarthmore aid decisions do not include loans.
- Students have free access to things like laundry, printing, event tickets, athletic games, and lab classes.
- Your financial aid decision does not change if you study abroad.

Total billed cost (tuition, housing, food, and activity fee)
(2025–26) \$90,692

Students receiving need-based Swarthmore aid 56%

Average aid decision \$75,268

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* Tuition includes an \$800 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 2025–26 academic year. Please refer to swarthmore.edu/financial-aid for current information about billed costs and financial aid.

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MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

- Ancient History
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Architectural Studies
- Art
- Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Black Studies
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classics
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design Your Own Major
- Economics
- Educational Studies
- Engineering (ABET-accredited)
- 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
- Latin American & Latino Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Medieval Studies
- Modern Languages & Literatures
- Music
- Neuroscience
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theater