SWARTHMORE GRADUATES ARE PREPARED TO LEAD AS STEWARDS OF THE COMMON GOOD.

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

Advanced Study
Swarthmore alumni regularly attend the nation’s finest graduate and professional programs. Among those entering immediately after graduation, the top destinations are:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- New York University
- Stanford University
- University of Chicago
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pennsylvania
- Villanova University
- Yale University

Alumni Professions
As reported by the Class of 2022:

- Research: 21%
- Consulting: 16%
- Engineering: 16%
- Legal & Administration: 12%
- Finance: 10%
- Education & Teaching: 10%
- Writing & Communications: 4%

Graduate School Success
During the past five years:

- 79% of Swarthmore students who applied to medical school were admitted, compared with a national average of 42%.
- 87% of Swarthmore students who applied to law school were admitted, compared with a national average of 72%.

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
As a community of learners at Swarthmore College, we acknowledge that our campus is situated in Lenapehoking — also known as the Land of the Lenape — past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Indigenous people who stewarded it throughout the generations and who were driven from it by European and American colonizers. We commit to serve as responsible stewards of the land and to our shared, ongoing responsibility for community care. Consistent with Swarthmore’s commitment to social responsibility, we seek to build a more inclusive and equitable learning space for present and future generations through deliberate actions and collaborations.
ABOUT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The College
A private, nonsectarian liberal arts college with ABET-accredited engineering, founded in 1864 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

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

○ 96% of students live on campus.
○ Housing is guaranteed all four years.

Location
Suburban setting 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

Student/Faculty Ratio
8:1

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.

ABOUT THE ADMISSIONS 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

Standardized Testing
Matriculating Class of 2027
Swarthmore has extended the test-optional policy for students applying for fall 2024 and fall 2025 entry.

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.

○ 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)
(2022–23) $77,354

Students receiving need-based Swarthmore aid 51%
Average Swarthmore aid decision $62,570

* Tuition includes a $790 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 2022–23 academic year. Please refer to swarthmore.edu/financial-aid for current information about billed costs and financial aid.

Student Body, Fall 2022

Undergraduates: 1,699
International and dual-U.S. citizens: 22%
U.S. students of color: 52%

Geographic Distribution of Students by Home Address
(Fall 2022)*

Mid-Atlantic 33%
West Coast 16%
Outside of U.S. 16%
Southeast 12%
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 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 experience, and our student body represents people from all walks of life.

MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Ancient History
Anthropology
Arabic
Art
Art History
Asian American Studies
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Biochemistry
Biological Science
Black Studies
Chemistry
Chemistry Education
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
Latin American & Latino Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics & Statistics
Medical Anthropology
Medieval Studies
Modern Languages & Literatures
Music
Neuroscience
Peace & Conflict Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Russian
Sociology
Spanish
Theater

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