

BELLARMINA UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	88
Fire Safety Rating	88
Green Rating	75
Type of school	private
Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Environment	metropolis

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,612
% male/female	36/64
% from out of state	31
% from public high school	66
% live on campus	44
# of fraternities	1
# of sororities	1
% African American	3
% Asian	2
% Caucasian	82
% Hispanic	3
% international	1
# of countries represented	32

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Students get along with local community

Students love Louisville, KY

Great off-campus food

Low cost of living

Very little drug use

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	85
% students graduating within 4 years	52
% students graduating within 6 years	65
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	13:1
Profs interesting rating	92
Profs accessible rating	89
Most common reg class size	21 students
Most common lab size	21 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

business, nursing, communication, biology, psychology

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

A “small, private, Catholic university,” in the heart of vibrant Louisville, Kentucky, Bellarmine University has a curriculum that casts an eye toward the future and provides a “well-rounded education” that is not only “demanding in academic excellence” but also “prepares students for the real-world, both mentally and socially.” Bellarmine’s unique combination of “service, academics, and learning” ensures that “each student is fully prepared to excel in their job opportunities, as well as in life.” A “premier college” with an academic lens that merges rigorous education and spiritual awareness toward practical ends, students note the curriculum’s “real-world” focus on “teaching students to become professional adults.” Professors are “friendly and approachable,” with “a genuine love of their craft” and an investment in “ensuring an enriching experience for students beyond the classroom.” Bellarmine is “a small school with big-school quality and ambitions,” and students benefit from “small classes” and “personalized attention” and are often drawn to Bellarmine for its “great reputation” and “generous scholarships.” With an academic mission that focuses on “exploration, discovery, and growth in yourself and your understanding of the world,” Bellarmine encourages its students to continue their educations outside the university setting. Its “study abroad programs are fantastic.” The university also has “a great physical therapy and nursing program,” according to students.

Life

A “tight-knit community” with “a beautiful campus,” Bellarmine balances big city sophistication with an active, conscientious student body. As one student aptly summarizes, “Bellarmine is all about creating the small school atmosphere on an academically strong campus in the heart of a big city.” Students are quick to note the campus’s proximity to Louisville’s Bardstown Road where there is a plethora of “restaurants, stores, and coffee shops” “within walking distance from campus.” On the weekends, students “frequent [Louisville’s] opera and theater productions and visit museums.” On campus, “life at Bellarmine is very upbeat.” The university sponsors “a large variety of sports and extracurricular events.” “Students are extremely interested in getting involved,” and “intramurals are very popular.” For many, due to its small size, Bellarmine embodies “a home away from home.” Though students note that Bellarmine has a somewhat “homogeneous population,” “the part of the city of Louisville where Bellarmine is located is a very liberal art oriented.” Bellarmine champions a commitment to “community; how you are involved in it, how you can change it for the better, and what it can do for you.”

Student Body

Like the academic curriculum itself, Bellarmine students are “willing to broaden the mind and be introduced to new experiences.” The typical Bellarmine student is “friendly, helpful, and intellectual.” With an eye toward advancement and applying education in a real-world setting, students describe themselves as “hardworking” and “dedicated to making good grades, graduating, and starting a career.” However, Bellarmine’s students acknowledge that it’s not all nose in the book at Bellarmine. In the words of one student, “Bellarmine students like to relax and achieve.” Students are “extremely motivated,” “take pride in their work,” and still “can enjoy good times outside of school.” A typical Bellarmine student might be found “sitting on the grass in the quad, playing Frisbee, in the library, or in their studio working on their next big project.” By and large, students describe the population at Bellarmine as “upper-middle-class Caucasian” with “lots of athletes.” Due to the school’s religious foundation, many students come from “private Catholic schools” in the Louisville vicinity. Though students remark that there are “not a lot of atypical students,” those who march to the beat of a different drummer “do find a place to fit in.” “Open-minded and personable,” “most students who attend Bellarmine are there for a reason—to succeed.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: Academic GPA, recommendation(s), rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores, character/personal qualities, level of applicant's interest. *Important factors considered include:* Class rank, extra-curricular activities. *Other factors considered include:* Application essay, alumni/ae relation, first generation, geographical residence, interview, racial/ethnic status, state residency, talent/ability, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required; ACT with or without writing component accepted. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required, and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 3 science (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 2 social studies, 1 history, 5 academic elective. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 mathematics, 4 science (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 3 social studies, 2 history, 7 academic elective.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, school scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds. *Loan aid offered:* Federal Perkins, state loans, university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning April 1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Off-campus job opportunities are excellent.

The Inside Word

Admissions at Bellarmine University is competitive. However, much like their mission statement, Bellarmine's admissions committee views applicants' profiles from a composite perspective and is looking for a well-rounded candidate whose qualifications reflect more than the sum total of a GPA and test scores. Recommendations and personal statements—which present a stronger picture of the students' educational goals—volunteer experiences, and extracurricular commitments, hold significant weight. Candidates with strong grades and diverse interests are likely to earn acceptance.

THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

From the Admissions Office

“Bellarmine University prepares its students for success with a broad, liberal arts education combined with training for mastery in a specialized area. We engage students in the classroom and expand their horizons through internship and study-abroad opportunities. State-of-the-art facilities like the Norton Health Sciences Center and a Service Learning Clinic offer real-life, hands on experience for nursing and doctor of physical therapy students. Bellarmine delivers this world-class education just five miles from downtown Louisville, the nation's 16th-largest city. The 135-acre campus is set in a safe, historic, and eclectic neighborhood and features a fitness center, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a sand volleyball court, athletics fields and a beautiful new dining hall. Recent additions to the campus reflect the university's academic emphasis on a liberal arts core curriculum surrounded by competitive graduate and professional schools, while the campus library houses the largest collection of works by and about internationally renowned author and Trappist monk Thomas Merton. With more than fifty clubs and organizations on campus and eighteen NCAA Division II athletic teams, and Division I men's lacrosse, Bellarmine offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all students. Students who live on campus also find a Bellarmine difference in the living arrangements. From traditional college residence halls to apartment-style and suite living arrangements, students have many housing options. The university has completed a major new residence hall complex that surrounds a Tuscan-style piazza. As Bellarmine attracts more residential students, the university has created more spaces for them to hang out, such as the café on the ground floor of the Siena Primo residence hall.”

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	86
# of applicants	6,816
% of applicants accepted	51
% of acceptees attending	16

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	480–610
Range SAT Math	500–605
Range ACT Composite	22–26
Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum computer TOEFL	213
Minimum web-based TOEFL	80
Average HS GPA	3.52
% graduated top 10% of class	20
% graduated top 25% of class	54
% graduated top 50% of class	83

DEADLINES

Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	11/15
Regular	
Priority	2/1
Deadline	8/15
Notification	10/1
Nonfall registration?	yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	75
Annual tuition	\$26,190
Room and board	\$9,070
Required fees	\$1,150
Books and supplies	\$876
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	83
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	75
% frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	44
% UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	45
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	56
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	51
% frosh rec. any financial aid	100
% UG rec. any financial aid	96
% UG borrow to pay for school	67
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$23,925