

BELLARMI UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE	
Quality of Life Rating	90
Fire Safety Rating	95
Green Rating	72
Type of school	private
Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Environment	metropolis

STUDENTS	
Total undergrad enrollment	2,391
% male/female	36/64
% from out of state	38
% from public high school	69
% frosh live on campus	77
# of fraternities	1
# of sororities	1
% African American	4
% Asian	2
% Caucasian	82
% Hispanic	4
% international	2
# of countries represented	29

SURVEY SAYS . . .	
<i>Students get along with local community</i>	
<i>Students love Louisville, KY</i>	
<i>Great off-campus food</i>	
<i>Low cost of living</i>	
<i>Very little drug use</i>	

ACADEMICS	
Academic Rating	82
% students returning for sophomore year	77
% students graduating within 4 years	52
% students graduating within 6 years	67
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	12:1
Profs interesting rating	88
Profs accessible rating	86
Most classes have	10–19 students
Most lab/discussion sessions have	10–19 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS	
business/commerce; nursing/registered nurse (rn, asn, bsn, msn); psychology	

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

Bellarmino University is a “high-energy school completely focused on academics,” with a faculty and staff that are “willing to go beyond the call of duty all in the name of your education.” The school has a good amount of prestige in Kentucky (and to some extent, the country) and encourages critical thinking, teaching others, and “building a strong, involved community.” Many of its students consider it “a friendly stepping stone to higher education,” and the school is on track to improve existing schools and programs (both physical and internal aspects), and to add innovative new ones. As it stands, the “self-directed research opportunities” and sense of community are “absolutely incredible” here. Students admire the school’s integrity and dedication to its students’ well-being, citing as a main strength its “ability to provide an avenue for every individual to express themselves and to receive the most from their education.”

Professors “love their students” and “will do whatever it takes to help them succeed.” “Not only are they experts in their field, but they truly care about your learning and whether you are getting the most out of the class possible,” says a student. Small class sizes “maximize participation and professor involvement with the student.” With so much support from faculty (who are all “readily available for assistance outside of class”), there are “a lot of opportunities for growth,” as well as for help on homework, papers, and exams. “I can even wake up for my 8:00 A.M. classes because they are that interesting,” says a student.

The administration is similarly “more than helpful.” “I’ve been able to obtain great leadership roles on campus that will help me in the future,” says a student. The school’s Freshman Orientation process—in which new students go on a retreat before classes start to meet other classmates—also helps to make “anyone and everyone who comes to campus feel welcome.” “I’ve learned many new ways of seeing things, i.e., culturally, critically, etc.,” says a student.

Life

Located “in the heart of a beautiful city” (Louisville, Kentucky), Bellarmine “revolves around a community.” “I chose Bellarmine because it has the atmosphere of an intimate school, but is in a city-like area,” says a student. Also, the campus, located on a giant hill, is “gorgeous,” which “makes studying anywhere on campus easy.” There are “so many” cute little shops and unique restaurants within walking distance, and “the big city of Louisville offers theaters, baseball, and pretty much everything else you could want!”

A great deal of students are commuters or nontraditional students, but there are many clubs and activities for these students to get involved in so they can find their niche. “There are always events on campus,” says a student. School-hosted events around town “are a weekly thing.” As for fun, students here are “just like every other college student—working hard on the weekdays and trying to have fun on the weekends!” Since there are no fraternity houses or sorority houses for the one of each at BU, “most evening and weekend shenanigans happen off campus at house parties and bars for those old enough.” If there is a complaint, it’s that the food in the dining halls “could use some work.”

Student Body

This “very friendly” bunch of students has typically “always been in good academic standing,” and the students are “full of school spirit and eager to meet new people in classes.” A wide variety of personalities exist on campus, and “nobody appears ashamed to be themselves by openly expressing their personality and views.” International students in particular are “highly welcomed.” The “rigorous” nursing program at Bellarmine is well-regarded, so there are a large number of nursing students on campus. Though the school can be a “little cliquey”—“They don’t call it the ‘high school on the hill’ for nothing”—it’s nothing too terrible. “It seems like everyone knows everyone,” says a student. “No one feels like a total stranger.”

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 electives. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 mathematics, 4 science (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 3 social studies, 2 history, 7 academic electives.

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, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford, Direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, state loans, college/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning April 1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Highest amount earned per year from on-campus jobs \$2,500. 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 offer over fifty majors in the arts and sciences, humanities, education, communication, business, nursing and health science, plus graduate programs in nursing, education, physical therapy, business and communication. We engage students in state-of-the-art classrooms and expand their horizons through internship and study abroad opportunities. Bellarmine delivers this world-class education just five miles from downtown Louisville, the nation's sixteenth 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, athletics fields, and two beautiful new dining halls. With more than fifty clubs and organizations on campus and twenty NCAA Division II athletic teams, plus Division I men's lacrosse, Bellarmine offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all students. Recent additions to the campus reflect the university's academic emphasis on a liberal arts core curriculum surrounded by competitive graduate and professional schools. Students who reside on campus also find a Bellarmine difference in the living arrangements. From traditional college residence halls to apartment-style and suite living arrangements, plus a new living-learning community, students have many housing options. The university has completed four new residence halls that surround 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	6,955
% of applicants accepted	52
% of acceptees attending	17

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	490–580
Range SAT Math	490–600
Range ACT Composite	22–27
Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum web-based TOEFL	80
Average HS GPA	3.5
% graduated top 10% of class	26
% graduated top 25% of class	59
% graduated top 50% of class	87

DEADLINES

Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	12/1
Regular	
Priority	2/1
Deadline	8/15
Nonfall registration?	yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	72
Annual tuition	\$30,900
Room and board	\$9,560
Required fees	\$1,240
Books and supplies	\$836
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	97
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	30
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	29
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	67
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	64
% frosh rec. any financial aid	100
% UG rec. any financial aid	98
% UG borrow to pay for school	70
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$26,212
% frosh need fully met	18
% ugrads need fully met	11
Average % of frosh need met	76
Average % of ugrad need met	54