

BELLARMINA UNIVERSITY

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| CAMPUS LIFE | |
| Quality of Life Rating | 84 |
| Fire Safety Rating | 90 |
| Green Rating | 60* |
| Type of school | private |
| Affiliation | Roman Catholic |
| Environment | metropolis |

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| STUDENTS | |
| Total undergrad enrollment | 2,068 |
| % male/female | 36/64 |
| % from out of state | 30 |
| % from public high school | 64 |
| % live on campus | 43 |
| % in (# of) fraternities | 1 (1) |
| % in (# of) sororities | 1 (1) |
| % African American | 3 |
| % Asian | 3 |
| % Caucasian | 82 |
| % Hispanic | 2 |
| % international | 2 |
| # of countries represented | 29 |

SURVEY SAYS . . .
Students get along with local community
Students love Louisville, KY
Great off-campus food
Low cost of living
(Almost) no one smokes
Very little drug use

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| ACADEMICS | |
| Academic Rating | 82 |
| Calendar | semester |
| Student/faculty ratio | 12:1 |
| Profs interesting rating | 87 |
| Profs accessible rating | 87 |
| Most common reg class size | 10–19 students |
| Most common lab size | 10–19 students |

MOST POPULAR MAJORS
 biology/biological sciences
 business/commerce
 nursing/registered nurse
 (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)

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, extracurricular 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. 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 1/1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* FFEL Subsidized Stafford, FFEL Unsubsidized Stafford, FFEL PLUS, Federal Perkins, state loans, college/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 4/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are excellent.

The Inside Word

With an 80 percent selectivity rating, 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 is known for providing students with outstanding personal attention in the classroom. For many out-of-town students, however, Bellarmine's location makes the difference. Just 5 miles from downtown Louisville, Bellarmine is at the heart of the cultural and recreational offerings of the nation's sixteenth-largest city. The 135-acre campus is set in a safe, historic neighborhood that features an executive golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a fitness center, a sand volleyball court, and athletic fields. Recent additions to the campus reflect the university's academic emphasis on a liberal arts core curriculum surrounded by competitive graduate and professional schools. The state-of-the-art Norton Health Sciences Center and a Service Learning Clinic offer real-life, hands-on experience for nursing and physical therapy students, while the campus library houses the largest collection of works by and about internationally renowned author and Trappist monk Thomas Merton. With more than 50 clubs and organizations on campus and 18 NCAA Division II athletic teams, and Division I men's lacrosse, Bellarmine offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all students. Countless internships and study-abroad programs offer additional opportunities for students to expand their horizons outside the classroom. Students who live on campus will also find a Bellarmine difference, namely the living arrangements. From the traditional college residence hall layout to apartment-style and suite living arrangements, students have many housing options. All residence halls offer amenities such as laundry facilities, computer labs, study rooms, and air conditioning.”

SELECTIVITY

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| Admissions Rating | 80 |
| # of applicants | 4,336 |
| % of applicants accepted | 58 |
| % of acceptees attending | 23 |

FRESHMAN PROFILE

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| Range SAT Critical Reading | 500–600 |
| Range SAT Math | 500–600 |
| Range ACT Composite | 22–26 |
| Minimum paper TOEFL | 550 |
| Minimum computer TOEFL | 213 |
| Minimum web-based TOEFL | 80 |
| Average HS GPA | 3.47 |
| % graduated top 10% of class | 22 |
| % graduated top 25% of class | 55 |
| % graduated top 50% of class | 83 |

DEADLINES

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

FINANCIAL FACTS

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| Financial Aid Rating | 78 |
| Annual tuition | \$27,800 |
| Room and board | \$8,410 |
| Required fees | \$1,100 |
| Books and supplies | \$744 |
| % frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid | 75 |
| % UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid | 69 |
| % frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid | 30 |
| % UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid | 27 |
| % frosh rec. need-based self-help aid | 50 |
| % UG rec. need-based self-help aid | 49 |
| % frosh rec. athletic scholarships | 8 |
| % UG rec. athletic scholarships | 9 |
| % frosh rec. any financial aid | 100 |
| % UG rec. any financial aid | 97 |
| % UG borrow to pay for school | 66 |
| Average cumulative indebtedness | \$19,055 |