

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	92
Fire Safety Rating	96
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Environment	Metropolis

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,488
% male/female	36/64
% from out of state	29
% frosh from public high school	67
% frosh live on campus	67
% ugrads live on campus	40
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join)	1 (1)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join)	1 (1)
% African American	5
% Asian	2
% Caucasian	80
% Hispanic	4
% Native American	<1
% Pacific Islander	<1
% Two or more races	4
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	4
% international	1
# of countries represented	17

SURVEY SAYS...

Students are happy
Lab facilities are great
Great library
Internships are widely available
Students get along with local community
Students love Louisville, KY
Everyone loves the Knights
Alumni active on campus
Active student government

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	81
% students returning for sophomore year	79
% students graduating within 4 years	56
% students graduating within 6 years	67
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	11:1
Profs interesting rating	88
Profs accessible rating	91
Most classes have 10–19 students. Most lab/discussion sessions have fewer than 10 students.	

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Kinesiology and Exercise Science; Psychology, General; Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

STUDENTS SAY "..."

Academics

Located at the edge of Louisville, this small Catholic university offers fifty majors and “seeks to benefit the public interest, to help create the future, and to improve the human condition.” A “superb teaching staff,” a recently renovated library, and an Academic Resource Center with free tutoring cohere to deliver a “challenging but rewarding” academic experience for students. The nursing program is a big draw here, as are Bellarmine’s study abroad programs in sixty-eight countries, which more than a third of students avail themselves of. Generous financial aid only sweetens the pot. In line with its mission, Bellarmine University “seeks to train its students in the love of truth and equips them with the skills and tools necessary (e.g., critical thinking, problem solving) to live an enriched life.”

The “insightful and dedicated” professors are almost always available to answer questions or concerns, and “want their students to pass their class with as much knowledge as possible.” Because of the small class sizes (“I have one class with seven students,” reports an actuarial science major), students are able to have one-on-one discussions with their professors. Most professors at Bellarmine “even provide their personal cell phones to students on their syllabi.” This access to professors “really [establishes] an ability to grow closer to future employers and be willing to open up with them about issues, concerns, or ideas.” Material is often taught through real world applications, and many teachers will even “help you find internships and jobs.” Though students admit that some adjunct professors can be below par, “Bellarmine takes their course evaluations pretty seriously and assesses the situation quickly.”

Life

People here are “very studious” during the week, but weekends offer plenty of options for socializing. A major hub of the city (Bardstown Road) is nearby, providing lots of little shops, restaurants, and bars, and the campus is close to the Louisville Zoological Garden, a park where students can often be found “playing and hanging out.” The university also coordinates off-campus activities such as “Knight at the Movies” (the knight is Bellarmine’s mascot), ice skating, and concerts, and students can take advantage of the Louisville Connections program, which offers “free tickets to events or places around Louisville, such as to Dracula at Actors Theatre, a day at Kentucky Kingdom, or a day horseback riding.”

On campus, most people “hang around Cafe Ogle in between classes, sipping on coffee and working on their laptops.” Bellarmine’s men’s basketball team draws huge crowds, and the school has “a niche, club or activity for everyone” (and “encourages and supports any club a student would like to create”). There are also events like “Late Knight Bingo, which is a huge Bingo party where students can win really awesome prizes,” Homecoming, and “Ball on the Belle (a Halloween dance on the [steamboat] Belle of Louisville).” The campus itself is both beautiful and “small enough to be easily traversed if you only have 10 minutes between classes and need to be across campus.”

Student Body

Though mostly white and from Kentucky and neighboring states, this is a socially wide-ranging group considering the small size of the student body, which naturally allows “blobbing of the social groups.” The school is “welcoming to every single person and makes an effort to include everyone.” “We are exposed to different cultures and customs from around the world seeing that our student body is so diverse,” says a student. “I can’t say I’ve ever met a stranger,” says a student. Everyone is always willing to help and “comfort you with just a simple smile on their face.” The strong athletic programs are never placed above academics, and “most all the athletes are also amazing students.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

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

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. Priority filing deadline is 11/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds; Federal Pell; Private scholarships; SEOG; State scholarships/grants. *Loan aid offered:* Direct PLUS loans; Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans; Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 1/31. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

The Inside Word

Admissions at Bellarmine University is relatively competitive. However, as you would expect from their mission statement, the admissions committee takes a holistic approach to applications, 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 should present a strong picture of the student's 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 students for success through a liberal arts education, combined with training for mastery in a specialized area. We offer more than fifty majors in the arts and sciences, humanities, education, communication, business, environmental studies, 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 175-acre campus is set in a safe, historic and eclectic neighborhood, and features a fitness center, tennis courts, athletic fields and two new dining halls. With more than fifty clubs and organizations, twenty NCAA Division II athletic teams, plus Division I men's lacrosse, Bellarmine offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all students. Students who reside on campus also find a Bellarmine difference in the living arrangements. From traditional residence halls to apartment-style and suite living arrangements, students have many housing options to choose from; the newest residence halls surround a Tuscan-style piazza. As Bellarmine attracts more residential students, the university has created more gathering spaces for them, such as the café on the ground floor of the Siena Primo residence hall. New learning communities cater to residents and commuters alike, offering opportunities for focused, collaborative studies on topics such as leadership, healthcare, science and technology."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	74
# of applicants	5,535
% of applicants accepted	86
% of acceptees attending	14

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT EBRW	540-640
Range SAT Math	520-630
Range ACT Composite	22-28
# submitting SAT scores	121
% submitting SAT scores	19
# submitting ACT scores	595
% submitting ACT scores	91
Average HS GPA	3.6

DEADLINES

Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	11/15
Regular	
Priority	2/1
Deadline	8/15
Notification	1/31
Nonfall registration?	Yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	84
Annual tuition	\$40,880
Room and board	\$9,420
Required fees	\$1,950
Books and supplies	\$752
Average frosh need-based scholarship	\$30,751
Average UG need-based scholarship	\$27,188
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	98
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	32
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	30
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	72
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	69
% UG borrow to pay for school	71
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$29,095
% frosh need fully met	25
% ugrads need fully met	22
Average % of frosh need met	82
Average % of ugrad need met	77