Applying to Duquesne

Admission Requirements
Our trained admissions staff members evaluate your credentials and determine whether you are the right academic fit for Duquesne.

We are looking for students who fit Duquesne’s motto of an Education for the Mind, Heart and Spirit.

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To apply to Duquesne, please submit the following:

• Application form – online or downloadable at www.duq.edu
• Original or attested copies of official academic records from at least the last 4 years of education
• At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor
• Standardized tests (SAT/ACT) – SATs are generally not required for international applicants; however, some specific programs will request an SAT score from international students. The Office of International Programs will notify you of these requirements.

• Personal statement about yourself of at least 300 words, which answers the following questions: What is unique about you? Why have you chosen this major? How will Duquesne help you to achieve your academic, personal and professional goals?

• Certification of Finances that will allow you to receive a student visa to study at Duquesne. The Office of International Programs will be able to assist you with this part of the process once you have applied to Duquesne.

Please note that video interviews are sometime requested once your application is under review.

Scholarships
International Student Libermann Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded based on past academic performance demonstrating how Duquesne is the “right fit” for you. The amount awarded varies from $5,000 - $15,000 per year. You are automatically evaluated for this scholarship if your application is received before April 1.

Athletic Scholarship: As a Division I University, Duquesne offers highly competitive athletic scholarships to athletically talented students.

Music Scholarship: Students applying to the School of Music are reviewed for these scholarships if they have submitted their academic application and music audition by February 10. The awards are based on the successful completion of the audition, theory and music theory exams.

Estimated Costs
For Undergraduates per year (2013)
Tuition fees: $31,385 - $41,520 (depending on major of study)
Room & Board: $10,632
Health Insurance: $1,500
Personal Expenses (books, supplies, etc.): $2,000
TOTAL: $45,517-$55,652
Information for International Students

Discover Duquesne
An Education for the Mind, the Heart and the Spirit

Duquesne is home to over 700 international students from more than 90 different countries representing all cultures and religions in an environment that is open to diversity.

The Office of International Programs offers support to all interested international students from the point of application to graduation and beyond. It is our hope that you will consider both campus and our office your home away from home.

Our Campus

First-time visitors are struck by the beauty of Duquesne’s campus, a self-contained, 50-acre green space on a hilltop we call “Our Bluff.” Here we have breathtaking views of Pittsburgh and its historic three rivers. Even better, our campus is easy to navigate and only minutes from the city’s cultural attractions and recreational activities. Our campus is an ideal location for living, learning and launching a career.

Within a five minute walk, you can be downtown listening to Pittsburgh’s world renowned symphony, visiting a museum, enjoying a show or watching one of Pittsburgh’s world famous sports teams. In ten minutes, you can be in one of Pittsburgh’s many friendly, safe neighborhoods. In an hour, you can be in the countryside, enjoying a hike, camping, cycling or visiting a new place.


Duquesne is centrally located in Pittsburgh – a fantastic location in which to live, learn and grow. The city provides a superb laboratory for off-campus learning and community service, making the city “our largest classroom.” National Geographic placed Pittsburgh on its Best of the World 2012 list of must-see destinations, and the Rand McNally Places Rated Almanac and other publications have called Pittsburgh one of America’s best places to work. The campus’ proximity to both downtown as well as the international airport make it an excellent choice for international students.

Preparing Our Graduates

Duquesne is committed to educating students to live a life of purpose. All students are required to take courses in the core curriculum that emphasize intellectual and moral development through the study of the liberal arts. The core curriculum enables you to study a wide variety of subjects, building ethical and intellectual skills for success in whatever path you choose.

Duquesne’s Career Services provides our students with the resources and support they need for success as they prepare for graduation and beyond. The center provides career counseling, teaches job search skills, connects students with networking events and mentoring programs and helps them find internships and employment opportunities. You can start working with Career Services during your freshman year to develop the skills needed to become a competent and successful job seeker.

Duquesne’s Facts:

Size
10,045 students
5,917 undergraduate
3,571 graduate
557 law

45 buildings, including 7 residence halls, on approximately 50 acres. About 3,900 students live on campus, including approximately 90 percent of freshmen and sophomores.

Academics
15:1 student-to-faculty ratio
Average class size: 28 students
Retention rate: 89 percent

Student Groups
Nearly 200 student organizations on campus

International students from 90+ countries

Our unique undergraduate admission policy allows students to apply without TOEFL or IELTS scores. Students are evaluated for admissions based on their academic merit, not on their English ability. Upon arrival on campus, all students must be cleared by our ESL department. If you need additional English Language support, you will enroll in our ESL program before beginning your academic coursework.

“Duquesne University has provided me with the means to develop myself as an individual. I have grown tremendously in many aspects of life during my time at Duquesne.”

Samih Nassif, Colombia

“"My experience at DU has been great. From the day I arrived and during the whole application process, I felt so welcome. The campus is beautiful and the people are just so friendly!"

Yiran Jiang, China

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