Introductions

Things to Think About: Choosing a University

What Makes Duquesne Unique?
• Academics
• Location
• Focus on the Student

Application and Admissions Process

Questions & Answers
Do More! Video
7% international students

Founded: In 1878 by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (the Spiritans).

Named: For the Marquis Duquesne, a French aristocrat who was governor general of New France (1752–1755), the portion of North America, which included Western Pennsylvania, claimed as a colony of France.

Motto: *Spiritus est qui vivificat*, Latin for “It is the Spirit who gives life.”

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**Duquesne Facts**

**Size**
- 10,011 students (fall 2011)
- 5,751 undergraduate
- 3,620 graduate
- 640 law

About 3,900 students live on campus, including 85 percent of freshmen and sophomores.

45 buildings (main campus), including 7 residence halls, on 50 acres

**Academics**
- 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Average class size: 25 students
- Retention rate: 87 percent (fall 2011)

**Student Groups**
- Nearly 200 student organizations on campus

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**10 Schools of Study**
- Palumbo - Donahue School of Business
- School of Education
- Rangos School of Health Sciences
- School of Law
- School of Leadership and Professional Advancement
- McAnulty College of Liberal Arts
- Mary Pappert School of Music
- Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences
- School of Nursing
- Mylan School of Pharmacy

**Sports**
- 6 men’s and 10 women’s varsity teams (NCAA Division I basketball, Atlantic 10 conference and NCAA FCS Northeast Conference football)

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Merit scholarships available for international students
So What Should You Remember About Duquesne?

• Academic reputation combined with strong sense of community and belonging
• Unique campus located in a park-like atmosphere in the middle of a major city
• Catholic University focused on individual attention and developing our students to be leaders in the community
Duquesne University has been rated as:

- One of the **Best Universities for Undergraduate Education** (*Princeton Review 2011*)
- Top 80 Undergraduate **Business Schools** in US (*Princeton Review*)
- One of the top 45 “Best Value” schools (*US News and World Report*)
- **Best 376 Colleges** (*Princeton Review*)
- Top 220: **Best in the Northeast** (*Princeton Review*)
- One of the top 20 small **research universities** (*Chronicle of Higher Ed*)
“A Liberal Arts Education”

All students at Duquesne, in addition to their major, take 33 credits of CORE COURSES

21 credits = Discipline Specific (Sciences, Math, English, Theology, Philosophy)

12 credits = Thematic-Based courses (Creative Arts, Faith & Reason, Global Diversity, Social Justice)

SERVICE LEARNING COMPONENT – Must take at least one class designated as “service-learning”
10 Schools, 90+ Undergraduate Majors

- Business Administration
- Education
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Leadership & Professional Advancement
- Liberal Arts
- Music
- Natural & Environmental Sciences
- Nursing
- Pharmacy

**NEW for 2014 – Biomedical Engineering Major** (only engineering degree offered in Southwestern Pennsylvania at a top-tier Catholic research institution)
Be part of the 2014 freshman class of the new Biomedical Engineering program!

- Bachelor’s of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering
- Only degree of its kind offered by a Catholic university in Western Pennsylvania
- A program designed for the 21st century with a modern curriculum focusing on cutting-edge techniques
- Innovative and up to date developments in the field
- Hands on experience and research opportunities available
- Begin engineering classes your first semester including freshman seminars
- Senior capstone courses
- A rare opportunity to be the first freshman class of a new innovative program

- APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 1st (completed application)
“A spirit of service, combined with academic excellence”

- Learning Communities (School of Liberal Arts): a 1st year (freshman) program

- Spring Breakaways: semester long academic courses combined with a 10 day international trip (“mini study abroad”)

- Duquesne, Notre Dame, and Georgetown are ranked in the top 3 schools in the USA for ethics content in academic programs.

- Last year more than 8,400 students, faculty, and staff volunteered 245,456 hours
Duquesne: A Student’s Perspective
About This Urban Campus
The view of Pittsburgh’s skyline from the Sklar Skywalk (see inset), an elevated footbridge that joins the Power Center with the upper campus. The Sklar Skywalk, the highest footbridge in the city, is one of three skywalks on Duquesne’s campus.
Living in Pittsburgh

“One of American’s Most Liveable Cities”

Duquesne University is situated in the heart of Pittsburgh, a vibrant and safe city that was recently recognized as America’s most liveable.

- Campus, which offers breathtaking views of Pittsburgh and its three rivers, is a short walk or train ride from downtown and only 30 minutes from Pittsburgh International Airport.
- We pride ourselves on having one of the nation’s safest urban campuses.

Duquesne University is centrally located between Pittsburgh's economic hubs, downtown and Oakland. Opportunities for internships and job prospects abound among the area's predominantly high-tech and healthcare-centric industries.
Opportunities in Pittsburgh

-Free activities include summer festivals, Christmas lights displays, concerts, community days…
-Arts: Theatres, museums, non-profits, ballet…
-Sports: Football, baseball, hockey, soccer…

Internships are available through the Career Services office.
Duquesne’s Location

5 minutes from Downtown – Commercial and business center

35 minutes from the Pittsburgh International Airport

245 miles from Washington D.C
371 miles from New York City
Pittsburgh is one of the top 10 destinations in the world

- National Geographic Traveler, 2012
The Office of International Programs will coordinate airport pickups for the International Orientation.

We communicate with students before their arrival to make sure they have a smooth transition.

We have student volunteers who act as “Cultural Ambassadors” for new arrivals.

On campus housing mandatory for freshmen and sophomores.

Trained staff to help new students with transition to campus life.

Over 200 student activities & organizations.

Trips, volunteering, activities all available.

A dedicated Career Services Office provides student with the resources and support they need for success.

- Job Counseling
- Job Skills Training
- Networking events
- Mentoring programs
- Assistance with internship placements
- Employment and grad school fairs
Student Admission Requirements

- Secondary GPA: 3.0 (B) or equivalent in high school
- SAT and TOEFL scores are **not needed** for most undergraduate majors (for international applicants)
- Letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and personal statement are equally important as GPA
- Holistic application process
- We are here to help you!
Aspects of a Duquesne Applicant

• For all applications, we look at the grades first:
  – Is the student strong enough academically?

• We place great importance on the kind of student who is applying:
  – Have they done community work? Do they have other interests? Will they take a lead role at Duquesne?

• We take all aspects of the student’s character into consideration

Rolling admissions
• Receive an admissions answer approximately 3 weeks after your application is complete.
• After acceptance, you are partnered with a current student (Cultural Ambassador) from the same country or academic program that will answer any questions you may have.
Tuition Scholarships

- **Libermann Scholarship**: ranges from $5,000 to $18,000 – students are automatically considered for this award.
The Application Process

- Best resource: [www.duq.edu/international-admissions](http://www.duq.edu/international-admissions)
- Apply online or with paper application
- Transcripts from the last 3 – 4 years
  - Secondary school, any college or university work, any ESL studies
- Personal Statement – tell us about YOU!
- Standardized test scores if students have them
- 1-2 Recommendation letters:
  - necessary and important
- Pharm D, Athletic Training, Engineering, Health Sciences deadline is December 1.
- All other undergraduate application decisions are made on a rolling basis.

The Office of International Programs is committed to working with you through this process. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!
At Duquesne, we are more interested in how a student has done in their own educational system than how well they do in the SAT. However, if a student has taken the SAT and/or has attended a U.S.-style school, we would like to see it.

TOEFL/IELTS is not required for undergraduate applicants.

- All international students take an English test on their first day to determine how much English they need, if any. If they need English classes, they will be automatically enrolled in our ESL program.
- Students with an iBT TOEFL score of 90 (or 6.5 on the IELTS) will take only the writing test.
Conclusion: What Makes Duquesne Unique?

• Top Tier, Private, Catholic, holistic university, ranked 120/1400 by US News & World Report
• Unique location in a thriving American city – set overlooking the city
• Holistic university focusing on developing the students as adults and finding students that are the Right Fit
• Motto: “An Education for the Heart, the Mind, and the Spirit”
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