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Frequently Asked Questions & Quick Facts

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- **Where is the college located?** In Western PA – one hour north of Pittsburgh.
- **What is the enrollment at your college?** About 2,300 students.
- **What are the most popular majors?** Business, Education, Engineering, Psychology, Entrepreneurship, Exercise Science, and Biology
- **What is the average GPA of an entering freshman?** 3.68 unweighted, 4.04 weighted
- **What is the average SAT/ACT/CLT score?** For the SAT our average is approximately a 1251/1600. Our average for the ACT is a 27. Our average for CLT is 94. *** Test-Optional for Fall 2021 admission
- **What is the faculty to student ratio?** 13:1
- **What is the cost of attendance?** $18,930 (Tuition), $10,310 (Room and Board) = $29,240 (Total)
- **What is the average class size?** 24 students, with the exception of some freshman/core curriculum classes.
- **What is the academic calendar?** Two semesters (September-December; January-May) and two intersessions (January and May).
- **How are applicants reviewed?** We holistically review our students: Academics include - Class rank, GPA, curriculum, SAT/ACT scores** (Not for 2020-2021), Non-academics include - the interview (which plays a VERY important role in the admissions process), activities, essays, letters of recommendation. We use a holistic review process with the purpose of finding students who are an academic, spiritual, and social fit for GCC.
- **When are the application deadlines?** Refer to Viewbook. Early Decision I – November 1st. Early Decision II -- December 1st. - Early Decision is a binding agreement in which the student declares GCC to be his/her first choice and agrees to cancel all other applications if accepted. Regular Decision I – January 20th . Regular Decision II- March 20th -- deadline - means students are considering, but not exclusively committed to GCC.
- **Is there a Career Services Office?** Yes – ranked #8 in the Nation! It has a four-year "vision" for each student, self-assessment testing, internships, job shadowing, career fairs, and numerous on-campus recruiters. Placement into jobs or graduate school within 6 months of graduation is 96% for the 2019 graduating class (based on a 99% response on survey).
- **How does GCC keep its tuition so reasonable?** GCC is a very well-managed school – it operates virtually debt-free and is independent of the U.S. Government. We privately raise all money for both financial aid and building projects.
- **What is the percentage of students that are from out of state?** Approximately 50%.
- **What is the percentage of students that belong to Greek Life?** Approximately 20% of men, 20% women.

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.):

- **Can freshmen have cars?** Students may not have cars on campus until their sophomore year, unless there is a specific reason (physical therapy, etc.), which must be approved by Student Life and Learning. The community at Grove City College is one in which that there are many benefits to not having a car: one less thing to worry about as a freshman, many upperclassmen including RAs who will offer rides and for those out of state students needing to get to an airport, we have a shuttle service near school breaks!
- **How many students study abroad during the school year?** About 300 students participate in an international experience each year. This includes semester-long study abroad, in addition to short-term faculty led trips, which occur over intersessions in January or May.
- **What percentage of students come from private schools/public schools/homeschools?** 23% private, 66% public, 11% homeschool
- **How safe is the campus?** The campus is monitored and evaluated 24 hours a day by safety personnel on foot, in vehicles, on bicycles, and via closed circuit television cameras. Safety personnel on duty are equipped with portable radios which provide constant communication to all parts and constituencies of the campus, as well as direct communication with the local police department and Ambulance Company. The Campus Safety Office is centrally located in Crawford Hall and is open 24 hours/day. The Safety staff includes a Director of Safety, Assistant Director of Safety, six full-time uniformed officers, five part-time uniformed patrolmen and three dispatchers. In addition, 30 students are employed part-time to assist campus safety officers with building security and traffic control. GCC was given an A+ on www.collegeprowler.com for campus safety; only 12 other campuses in the U.S. got an A+.
- **What type of housing is available?** As a residential college, housing is guaranteed for all students. 97% of students live on campus: the only ones who do not are those who choose to commute from their homes within a 40 mile radius of campus. Many who live within that radius, however, choose to live on campus for the robust residential experience. Housing style varies from "dorm" style with community bathrooms, "suite" style with a private bathroom shared among 2-4 individuals, and "apartment" style with private laundry and kitchen facilities.

Quick Facts:

source: www.payscale.com

PLACEMENT DATA

- 95% of graduates employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months – Career Services
- Early career graduates earn 14% more than Top 10 Private College Competitors – Payscale.com
- Mid-career grads earn 19% more than our Top 10 Private College Competitors – Payscale.com
- 71% of paid interns get job offers – Career Services

OVERALL SALARY DATA

- "College That Pays You Back" (Princeton Review)
- Top 12% of "Money's Best Colleges" (Money)
- Best National Liberal Arts College (US News & World)

Quick Facts (cont.):

MAJOR SPECIFIC DATA

- Top three majors currents students – Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Communications Studies
- Mechanical Engineering – 100% employed in the past two years; 97% over the past 5 years (Department of Mechanical Engineering)
- Accounting – Graduates ranked 17th nationally on CPA exam (National Association of State Boards of Accountancy)
- 53% acceptance rate to medical school vs. national average of 38% (American Medical Colleges Applications Service)
- Music – 86 % placement rate; 97% for music education – Music Department
- Sociology – average 85-90% on standardized testing in Sociology – Sociology Department
- Actuarial exams – 80% pass rate vs. national pass rate of 30% - Accounting Department

KEY STATISTICS

- Freshman Retention Rate: 79%
- Placement Rate: 96% (employed or in graduate school within 6 months or less of graduation; 99% response rate)
- 4 Year Graduation Rate: 76% (v. a national average of 33.3% for all college and universities, 52.8% for private colleges)
- Student Loan Default Rate: Less than 1% (graduates earn enough to cover their debts and flourish)

KEY RANKINGS

- **#8 on Top 25 Best Schools for Internships** (Princeton Review)
- **#8 Career Services Office in Nation** (Princeton Review)
- **#14 Counseling Center** (Princeton Review)
- **Top 200 Best Value Colleges- "200 Schools with Exceptional ROI for your Tuition Investment"** (Princeton Review)

FULL LIST OF RANKINGS:

http://www.gcc.edu/Home/Our-Story/By-the-Numbers/How-We-Rank

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