

STETSON UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	86
Fire Safety Rating	81
Green Rating	83
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	No Affiliation
Environment	Town

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,834
% male/female	43/57
% from out of state	25
% frosh from public high school	77
% frosh live on campus	86
% ugrads live on campus	60
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join)	9 (23)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join)	6 (19)
% African American	11
% Asian	2
% White	55
% Hispanic	19
% Native American	<1
% Pacific Islander	<1
% Two or more races	6
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	1
% international	6
# of countries represented	56

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Students are happy
Great library
Frats and sororities are popular
Intramural sports are popular
Easy to get around campus
Students environmentally aware
Great off-campus food

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	81
% students returning for sophomore year	72
% students graduating within 4 years	56
% students graduating within 6 years	63
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	12:1
Profs interesting rating	89
Profs accessible rating	93
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 10–19 students.	

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Psychology, General Health Professions and Related Programs; Business Administration and Management, General

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

Stetson University in Central Florida may offer more than 55 majors to 3,000 undergraduate students, but students say the focus remains on the individual. Between “small class sizes,” “readily available” technology (like a 3-D printer), numerous “opportunities for involvement and learning,” and a “multitude of hands-on activities,” the institution not only works to cater to each enrollee, but seeks to engage them in the world with “classes where we spend time in the classroom working on community and global problems and then address them...through volunteering.” Stetson never limits itself or its students, which is why those in the Honors Program can design a class of their choice, “which gives students the opportunity to explore something not otherwise offered at Stetson,” and offers “countless opportunities to study abroad.”

Professors “inherently care about our paths and experiences and always want to enhance them in the best way possible,” which often means that they “encourage outdoor activity rather than remaining in one environment to learn.” As one student puts it, “They truly care about making sure that students understand the material, and are willing to go out of their way to make that happen.” This extra layer of focus on student well-being isn’t just because of the low student-to-faculty ratio, though respondents note that this feature is “allowing me to work closely with my professors and developing a unique relationship with some of the best professionals in my field of study.” Rather, this level of individualized aid is built into university life, with the school offering “so much support to [its] students. Between one-on-one tutoring, career counseling, the Writing Center, and professors who want to know their students, Stetson does an amazing job making sure we are never alone.”

Life

Stetson highly encourages involvement out of the classroom as well, and students suggest that many are “very engaged in campus activities.” Some programs, such as mixers and social networking events, are even “specifically catered toward commuters that make you engage with campus and other students.” That vibe extends beyond school-sanctioned meetings as well, with undergrads noting that “there are always on-campus events going on, which are generally very well-attended.” Even weekdays are busy—the outside of the student union is filled with tabling events,” notes one student, and others add that “there are clubs and organizations to support all religions, faiths, races, and orientations.” There’s a lot of emphasis on the outdoors as well, whether that comes from the Hollis Center (the on-campus gym), which “has a program called SOAR where they organize outdoor activities” or just from students in general: “If it’s a nice day out, I and other students typically grab lunch and eat under the trees.” As for the weekend, nearby Downtown DeLand is known for having a “nice nightlife that’s fun, even if low-key,” and of course, there’s always room to “take trips to the beach together.”

Student Body

The general consensus is that “Stetson is a place where genuine, lifelong friendships develop.” Students feel that the school’s relatively smaller size makes it “easier to make connections and friends, especially in classes,” but also note that the general culture “is inviting, accessible, and open.” All of the opportunities to engage and get involved result in an “incredibly driven group of people” and what some positively describe as “a dynamic vibe on campus.” As one puts it, “everyone is a leader in some form on campus.” And most importantly about the school to some is not only that there is “a wide range of diversity in its students’ background and experience,” but that this so often tends to lead to a place where “people are supportive of one another, like a family.”



THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

The school reports that its standardized testing policy for use in admission for Fall 2023 is Test Optional. The Princeton Review suggests that interested applicants consult with the school for the most up-to-date standardized testing policies. *Very important factors considered include:* rigor of secondary school record, academic GPA. *Important factors considered include:* class rank, application essay, recommendation(s), interview, extracurricular activities, talent/ability, character/personal qualities, volunteer work, work experience. *Other factors considered include:* standardized test scores, alumni/ae relation, geographical residence, state residency, racial/ethnic status. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 2 foreign language, 2 social studies. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 2 foreign language, 4 social studies.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE; 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 12/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

The Inside Word

Stetson University operates with several application deadlines. Applicants are required to submit an official transcript, at least one letter of recommendation, and a writing sample, with standardized test scores being optional but recommended. Stetson's acceptance rate is deceptively high: this school attracts go-getters, and each year's freshman class profile is more impressive than the last.

THE SCHOOL SAYS "..."

From the Admissions Office

"Being aware of deadlines is important. Stetson emphasizes the value of Early Decision (ED) and Early Action (EA) for students seeking an early acceptance decision and priority consideration for financial aid. Application deadline for both is Nov. 1, 2022.

"Stetson University students are open-minded, hardworking, and caring. Our mission is to provide a challenging education in a creative community, and we mentor students, cultivating and preparing them to gain confidence as informed citizens. Experiential education through undergraduate leadership, research, internships, and community-engaged learning flourish here.

"Accredited by numerous agencies, including the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges, Stetson is among an elite number of schools worldwide where both Business and Accounting programs are accredited by AACSB International. Stetson is also a proud member of Phi Beta Kappa, joining less than 10% of colleges and universities in the country within this prestigious academic institution.

"Stetson University is home to 73 academic programs, 17 NCAA D-I athletic teams, and nearly 100 clubs. Stetson boasts many Florida firsts: Stetson is the first private university in the state, the first collegiate newspaper, the first schools of business, music, and law, and in 1962, one of the first private universities in Florida to integrate.

"Academic and campus life are centered on a rigorous examination of values including leadership potential, personal growth, and community service. Graduation is not just the end goal. It is one step along the way, as students pursue something greater. At Stetson University we encourage students to go beyond expectations."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	83
# of applicants	9,260
% of applicants accepted	92
% of acceptees attending	8
# offered a place on the wait list	323
% accepting a place on wait list	90
% admitted from wait list	95
# of early decision applicants	113
% accepted early decision	79

FIRST-YEAR PROFILE

Range SAT Composite	1100–1310
Range SAT EBRW	570–650
Range SAT Math	520–645
Range ACT Composite	22–29
# submitting SAT scores	129
% submitting SAT scores	20
# submitting ACT scores	69
% submitting ACT scores	11
Fall 2023 testing policy	Test Optional
Average HS GPA	3.7
% graduated top 10% of class	20
% graduated top 25% of class	53
% graduated top 50% of class	87

DEADLINES

Early decision	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	12/8
Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	12/15
Regular	
Priority	11/1
Notification	3/15
Nonfall registration?	Yes

APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER

University of Central Florida; University of Florida; Florida State University

AND SOMETIMES PREFER

Rollins College; University of Tampa

AND RARELY PREFER

Elon University; Florida Southern College; University of Miami

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	87
Annual tuition	\$51,960
Room and board	\$15,290
Required fees	\$360
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Average frosh need-based scholarship	\$39,782
Average UG need-based scholarship	\$36,670
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	31
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	24
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	77
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	70
% frosh rec. any financial aid	100
% UG rec. any financial aid	98
% UG borrow to pay for school	61
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$28,797
% frosh need fully met	31
% ugrads need fully met	27
Average % of frosh need met	86
Average % of ugrad need met	81