

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

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<b>CAMPUS LIFE</b>	
Quality of Life Rating	85
Fire Safety Rating	81
Green Rating	80
Type of school	Private
Environment	Town

<b>STUDENTS</b>	
Total undergrad enrollment	2,292
% male/female/another gender	43/56/1
% from out of state	27
% frosh from public high school	75
% frosh live on campus	89
% ugrads live on campus	71
# of fraternities (% join)	9 (20)
# of sororities (% join)	8 (17)
% Black or African American	12
% Asian	2
% White	50
% Hispanic	20
% Native American	<1
% Pacific Islander	<1
% Two or more races	6
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	1
% international	9
# of countries represented	52

#### 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*

<b>ACADEMICS</b>	
Academic Rating	83
% students returning for sophomore year	73
% students graduating within 4 years	56
% students graduating within 6 years	63
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	10:1
Profs interesting rating	90
Profs accessible rating	93
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 10–19 students.	

#### MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Psychology, General; Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General; Business Administration and Management, General

#### APPLICANTS OFTEN PREFER

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

#### APPLICANTS SOMETIMES PREFER

Rollins College; The University of Tampa

#### APPLICANTS RARELY PREFER

Elon University; Florida Southern College; University of Miami

## STUDENTS SAY “...”

### Academics

Stetson University is a private university that offers “great resources for students” among the palm trees of central Florida. The small size allows for flexibility in the curriculum and teaching styles aimed at making classes “the best success for the students as possible.” One student enthuses about how a finance class discusses real-world impact: “we look at stock market trends daily, discuss governments around the world, and even watch some Federal Reserve press conferences.” In other classes, professors who work in the industry “bring people from the government, school districts, and scientists” in for discussions. In almost every major, students point to “labs available for real life experiences” and “plenty of hands-on activities and work done in groups,” noting that this practical focus extends to faculty who “help me find resources and opportunities that empower my academic capacity, and they provide me with concrete options for after I complete my undergraduate degree.” The university focuses on supporting its students and “makes available as best they can solutions to any problem you might encounter on campus, from academics to social life.” As one student says, “The university’s commitment to interactive technologies, collaborative projects, and experiential learning creates a vibrant educational environment.”

### Campus Life

While students take their academics seriously, the overall environment at Stetson is “very pleasant and relaxing” and “our campus and town are so beautiful.” The main campus in the college town of DeLand includes an expansive green where students can often be found “studying and hammocking,” and “the beach is an essential part of the Stetson experience.” On the weekends, the school is “filled with events, parties, or supporting the athletes” of the school’s 18 Division I sports teams, and there’s a big downtown scene for those looking to get away. Not that you need to, note students of the “vibrant and close-knit community,” given that “there are so many [student organizations] to choose from,” and that they’re “lively and very inclusive.” Meanwhile, the programming board “always hosts fun events [from laser tag to arcade night to concerts] for students to attend.” As for the school itself, students appreciate that “Stetson constantly brings in guest speakers which allows us to...become connected to the outside world.” The opportunity of such events “provides great connections for your future.”

### Student Body

“Students are at Stetson because they are high achievers and want to make real change,” say students. “My peers...show genuine interest in a wide variety of social justice issues and express concern for the wellbeing of others” and “are always willing to go the extra mile in and out of the classroom.” Within this “goal-oriented and charismatic” group of Hatters, there is “a strong international presence in a small college community” and there are “many cultural organizations that support the many international students that come from all over the world.” Students say, “it’s easy to get to know people and create wonderful friendships” and one of the school’s big strengths “is the sense of vibrancy, warmth, and relaxation the environment has overall.” Students agree that it’s good to have “a diverse and well-rounded group of individuals from all backgrounds” because given the small campus, people “are found everywhere on campus in small groups and you’ll likely see your friends walking past you throughout the day.” The overall impression is “that everyone is happy and taken care of here.”



## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

The school reports that its standardized testing policy for use in admission for Fall 2025 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, first generation, alumni/ae relation, geographical residence, state residency, level of applicant's interest. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 2 language (other than English), 2 social studies. *Academic units recommended:* 4 math, 4 science, 4 social studies.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* CSS Profile; FAFSA; State aid form. 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. Admitted students will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 12/15. 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 considered if submitted. Stetson's acceptance rate is deceptively high: this school attracts go-getters, and each year's first-year class profile is more impressive than the last.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS

### From the Admissions Office

"Stetson University offers academic excellence in more than 100 areas of study with small-class sizes and world-class faculty. The average undergraduate receives a financial aid package worth \$53,306, and its 2023 graduates enjoyed a 90% success rate, securing employment or admission to many top graduate schools.

"Located in sunny Central Florida near beaches and theme parks, this small private university has been ranked among the best by The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and Fiske Guide, as well as being named a national College of Distinction.

"At Stetson, students enjoy personal attention from their professors. Outside the classroom, they are immersed in hands-on learning through study abroad, internships and student research, conducted in collaboration with faculty.

"The vibrant and diverse campus is home to more than 100 student organizations, robust NCAA Division I Athletics and students from around the world. Stetson also is pet-friendly and was named one of the most beautiful college campuses in the South.

"A proud member of Phi Beta Kappa, America's most prestigious academic honor society, Stetson joins only 10% of U.S. colleges and universities with a chapter on campus. In addition, the university belongs to an elite number of schools worldwide with both the Business and Accounting programs accredited by AACSB. It has received national recognition for its Game Design program and its College of Law.

"Stetson requires no application fee and SAT/ACT scores are optional. At Stetson, you will be seen for your talent and your potential."

### SELECTIVITY

<b>Admissions Rating</b>	<b>84</b>
# of applicants	7,824
% of applicants accepted	86
% of acceptees attending	9
# offered a place on the wait list	733
% accepting a place on wait list	98
% admitted from wait list	30
# of early decision applicants	106
% accepted early decision	89
# of early action applicants	5,789
% accepted early action	86

### FIRST-YEAR PROFILE

Testing policy	Test Optional
Range SAT composite	1030–1240
Range SAT EBRW	530–630
Range SAT math	500–610
Range ACT composite	20–26
# submitting SAT scores	267
% submitting SAT scores	42
# submitting ACT scores	144
% submitting ACT scores	23
Average HS GPA	3.9
% frosh submitting high school GPA	98
% graduated top 10% of class	21
% graduated top 25% of class	49
% graduated top 50% of class	78
% frosh submitting high school rank	57

### DEADLINES

Early decision	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	12/7
Early action	
Deadline	11/15
Notification	12/15
Regular	
Priority	11/1
Nonfall registration?	Yes

### FINANCIAL FACTS

<b>Financial Aid Rating</b>	<b>90</b>
Annual tuition	\$57,010
Food and housing	\$17,728
Required fees	\$400
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Average frosh need-based scholarship	\$48,670
Average UG need-based scholarship	\$44,442
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	99
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	31
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	27
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	53
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	59
% frosh rec. any financial aid	100
% UG rec. any financial aid	98
% UG borrow to pay for school	61
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$30,615
% frosh need fully met	40
% ugrads need fully met	35
Average % of frosh need met	94
Average % of ugrad need met	90