

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

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## Survey Snapshot

Students are happy

Great library

Intramural sports are popular

## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	85
Fire Safety Rating	88
Green Rating	80
Type of school	Private
Environment	Town

### Students

Degree-seeking undergrad enrollment	2,297
% male/female/another gender	43/55/2
% from out of state	27
% frosh from public high school	78
% frosh live on campus	88
% ugrads live on campus	72
# of fraternities (% join)	9 (17)
# of sororities (% join)	8 (16)
% Asian	2
% Black or African American	12
% Hispanic	22
% Native American	<1
% Pacific Islander	<1
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	1
% Two or more races	6
% White	48
% International	9
# of countries represented	60

## CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH

Offers mental health/wellness program	Yes
Mental health training available to students	Yes
Employs Chief Wellness Officer	Yes
Peer-to-peer mental health offerings	Yes
Counseling center has guidelines or accreditation	Yes
Mental health/well-being courses	Yes, for-credit

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	83
% students returning for sophomore year	78
% students graduating within 4 years	56
% students graduating within 6 years	62
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	10:1
Profs interesting rating	90
Profs accessible rating	92
Most common class size 10–19 students.	(42%)
Most common lab/discussion session size 10–19 students.	(38%)

### Most Popular Majors

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

### Applicants Often Prefer

University of Central Florida;  
University of South Florida

### Applicants Sometimes Prefer

University of Florida; Florida State University

## 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 2026 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 English, 4 math, 4 science, 2 language (other than English), 4 social studies.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA; State aid form; Certificate of FL residency. Priority filing deadline is 1/1 (2025–26), 11/1 (2026–27). The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds; Federal Pell; Federal SEOG; Private scholarships; State scholarships/grants. *Loan aid offered:* Direct PLUS loans; Federal Direct Subsidized Loans; Federal Direct Unsubsidized 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, while a letter of recommendation and a writing sample are highly recommended. Standardized test scores are 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 close working relationships with world-class faculty.

"Outside the classroom, every student receives immersive learning experiences through the Harter Ready program, offering study abroad, internships, student research in collaboration with faculty, and more.

"Located in sunny 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.

"The vibrant and diverse campus is home to more than 100 student organizations, robust NCAA Division I Athletics and students from 60 countries around the world. Stetson is pet-friendly and was named one of the most beautiful college campuses in the South.

"For financial aid, Stetson is the most generous private regional university in America. The average undergraduate receives a financial aid package worth \$56,900, and its 2024 graduates enjoyed a 93% success rate, securing employment or admission to many top graduate schools.

"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. The university also belongs to an elite number of schools worldwide with both the Business and Accounting programs accredited by AACSB. Stetson College of Law is ranked No. 1 in the nation for Trial Advocacy by U.S. News & World Report.

"Stetson requires no application fee and SAT/ACT scores are optional."

### SELECTIVITY

<b>Admissions Rating</b>	<b>84</b>
# of applicants	11,674
% of applicants accepted	72
% of out-of-state applicants accepted	76
% of international applicants accepted	38
% of acceptees attending	8
# offered a place on the wait list	58
% accepting a place on wait list	98
% admitted from wait list	51
# of early decision applicants	134
% accepted early decision	89

### First-Year Profile

Testing policy	Test Optional
Range SAT composite	988–1213
Range SAT EBRW	510–630
Range SAT math	460–580
Range ACT composite	19–27
% submitting SAT scores	38
% submitting ACT scores	18
Average HS GPA	3.9
% frosh submitting high school GPA	98
% graduated top 10% of class	13
% graduated top 25% of class	44
% graduated top 50% of class	71
% frosh submitting high school rank	67

### Deadlines

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

### FINANCIAL FACTS

<b>Financial Aid Rating</b>	<b>88</b>
Annual tuition	\$59,290
Food and housing	\$18,342
Required fees	\$400
Books and supplies	\$850
Average need-based scholarship (frosh)	\$47,614 (\$48,329)
% students with need rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid (frosh)	59 (59)
% students with need rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (frosh)	25 (28)
% students with need rec. need-based self-help aid (frosh)	25 (28)
% students rec. any financial aid (frosh)	99 (100)
% UG borrow to pay for school	57
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$29,276
% student need fully met (frosh)	30 (34)
Average % of student need met (frosh)	89 (89)