

# Lawrence University 2016 Profile

Lawrence University is a residential liberal arts college and conservatory of music, both devoted exclusively to undergraduate education. It is a supportive academic community of 1,500 intellectually curious, diverse and multi-interested students from nearly every state and 50 countries—all committed to a rigorous and challenging educational experience.

The Lawrence faculty is devoted to *Engaged Learning* as the most effective way to prepare students for lives of personal fulfillment and professional accomplishment. It is a demanding approach to education for students who demand much of themselves. It is what characterizes a Lawrence education and distinguishes Lawrentians.

Using this engaging approach to learning, Lawrence helps students develop the abilities that are highly valued by graduate schools as well as employers. Among these are the ability to solve problems, communicate effectively, work collaboratively and thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Lawrence is located adjacent to downtown Appleton, a vibrant community of 74,000 in which the city and the college benefit from one another. The Fox Cities, a cluster of 20 cities and towns along the Fox River with a combined population of more than 250,000, is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the state and has consistently been named one of the best medium-size metropolitan areas in the nation, based on quality-of-life indicators. By car, Appleton is 30 minutes south of Green Bay, 90 minutes north of Milwaukee, two hours from Madison, three hours from Chicago and four and a half hours east of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Appleton International Airport (ATW) is approximately 5 miles from campus and is served by United Express via Chicago; Delta via Atlanta, Detroit and Minneapolis/St. Paul; and Allegiant Air via Las Vegas, Phoenix/Mesa and Orlando/Sanford.

## CAMPUS

The 88-acre Lawrence campus is situated on a bluff overlooking the historic Fox River and contains 62 instructional, residential, recreational and administrative facilities. Adjacent to downtown Appleton, the campus is bordered on two sides by attractive early 20th-century residential neighborhoods. *Björklunden vid Sjön*, a 441-acre estate on Lake Michigan in Door County, serves as the college's northern campus, hosting curricular retreats and seminars for students each weekend throughout the academic year and continuing education seminars during the summer for alumni and the public.

Lawrence is a residential college, and more than 95 percent of all students live on campus in one of seven residence halls and other various types of small-group housing and apartment-style housing.

## ACCREDITATION

Lawrence is accredited as a degree-granting institution by the Higher Learning Commission. The Conservatory of Music is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Three 10-week terms (fall, winter, spring) comprise the academic calendar, spanning mid-September through mid-June. A normal course load for students is three six-unit courses each term (18 units). A minimum of 216 units is required for a degree.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The program emphasizes extensive and deep learning through rigorous and engaged instruction. Instruction is given in a rich set of courses emphasizing small group or single-student tutorial courses, independent study projects, studio work and faculty-student research and scholarly collaborations. Nearly 90 percent of our recent graduates have had one-on-one course experiences. This emphasis on engagement is made possible by one of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios in the country (among the top 20). The university also offers a large number of interdisciplinary courses, emphasizing engagement with contemporary world concerns, and has extensive programs of off-campus study and community internships. Each student is encouraged to develop the capacity for self-direction and a concern for effective and ethical action in the contemporary world. All students begin their program with a nationally known *Freshman Studies* seminar course and complete their requirements with a student-centered *Senior Experience*.

Lawrence offers majors in traditional liberal arts disciplines and interdisciplinary programs; student-designed majors are also available. Within the Bachelor of Arts degree program, there are 35 majors, 39 minors and three interdisciplinary areas. Majors include anthropology, art (studio), art history, biochemistry,

biology, chemistry, Chinese language and literature, classics, East Asian studies, economics, English, environmental studies, film studies, French, gender studies, geology, German, global studies, government, history, linguistics, mathematics, mathematics-computer science, mathematics-economics, music, natural science interdisciplinary, neuroscience, philosophy, physics, psychology, religious studies, Russian language and literature, Russian studies, Spanish and theatre arts. Minors are offered in anthropology, art (studio), art history, biomedical ethics, biology, chemistry, Chinese, cognitive science, computer science, creative writing, East Asian studies, economics, education studies, English, environmental studies, ethnic studies, film studies, French, gender studies, geology, German, government, Greek, history, Japanese, Latin, Latin American studies, linguistics, mathematics, music, neuroscience, philosophy, physics, psychology, religious studies, Russian, Spanish, teaching ESL and theatre arts. Interdisciplinary areas, collections of courses addressing a particular topic, include innovation and entrepreneurship, international studies and museum studies. In the Bachelor of Music degree program, Lawrence offers professional study in music in four major areas: performance, music education, music composition or music theory; student-designed majors are also available. Students seeking the B.Mus. degree may also complete any of the minors or interdisciplinary areas, exclusive of music, offered in the B.A. degree program or the conservatory minor in pedagogy.

The five-year, double-degree program allows students to earn both a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts degree through a blended program combining professional study in music in the Conservatory with significant work in a non-music discipline in the college. Students must complete both a professional music major as well as a major in the college.

## CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Established in 1874, the Lawrence Conservatory of Music is an integral component of a nationally recognized, exclusively undergraduate institution. Music students at Lawrence take full advantage of course work in the liberal arts and sciences, often pursuing double-degree programs and benefiting from the opportunity to work directly with senior faculty members across the disciplines. The Lawrence Conservatory of Music is committed to holistically preparing musicians for the challenges and rewards of a musical life in the 21st century.

## GRADUATION AND RETENTION

2010 Cohort 6-year Graduation Rate	78%
Freshman to Sophomore Retention Rate (2015-16)	91%
Degrees Awarded (2015-16)	356
Students Receiving Degrees (2015-16)	342
B.A.	283 (83%)
B.Mus.	45 (13%)
B.A./B.Mus.	14 (4%)

Majors with the largest number of graduates (in descending order): music performance (51), biology (39), psychology (38), economics (25), government (24), anthropology (21), English (21), biochemistry (16), environmental studies (15), mathematics (13), history (12), linguistics (12), music (B.A.) (11), music education (10), physics (10).

## ENROLLMENT (FALL 2016)

Total Enrollment	1,532
Full-time	1,503 (98%)
Part-time <sup>a</sup>	29 (2%)
Degree-seeking Students	1,507
Men	695 (46%)
Women	812 (54%)
Total Student FTE <sup>b</sup>	1,513
Race/Ethnic Composition	
African American	57 (3.7%)
Asian	82 (5.4%)
Hispanic/Latino/Latina of any race	117 (7.6%)
Two or more races	48 (3.1%)
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2 (0.1%)
Native American/Alaskan Native	4 (0.3%)
Non-resident International	180 (11.8%)
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	14 (0.9%)
White	1,028 (67.1%)
Geographic Representation	
45 states plus the District of Columbia and Virgin Islands	
38 foreign countries	

<sup>a</sup> Part-time includes three-quarter time, half-time and less than half-time.

<sup>b</sup> Based on IPEDS calculation of FTE by enrollment headcount: Full-time + (Part-time/3)

**ENTERING FRESHMEN PROFILE (CLASS OF 2020)**

Number Applied	3,579
Acceptance Rate	63%
Number Matriculated	374
Combined SAT Score* (verbal + math)	1,180-1,390 (all students)
ACT Score*	26-31 (all students)
Top 10% of High School Class	41%
Average High School GPA**	3.47

\* SAT and ACT scores are not required for application. Includes 25th and 75th percentiles.

\*\* Includes only academic subjects; any high school weighting of grades has not been used.

**FINANCIAL AID PROFILE (AS OF SEPT. 30, 2016)**

Total Financial Aid	\$52.6 million
Lawrence Gift Aid	\$36.9 million (70.2%)
Average Need-Based Financial Aid Package	\$36,691
Degree-seeking Students Receiving Aid (Fall 2016)	1,480 (98%)
International Students Receiving Aid	166
Domestic Students Receiving Need-Based Aid	893
Domestic Students Receiving Non-need Based or Merit-Only Aid	421

**FACULTY (2016-17)**

Full-time Faculty (Fall 2016)	167
FTE Faculty <sup>a</sup>	179
Percent Full-time Faculty/FTE	93%
Full-time Faculty who Hold the Ph.D. or Other Terminal Degree	92%
Full-time Tenure-track Positions (136) with Tenured Faculty	76%
Student-faculty Ratio <sup>b</sup>	8.5:1
Class Size (2015-16)	Number of Class Sections
1 (College)	597 (19%)
1 (Conservatory)	1,360 (43%)
2-9	500 (16%)
10-19	446 (14%)
20-29	113 (4%)
30-39	73 (2%)
40-49	31 (1%)
50+	21 (1%)

<sup>a</sup> Based on IPEDS FTE calculation: Full-time + (Part-time/3)

<sup>b</sup> Based on FTE Student/FTE Faculty

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES (2015-16)**

Endowment (June 30, 2016)	\$283.5 million
Endowment per Degree-seeking Student	\$185,642
Total Net Assets (2015-16)	\$368.6 million
Operating Budget (2016-17)	\$62 million
Comprehensive Fee (2016-17)	\$54,498
Tuition and Fees	\$44,844
Room and Board	\$9,654
Staff (Fall 2016)	378
Full-time	292 (77%)
Part-time	86 (23%)

**UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT (2015-16)**

Total Outright Gifts from Private Sources	\$27.7 million
The Lawrence Fund	\$3.9 million
Alumni of Record	19,528
Alumni Participation Rate	36.0%

**FRESHMAN STUDIES**

Entering students enroll in *Freshman Studies*, a two-course sequence specifically designed to acquaint them with the modes of inquiry characteristic of intellectual discourse at Lawrence and to enhance their reading, writing, speaking and critical-thinking skills. Through the study of important works of systematic thought or creative imagination, the course raises for discussion and analysis important ideas of abiding concern. *Freshman Studies* is both an introduction to and an integral part of a Lawrence education.

**COOPERATIVE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Engineering (B.A./Bachelor of Engineering), with Columbia University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute or Washington University; Forestry and Environmental Studies (B.A./Master of Forestry or Master of Environmental Management), with Duke University School of the Environment; and Occupational Therapy (B.A. or B.A./M.S.), with the Washington University School of Medicine.

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

Secondary-education certification, Early Adolescence through Adolescence (Grades 6-12), is available for most majors offered in the B.A. curriculum. Early Childhood through Adolescence (Grades PreK-12) certification is offered in studio art, world languages, ESL and music (choral, general and instrumental). Certification in

elementary education, Early Childhood through Middle Childhood (Grades PreK-6), is available for all majors.

**OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS**

Lawrence encourages students to engage in at least one term of study away from the campus and offers 56 off-campus programs: eight domestic and 48 international. Nearly 40 percent of each graduating class will have studied abroad during their time at Lawrence. The college sponsors the Lawrence London Centre and the Francophone Seminar in Dakar, Senegal. Other programs are offered through Lawrence's membership in or affiliation with a variety of organizations, including the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Associated Colleges in China, Institute for the International Education of Students and International Studies Abroad. Lawrence prioritizes long-term programs of a term, semester or academic year in length. Study abroad programs are offered for students in all academic areas, and students receive strong advising and administrative assistance as they consider their options, prepare for their program and upon returning to campus.

Sponsored Off-Campus Program Participants (2015-16)	129
Domestic	3 (2%)
Study Abroad	126 (98%)

**LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Seeley G. Mudd Library is one of the finest small-college libraries in the Midwest, housing 431,365 books and bound periodicals; 191,031 government documents; 67,200 current periodical subscriptions; 20,823 music scores; 30,444 CDs, DVDs and other audiovisual resources; 103,044 microform items; 220,704 E-books; and subscribing to 167 databases. Special holdings include a rare book collection of over 3,400 items dating back to the 16th century and a Lincoln Reading Room containing published materials, works of art and autographs relating to the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln.

Total Library Expenditures (2015-16)	\$1.8 million
Library Expenditures per 2015-16 Student FTE	\$1,171

**ATHLETICS, CLUB SPORTS, INTRAMURALS AND CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Intercollegiate athletics at Lawrence dates back to at least the 1890s. A founding member of the Midwest Conference and a member of NCAA Division III, Lawrence fields 21 varsity teams: 11 for men and 10 for women, including baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, football, hockey, indoor track, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, outdoor track and volleyball.

A variety of club sports and intramurals are offered.

For a complete list of campus organizations and opportunities for involvement, visit the website for student activities at [go.lawrence.edu/doso](http://go.lawrence.edu/doso).

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Academic Affairs	920-832-6528
Admissions	920-832-6500
	800-227-0982
Alumni and Constituency Engagement	920-832-6854
Athletics	920-832-6760
Center for Academic Success	920-832-6530
Communications	920-832-7325
Conservatory	920-832-6612
Dean of Students	920-832-6596
Development	920-832-6517
Diversity and Inclusion	920-832-6744
Financial Aid	920-832-6583
Financial Services	920-832-7164
Human Resources	920-832-6543
International Student Services	920-832-6509
President's Office	920-832-6525
Registrar's Office	920-832-6578
Research Administration	920-832-6532
Spiritual and Religious Life	920-832-6673
Technology Services	920-832-6570



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