

# Lawrence University 2017 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 Allegiant Air, American, Delta, and United.

## 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, 40 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, classical civilization, 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, as well as a minor in music pedagogy. Students seeking the B.Mus. degree may also complete any of the minors, exclusive of music, or interdisciplinary areas offered in the B.A. degree program. Student-designed majors are also available.

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

2011 Cohort 6-year Graduation Rate	80%
2016 Cohort 1-year Retention Rate	88%
Degrees Awarded (2016-17)	339
Students Receiving Degrees (2016-17)	329
B.A.	274 (83%)
B.Mus.	45 (14%)
B.A./B.Mus.	10 (3%)

Majors with the largest number of graduates (in descending order): music performance (43), biology (37), psychology (34), economics (29), English (26), biochemistry (21), history (21), government (18), environmental studies (14), mathematics (14), physics (12), Spanish (12), music (B.A.) (11), anthropology (10), art (studio) (10), art history (10), music education (10), philosophy (10).

## ENROLLMENT (FALL 2017)

Total Enrollment	1,473
Full-Time	1,434 (97%)
Part-Time <sup>a</sup>	39 (3%)
Degree-Seeking Students	1,441
Men <sup>c</sup>	667 (46%)
Women <sup>c</sup>	774 (54%)
Total Student FTE <sup>b</sup>	1,447
Race/Ethnic Composition <sup>c</sup>	
African American	71 (4.8%)
Asian	77 (5.2%)
Hispanic/Latino/Latina of any race	129 (8.8%)
Two or more races	52 (3.5%)
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1 (0.1%)
Native American/Alaskan Native	3 (0.2%)
Non-Resident International	181 (12.3%)
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	17 (1.1%)
White	942 (64.0%)
Geographic Representation	
47 states plus the District of Columbia and Virgin Islands	
37 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)

<sup>c</sup> Based on IPEDS federal designations for gender and race/ethnicity categories

## ENTERING FRESHMEN PROFILE (CLASS OF 2021)

Number Applied	3,612
Acceptance Rate	63%
Number Matriculated	353
Combined SAT Score* (reading and writing + math)	1,210-1,400 (all students)
ACT Score*	25-31 (all students)
Top 10% of High School Class	43%
Average High School GPA**	3.66

\* SAT and ACT scores are not required for application. Includes 25th and 75th percentiles. SAT redesigned in March 2016.

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

## FINANCIAL AID PROFILE (AS OF SEPT. 29, 2017)

Total Financial Aid	\$52.9 million
Lawrence Gift Aid	\$37.7 million (71.3%)
Average Need-Based Financial Aid Package	\$39,828
Degree-Seeking Students Receiving Aid (Fall 2017)	1,424 (98%)
International Students Receiving Aid	164
Domestic Students Receiving Need-Based Aid	881
Domestic Students Receiving Non-Need Based or Merit-Only Aid	379

## FACULTY (2017-18)

Full-time Faculty (Fall 2017)	172
FTE Faculty <sup>a</sup>	185
Percent Full-time Faculty/FTE	93%
Full-time Faculty who Hold the Ph.D. or Other Terminal Degree	91%
Full-time Tenure-Track Positions (142) with Tenured Faculty	76%
Student-Faculty Ratio <sup>b</sup>	7.8:1
Class Size (2016-17)	Number of Class Sections
1 (College)	576 (19%)
1 (Conservatory)	1,307 (43%)
2-9	471 (16%)
10-19	428 (14%)
20-29	126 (4%)
30-39	60 (2%)
40-49	26 (1%)
50-plus	22 (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 (2016-17)

Endowment (June 30, 2017)	\$318.2 million
Endowment per Degree-Seeking Student	\$211,151
Total Net Assets (2016-17)	\$404.5 million
Operating Budget (2017-18)	\$63 million
Comprehensive Fee (2017-18)	\$56,133
Tuition and Fees	\$46,101
Room and Board	\$10,032
Staff (Fall 2017)	397
Full-Time	316 (80%)
Part-Time	81 (20%)

## UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT (2016-17)

Total Outright Gifts from Private Sources	\$18.5 million
The Lawrence Fund	\$3.9 million
Alumni of Record	19,666
Alumni Participation Rate	33.8%

## 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 (2016-17)	128
Domestic	7 (5%)
Study Abroad	121 (95%)

## LIBRARY RESOURCES

Seeley G. Mudd Library is one of the finest small-college libraries in the Midwest, housing 412,595 books and bound periodicals; 193,116 government documents; 67,200 current periodical subscriptions; 21,075 music scores; 31,034 CDs, DVDs and other audiovisual resources; 103,113 microform items; 220,704 E-books; and subscribing to 171 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 (2016-17)	\$1.8 million
Library Expenditures per 2016-17 Student FTE	\$1,193

## 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, a member of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and a member of the Midwest Fencing Conference, Lawrence fields 21 varsity teams at the NCAA Division III level: 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. Additional information about Lawrence University Vikings Athletics may be found on the athletics website at [vikings.lawrence.edu](http://vikings.lawrence.edu).

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 or 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
Student Life	920-832-6596
Technology Services	920-832-6570



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