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# Eastern Connecticut State University

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Eastern Connecticut State University—a predominantly undergraduate, residential, public liberal arts university founded in 1889—is dedicated to preparing students from a variety of backgrounds for a lifetime of inquiry, discovery, and responsible citizenship.

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## The 4 Distinctions

### Engaged Students

Dynamic class discussions, independent research, and a variety of out-of-class opportunities — field study, internships, study abroad, and campus activities — enable Eastern’s community of learners to apply their education in practical, real-world settings and encourage their active participation in campus and community life.

Students can choose from 33 majors or select the Individualized Major option, which has allowed students to design such majors as Digital Multimedia, Psychology and Business Administration, Law and Society, Philosophical Methodology, Multimedia Writing/Production for the Deaf, Behavioral Biology, and French Women’s Studies.

Fifty study abroad programs take students to such countries as Canada, Puerto Rico, Ghana, Japan, Poland, Uganda, Sweden, and Taiwan. Participation is encouraged in one of Eastern’s active field studies, such as those in the Greater Caribbean’s barrier reefs and rainforests where students have traveled each year since 1967. Communication students visited Veracruz, Mexico in June 2007 to produce a documentary about the rainforest environment and preservation of biodiversity. The Native American Cultural Study program explored the Navajo, Hopi, and Yavapai cultures in Arizona. And students from the departments of History, Communication, and Business Administration traveled to China in summer 2007 to experience its culture and learn more about its economy.

Hands-on learning is provided on campus in the university’s planetarium, black-box theatre, Julius Akus Gallery, radio station, all-digital television studio, and many outstanding science labs. Eastern also places an emphasis on community engagement and service learning as part of its public liberal arts mission.

### Great Teaching

Eastern’s faculty is dedicated to teaching and focused on mentoring and facilitating students’ learning. Students have the opportunity to get to know and learn one-on-one from professors who frequently win recognition for their own

scholarship and research and who assume leadership and service roles in the local community.

Experts in their fields, professors bring the school’s motto “Excellence that Inspires” to life by publishing poetry; producing award-winning documentaries; writing books; engaging in challenging field studies; traveling and teaching throughout the world; and accomplishing top-notch research. Several have won Fulbright Scholar awards, and an Eastern art professor designed the Connecticut quarter as part of the U.S. Mint series.

The liberal arts core curriculum uses innovative and interdisciplinary courses to expose students to a broad range of academic disciplines and develop their skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and independent research.

Eastern’s First-Year Program offers first-time, full-time college students a rich and comprehensive introduction to academics and campus life at Eastern, connecting them with some of the University’s best teachers, involving them in innovative courses, and helping them to develop bonds with faculty members and peers from the day they arrive on campus.

Eastern’s Honor Program promotes undergraduate scholarship and complements the university’s liberal arts mission by providing academically talented students with opportunities to participate in specially designed courses that prepare them to conduct independent research and/or scholarly activity under the direction of a faculty mentor. Examples of such courses include Popular Music in a Global Context; Family in Film, Theatre, and TV; Native American and Ancient Cosmologies in Literature and Culture; and Mass Mediated Political Rhetoric.

### Vibrant Community

The Eastern campus is a close-knit community of individuals who respect diverse opinions and backgrounds. Dynamic student organizations, intercollegiate and intramural athletic activities, and hundreds of guest lectures, artist performances, and other cultural and intellectual events each year enhance academic life.

More than 60 clubs and organizations cater to interests in print and broadcast media (including newspaper, yearbook, campus television and radio stations); culture; spirituality;

leadership and service; social activism; professional associations; academics; honors; community service; performing arts; government and politics; and others.

The Eastern Warriors, winners of nine national championships (four baseball and five softball) are in the Little East Conference and are affiliated with the NCAA's Division III. The University provides a well-rounded, broad-based athletic and recreational program, including club sports, recreational activities, intramurals, and intercollegiate competition. It sponsors 17 varsity sports—men's basketball, cross-country, lacrosse, soccer, indoor and outdoor track and field, baseball; and women's baseball, basketball, cross-country, lacrosse, soccer, indoor and outdoor track and field, softball, swimming, field hockey, and volleyball.

Eastern also has intramural sports such as basketball; volleyball; soccer; softball; and flag football, and club sports including rugby; cheerleading; dance team; and taekwon do.

Trips ranging from shopping and theatre excursions in New York City and Boston to activities such as hiking and river rafting are sponsored by the student-run Campus Activity Board.

Eastern's new Student Center features a bookstore; wireless Internet access lounge; fitness center featuring the latest aerobic equipment; state-of-the-art meeting and conference rooms; and a food court offering diverse food and beverage selections.

Broadening the cultural and social perspectives of Eastern students is an important element of the university's liberal arts mission. The Arts and Lecture Series brings world-renowned authors, artists, and film personalities to campus to enrich the cultural perspectives of students, faculty, and staff as well as the local community. Previous guests have included basketball legend Bill Russell, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough, noted author John Updike, CNN Anchor Soledad O'Brien, filmmaker Spike Lee, social activist Gloria Steinem, and actor James Earl Jones.

## Successful Outcomes

Eastern graduates are prepared for a variety of professional careers and armed with the life skills necessary to succeed in today's changing world—able to think for themselves, work collaboratively, and serve as community leaders.

Eastern's placement rate (employment and graduate school) is 95 percent. The Office of Career Services provides comprehensive career counseling and job assistance to Eastern students and alumni, reviewing résumés; conducting mock interviews; and offering internship; co-op and full-time employment opportunities. Graduates attend top graduate programs at Harvard University, Yale University, Boston University, Wesleyan University, Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, Georgetown School of Law, and Columbia University.

Distinguished alumni, who contribute in all sectors of society, include Connecticut State Senator Edith Prague ('65); nationally-recognized research neurobiologist Marc Freeman ('93), who received the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award while earning his Ph.D. at Yale University; and Thomas P. Sweeney III ('83), chairman and CEO of Incentra Solutions, Inc. in Boulder, Colorado.

## Fast Facts

Eastern Connecticut State University is a public residential liberal arts university, founded in 1889.

### Web site

<http://www.easterncst.edu>

### Location

Willimantic, Connecticut—30 minutes from Hartford and midway between Boston and New York.

### Student Profile

4,826 undergraduate students full- and part-time (55% female, 45% male); 26 states; 34 countries; 16% minority;

### Faculty Profile

71% of faculty members teach full-time. 95% of full-time faculty hold doctorates or the highest degree in their field. 16:1 student/faculty ratio. Average class size is 24.

### Residence Life

88% of freshman students live in college-owned, college-operated, or college-affiliated housing. Rooms for one to two students; suites for up to four students; apartment-style units for four to six students. High-speed access to the University's computer network and the Internet from residence halls. Residences have recreation and laundry facilities, lounges, and computer labs.

### Athletics

NCAA Division III, Little East Conference. 17 varsity sports: men's basketball; cross-country; lacrosse; soccer; indoor and outdoor track and field; and baseball; women's basketball; cross-country; lacrosse; soccer; indoor and outdoor track and field; swimming; softball; field hockey; and volleyball. Numerous intramural and club teams.

### Academic Programs

Majors include: Accounting, Biochemistry, Biology, Business Administration, Business Information Systems, Communication, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Elementary Education, English, English/American Studies, Environmental Earth Science, General Studies, History, History with American Studies, History and Social Sciences, Individualized Major, Mathematics, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Political Science, Psychology, Secondary Education, Social Work, Sociology and Applied Social Relations, Spanish, Sport and Leisure Management, and Visual Arts.

### Costs and Aid

2007-2008: Full-time tuition and fees \$6,961 (in-state); full-time tuition and fees \$15,681 (out-of-state); housing \$4,680 (in-state and out-of-state); Silver Meal Plan \$3,700 (in-state and out-of-state). 81% of full-time undergraduates received financial aid in 2006-2007.

### Endowment

\$10.2 million.

### More Distinctions

- Recently named as one of the Northeast's Top Colleges by *The Princeton Review*.
- Recently named to Colleges of Distinction.

# Quinnipiac University

## CONNECTICUT

A full-fledged university with a small college feel, Quinnipiac University makes a strong liberal arts education the foundation for career-focused programs in health sciences, business, communications, education, and law. Students are the priority, and Quinnipiac features a wide range of majors, dedicated faculty, excellent experiential programs, and a dazzling social scene.

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## The 4 Distinctions

### Engaged Students

Quinnipiac challenges, supports, and prepares students for successful careers and lives. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), the standard for determining student satisfaction with their college, rates Quinnipiac highly compared to schools across the nation. Quinnipiac students tend to be better prepared for classes, spend more time outside of class with faculty, engage in more active-learning activities, and exceed their own academic expectations more often than students at other colleges. The survey also shows a very high rate of student satisfaction (94 percent report an excellent or good academic experience) and an above-average level of academic support.

Students are encouraged to broaden their education and gain real-world experience through internships. The university works closely with each student to find an internship opportunity that matches the student's interests and future goals. Clinical placements for students in the health-care majors provide the link between classroom learning and patient care.

Quinnipiac provides several options for foreign study, including an arrangement with University College Cork in Ireland. Through agreements with other universities and international programs, Quinnipiac offers study-abroad programs in a number of other countries.

### Great Teaching

Quinnipiac's University Curriculum (UC) provides an introduction to the liberal arts, the humanities, and the sciences along with three seminar courses that explore the individual as a member of the local, national, and international community. The UC teaches students how to analyze ideas, think creatively, write clearly, and speak effectively by providing a solid background in a large number of disciplines. The Writing Across the Curriculum initiative stresses the importance of developing excellent writing skills in all disciplines.

State-of-the-art facilities enhance and enrich students' learning. Quinnipiac's academic buildings have won

several awards for design; they offer students ample space for discussion, hands-on learning, and access to the latest technology. Labs are well equipped; the critical care unit in Buckman Center accurately simulates a fully equipped hospital setting; and the Ed McMahon Mass Communications Center gives students full access to a high-definition, fully-digital television production studio, digital editing suites, and a news technology center for journalism. The motion analysis lab provides support to the athletic training and physical therapy program as well as figure movement modeling for the interactive digital design major. The financial technology center is a high-tech simulated trading floor, providing students with an opportunity to access real-time financial data, conduct interactive trading simulations, and develop financial models preparing them for careers in finance. The university's Arnold Bernhard Library has multiple work areas for group and individual study, and is open 24/7 during the fall and spring semesters. All campus buildings and residence halls are supported by a wireless computer network.

Quinnipiac offers more than fifty major fields of study, including several unique and innovative programs. In several programs, including accounting, business, journalism, and education, students can spend one or two extra years in school and earn a master's degree in addition to their bachelor's. The university's health sciences programs in physical therapy, physician assistant, and occupational therapy graduate students with an advanced degree. The physical therapy program is a six and a half-year BS/Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, occupational therapy is a five and a half-year BS/MOT, and the physician assistant program is a six-year BS/MS. Interactive digital design combines computer science with artistic imagination in the context of the humanities.

### Vibrant Community

Quinnipiac is located in Hamden, Connecticut, just eight miles north of New Haven, and midway between New York City and Boston on a beautiful five hundred-acre New England campus.

The residential life program at Quinnipiac University provides a safe, comfortable environment where every student can make the

most of the college experience. The university strives to sustain a college community focused on the individual as it prepares students for productive lives and careers. Residence staff provides programming to help students grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially. Every hall hosts faculty members for discussion groups, as well as workshops on real-world skills.

Quinnipiac is expanding its residence halls in order to guarantee housing to undergraduate students for all four years. Currently, 3,300 students live on the Mount Carmel campus in traditional residence halls and suite-style housing, some with kitchens. Construction of an additional 1,800 beds is under way, along with a second student center on the nearby York Hill campus, home to the new TD Banknorth Sports Center with twin 3,200-seat arenas for ice hockey and basketball. The view from the top of York Hill is spectacular, looking out over greater New Haven to Long Island Sound. Although resident freshmen may not bring cars to campus, the university shuttle system transports student to area attractions, including shopping, eating, and sports events.

There's plenty to do on campus. The Carl Hansen Student Center is the hub of many student activities. The center is home to the student government office, the headquarters of several student clubs, and the editorial office of the student-produced *Chronicle*. Over seventy clubs and organizations provide an excellent forum for meeting students with similar interests. Greek life is also available through four national fraternities and sororities. Quinnipiac also schedules special events nearly every weekend, including Parents' Weekend, the Holiday Dinner, and award-winning productions by the theatre department. Recent productions have included *Dead Man Walking*, *The Laramie Project*, and *The Troubles of Romeo and Juliet*.

The Quinnipiac Bobcats play highly competitive NCAA Division I athletics in the Northeast Conference (NEC) in most sports, and in the prestigious ECAC in men's and women's ice hockey. Bobcat athletics involve the entire campus, from the Crazy Bobcat Club to student-athletes to fans in the stands. The university's teams have a tradition of excellence. The men's ice hockey team was ranked sixteenth nationally in 2007.

Quinnipiac students are active, sports-minded, and interested in physical fitness. The university provides a full range of activities to help students stay in shape. Students field teams in fourteen intramural sports for both casual and competitive play. Other options include a well-equipped fitness center for strength training and cardiovascular exercise, as well as organized fitness classes like step aerobics, karate, and hip-hop dance.

## Successful Outcomes

Quinnipiac offers first-rate preparation for both the workforce and advanced study. Within six months of graduation, 80 percent of Quinnipiac's graduates are employed or in graduate school, and 90 percent are within a year. Quinnipiac graduates are employed in business, communications, education, social services, hospitals and health-care centers. Graduates have taken jobs at companies such as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson, Dell Computers, JPMorgan Chase, and ESPN, as well as for the television program *48 Hours*.

## Fast Facts

Quinnipiac University is a four-year, independent, comprehensive university founded in 1929.

### Web site

<http://www.quinnipiac.edu>

### Location

Hamden, Connecticut—8 miles north of New Haven and 2 hours each from New York City and Boston.

### Student Profile

5,400 undergraduate students (40% male, 60% female); 26 states and territories; 10% minority, 1% international. Additional 2,000 graduate, law and part-time students.

### Faculty Profile

290 full-time faculty. 15:1 student/faculty ratio. Average class size is 22.

### Residence Life

95% of freshmen live on campus. Housing is guaranteed to all undergraduate full-time students.

### Athletics

NCAA Division I, Northeast Conference (NEC), ECAC in ice hockey, and Great Western league for men's lacrosse.

### Academic Programs

Accounting; advertising; athletic training/sports medicine; biochemistry; biology; biomedical marketing; biomedical sciences; bio products marketing; business BS/MBA program; chemistry; communications (media production or media studies); computer science; criminal justice; diagnostic imaging; economics; education (5 year program BA/MAT for elementary and secondary grades); English; entrepreneurship; finance; gerontology; health/science studies; information systems management journalism; history; independent major; interactive digital design; international business; journalism; legal studies; management; marketing; mathematics; microbiology/molecular biology; nursing; occupational therapy (5 ½ year BS/MOT); physical therapy (6 ½ year BS/DPT); physician assistant (6 year BS/MHS); political science; psychobiology; psychology; public relations; social services; sociology; Spanish language & literature; theater; veterinary technology.

### Costs and Aid

2007-2008: \$39,920 comprehensive (\$28,720 tuition/fees). 70% of students receive some form of financial aid. Merit scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$16,000 based on high school rank in class and SAT or ACT scores.

### Endowment

\$210 million.