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# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

When researching colleges, it is important to remember that you should be trying to figure out more than “What college is best, academically?” The thing is, it’s not hard to find academically great schools in this country, but you should really focus on finding a college that suits your academic goals as well as some personal pursuits.

Over the past 20 years, it has been our mission to provide students with savvy and sometimes hard-to-get information about colleges so that they can find and get in to their “best fit” schools. To do that, we have authored over 200 college guidebooks, most notably, our Best Colleges guidebook series, which provides statistical data and narrative descriptions of the most academically outstanding institutions in the United States and Canada.

You may be wondering how this guide is different. This is a guide to 322 colleges and universities that have demonstrated a notable commitment to sustainability. While it differs from our Best Colleges guidebooks in that it does not report information based on our surveys of students attending the schools, it very much embodies our philosophy that finding your “best fit” school means looking at everything from the school’s academic offerings to its extracurricular options and, here, its commitment to going green. We recognize there is a rising interest among students in attending colleges that practice, teach, and support environmentally responsible choices. Among the more than 7,000 college applicants The Princeton Review surveyed for its 2012 College Hopes & Worries Survey, 68 percent of respondents said they would value having information about a college’s commitment to the environment, reflecting a steady increase since we began asking this question in 2008. (PrincetonReview.com/college-hopes-worries.aspx).

There is a sincere and growing interest among students in identifying and applying to colleges where there is a demonstrated commitment to sustainability. But what exactly does this commitment entail? Why should it matter whether a college has practices in place that support green living? And how can you determine whether a school is committed to going green?

While you might be able to do some online research and come up with independent evaluations of the school’s commitment to sustainability, The Princeton Review’s *Guide to 322 Green Colleges* differs in that it’s not about grading schools. Nowhere in this book will you find a hierarchical listing of the “greenest” colleges or the ones with the “best” sustainability practices. The point begs repeating: THIS BOOK IS NOT A RANKING.

Rather, our aim is to highlight 322 campuses which, based on our survey of their school administrators, demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability. Some of them are just in the beginning stages of defining sustainability priorities while others are reaping the rewards of a long-term commitment to green. A holistic approach to sustainable living on campus binds these schools together, covering everything from procurement and building guidelines to green academic programs and preparation for sustainable careers, and a willingness to be accountable for their green commitments. Just as there is no such thing as a perfect college (just a perfect college for you), there is not one way to be green; a school surrounded by a wildlife reserve will have different sustainability priorities than one in the middle of a giant metropolis, and what is actually achievable for each may not be the same.

That’s why, in this book, we take both a quantitative and qualitative look at a school’s sustainability efforts in areas we’ve identified as most important to students: 1) whether students have a campus quality of life that is both healthy and sustainable 2) how well a school is preparing students for employment in the green economy 3) how environmentally responsible a school’s policies are. We invited 2,000 schools to take our survey in order to come up with the 322 profiled here. In addition to earning the highest Green Rating (which you’ll learn more about later), the green initiatives of these institutions enhance students’ academic experience and quality of life in ways that truly merit recognition.

### Did You Know?

Middlebury College became the first institution of higher education in the United States to offer an environmental studies major, establishing the major in 1965.\*

### Did You Know?

UCLA’s hospital cafeterias replaced all Styrofoam cups with biodegradable, paper-insulated cups, which will save hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste material every year.†

\*. Source: <http://community.middlebury.edu/~enviroc/aande.html>

† Source: <http://www.sustain.ucla.edu/campus/>

More and more students are going to college now than ever before, so educational institutions are busy accommodating this growth with new academic buildings and dorms while ensuring that existing facilities are running efficiently. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) helps provide a layer of accountability for college campuses seeking ways to make their green building projects, both old and new, as environmentally responsible as possible. USGBC's LEED® green building rating system is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of green buildings. Many of the schools profiled in these pages have LEED-certified buildings on campus or a commitment to future LEED projects, but that was not a criterion for inclusion in the book.

All of the schools in this guide, whether or not they are profiled in our annual Best Colleges book, are exemplary institutions that address the balance of people, planet, and prosperity in fascinating ways. Our hope, in coordinating with the USGBC, is to break down what green looks like across different campuses in a way that will help you to choose the right school to live sustainably.

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## HOW WE PRODUCED THIS BOOK

The story of how we produced this book needs to begin with the story of how our “Green Rating” began. That’s because our criteria for the selection of schools in this book and much of the data we report in their school write-ups relies largely on our unique Green Rating of colleges and our surveys of college administrators upon which we tally those ratings.

However, like most of what we do at The Princeton Review, our purpose in producing it starts with students and what we learned from them about issues that matter in their college searches.

In the 2007–2008 school year, as we visited campuses (one of the most inspiring parts of our job) and saw a growing number of student and school-based initiatives on college campuses around environmental issues and practices, we decided to add a “green” question to our “College Hopes & Worries Survey.” We asked how important it would be to have information about a school’s commitment to the environment in their assessments of whether to apply to or attend the school. The response, in a word: very.

We quickly got to work to collect data on this topic from the hundreds of colleges at which we annually survey administrators for statistical information we report in our college guidebooks and website profiles. We teamed up with ecoAmerica ([www.ecoAmerica.org](http://www.ecoAmerica.org)), an environmental nonprofit research and partnership-based organization, to help us decide what to ask schools about their environmentally-conscious policies, practices, and priorities. Working with a national advisory board created expressly for this project, we identified 28 questions for our institutional survey.

Like our other seven college ratings ([www.princetonreview.com/college/college-ratings.aspx](http://www.princetonreview.com/college/college-ratings.aspx))—including our Fire Safety, and Financial Aid Ratings—our Green Rating is a numerical score from 60 to 99 that we tally based on several data points. Colleges that do not supply answers to a sufficient number of the questions for us to fairly tally a rating for them in any category receive a rating of 60\* (sixty with an asterisk) in that category.

Note: Our College Ratings differ from our College Rankings; our Rankings are lists entirely based on our surveys of students attending the schools in that book (only) who rate their own institutions on an 80-question survey and report on their campus experiences at their schools. Our Ratings are scores primarily based on our surveys of administrators who report institutional data to us about colleges and universities that we analyze to tally their score.

Our Green Rating provides a measure of a school’s performance as an environmentally proactive institution as well as its efforts to provide (and continually develop) an environmentally-beneficial student experience. Specifically it looks at: whether the students have a campus quality of life that is both healthy and sustainable; how well a school is preparing its students for green jobs in the 21st century, as well as for citizenship in a world now defined by environmental concerns and opportunities; and how environmentally responsible a school’s policies are.

In the fall of 2009, we teamed up with the Center for Green Schools at U.S. Green Building Council to produce the first edition of this book. Together we believed it was important to produce an expanded resource for students looking for information about colleges particularly committed to the environment and to building sustainable campuses.

## CRITERIA FOR THE PRINCETON REVIEW GREEN RATING OF COLLEGES

The Princeton Review tallies its Green Rating scores based on institutional data it obtains from the colleges in response to ten survey questions that ask:

1. The percentage of food expenditures that goes toward local, organic or otherwise environmentally preferable food.
2. Whether the school offers programs including free bus passes, universal access transit passes, bike sharing/renting, car sharing, carpool parking, vanpooling or guaranteed rides home to encourage alternatives to single-passenger automobile use for students.
3. Whether the school has a formal committee with participation from students that is devoted to advancing sustainability on campus.
4. Whether new buildings are required to be certified LEED Silver.
5. The school's overall waste-diversion rate.
6. Whether the school has an environmental studies major, minor or concentration.
7. Whether the school has an "environmental literacy" requirement.
8. Whether the school has produced a publicly available greenhouse gas emissions inventory and adopted a climate action plan consistent with 80 percent greenhouse gas reductions by 2050 targets.
9. What percentage of the school's energy consumption, including heating/cooling and electrical, is derived from renewable sources (this definition included "green tags" but not nuclear or large scale hydropower).
10. Whether the school employs a dedicated full-time (or full-time equivalent) sustainability officer.

In July 2012 we were able to tally and report Green Rating scores for 806 colleges and universities in our school profiles in our various books and website out of 2,000 schools that were contacted. Of those, 21 schools attained scores of 99 and were named to our fourth Green Rating Honor Roll reported in our *The Best 377 Colleges*. In alphabetical order, they were:

American University

Arizona State University

California Institute of Technology

California State University, Chico

Catawba College

Chatham University

College of the Atlantic

Columbia University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Goucher College

Green Mountain College

Harvard College

Northeastern University

San Francisco State University

University of California—Santa Cruz

University of South Carolina—Columbia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point

Vanderbilt University

Warren Wilson College



Now in its fourth edition, *The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges* profiles 322 colleges and universities in America with an outstanding commitment to environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and integrating sustainability into classes, curricula, certificates and degrees. This book does not rank schools on a hierarchical list, but rather focuses on colleges that are leading by example.

Some, but not all of the schools in this book are also found in our flagship *Best Colleges* book, which profiles institutions we believe are the most academically outstanding in the country. Though this book contains some narrative and statistical information about schools that we also report in our *Best Colleges* book, it differs in three important aspects:

1. It does not include any rankings of schools or "top lists."
2. It is based on surveys garnered from college and university staff and not surveys filled out by students, therefore excluding firsthand student opinions from the guide.
3. It focuses on one aspect of college life: living and learning at a school that prioritizes a green campus, a green curriculum and a green community.

Nowhere in this book will you find a hierarchical listing of the greenest colleges or the ones with the best sustainability practices; just as we believe there is no such thing as the best college (just the best college for you), there is no one way to run a sustainable campus.

All 322 schools in this book, however, have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability initiatives. We chose them based on Green Rating scores we tallied for and reported in our 2012 school profiles. Of all the schools that responded to our Green Survey and received Green Ratings, these 322 schools scored in the 80s or 90s on our tallies. They are terrific institutions in our opinion, with many unique and varying offerings.

For this reason, we applaud and recommend them to students seeking to spend their college experience at an institution that shares their priorities for a more sustainable future.

We hope you will peruse these profiles and be impressed as we were. We also encourage you to use this information as a springboard to learn more about the schools, to visit their sustainability websites (when noted) and better yet, visit the campuses themselves.

Finally, we hope you'll remember that sustainable living is just one aspect of the college experience. Many factors should go into your assessment of the colleges you are considering. Visit all the colleges you can and talk to their students. Ask what they love about their schools and what they believe needs improving. Form your own opinion about the colleges. At the end of the day, it's what you think that matters the most and will enable you to answer that all-important question: "*Which college is best for me?*"



**THE CENTER FOR GREEN SCHOOLS AT THE U.S. GREEN  
BUILDING COUNCIL AND THE PRINCETON REVIEW: A  
PARTNERSHIP FOR ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY**

To produce this book, The Princeton Review once again partnered with the Washington, D.C.-based non-profit the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) ([www.centerforgreen-schools.org](http://www.centerforgreen-schools.org)) because of its leadership, expertise and transformational work toward making schools healthier, safer, and more efficient places for learning.

Founded in 1993, USGBC's is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. The non-profit works towards its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities.

As the most widely recognized and widely used green building program across the globe, LEED is certifying 1.6 million square feet of building space each day in more than 135 countries. LEED is a certification program for buildings, homes and communities that provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. Today, nearly 50,000 projects are currently participating in LEED, comprising more than 8.9 billion square feet of construction space.

As colleges and universities address sustainability on campus, many are using LEED to guide the design, construction, operations and maintenance of both new and existing facilities. To learn more about LEED, visit [usgbc.org/LEED](http://usgbc.org/LEED).

With USGBC's strong background in transforming communities and the Center's work with both K–12 schools and higher ed, the Center was an ideal partner for this project. The Center for Green Schools was established by USGBC in 2010 to make sure every student has the opportunity to attend a green school within this generation. From kindergarten to college and beyond, the Center works directly with staff, teachers, faculty, students, administrators, elected officials and communities to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable places to live and learn, work and play. The Center's work in greening schools has struck a common chord across industry sectors, political affiliations, and generations.

Approximately 25 percent of the nation's total population goes to school or sets foot on a campus every day. There are nearly 140,000 K–12 schools, colleges and universities in the United States, and millions of faculty, students, staff, and administrators walk into classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, and lecture halls that compromise their ability to learn and teach.

United Technologies Corporation (UTC) has supported the vision of the Center as its Founding Sponsor. UTC's generous support helps the Center raise the volume on USGBC's efforts to drive wholesale change in how schools are designed, constructed and operated so that they enhance the learning experience for students and save money for school districts and higher education institutions. The Center for Green Schools President's Award was presented with support from UTC for the first time in 2012, acknowledging two outstanding college presidents, representing both two-year and a four-year institutions, for visionary leadership on their campus, in their community, and among their peers. UTC will continue to support the mission of the Center in 2013 by supporting effective programs, honoring additional presidents and proudly sponsoring the Guide to Green Colleges again.

High-performing schools are places to educate high-performing students, and beyond the bricks and mortar, these schools are home to a new generation of leaders—sustainability leaders—capable of driving global market transformation.

You can find the Center for Green Schools online at [centerforgreenschools.org](http://centerforgreenschools.org), [facebook.com/centerforgreenschools](https://www.facebook.com/centerforgreenschools) and on Twitter @mygreenschools.

## **WHERE WE LEARN MATTERS: GREEN APPLE & DAY OF SERVICE 2013**

Green Apple is an initiative of the Center for Green Schools at USGBC to put all students in schools where they have clean and healthy air to breathe, where energy and resources are conserved, and where they can be inspired to dream of a brighter future.

The Green Apple initiative is powered by volunteers who participate in community-based efforts; promoted by media partners, like-minded NGOs, and high-profile ambassadors; and funded by corporate partners who believe that where our students learn matters.

Green Apple celebrated its official launch with the first-ever Green Apple Day of Service on Sept. 29, 2012. The first Day of Service brought together advocates from around the world, including students, teachers, parents, elected officials, organizations, companies, and others, who took action in their communities through service projects at local schools, creating lasting change through active participation, engagement, and education. Nearly 1,300 projects engaged thousands of volunteers in every state across the U.S. as well as in 49 countries around the globe.

The second annual Green Apple Day of Service takes place on Sept. 28, 2013.

For more information on Green Apple and Green Apple Day of Service, visit [mygreenapple.org](http://mygreenapple.org).

# WHY SUSTAINABILITY ON CAMPUS MATTERS

## Did You Know?

Buildings in the U.S. are responsible for about 40% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.\*

In the United States, there are more than 4,300 institutions of higher learning, and each has a campus of anywhere from one to as many as several hundred buildings. Some campuses sprawl in flat open spaces; others are crammed into dense urban environments. Some have buildings that pre-date the Civil War; and others have brand new architectural icons that define the personality of the institution.

Until recently, you could count on most of those buildings being energy hogs. Nearly every one of those buildings was a profligate waster of water and other precious natural resources. And many of those buildings had an indoor environment filled with toxic chemicals and limited air exchange, making them at best uncomfortable and at worst unsafe for their occupants.

But campuses that include green buildings as a part of their campus master plans—new ones or retrofits to the ones that already exist—are decreasing their carbon footprints, saving energy, saving water, reducing waste and saving money. And this is merely one strategy in use as campuses everywhere demonstrate their leadership in sustainability.

## Before you print that essay, check the paper in the printer!

One ton of paper made completely from recycled scrap saves 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatt-hours of energy, three cubic yards of landfill space, and 17 trees.†

In 1983 the United Nations convened the Brundtland Commission to address growing concerns “about the accelerating deterioration of the human environment and natural resources and the consequences of that deterioration for economic and social development.” The commission determined that the developing environmental crisis was global in nature and that the world’s nations needed to establish policies for sustainable development. The commission’s findings led to the most widely quoted definition of sustainability: “Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” But in today’s world, sustainability and green are often used interchangeably to describe concepts and practices that are kinder to the earth and better for humans.

Ways of living more sustainably can take many forms, from adjustments in individual lifestyles to the development of green technologies. In 2002, the United Nations (UN) adopted Resolution 57/254, which established the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014). The UN’s focus on sustainability in higher education is not incidental; a college campus is often its very own city or town with a significant carbon footprint.

Colleges train the next generation of leaders who will ultimately be responsible for putting green ideas into practice. By infusing sustainability principles into every aspect of higher education, there is a new priority for a whole generation of leaders, educated and trained, to make a greener world now.

## WHY SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS FOR YOU (AND YOUR FUTURE)

You want to be equipped to join the emerging green economy, and that means attending a college that offers a green education. Schools that scored well on our green survey and are featured in this book have courses that help you understand your way around renewable energy, organic agriculture, and the tools for developing smart, efficient products. As an example, Emory University’s Piedmont Project is an annual, cross-disciplinary workshop that has become a national model for teaching faculty how to incorporate sustainability into their curriculum. Additionally, schools like the Georgia Institute of Technology and The George Washington University offer more than 100 courses with a sustainability focus, covering everything from the expected—environmental policy, for example—to the unexpected, like anthropology and religion ... and that is just the beginning!

Not only do green colleges provide great courses, they also have undergrads involved in top-notch research. Students at Washington State University get to participate in projects focused on the development of clean technologies; others explore how to move agriculture from a source of greenhouse gases to an eliminator of it. Undergrads across the country have taken the green lead, launching recycling, composting, and conservation programs on their campuses and pushing for more environmentally friendly policies.

## Did You Know?

NYU has been the largest university purchaser of wind energy in the US for two years running; through green power, NYU is achieving benefits equivalent to removing 12,000 cars from the road or planting 72,000 trees.‡

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\*. Source: [www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=124](http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=124)

†. Source: [www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html)

‡. Source: <http://www.nyu.edu/sustainability/about.sustainability/fast.facts.php>

Given the choice, would you rather live in an energy hog of a dorm with poor ventilation and very little natural light or a green dorm with real-time energy feedback and water-efficient toilets and faucets? Schools like the Maharishi School of Management in Iowa and Sonoma State in California make a point to account for green attributes when designing and operating their buildings. Many of their facilities incorporate natural lighting, improve air quality, and reduce energy and water use. Maharishi's new Sustainable Living facility will even generate its own heating, cooling, and electricity needs. In turn, these attributes foster more welcoming academic and social communities and result in buildings that create a better place to live, learn, and play.

Going green also improves your quality of life when it comes to dining. Many of the fruits and vegetables we eat are transported from across the world meaning that they have to be picked early and then sprayed with chemicals. Wouldn't you rather eat something that has more of its natural vitamins and minerals and isn't coated in pesticides? Schools such as Lafayette College in Pennsylvania believe that food tastes better when it's local and organic. They forego long distance, low-grade cafeteria food and offer their students fresh and local cuisine whenever possible.

Lastly, consider how mobility plays into your standard of living. How "walkable" is a particular campus? Is public transportation accessible? Schools such as University of Maryland—College Park transport more than 2.6 million riders per year via the campus shuttle, while offering a myriad of other alternative transportation options, from free bus passes to bike-share, and even car-share programs. You'll definitely appreciate the freedom these choices afford, all while lessening your environmental impact.

If you choose to attend a school with a commitment to sustainability, the academic, research, and extracurricular opportunities available will put you a step ahead of the competition when it comes to getting one of the green jobs of the future, and make your college experience that much more enjoyable.

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## SUSTAINABILITY 101

Interested in getting your feet wet? For an introduction to sustainability-related topics, check out the following resources:

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For a continually updated list of informative books on sustainability, visit [usgbc.org/knowledgecenter](http://usgbc.org/knowledgecenter).

## GETTING INTO COLLEGE

*The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges* includes public and private schools, all-women's colleges, historically black colleges, science and technology-focused institutions, nontraditional colleges, highly selective schools, and some with virtually open door admissions policies. If you're like any one of the two million (and growing!) high school students who apply to college each year, you're probably wondering what admissions officers at these schools are looking for in an applicant.

### Sustainability.edu

Check out the sustainability websites for the colleges in which you are interested. There you can find out about green initiatives on campus impacting student life inside and outside of the classroom.

The good news is that getting into a green college is no different than getting into any other college. On the other hand, applying to colleges can be a stressful experience, no matter where you're headed. Here's a brief primer on what you should be doing year by year in high school to prepare yourself for admission to your "best fit" college. For a detailed guide on how you can make the most of your high school years and segue those experiences into a successful college application, check out our book: *The Portable Guidance Counselor: Answers to the 284 Most Important Questions About Getting Into College*. Pick it up at [PrincetonReviewBooks.com](http://PrincetonReviewBooks.com).

### FRESHMAN YEAR

It's easier to finish well in high school if you start off that way. Concentrate on your studies and work hard to earn good grades. Get to know your teachers and ask for their help if you are having trouble in a subject (or even if you just really enjoy it and want to learn more). They will most certainly want to help you do your best. Make a point to meet your guidance counselor to begin thinking about colleges you may be interested in and the courses and admission tests they require. Also work on building your vocabulary to get an early start on prepping for the SAT and ACT. Check out our *Essential SAT Vocabulary* flashcards or download our *Vocab Minute* podcasts on [PrincetonReview.com](http://PrincetonReview.com).

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

As a sophomore, you'll need to stay focused on your studies. You'll also want to choose one or more extracurricular activities that interest you. Admissions officers look favorably on involvement in student government,

#### ACT or SAT?

Not sure which test to take? First make sure that all the schools to which you're applying accept both tests (nearly all colleges now do so, but it's best to check). Then take the test on which you do better. Visit [PrincetonReview.com](http://PrincetonReview.com) to take a free assessment test that will help you identify whether the ACT or SAT is better for you. We also have a new book on this very subject: *ACT or SAT? Choosing the Right Exam for You*. No matter which test you end up taking, you should plan to spend three to twelve weeks preparing for the tests.

student newspaper, varsity sports, and community service. If you're applying to a green school, admissions officers might also look favorably upon involvement in organizations that advocate for sustainable practices. But don't overload your schedule with activities just to rack up a long list of extracurriculars that you hope will impress admissions officers. Colleges would much rather see you focus on a few worthwhile extracurriculars than divide your time among a bunch of different activities that you're not passionate about. If you didn't earn strong grades during your freshman year, start doing so this year. Scope out your high school's most challenging course offerings. If you're applying to a selective school, you'll want to sign up for as many Advanced Placement courses as you can reasonably take, starting in your junior year. Admissions officers will want to see that you've earned high grades in challenging classes. Our test prep book series, *Cracking the AP*, can help give you a leg up on passing the AP exams and gaining college credit while in high school.

You may have the opportunity to take the PSAT in your sophomore year. Given every October, the PSAT is a shortened version of the SAT. It is used

to predict how well students may do on the SAT, and it determines eligibility for National Merit Scholarships. While your PSAT scores won't count until you retake the test in your junior year, you should approach this as a test run for the real thing. Check out our book, *Cracking the PSAT/NMSQT* for more info. It has two full-length practice tests and tips on how to score your best on the test.

## JUNIOR YEAR

You'll start the year off by taking the PSAT in October. High PSAT scores in your junior year will qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship competition. To become a finalist, you also need great grades and a recommendation from your school.

Make sure your grades reflect the quality of your work. When colleges look at your transcripts they put a heavy emphasis on junior year grades. Decisions are made before admissions officers see your second semester senior year grades, and possibly before they see your first semester senior year grades! It's critical that your junior year grades are solid.

During your junior year, you'll probably take the SAT or ACT test for the first time. Most colleges require scores from one of these tests for admission and/or scholarship award decisions. Plan to spend three to twelve weeks preparing for the tests. The SAT is comprised of Math, Critical Reading, and Writing sections. Colleges will see your individual section scores and your composite score, but generally they'll be most concerned with your composite score.

More and more students are opting to take the ACT in addition to, or instead of, the SAT. Most colleges accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT. The ACT has an English, Reading, Math, and Science section, plus the optional Writing section (some schools require the essay, so be sure to ask before you take the test).

Most highly selective colleges also require you to take three SAT Subject Tests in addition to the SAT or ACT. If you have SAT Subject Tests to take, plan now. You can't take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the same day. The Princeton Review can help with all the standardized tests you will need to take throughout high school. Log on to PrincetonReview.com for more info about our classes and study guides.

Also take time during your junior year to research colleges, and, if possible, visit schools high on your "hopes" list. When researching colleges, you'll want to consider a variety of factors besides whether or not you can get in including location, school size, majors or programs offered that interest you, cost of tuition and availability of financial aid. Be on the lookout for the campus' green attributes. Are there opportunities to complete community service projects, enroll in classes, and join extracurricular activities focused on sustainability? It helps to visit schools because it's the best way to learn whether a school may be right for you. If you can schedule an interview with an admissions officer during your visit, it may help him or her discover how right you may be for the school.

## SENIOR YEAR

It's time to get serious about pulling everything together for your applications. Deadlines will vary from school to school and you will have a lot to keep track of, so make checklists of what's due when. If you're not happy with your previous SAT scores, you should take the October SAT. If you still need to take any SAT Subject Tests, now is the time.

If you have found the school of your dreams and you're happy with your grades and test scores, consider filing an early decision application. Many selective colleges commit more than half of their admissions spots to early decision applicants. To take this route, you must file your application in early November. By mid-December, you'll find out whether you got in—but there's a catch. If you're accepted early decision to a college, you must withdraw all applications to other colleges. This means that your financial aid offer might be hard to negotiate, so be prepared to take what you get.

Regardless of which route you decide to take, have a backup plan. Make sure you apply to at least one safety school—one that you feel confident you can get into and afford. Another option is to apply early decision at one school, but apply to other colleges during the regular decision period in the event that you are rejected from the early decision college.

When you ask teachers to write recommendations for you, give them everything they need. Tell them your application deadline and include a stamped, addressed envelope, or directions on how to submit the recommendation online, and be sure to send them a thank you note after you know the recommendation was turned in. Your essay, on the other hand, is the one part of your application you have total control over. Don't repeat information from

### Financial Aid 101

All students applying for financial aid (including federal, state, and institutional need-based aid) need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The form is available in high schools in December, but you can't submit it until January. You may also need to complete the CSS/PROFILE form, state aid forms, and any additional forms provided by the colleges. The Princeton Review's book *Paying for College Without Going Broke* explains how the financial aid process works and how to maximize your eligibility for aid. It is the only annually-updated guide that gives line-by-line strategies for completing the FAFSA, which is particularly complicated and crucial. The FAFSA is the need-analysis document used to determine your "EFC" (Expected Family Contribution)—the amount of money your family is expected to ante up toward the cost of college.

other parts of your application. And by all means, proofread! You'll find tips from admissions officers on what they look for (and what peeves them the most) about college applicants' essays in our book, *College Essays That Made a Difference*.

In March and April, colleges will send you a decision from the admissions office regarding your admission or rejection. If you are admitted (and you applied for financial aid) you'll also receive a decision from the financial aid office detailing your aid award package. The decision from the financial aid office can sometimes be appealed. The decision from the admissions office is almost always final. If you are wait listed, don't lose hope. Write a letter to the college expressing how much you'd still like to attend the school and include an update on your recent activities. When colleges admit students from waiting lists, they almost always give preference to students who have made it clear that they really want to attend. It's important to wait until you've heard from all of the colleges you've applied to before making your final choice. May 1 is when you'll need to commit to the lucky college that will have you in its freshman class. We know how exciting but stressful that decision can be. If you're having a difficult time choosing between two colleges, try to visit each of them one more time. Can you imagine yourself walking around that campus, building a life in that community, and establishing friendships with those people? Finally, decide and be happy. Don't forget to thank your recommenders and tell them where you'll be going to school. Some of the best times of your life await you!

## GETTING INVOLVED

### Did You Know?

Pulling an all-nighter to cram for tomorrow's exam? Make sure you use a fluorescent light bulb, which doesn't flicker or hum, and lasts longer and uses of a quarter of the energy used by an incandescent bulb.\*

With so many ways to make a difference, do you ever find that it's hard to decide where to start? Fortunately, there are little things you can do each and every day to help save our planet. Here are some easy suggestions to implement into your daily routine that go a long way toward helping our world get on the path to sustainability.

### GREEN TIPS

**Tip #1: Use laptops instead of desktops.** Laptops use less energy and require fewer resources to manufacture. Whatever you use, make sure to activate those sleep/hibernate settings when your computer is not in use. Screen savers do not save any energy!

**Tip #2: Light it up.** Use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) instead of regular bulbs. They last 8–12 times longer and use 25 percent less energy.

**Tip #3: Check the labels.** When you shop for a new appliance, look for the Energy Star label. This means that the appliance saves energy. Avoid products that contain ChloroFluoroCarbons (CFCs), because these destroy the ozone layer.

**Tip #4: Invest in a power strip.** Plug all your appliances in one area—say, your toaster, blender, and coffee maker—into a power strip. Then when you're done using them, simply turn the power strip switch from "reset" to "off." This will make it easier to get into the routine of turning off electrical appliances when you leave the room.

### Did You Know?

Fend off vampire power! The energy use known as standby power or vampire power (because it sucks your power in the middle of the night). You don't need garlic or wooden stakes: you can simply unplug appliances that are not in use. †

**Tip #5: Avoid water waste.** Turn off the water when you're not using it and check all your faucets for drips. Installing low-flow toilets in your home can lower your overall water use by as much as 25 percent.

**Tip #6: Rearrange the furniture.** Cut down on the need for artificial lighting during the day by arranging desks and reading chairs near the window. Maximize heating and cooling efficiency by opening the curtains and lifting the blinds during the day and closing them at night to insulate the windows.

**Tip #7: Be a groupie.** Organize a carpool to travel to work and school. Group your errands so that you avoid going around in circles and time

possible. For solo trips, travel by bicycle or public transportation whenever possible.

**Tip #8: Shop smart.** Always ask for paper bags—never plastic (plastic bags are not biodegradable). Better still, bring a cloth bag when you shop, or if your purchase is small enough, don't take a bag at all. Buying in bulk saves on packaging, and shopping for reusable products (a glass baking dish rather than a disposable one, for example) will cut down on waste.

\*. Source: <http://www.worldwatch.org/node/1494>

†. Source: [http://sustainablechoices.stanford.edu/actions/in\\_the\\_home/unplugappliances.html](http://sustainablechoices.stanford.edu/actions/in_the_home/unplugappliances.html)

**Tip #9: Cut down on paper.** For those pesky allergies, use handkerchiefs instead of Kleenex. Wipe up kitchen spills with a dish cloth instead of a paper towel. Always use paper products made from 80–100 percent recycled paper, preferably with high post-consumer content.

**Tip #10: Reuse as well as recycle.** Use reusable containers for food storage instead of wrapping food in foil or plastic wrap. Make it a point to buy products with recycled contents and/or recyclable packaging. Start a backyard composting bin for yard clippings and donate your unwanted furniture, appliances, and clothing so that they may be reused.

Making these small lifestyle changes are some of the easiest things you can do to reduce your impact on the environment. You can also join green organizations on campus and help organize sustainability education initiatives for your peers, local businesses, and even your school. USGBC offers many ways to get involved, from its family of USGBC Members to its network of local chapters to its USGBC Students program.

If your time is limited and you would like to support sustainability in another way, consider making a donation to a favorite nonprofit: Dollars are welcome, but so are your old clothes, computers, dishes, bicycles, cell phones, and furniture. Finally, if you feel that you want to study sustainability in college and make a career out of it, by all means, do so! The schools profiled in this book are great destinations for green career training. Whatever your objective, remember to stay focused on the long term.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

## How This Book Is Organized

Each of the colleges and universities in this book has its own half page profile. To make it easier to find and compare information about the schools, we’ve used the same profile format for every school. Look at the sample page below:

### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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**GREEN HIGHLIGHTS**

At Arizona State University, the term “sun-baked” isn’t just a statement of fact, it’s an opportunity to harness the sun’s rays to power the campus. With more than 300 sunny days a year, ASU capitalizes on Phoenix’s exemplary weather with more than twenty megawatts of photovoltaic power installations on campus rooftops and parking structures. This goes a long way to produce energy for the campus, but that’s not enough for ASU—the university is in pursuit of complete carbon neutrality. In 2011, ASU became a member of the Founding Circle of the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” demonstrating once again that it is not just participating in the sustainability movement, it is leading it. In line with the Clinton Climate Initiative, the university, through its Global Institute of Sustainability, put forth a request for solar energy proposals that would provide more than 310,000 square feet of solar panels on campus. Needless to say, when your school’s located in the middle of one of the nation’s hottest deserts, water conservation measures are also critical and ASU knows that every drop of H<sub>2</sub>O counts. ASU has implemented low-flow sinks, toilets, and showers. Several buildings on campus are LEED Silver, Gold, and even Platinum. As if all that weren’t enough, ASU is also working on implementing a “campus-grown foods program,” wherein campus eateries would harvest fruits, herbs, and vegetables from campus gardens. ASU also subsidizes the U-Pass, which offers unlimited rides on area buses and light rail. And for those wary of public transport, ASU also sponsors a bicycle co-op. Interested students have the opportunity to borrow a bike (at no cost!), receive maintenance and repair to their own bicycles and purchase parts and accessories at a discount.

**Green Facts**

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, recycling parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, valet, market based pricing, hourly parking zones, preferred parking for carpools/transport, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirements	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	58
<b>Student Body</b>	
Total undergraduate enrollment	38,284
# of applicants	24,722
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–810
Range SAT Math	490–830
<b>Cost</b>	
Annual in-state tuition	\$4,008
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,807
Required fees	\$512
Room and board	\$9,098
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.3

Each spread has several components. First, at the very top of the profile you will see the school’s address, telephone and fax numbers for its admissions office, the telephone number for its financial aid office, and its sustainability website and/or e-mail address.

The logo badges indicate that the school is a USGBC member, a STARS rated institution, home to a USGBC Students chapter, and/or a signatory of the ACUPCC (more detail on these organizations is available on page 17).

The profile header is followed by a Green Highlights section, which is based primarily on school administrators’ survey responses for that particular college. This section shares the straight-from-the-school feedback we got from the school administrator filling out our survey. The section summarizes the sustainability initiatives on campus that the school was most proud of. When appropriate, it also incorporates statistics provided by the schools about their



sustainability efforts. Quotes, when they appear, were derived directly from the school's survey responses and/or from online information sources the school may have referred us to in their responses.

The shaded column on the right is where the school's statistical data appears. The statistics were culled from questionnaires school administrators fill out. Keep in mind that not every category will appear for every school, since in some cases the information is not reported or not applicable. If a school has completed each and every data field (and not all do), the headings will appear in the following order.

**% food budget spent on local/organic food**

The percentage of food expenditures that go toward local, organic, or otherwise environmentally preferable food.

**Available transportation alternatives (preferred parking, bike share/rent, car share, guaranteed ride home)**

Indicates whether the school offers programs including free bus passes, universal access transit passes, bike sharing/renting, car sharing, carpool parking, vanpooling, or guaranteed rides home to encourage alternatives to single-passenger automobile use for students.

**School has formal sustainability committee**

Whether the school has a formal committee with participation from students that is devoted to advancing sustainability on campus.

**New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system**

Indicates whether new buildings are required to seek LEED certification or certification by a comparable third-party rating system.

**Waste-diversion rate**

The school's overall waste-diversion rate.

**Environmental studies degree available**

Indicates whether the school has an environmental studies major, minor, or concentration.

**Environmental literacy requirement**

Indicates whether the school requires the students to take "environmental literacy" course.

**Public GHG inventory plan**

Indicates whether a school has produced a publicly available greenhouse gas emissions inventory and adopted a climate action plan consistent with 80 percent greenhouse gas reductions by 2050 targets.

**% of school energy from renewable resources**

The percentage of the school's energy consumption, including heating/cooling and electrical, that is derived from renewable resources (this definition included 'green tags' but not nuclear or large scale hydro power).

**School employs a sustainability officer**

Indicates whether the school employs a dedicated full-time (or full-time equivalent) sustainability officer.

**School provides guidance on green jobs**

Indicates whether the school's Career Services Office provides programming and/or counseling specifically for jobs and internships in the green sector.

**% school cleaning products that are green certified**

The percentage of the school's cleaning expenditure budget that goes toward buying Green Seal-certified products.

**% school grounds maintained organically**

The percentage of the school's grounds maintained through organic methods.

**Total undergrad enrollment**

The total number of degree-seeking undergraduates who attend the school.

**# of applicants**

The total number of degree-seeking applicants to the school.

**% of applicants accepted**

The percentage of applicants to whom the school offered admission.

**Average HS GPA**

The average grade point average of entering freshmen. We report this on a scale of 1.0–4.0 (occasionally colleges report averages on a 100 scale, in which case we report those figures).

**Range/Average SAT Verbal, Range/Average SAT Math, Range/Average SAT Writing**

The average and the middle 50 percent range of test scores for entering freshmen.

**Annual tuition**

The tuition at the school; for state schools, the tuition for in-state residents.

**Required fees**

Estimated fees for books, transportation, and other incidentals.

## Room and board

Estimated annual room and board costs.

## % of students receiving need-based financial aid

The percentage of all degree-seeking undergrads who applied for financial aid, were determined to have financial need, and received any sort of aid, need-based or otherwise.

**Nota Bene:** The statistical data reported in this book, unless otherwise noted, was collected from the profiled colleges from the fall of 2011 through the spring of 2012. In some cases, we were unable to publish the most recent data because schools did not report the necessary statistics to us in time, despite our repeated outreach efforts. Because the enrollment and financial statistics, as well as application and financial aid deadlines, fluctuate from one year to another, we recommend that you check with the schools to make sure you have the most current information before applying.

To all of our readers, we welcome your feedback on how we can continue to improve this guide. We hope you will share with us your questions, comments, and suggestions.

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## PROFILE BADGES

Under “Green Highlights,” you may see one of four logos, indicating that, as of December 31st, 2012, the listed institution is a member of USGBC, a STARS rated institution, and/or a signatory of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC).



### USGBC

USGBC’s national members are organizations, corporations and institutions across the globe who share USGBC’s vision. USGBC member organizations come from every industry and are part of a vibrant and diverse community which offers unlimited opportunities for connecting individuals and businesses with the people, information and ideas they need to be part of the rapidly growing green building industry.



### STARS

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS®) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to gauge relative progress toward sustainability. Over 400 institutions are participating in STARS and over 150 have earned a rating. STARS was developed by AASHE with broad participation from the higher education community. STARS is designed to:

- Provide a framework for understanding sustainability in all sectors of higher education.
- Enable meaningful comparisons over time and across institutions using a common set of measurements developed with broad participation from the campus sustainability community.
- Create incentives for continual improvement toward sustainability.
- Facilitate information sharing about higher education sustainability practices and performance.
- Build a stronger, more diverse campus sustainability community.

The STARS framework is intended to engage and recognize the full spectrum of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada—from community colleges to research universities, and from institutions just starting their sustainability programs to long-time campus sustainability leaders. STARS encompasses long-term sustainability goals for already high-achieving institutions as well as entry points of recognition for institutions that are taking first steps toward sustainability.



### USGBC Student Groups

Students across America are passionately pursuing sustainability issues on their campuses and in their own lives. USGBC Students is the college/university engagement program at USGBC. USGBC Students helps recruit, equip, and connect the next generation of leaders to the green building movement and sustainable design industry.

The interdisciplinary members of these student groups transform their campuses, communities, and careers through action.

USGBC Students’ efforts can include advocating for green building projects on campus, running an energy audit on a residence hall, organizing a recycling competition among various departments, and hosting study groups to become a LEED Green Associate. USGBC Students was created to support students’ creativity and help them develop leadership skills in the sustainability movement. Some of the benefits of membership include preferred or free access to USGBC-provided education and training, discounted rates to attend the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, and support preparing for the LEED Green Associate exam.

Be sure to keep an eye peeled for the USGBC Students logo next to campuses with active groups, or you can start a new USGBC Students group at the college/university you choose!

You can learn more about USGBC Students or get connected with a regional chair to help you start a group at [www.centerforgreenschools.org/usgbcstudents](http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/usgbcstudents) or on Twitter @usgbcstudents.



### **ACUPCC**

The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) is a high-visibility effort to address global climate disruption undertaken by a network of colleges and universities that have made institutional commitments to eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions from specified campus operations, and to promote the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. Second Nature ([www.secondnature.org](http://www.secondnature.org)) is the primary supporting organization of the ACUPCC, with a mission to accelerate progress towards climate neutrality and sustainability by empowering the higher education sector to educate students, create solutions, and provide leadership-by-example for the rest of society.

# GLOSSARY

**AASHE:** Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. AASHE is an association of colleges and universities that are working to create a sustainable future.

**ACUPCC:** American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. The ACUPCC provides a framework for America's colleges and universities to implement sustainable practices on campus and integrate sustainability principles in the curriculum in pursuit of a climate neutral future. Second Nature ([www.secondnature.org](http://www.secondnature.org)) is the primary supporting organization of the ACUPCC.

**alternative energy:** Energy derived from renewable sources such as solar, hydroelectric, and wind.

**alternative fuel:** Any materials or substances that can be used as fuels, other than conventional fossil fuels. Includes biodiesel, bioalcohol (methanol, ethanol, and butanol), and electricity (batteries and fuel cells).

**alternative transportation:** Modes of travel other than private cars, such as walking, bicycling, rollerblading, car-pooling, and public transit.

**biofuels:** Gas or liquid fuel made from plant material, such as wood.

**bioretention:** An engineered process to manage storm water runoff by removing contaminants or nutrients as fluid passes through media or a biological system.

**carbon emission inventory:** The process of creating an inventory of the air pollutants released by an entity or community into the atmosphere over a finite period of time.

**carbon footprint:** A measure of the amount of carbon dioxide that is put into the atmosphere as a result of an individual's actions.

**carbon sink:** Reservoirs that sequester more carbon than they release, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions.

**Center for Green Schools:** The Center for Green Schools was established to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable and healthy places to live, learn, work and play. The Center works directly with teachers, students, administrators, elected officials and communities to create programs, resources and partnerships that transform all schools into healthy learning environments.

**climate neutrality:** The effort to balance out the total amount of carbon output based on the notion that unavoidable emissions in location X can be neutralized by protective measures taken in location Y.

**cogeneration:** The act of generating two forms of energy from the same process. For example, while boiling water to generate electricity, the leftover steam can be used for space heating.

**compact fluorescent lamp (CFL):** A type of fluorescent lamp that gives the same amount of light as incandescent lamps but uses less power with a longer lasting bulb life.

**compost:** Decomposing plant and animal matter that can be used as fertilizer.

**Energy Star:** An international standard for energy-efficient consumer products.

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency. EPA is a federal agency charged to protect human health and the environment by writing and enforcing regulations based on laws passed by Congress.

**fair trade:** An organized movement developed to promote standards of environmentalism and fair wages, and ensure that companies negotiate with the growers, manufacturers, and producers of products for a fair price, especially for products from developing countries.

**fossil fuels:** A hydrocarbon deposit, such as petroleum, coal, or natural gas.

**green roof:** The roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation and planted over a waterproof membrane. Green roofs reduce rooftop and building temperatures, filter pollution, lessen pressure on sewer systems, and reduce the heat island effect.

**green power:** Electricity that is generated from renewable energy sources.

**Green Seal:** A third-party certification that indicates environmentally-friendly products such as cleaning supplies.

**grey water:** Wastewater other than sewage, such as washing machine discharge.

**hydropower:** Electrical energy produced by falling or flowing water.

**LEED:** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design: A third-party verified rating system for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of high performance green buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The suite of green building rating systems includes:

**LEED NC:** LEED for New Construction and Major Renovations

**LEED EB:OM:** LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance

**LEED CI:** LEED for Commercial Interiors

**LEED CS:** LEED for Core and Shell

**LEED ND:** LEED for Neighborhood Development

**LEED for Homes**

**LEED Professionals:** A suite of credentials, including the LEED Green Associate and LEED Accredited Professionals, that signify expertise and leadership in green building, particularly of the LEED green building rating system.

**low-flow:** Plumbing fixtures including toilets, faucets, and showerheads that save substantial amounts of water compared to conventional fixtures.

**photovoltaic (PV):** A system that converts sunlight directly into electricity.

**post-consumer content:** Percentage of materials recovered by consumers from the waste stream. For example, a newspaper might be made from 30 percent recovered newsprint.

**pre-consumer content:** Percentage of materials salvaged for reuse from the waste stream of a manufacturing process rather than from consumers.

**reclaimed water:** Former waste water (sewage) that has been treated to remove solids and certain impurities and reintroduced into the aquifer for nonpotable use, such as irrigation, dust control, and fire suppression.

**recycling:** Collecting and reprocessing a resource so it can be used again.

**RecycleMania:** A friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over a 10-week period, schools report recycling and trash data that is then ranked in various categories.

**renewable energy:** Energy obtained from sources that are essentially inexhaustible, for example, wind and solar.

**renewable energy credit:** Also known as renewable energy certificates, these credits represent proof that one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource. These credits can be traded, bought, and sold.

**solar energy:** Direct radiant energy from the sun.

**STARS:** Developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS<sup>®</sup>) is a voluntary, self-reporting framework for gauging relative progress toward sustainability for colleges and universities.

**storm water:** Water discharge generated by precipitation and runoff from land, pavements, building rooftops and other surfaces that accumulate pollutants such as oil and grease and chemicals as it travels across land.

**sustainable development:** Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Talloires Declaration:** The first official statement made by university administrators of a commitment to sustainability in higher education. Consists of a 10-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations, and outreach.

**USGBC:** U.S. Green Building Council. An international nonprofit organization that promotes sustainability in the design, construction, and operation of buildings. Developer of the LEED rating system.

**volatile organic compound (VOC):** carbon compounds that participate in atmospheric photochemical reductions (excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides and carbonates, and ammonium carbonate). The compounds vaporize (become a gas) at normal room temperatures.

**zero waste:** Designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and harmfulness of waste and materials and ensure that all products are reused.

# THE SCHOOLS





# ADELPHI UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Thirty-six percent water-use reduction; 100 percent energy offset through wind power; 100 percent pesticide-free grounds—these numbers only begin to capture the green transformation going on at Adelphi University. Adelphi has been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency for its green power purchasing. Its recent purchase of more than 20 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy credits have helped offset an amount of carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to that produced by nearly 2,757 cars or 1,873 average American homes. Adelphi is also home to one of the first geothermal heating and cooling systems on Long Island, affecting more than 300,000 square feet of building space on campus. The university has committed to using geothermal heating and cooling systems in the residence halls, Center for Recreation and Sport, and Performing Arts Center. Adelphi has also installed solar panels on the roof of the library, which provide an estimated 57,000 kilowatt hours per year. But the feather in Adelphi's green cap has to be its LEED-certified Center for Recreation and Sports and Performing Arts. The building features bicycle storage areas, low-flow plumbing fixtures, building materials from responsibly managed, often local, sources, and even skylights! The building has reduced Adelphi's fossil energy use by 20 percent. One hundred percent of the cleaning products used to keep these spaces in tip-top condition are Green Seal-certified, and all of the campus grounds are maintained organically. Recycling areas are provided in each building on campus, and thanks to plenty of alternative transportation options on campus, almost one-third of student trips to and from class are environmentally responsible. Adelphi University received well-deserved recognition for its commitment to sustainability when the EPA awarded it first place in the NE-10 Conference as part of its Green Power Partnership.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,103
# of applicants	9,184
% of applicants accepted	66.5
Average HS GPA	3.5
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–600
Range SAT Math	510–620
Range SAT Writing	510–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,870
Required fees	\$1,450
Room and board	\$11,900
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	68.1

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, ReTHINK” is the mantra of Agnes Scott’s sustainability commitment. Agnes Scott has shown an impressive dedication to sustainability as a charter signatory of the ACUPCC and by achieving an AASHE Stars Silver rating. In the past few years, Agnes Scott has converted to a campus-wide, single-stream recycling program, completed its third greenhouse gas emissions inventory, formed an inclusive sustainability steering committee with representative board members, alumnae, students, faculty and staff, and been awarded grants from the Kresge Foundation Green Building Initiative and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta’s “Grants to Green” program. Nearly 50 percent of the campus buildings have undergone an energy-related retrofit in the past three years! In 2011, Agnes Scott became a member of the Founding Circle of the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. The college is currently developing a Climate Action Plan with commitments to renewable energy and seeking LEED Silver certification for new buildings and renovations. The Anna Young Alumnae House renovation project has already received Silver status. Agnes Scott promotes student awareness of sustainability issues through presentations at its Spring Annual Research Conference, and the environmental and sustainability studies minor. Possible internships include on-campus environmental/sustainability efforts and local environmental organizations, such as Southface (an Atlanta organization promoting sustainable homes, workplaces, and communities) or the National Wildlife Federation. Students pursuing this minor may also complete a summer internship elsewhere in the United States, or abroad, to further develop the “think globally, act locally” philosophy that is so vital to the sustainability movement.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	73
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	827
# of applicants	2,284
% of applicants accepted	46
Average HS GPA	3.67
Range SAT Critical Reading	525–630
Range SAT Math	500–630
Range SAT Writing	530–630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,980
Required fees	\$215
Room and board	\$10,150
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.5



# ALBION COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Albion College recently took its already extraordinary commitment to sustainability to the next level with the installation of an on-campus, 240 volt charging station for electric vehicles. This is just another stage for the college which requires every student to receive instruction in environmental issues through the school's environmental category requirement. The requirement has fostered the development of "over twenty environmental courses spread over the arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences divisions of the college." Environmental science and environmental studies concentrations are available through the Center for Sustainability and the Environment (CSE), which provides intensive opportunities for green campus living, green research, and green career training. The CSE oversees an on-campus E-house, a living and learning community where students investigate and manage residential heating, cooling, lighting, food, grounds, and entertainment in a sustainable way. The CSE's research efforts have been "directed toward developing an ecological inventory of the upper branches of the Kalamazoo River," and use this as a basis for encouraging sustainable practices. The college facilitates student research through the Albion Foundation for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, which provides stipends for independent projects. Recent internships, which the CSE encourages, have taken students as far away as Nicaragua, where they have worked on everything from sustainable agriculture to river habitats to soil carbon assay techniques. Albion's career services office works with students one-on-one and a set of approved online search engines facilitates efforts to connect students with green careers.

# ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a signatory of ACUPCC and a participant in the White House's Better Buildings Challenge to increase building efficiencies by at least 20 percent across campus, Allegheny College is determined not just to participate in the green movement, but to lead. One hundred percent of the campus electricity is generated through wind sources and two on-campus solar arrays, and the school strives for energy efficiency through regular energy audits, retrofits (nearly half of buildings on campus have undergone energy-related renovation or retrofitting in the past three years), geothermal wells, education, submetering, and dorm competitions that promote environmental responsibility. In line with these initiatives, Allegheny has determined that all newly constructed campus buildings will meet, at minimum, the LEED Silver certification requirements. The campus also boasts a robust composting program that "processes 800-900 pounds of food and compostable paper and plastic" daily (Allegheny was the first college in Pennsylvania to use an in-vessel composting operation for food scraps). Once processed, the compost is mixed with landscaping materials and then used on the campus "lawns, gardens, and flowerbeds" instead of chemical fertilizers. Allegheny also wants to ensure that its students' dedication to the environment and sustainability issues doesn't end after graduation; each year the college invites recruiters from green companies and organizations and alums working in sustainability to hold informational presentations for recruiting purposes. The college's construction of a green roof on the Vukovich Center for Communication Arts will help reduce the so-called "heat island effect" of the college's buildings, while, at the same time, creating an alluring space for students and minimizing storm water runoff.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,495
# of applicants	1,637
% of applicants accepted	92
Average HS GPA	3.39
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-630
Range SAT Math	570-670
Range SAT Writing	510-600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,100
Required fees	\$562
Room and board	\$9,260
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
bikeshare and airport shuttle/change: car share to motor pool	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	33
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	55
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,112
# of applicants	4,795
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.74
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-650
Range SAT Math	560-650
Range SAT Writing	530-640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,260
Required fees	\$350
Room and board	\$9,540
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.9

# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

American University knows that “the American Dream is Green”—and is taking serious steps to bring that dream to campus. AU is taking a series of practical steps to make sure that its students are green-equipped all the way from the classroom to Congress. A signatory of both ACUPCC and the Talloires Declaration, and a STARS Charter Participant, the university has established a Green Teaching Certification Program to reward professors for incorporating sustainability content into the curriculum and has a climate plan that targets neutrality by 2020. Three full-time and twenty part-time sustainability staff oversee efforts to integrate sustainability across all campus activities, including the implementation of zero-waste, sustainable purchasing, and green building policies. AU is participating in a pilot program to certify twenty-five buildings on campus under the LEED for Existing Buildings rating system. These twenty-five buildings are part AU’s Office of Sustainability’s more impressive goal: for the majority of existing campus buildings to become LEED-certified. As part of that effort, AU installed more than 2,150 solar photovoltaic panels on six American University buildings resulting in the largest solar power system in the District of Columbia. In addition, 174 solar thermal energy panels were added to four campus buildings, providing hot showers to more than 2,000 students living on campus and hot water to the university’s largest dining hall. In the past year AU also started composting paper towels, an act estimated to divert about 13 percent of the total campus waste from the landfill. AU has an “incredibly active and successful” environmental group called Eco-Sense that has been in place for ten years. Eco-Sense works hand-in-hand with departments across campus to implement sustainability initiatives.

# APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

From its name alone, you can tell that Appalachian State University has an intimate connection with nature. The university has made it its mission to promote its aesthetically pleasing, culturally and recreationally rich mountain environment, and also to protect the environment through conscientious stewardship and assertive leadership in sustainable policies and practices. Appalachian has sixteen renewable energy installations on campus including North Carolina’s largest installed wind turbine. Transportation alternatives include free mass transit, car sharing, and ridesharing. Composting capabilities recently expanded from 100 to 275 tons with the addition of a state-of-the-art composting facility. Compost from this operation is used on the newly acquired 369-acre agroecology teaching and research farm where students enhance their classroom lessons about agroecology, agroforestry, and sustainable farming practices through experiential learning. For more than twenty years, Appalachian has offered graduate and undergraduate degree programs in sustainable development and appropriate technology. More than 70 percent of departments offer sustainability-related and -focused courses, totaling more than 20 percent of all courses offered. Sustainability education is part of the university’s general education curriculum. Our engaged students have the opportunity to participate in more than thirty-nine sustainability-based clubs. Research opportunities abound, with more than 80 percent of departments and nearly 50 percent of faculty engaged in research as it relates to sustainability. Notably, Appalachian was chosen as one of twenty universities worldwide to participate in the 2010 Department of Energy’s Solar Decathlon. The university’s entry, The Solar Homestead, placed first in the People’s Choice Award (thesolarhomestead.com/).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	36
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	66
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	55
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,665
# of applicants	16,924
% of applicants accepted	43
Average HS GPA	3.80
Range SAT Critical Reading	590–710
Range SAT Math	580–680
Range SAT Writing	580–690

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	47.2
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## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free mass transit, restricted parking, market based (hourly) parking pricing, guaranteed ride home, car share, bike share, bike lanes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	<1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,712
# of applicants	12,248
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.99
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–620
Range SAT Math	540–620
Range SAT Writing	500–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,542
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,590
Required fees	\$2,317
Room and board	\$7,060
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	75.16

# AQUINAS COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Sustainability Initiative of Aquinas College seeks to improve the health of the environment, enhance the quality of life for campus community members and their neighbors, and improve the financial stability of the college through a variety of projects proposed by members of the Aquinas community. Successes include the opening of four LEED-certified buildings: the second floor of the Academic Building, the Grace Hauenstein Library, Ravine Apartment D, and the renovated Sturris Sports and Fitness Center. In addition, Creative Dining implemented a local food program that buys as much produce as possible from local Michigan farmers. Other food service initiatives include a campus-wide composting program and a line of compostable products. Elsewhere on campus, the Physical Plant Department has completed the decentralization of the boiler systems, installing more efficient boilers in each campus building with Direct Digital Controls. Nearly two-thirds of the outdoor campus lighting has been upgraded from high pressure sodium to fluorescent. In fact, Aquinas' recycling program includes electronics, ink cartridges, batteries, plastic, glass, tin, and paper, all contributing to a recycling rate of 50 percent. Aquinas has integrated sustainability issues into the curriculum, and offers an undergraduate program in sustainable business, the first of its kind in the United States. Additionally, the college also offers a Masters of Management with a concentration in sustainable business as well as a master's degree in sustainable business. Finally, Aquinas is committed to achieving zero municipal solid waste by May 2014. To reach this lofty goal, the school has begun implementing initiatives such as composting crocks in apartments, installing new recycling bins and the distribution of ceramic coffee mugs to promote reuse.

# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Arizona State University, the term "sun-baked" isn't just a statement of fact, it's an opportunity to harness the sun's rays to power the campus. With more than 300 sunny days a year, ASU capitalizes on Phoenix's exemplary weather with more than 20 megawatts of photovoltaic power installations on campus rooftops and parking structures. This goes a long way to produce energy for the campus, but that's not enough for ASU—the university is in pursuit of complete carbon neutrality. In 2011, ASU became a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge," demonstrating once again that it is not just participating in the sustainability movement, it is a leader. In line with the Clinton Climate Initiative, the university, through its Global Institute of Sustainability, put forth a request for solar energy proposals that would provide more than 310,000 square feet of solar panels on campus. Needless to say, when your school's located in the middle of one of the nation's hottest deserts, water conservation measures are also critical and ASU knows that every drop counts. ASU has implemented low-flow sinks, toilets, and showers. Several buildings on campus are LEED Silver, Gold, and even Platinum. As if all that weren't enough, ASU is also working on implementing a "campus-grown foods program," wherein campus eateries would harvest fruits, herbs, and vegetables from campus gardens. ASU also subsidizes the U-Pass, which offers unlimited rides on area buses and light rail. And for those wary of public transport, ASU also sponsors a bicycle co-op. Interested students have the opportunity to borrow a bike (at no cost!), receive maintenance and repair to their own bicycles and purchase parts and accessories at a discount.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	22
Available transportation alternatives:	
preferred parking for carpools. Subsidy for bus and vanpool transportation.	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	19
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,086
# of applicants	2,282
% of applicants accepted	79
Average HS GPA	3.41

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$25,070
Required fees	\$180
Room and board	\$7,810
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	54

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	58,184
# of applicants	29,722
% of applicants accepted	89
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	480-610
Range SAT Math	490-630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,208
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,807
Required fees	\$512
Room and board	\$9,094
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.3

# AUBURN UNIVERSITY

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In 2011, Auburn University adopted a campus-wide sustainability policy to formalize commitments made to sustainability in its strategic plan, and Auburn is moving toward fulfilling those commitments. The office of sustainability has expanded its staff in order to further existing educational and operational activities and develop new initiatives. Academically, Auburn offers an interdisciplinary minor in sustainability with introductory and capstone classes and a large selection of electives taught by faculty with expertise in a broad range of related disciplines. Auburn is emphasizing sustainability-related research, and provides training for faculty members desiring to incorporate sustainability into curriculum. Active student groups address hunger, design, environment, architecture, food, waste, landscape, and other issues, and the office facilitates monthly Campus Conversations where all are invited to explore relevant and timely topics. In operations, Auburn is taking steps to create a sustainable campus. As a signatory of the ACUPCC, Auburn has completed a Climate Action Plan and is working on early phases of implementation. The university has set bold energy conservation goals and is ahead of schedule in achieving increases in energy efficiency and conservation. Alternative transportation options are expanding. The campus has a more pedestrian-friendly design; provides a transit system with on-campus hybrid buses; and has bike-, car-, and ride-sharing programs. Auburn built the first LEED Gold building in Alabama and currently has five LEED Gold certified buildings on campus with more on the way. The campus master plan and landscape master plan are in the initial phases of updating and both have made sustainability a primary goal.

# BABSON COLLEGE

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

One of the first things you notice when strolling Babson College's tree-filled campus is a gigantic 28-foot-wide sculpture of planet Earth. The Babson Globe—for some years the largest rotating globe on the planet—is a visual indication of Babson's commitment to sustainability and our environment. A signatory of the ACUPCC, Babson considers sustainability not only desirable but an obligation. Seventy-five percent of the college's 350-acre campus is maintained organically. In 2010, Babson established its Sustainability Office with help from GreenerU, Inc., an organization that focuses on innovative sustainability services for higher education. That year also saw Babson become a STARS Charter Participant. After a year-long review, it received STAR's Silver rating in 2011. The school has a goal to attain LEED Silver certification for all of its current construction and renovation projects. Babson's cafeterias focus on green foods, serving delicious items grown sustainably on local farms and orchards. When students need a caffeinated study boost, they can purchase fair trade coffee on campus. As a business school, Babson College's green initiatives often focus on pairing sustainability and careers. In spring 2012, the career center kicked off a focus on sustainability. Green jobs are a growing part of the economy, and Babson students can get an edge on that market. Students can apply to be interns at the Sustainability Office or to fill the dozen Eco-Rep positions, among many other eco-opportunities on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	1
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, bike share, car share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	31
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,436
# of applicants	18,323
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.78
Range SAT Critical Reading	550-680
Range SAT Math	570-680
Range SAT Writing	530-650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,296
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,888
Required fees	\$1,402
Room and board	\$9,992
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	73

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	28
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	53
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,007
# of applicants	5,079
% of applicants accepted	34
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	580-680
Range SAT Math	640-740
Range SAT Writing	610-700

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,400
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$13,330
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.8

# BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Ball State University's Council on the Environment (COTE) was established to "promote the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of ecological systems that sustain life" on campus and in the surrounding area. Each university department is required to submit a unit-level sustainability plan outlining what it will do to help the university achieve its strategic sustainability goals. BSU is currently in the process of implementing a "geothermal energy solution to the university's long-term central heating and cooling needs." The university has completed the first half of a two-phase, ten-year project, which converts its boiler system to an environmentally friendly geothermal system that will save the university up to two million dollars a year in operating costs and cut Ball State's carbon footprint almost in half. In keeping with BSU's sustainability makeover, LEED Silver certification is required for all new construction on campus. In 2012, BSU hosted "Greening of the Campus," an interdisciplinary conference aimed at responding to on-campus environmental challenges. BSU is also home to the Center for Energy Research/Education/Service (CERES), "an interdisciplinary academic support unit focused on issues related to energy and resource use." In addition, "the center has a large collection of print and electronic resources, lists of professional associations and societies, and programming including an annual career day for internships and professional positions in natural resources and environmental management." The university offers the CERES Research Fellows Program, in which the faculty is encouraged to secure "buy-out" time to engage in energy-related research as an extension of their disciplinary expertise. In many cases, students have the opportunity to assist with this research.

# BARD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A signatory of ACUPCC and TreeCampus USA, Bard College is known for offering great research opportunities for undergraduates, and it's no different when it comes to sustainability. Students can major in environmental and urban studies with links to the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program in New York City and to internship and study abroad opportunities. Students can also participate in the Bard in New Orleans program, which continues to study the impacts of Hurricane Katrina, support rebuilding projects, and participate in the new Bard Early College in New Orleans. Bard is home to a global public health concentration, a field station for biological research on the Hudson's ecosystems, and Hudsonia, a nonprofit research institute dedicated to preserving these ecosystems. Partnerships with other institutions provide summer programs for students, including the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates at the nearby Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, and Rockefeller University's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows program. The Bard Office of Sustainability recruits environmental stewardship representatives in each dorm, and runs Free-Use, a free "store" where discarded clothing, dishes, and other household items collected in dorms are made available for reuse by students. The campus composts 100 percent of food waste onsite. More than 30 buildings on campus use geothermal heating and cooling systems. On-site solar thermal panel arrays have been installed on two residence halls, and the college recently purchased a hybrid diesel electric shuttle bus. Additionally, Bard is now an EPA Green Power Partner with 10 percent of its annual electric load now in the form of wind power RECs. An on campus farm constructed in the summer of 2012 provides food as well a host of educational opportunities.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share,	
guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,143
# of applicants	14,302
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	480-580
Range SAT Math	480-580
Range SAT Writing	460-560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,318
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,988
Required fees	\$662
Room and board	\$8,870
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	58

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	24
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share,	
preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	65
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,051
# of applicants	5,410
% of applicants accepted	35
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	690-740
Range SAT Math	660-680

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,176
Required fees	\$622
Room and board	\$12,782
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94

# BASTYR UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a university leader in natural health sciences, Bastyr University underscores its commitment to health with an active commitment to campus sustainability. By conducting internal carbon footprint reviews, the university, located in Kenmore, WA, has implemented a successful waste-diversion program, featuring a rigorous composting and recycling program that now diverts 65 percent of the campus's waste from landfills. Also, in harmony with the university's emphasis on holistic health, Bastyr cultivates both its dining services and its nutritional curriculum within a unique whole-food philosophy, emphasizing a plant-focused diet and varied, unprocessed foods. Ninety percent of the university's food expenditures go toward local, organic, and responsibly sourced products, and the cafeteria, which provides complete vegetarian options for all of its meals, is popular with students and the community.

Bastyr's eleven-building Student Village has earned LEED Platinum, and was the first student housing project on the West Coast to receive this honor. The Student Village was also the U.S. Green Building Council's Outstanding Multifamily Project in the 2010 LEED for Homes Awards. The buildings feature "butterfly" roofs to capture rainwater, high-efficiency water heaters and gas boilers, energy-efficient appliances, low-flow plumbing, natural ventilation, radiant-heat flooring made of finished concrete, sustainable landscaping, and bicycle storage. The university's buildings also include automatic, efficient lighting, which resulted in a 14 percent wattage consumption reduction in 2010. All campus grounds are maintained organically, and the school upholds a green cleaning policy. One student group, Earth BEAT (Bastyr Environmental Action Team), dedicates itself to promoting sustainability on campus and in the Kenmore community.

# BATES COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

One look at Bates College's environmental history and you'll quickly realize that it means business when it comes to sustainability. Students, alumni, and staff demonstrated a clear commitment to environmental protection before "going green" became everyone's favorite buzzword. In 1980, Bates was "one of the first schools in the Northeast to install a solar heating system." In 1991, the school instituted a recycling program, and in 2005, Bates signed a five-year contract to use renewable electricity on campus. Since 1995, the school has had an environmental policy, and more recently, Bates signed ACUPCC, pledging to work toward becoming a climate neutral campus by 2020. Case in point: An impressive 94 percent of the school's electricity consumption is derived from renewable resources. All new buildings and renovations of preexisting ones on campus will achieve LEED Silver or better. The student housing and dining commons feature dual-flush toilets, low-emitting materials, and energy-efficient equipment. Bates keeps a keen eye on recycling (Did we mention the wood ceiling in the dining commons was salvaged from an old phonograph factory?). Its Energy Task Force focuses on ways the school can reduce energy consumption, costs, and emissions across campus. In addition, Bates has a Committee on Environmental Responsibility working to continuously improve sustainability on campus. As of the end of 2012, the school is doing an impressive job—28 percent of the dining program's food is locally grown and/or organic, 100 percent of the cleaning products used on campus are Green Seal-certified and 100 percent of the buildings have designated recycling areas.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	90
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	80
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	199
# of applicants	0

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$19,995
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	28
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	28
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,725
# of applicants	4,517
% of applicants accepted	32
Range SAT Critical Reading	620–710
Range SAT Math	620–700
Range SAT Writing	638–713

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,550
Required fees	\$12,500
Room and board	\$250
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Baylor University is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and considers environmental sustainability a central part of its Christian mission. Our planet is, in the school's view, God's gift to us, and Baylor wants its students to be stewards of that gift. For example, Baylor's sprawling 800-acre campus has over 700 recycling locations. A member of the Big Twelve athletic conference, Baylor's student body lives for football and other athletics. The school works with the Athletic Department to make sure that recycling is utilized at all sporting events. Baylor has campus-wide energy conservation campaigns such as Last Out, Lights Out, in which students compete to save on energy use in their residence halls. Another way Baylor is looking ahead to future sustainability is its plan to finance the construction of wind turbines over the next decade. While Texas is known as a car-loving state, Baylor has been busy building bike lanes for more environmentally friendly—and healthier!—student travel. For those who do want to drive, Baylor offers Zipcar to all students and staff. That way, students can share vehicles without the hassles of owning their own on campus. Baylor's green efforts have been so successful that the city of Waco declared May 22nd to be "Baylor Sustainability Day" in 2012. Baylor also recently won the National Wildlife Federation's "Chill Out: Climate Change on Campus" competition. The award recognizes schools with innovative sustainability ideas and implementations on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	21
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	15
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,518
# of applicants	38,960
% of applicants accepted	40
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–660
Range SAT Math	570–680
Range SAT Writing	530–640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$30,586
Required fees	\$3,130
Room and board	\$9,422
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With 500 acres of woods, ponds, fields, and wetlands, Bennington College has a campus immersed in the environment. Students at Bennington study the nature around them in science classes, hike through the woods for recreation, and even grow their own food in the Student Garden. As such, it shouldn't be a surprise that sustainability is a prominent goal at Bennington. The school is currently working to convert the entire campus to a biomass heating system. In 2011, Bennington signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and set itself the goal, along with many other forward-thinking higher education institutions, of eventually reaching complete carbon neutrality by 2030. The school is exploring forest management strategies as well as constructing new green buildings to meet this ambitious carbon objective. Bennington's reputation as a rural hippie paradise is reflected in its green campus life. The school encourages students to travel green with its bike share programs and carpooling incentives. The dining hall works hard to provide healthy, sustainable, organic, and delicious food from local sources. All meals have vegan options for students who want to eat ethically. In 2010, PETA named Bennington one of the ten most vegan-friendly colleges in America. Its energy conservation programs have achieved great results, such as reducing almost 30,000 gallons of heated water a year by eliminating trays. The aforementioned Student Garden allows students to both learn hands-on about sustainable gardening practices and to grow their own organic vegetables and herbs for use in the dining hall. The school even reuses the fryer grease from its kitchens for biodiesel!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	46
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	99

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	686
# of applicants	1,145
% of applicants accepted	72
Average HS GPA	3.53
Range SAT Critical Reading	620–710
Range SAT Math	550–650
Range SAT Writing	590–690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,690
Required fees	\$1,110
Room and board	\$12,160
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.2

# BENTLEY UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Bentley University is posting some impressive numbers reflecting its green efforts, and the school has a full-time sustainability staff member. Bentley continues to reduce its overall electricity consumption, and is exploring the option of purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to offset its total energy consumption to renewable sources. Four residence halls on campus are Energy Star-certified, and the university installed a solar wall on the outside of the Dana Center gym, a project that is estimated to save 116,000 kilowatt hours of energy each year. Student Eco-Reps help oversee recycling efforts for each residence hall. The campus recently instituted single-stream recycling, leading to an overall waste-diversion rate of 14 percent. The Manager of Sustainability collaborates with the student-run Bentley Green Society (composed of nearly 200 students!) in its mission to educate members of the university community about environmental challenges and to create cooperative solutions. Efforts are concentrated around helping the campus community “realize the benefit of incorporating social and environmental sustainability into business practices.” The university also views career development as an integral component of its sustainability plan. Green companies are encouraged to retain Bentley student teams to draft sustainability plans as part of curricula, and green jobs, internships, and resources are promoted to students and faculty. In fact, the university even has an advisor dedicated to programming and outreach for green jobs. Additionally, the latest renovations to the Stratton House incorporate cork kitchen floors, Energy Star appliances, and water-saving fixtures.

# BEREA COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Nestled in the heart of Kentucky, Berea College is a model of green higher education for the Appalachian region. Berea had the first LEED-certified building in Kentucky and the current residence hall construction is seeking LEED Platinum certification. A stand-out example of Berea’s green innovation is its Ecovillage residential complex. Ecovillage provides fifty sustainable residential accommodations for student families. Residents enjoy their own garden plots, low-flush toilets, and an aquaponics system, where students raise tilapia, catfish, herbs and vegetables in the recirculating system. A full 80 percent of Berea’s 140-acre campus grounds are maintained organically. Sustainability means a commitment to the land around you, especially at the dining table. Berea’s Local Food Initiative teaches students about the ecological and social dimensions of their plates while providing them with tasty local foods. These locally grown items can be found as close by as the campus itself with Berea’s College Farm and Garden products. Berea also works with local farmers, tying the college and the student body to the surrounding region and culture. Students who are interested in green careers are in good hands at Berea, as evidenced by the sustainability and environmental studies program. The college has a full 8,500 acres of forest, streams and ponds where students can learn hands-on about the natural world around us. This interdisciplinary major provides plenty of internships, both on campus and off, for students to get a head start on their green post-college careers.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	17
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,154
# of applicants	6,695
% of applicants accepted	43
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–635
Range SAT Math	600–680
Range SAT Writing	550–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$36,840
Required fees	\$1,488
Room and board	\$12,520
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	84.4

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	16
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	86
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,613
# of applicants	4,707
% of applicants accepted	12
Average HS GPA	3.40
Range SAT Critical Reading	495–640
Range SAT Math	483–588
Range SAT Writing	513–610

## Cost

Annual tuition	0
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100



# BERRY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Stretching across more than 26,000 gorgeous acres, Berry College holds the record for the largest college campus in the world. Home to acre upon acre of wetlands, pastures, streams, and forests, and Georgia's Lavender Mountain serving as backdrop, it is a virtual no brainer that this campus is a green leader. Berry's Office of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability ensures compliance with EPA regulations to protect the campus' Carbon Reserve, wetland banking, and other natural resources. Almost half of the campus grounds are maintained organically, and active ongoing research projects in biodiesel fuels, Longleaf Yellow Pine, the American Chestnut, Agroforestry, and recycling give students on campus ample experiential learning opportunities. The college continues its commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent by the year 2020. In addition to S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Earth) and Berry's Student Government Association, the college has an eight-member Green Team responsible for educating students and planning programs to lead the college in Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. The campus has hosted special events to highlight environmental careers, and administrators have recently established an environmental science major. Berry has a comprehensive recycling program (successfully diverting more than one-third of its waste from landfills) that includes electronics. Dining services has eliminated the use of polystyrene (Styrofoam). In addition, all yard waste is composted. In 2011, Berry's Morgan and Deerfield residence halls both achieved LEED Gold. The college has committed to seeking LEED certification whenever possible in all construction projects. That same year, the Residence Life staff partnered with students to implement a small-scale pilot program called the Berry Environmental Living and Learning (BELL) house, an opportunity for a living project that could be beneficial from a big-picture environmental perspective, emphasizing action on or near campus.

# BIOLA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A private Christian university just south of Los Angeles in La Mirada, California, Biola University has dedicated itself to sustainability as well as spirituality. Notable among Biola's green initiatives is its commitment to clean power: a cogeneration plant creates 85 percent of the electricity consumed through clean burning natural gas and "waste" heat is used for heating and cooling most of the campus, especially important to an area where the average high temperature is about 70 degrees year-round. The campus also provides numerous recycling stations to encourage waste-diversion from landfills. To minimize single-driver car transportation in car-clogged Southern California, Biola restricts parking, encourages carpools, provides free on- and off-campus shuttle service, and offers a commuter incentive program for faculty and staff, as well as the WeCar program for students.

Undergraduate life features a rigorous environmental science major, as well as a student-run environmental club, for the sustainably-minded student. A Creation Stewardship Committee made up of staff and faculty review and assesses environmental measures on campus and makes recommendations to the administration. In addition, students breathe easily knowing that 85 percent of the university's cleaning products are green, 60 percent of meals offered on campus have completely vegetarian options, and that all paper, cleaning, and landscaping practices are held to fixed sustainability standards. New buildings are required to pursue LEED certification, with sustainability officers overseeing planning, design, and construction, as well as facilities operations and maintenance, and the school is currently working on submetering existing campus buildings. Overall, Biola is accelerating toward a highly sustainable university life, with both students and administration participating in securing a green future for the campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7
Available transportation alternatives: restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	40

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,928
# of applicants	3,231
% of applicants accepted	62
Average HS GPA	3.70
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-650
Range SAT Math	520-620
Range SAT Writing	520-620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$25,890
Required fees	\$200
Room and board	\$9,158
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.7

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, restricting parking, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	85
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,234
# of applicants	3,337
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-630
Range SAT Math	500-620
Range SAT Writing	500-620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$29,908
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$8,990
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93.9

# BOSTON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Sprawled over 280 gorgeous acres in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, Boston College has a vested interest in sustainability, so much so that environmental responsibility is a key component of the college's Master Plan. BC has already made strides in the area of green building practices and energy conservation and procurement. New construction on campus is required to achieve LEED Silver or better (currently BC has four LEED Platinum and one LEED Silver buildings. A new 180,000 sf academic building has just been completed and is anticipated to be LEED Silver-certified). Since 2003 the college has saved 500,000 kilowatt hours per year through energy conservation measures including lighting, improved controls, heating and cooling upgrades. All of the college's electricity use is provided by hydropower. The environmental studies department routinely turns the outdoors into an experiential learning lab for students. Outside of the classroom, student-run initiatives have helped advance the college's sustainability agenda. Ecopledge is a student-led organization that educates the BC community about environmental issues by showing films, presenting lectures, hosting annual events, and leading BC's participation in national competitions like RecycleMania. With more than 1,000 students on its listserv, Ecopledge actively promotes campaigns to reduce student impact on environment. For students who want to continue to make a difference after graduation, BC's career center is available to advise and to make referrals on green jobs.

# BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In a few short years Boston University has made significant strides toward a sustainable future. With its sustainability committee, four working groups, sustainability office, a one million dollar revolving fund, departments, student organizations, and nearly 400 courses related to sustainability, the university has developed an impressive sustainability program by any measure. BU is retrofitting existing buildings for energy efficiency through equipment, lighting and energy management systems, and window replacement projects. In 2011, BU became a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge." Buildings currently under construction will seek LEED certification or better, and there are already two LEED-certified buildings on campus. BU has increased its waste-diversion rate from four percent to 31 percent. Ninety-two percent of students arrive to campus by alternative means. The main campus is organized along one of Boston's main thoroughfares, with nine subway stops, thirteen intercity bus lines, the BU Bus, and three other shuttle services serving the campuses. BU has an active ride share program and boasts the first bike lanes in Boston's growing network, which now incorporates more than 100 miles of city streets and parks. Other highlights include an award-winning website to engage the university community with a monthly sustainability challenge. To keep up the green pace, there are seventeen sustainable student organizations on campus, from BU Bikes to USGBC Students. BU's green initiatives even extend to the university's myriad dining halls. Efforts include 91 percent of the facilities running pre-consumer composting programs, sourcing cage-free eggs and donating leftover baked goods to local meal programs, food pantries and shelters.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	35
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	38
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	65
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,088
# of applicants	32,974
% of applicants accepted	28
Range SAT Critical Reading	620-710
Range SAT Math	640-730
Range SAT Writing	630-730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,140
Required fees	\$738
Room and board	\$12,608
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.2

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike, walk, subway, shuttle, ride share, carpool and LEV parking, EV parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	16,465
# of applicants	44,006
% of applicants accepted	45.6
Average HS GPA	3.57
Range SAT Critical Reading	570-670
Range SAT Math	610-720
Range SAT Writing	600-609

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,400
Required fees	\$594
Room and board	\$13,190
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.9

# BOWDOIN COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count Nature a familiar acquaintance.” These words open “The Offer of the College,” defining the vision of education at Bowdoin, a vision just as relevant today as when it was first penned in 1906. An ACUPCC signatory and a STARS Participant, the college annually submits greenhouse gas emissions data to the ACUPCC and has made a commitment to become carbon neutral by 2020. To that end, Bowdoin has implemented changes in campus energy consumption, using renewable energy resources and reducing campus heating emissions to less than 1990 levels—despite significant campus growth! Bowdoin has also developed a comprehensive approach to alternative transportation on campus, including a bike-sharing program, a car-sharing program, incentives for faculty and staff who carpool to work, and an increased emphasis on biking infrastructure on campus. The college has also built a campus-managed organic garden that allows for a year-round composting program in tandem academic and cocurricular opportunities for students. The Environmental Studies program offers students a variety of service learning opportunities with organizations in Brunswick and the larger Maine community, maintaining a research facility on Kent Island in conjunction with the Institute for Coastal Studies. Back in 2003, Bowdoin made a commitment that all new construction projects will seek LEED certification. Finally, Bowdoin coordinated an inter-dorm recycling competition to promote awareness of campus recycling initiatives.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	32.8
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, preferred parking for carpools, no cars for first years, electronic ride board, free shuttle within mile of campus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,839
# of applicants	6,716
% of applicants accepted	16
Average HS GPA	3.80
Range SAT Critical Reading	670–760
Range SAT Math	660–760
Range SAT Writing	670–760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,676
Required fees	\$442
Room and board	\$12,010
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Bowling Green State University has established itself as a university sustainability leader with its top-to-bottom commitment to green campus life. In particular, a sustainability internship program is offered jointly between Campus Operations and the Department of Environment & Sustainability, which offers opportunities for sustainability research in waste reduction, alternative energy, recycling, marketing/promotions, transportation, environmental education and other areas. Undergraduate majors and concentrations are offered in environmental policy & analysis, environmental science, or environmental health, and a special new minor in sustainability was added to the university’s curriculum in 2011. Environmental student groups include Environmental Action Group, Environmental Service Club, and Net Impact Green, which recently won an award for new student organization of the year and was critical in demonstrating student support encouraging the university to make the commitment to the ACUPCC. Over half of BGSU’s residence hall councils have created sustainability subcommittees, and the Undergraduate Student Government now has a sustainability representative who sits on the ACUPCC committee and on the Student Green Initiatives Fund Committee. The university is in the process of seeking LEED certification for at least four new campus buildings. In addition, BGSU recently initiated a new Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) project, at the center of which is a \$14 million HVAC and lighting retrofit/recommissioning program, including submetering of more than twenty-eight buildings.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	19
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	36
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,815
# of applicants	16,108
% of applicants accepted	73.6
Average HS GPA	3.2
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–560
Range SAT Math	440–570
Range SAT Writing	420–540

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,914
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,222
Required fees	\$1,600
Room and board	\$8,064
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	82.6

# BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Going green is a hands-on enterprise at Brandeis University. Brandeis students voted to create the Brandeis Sustainability Fund, which created a \$50,000 account for funding sustainability projects on campus. The campus is home to a Certified Green Room initiative that rewards students for implementing green ideas in their residence halls. Students interested in sustainability themes can choose to major in environmental studies or pursue a green MBA. A community-engaged learning course called “Greening the Ivory Tower” offers students the opportunity to “explore strategies for creating healthy, vigorous, environmentally sustainable communities in the face of increasingly challenging environmental problems.” A “No Idling Policy” for campus vehicles and the ’Deis Bikes bike-sharing service. Further, the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center, utilizing 1,200 high-efficiency photovoltaic modules, generates solar power in one of the largest solar arrays in Massachusetts. This system is owned by a business, while Brandeis “rents” the power affordably. This innovative financing structure has allowed Brandeis to support the renewable energy industry, educate students about a growing technology, and reduce world-wide carbon impact. Since 2005 the campus has reduced energy use on campus through energy efficiency measures (such as upgrading heaters and lighting) by about 10 percent. New buildings are required to seek LEED Silver certification or better, featuring energy-efficient designs and recycled materials. All dining hall waste is sent to a commercial composting facility. Brandeis is proud of the impressive student engagement in activism and education on environmental issues, including participation in Eco-Reps and Students for Environmental Action, just to name two. Brandeis students are giving back even when they’re not on campus—the school’s Give & Go campaign encourages students to donate rather than throw away items during move out weekend.

# BROWN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Brown is indeed the new green. Retrofits of lighting, motors, and mechanical equipment have been completed in many existing buildings on campus, and new construction will meet LEED Silver standards at minimum. The university’s commitment to limiting greenhouse gas emissions goes beyond the campus to impact the greater Providence area. Brown is actively engaged in community sustainability through its involvement on a variety of committees at local and state levels, helping to guide policy and foster collaboration. In 2011, Brown received an Excellence Award from the International Sustainable Campus Network, and biodegradable to-go containers and unbleached napkins are the norm in campus dining areas. The university’s After the Harvest program provides compost material to a local orchard, and 100 percent of dining hall tray content waste is diverted to a local pig farmer. Students lend muscle to the university’s sustainability efforts through emPOWER, the environmental umbrella organization that has the mission to “change the campus climate” by promoting environmental sustainability, and Eco-Reps, a group that works to foster a culture of environmental stewardship. Student initiatives include reducing the supply and demand of bottled water around campus, promoting a bike share and hosting *A Better World by Design*, an internationally acclaimed conference on sustainable and socially conscious design. Students looking to work in the environmental sector may enroll in undergraduate programs in Environmental Science and Engineering with a focus on environmental factors. Brown has also invested \$1.8 million to achieve a reduction of approximately 2,000 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalents (MTCDE). Off-campus, the USGBC Rhode Island Chapter offers students a hands-on education in sustainability issues and matches students with green mentors, internships, and leadership opportunities.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,493
# of applicants	8,917
% of applicants accepted	40
Average HS GPA	3.80
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–710
Range SAT Math	630–740
Range SAT Writing	630–720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,682
Required fees	\$1,612
Room and board	\$12,256
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	36
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	14
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,118
# of applicants	30,944
% of applicants accepted	9
Range SAT Critical Reading	660–750
Range SAT Math	680–770
Range SAT Writing	670–770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,808
Required fees	\$950
Room and board	\$11,258
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

# BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Campus Greening Initiative at Bucknell University engages students, faculty, and staff in promoting environmental literacy and demonstrating best practices in environmental sustainability. Run by the Bucknell University Environmental Center (BUEC), the initiative works toward supporting student-centered research on the ways to increase the sustainability of the university; integrating the topic of sustainability throughout the curriculum; providing guidance and leadership to campus sustainability projects; and supporting outreach activities at the local, regional, state, and national levels. The initiative works in collaboration with facilities, dining services, the student-run Bucknell Environmental Club, and the provost's office. A campus Master Plan, embraces sustainable principles, including creating a more pedestrian-friendly campus, reconnecting campus to the Susquehanna River, and restoring Miller Run, a stream flowing through campus. A new semester-long program called "Bucknell on the Susquehanna" gets students out into the environment to learn about the river region. Bucknell has also adopted alternative and renewable energy sources beginning with its transition in 1998 from a conventional coal-burning power plan to a co-generation power plant fueled by cleaner-burning natural gas, resulting in a 40 percent reduction of GHG emissions. Students get their hands dirty with some clean technology, as two green roofs and three photovoltaic arrays are used in educational programming. The Career Development Office provides guidance on green jobs and connects students to alumni in environmental career fields. The Bucknell Environmental Club heads Earth Day activities, and Eco-reps organize residential recycling and energy conservation competitions.

# CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

California College of the Arts (CCA) teaches art, design, architecture, and writing. Sustainability permeates the college's academic curricula and is part of its "philosophical mentoring." If you're wondering what that means, just ask Jay Baldwin, one of CCA's Industrial Design professors and the godfather of sustainable and ecological design. According to Baldwin, "Nature is not 'multidisciplinary.' Nature is the whole caboodle. Nature is omnidisciplinary. We need to do things as nature does, in the way that is most economical in terms of resources and energy." CCA has taken that injunction to heart. To begin with, the campus is home to the largest solar-heated facility in San Francisco. CCA architecture students have the opportunity to take "Energy Analysis," which invites students to audit the energy output of twenty-five facilities throughout San Francisco and Oakland. CCA's Materials Resource Center houses a wide-ranging collection of eco-friendly materials, and students in the Textiles Program are creating a crop garden of traditional dye and fiber plants. The college has also joined good company in signing the ACUPCC. The college also excels when it comes to the more traditional green measures: 50 percent of food expenditures are on local or organic produce; 70 percent of appliances on campus are Energy Star-rated; and 40 percent of buildings are currently seeking LEED certification. Still not impressed? Consider this: The college boasts a whopping 70 percent waste-diversion rate and 100 percent of the campus grounds are maintained organically.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	2.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	30
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,535
# of applicants	7,940
% of applicants accepted	28
Average HS GPA	3.52
Range SAT Critical Reading	590-680
Range SAT Math	630-720
Range SAT Writing	600-700

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$45,132
Required fees	\$246
Room and board	\$10,812
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	60
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	70
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	30
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,476
# of applicants	1,352
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.18
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-620
Range SAT Math	480-610
Range SAT Writing	470-610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,448
Required fees	\$350
Room and board	\$10,550
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.9

# CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Caltech has become renowned for its academic brilliance—it boasts more than thirty Nobel Laureates and close ties to NASA—so it's not difficult to take its quickly growing devotion to the green movement seriously. Though a relatively small private institution, Caltech is already a giant in sustainability. A proud Founding Circle member of the Billion Dollar Green Challenge, an effort aimed at funding energy-efficient upgrades at campuses across the country, Caltech pioneered the use of self-managed green revolving funds. The campus features the second largest rooftop solar installation among U.S. universities. Amazingly, the university's energy-efficiency projects have worked to the tune of an annual energy savings of 8.3 million kilowatt hours and a reduction in greenhouse emissions by more than 6,000 metric tons! Nowadays, the awards and recognition keep pouring in. Caltech's Annenberg Center for Information Science and Technology and Schlinger Laboratory for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering were honored at the inaugural Sustainable Innovation Awards during the Green Gala in 2011, and the Institute's contributions to cleaner air earned it the award for Model Community Achievement as part of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's annual Clean Air Awards. Even amidst all its institutional accolades, Caltech hasn't forgotten the importance of green education. Students can take sustainability-related classes in departments such as environmental science and engineering, while also participating in sustainability-focused research through the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis, the Linde Center for Global Environmental Science, and the Resnick Sustainability Institute.

# CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY—POMONA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the techies at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona have taken a methodical, systematic approach to sustainability. Since first signing the ACUPCC, the university has completed two baseline inventories for its greenhouse gas emissions. In the process, the university discovered that most of its emissions come from purchased electricity and from student and faculty cars, since it is a commuter campus. In an effort to reduce its environmental impact, the university has implemented a new policy that requires all office equipment and appliances to be Energy Star-rated, improves access to public transport, and offers priority parking for commuters who carpool. The John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies is Cal Poly Pomona's institute for sustainability education. At the Center, students and faculty work on new low energy technology and building plans, and other processes that can "restore, renew, and revitalize their own sources of energy and materials." The Center offers a Master of Science in Regenerative Studies and a minor in regenerative studies for undergrads interested in sustainability and interdisciplinary learning. Students get to see their research put to immediate practical use. The university uses 100 percent reclaimed water and also uses trayless dining services to save on water and energy costs from washing trays. Students at Cal Poly Pomona recently participated in the RecycleMania contest, and the university already boasts a 70 percent waste-diversion rate. In 2011, the College of Environmental Design received a \$100,000 grant "to address social and environmental sustainability issues through the newly created California Center for Land and Water Stewardship (CCLAWS)."

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	978
# of applicants	5,225
% of applicants accepted	13
Range SAT Critical Reading	700–790
Range SAT Math	760–800
Range SAT Writing	700–790

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$36,387
Required fees	\$1,317
Room and board	\$11,676
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food 6

Available transportation alternatives:  
carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	70
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,542
# of applicants	49,456
% of applicants accepted	53.8
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–570
Range SAT Math	490–620

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,970
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,130
Required fees	\$653
Room and board	\$11,615
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	153.7

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY— CHICO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

California State University—Chico was commended by The Daily Green website for having one of the greenest college cafeterias in the country, and it has landed in the top thirty-five on the Sierra Club's Cool School list. CSU Chico has also received national honors for sustainability and environmental programs from The New York Times and the National Wildlife Federation and made top green college rankings from Kiwi magazine and Grist, an environmental news website. The university is committed to seeking LEED certification on all building projects and was a Charter Participant of the AASHE's STARS Program, an innovative self-reporting framework for universities to report and track sustainable development. CSU Chico has also committed to achieving climate neutrality by 2030. The Alliance to Save Energy's Green Campus program introduced energy-saving software to campus computer labs, earning CSU Chico a \$50,000 grant from Pacific Gas and Electric. Green Campus has also helped establish a Sustainability House on campus and Greeks Going Green, an organization to promote environmentally sound practices in sorority and fraternity houses, among many other projects. CSU Chico also hosts an annual "This Way to Sustainability" conference, with keynote speakers and workshops focusing on topics like green agriculture, curricula, energy, and ethics, and "Greenie" awards for community leaders and organizations. The campus already offers more than 200 sustainability-related courses, a new interdisciplinary minor in sustainability, and more than fifteen sustainability-focused student groups.

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

California State University—Fresno is an impressive green campus in an impressively green state. The university's Henry Madden Library features electronic compact bookshelves, high definition flat screens, and plush study rooms. But it's the building's cutting-edge sustainable design that makes it the most environmentally friendly structure on campus. The building features one of the largest collections of movable stacks in the country, which helps to minimize the overall carbon footprint of the library; centralized HVAC; compact fluorescent lighting; a motion sensor activated lighting system; furniture made from recycled materials; and building materials that were sourced from local manufacturers. The now "tray-less" dining hall is chipping in too, providing biodegradable plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery which are all composted at a nearby farm. Not too far away is the campus' newly renovated Peace Garden, which contains native species that require minimal irrigation and help reduce campus water use. A solar photovoltaic canopy parking structure on campus is the largest photovoltaic paneled parking installation at a U.S. university. The system provides 20 percent of CSU Fresno's core campus power and offsets 950 metric tons of carbon monoxide emissions—the equivalent of planting more than 24,300 trees or eliminating 200 vehicles from the road a year! The university established the International Center for Water Technology (ICWT) to help develop ways to utilize water more efficiently. For example, they are installing new water mains that will provide non-potable water to campus irrigation systems. Students in the agricultural and food sciences have the opportunity to test high tech irrigation methods, including computer-operated drip and micro-sprinklers.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	65

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,316
# of applicants	15,568
% of applicants accepted	79.2
Average HS GPA	3.21
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–550
Range SAT Math	460–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,438
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,598
Required fees	\$1,468
Room and board	\$10,414
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.5

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,784
# of applicants	15,482
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	400–510
Range SAT Math	410–530
Range SAT Writing	400–510

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,472
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,160
Required fees	\$790
Room and board	\$10,550
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80.3

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY— MONTEREY BAY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Solar energy may be a no-brainer in sunny California, but California State University—Monterey Bay has parlayed that inheritance into a formidable green pedigree. An early signatory to ACUPCC, the university is making good on its pledge to be carbon-neutral by 2030 through several innovative energy-saving initiatives. The university has formed a revolving Energy Innovations Fund that will support energy-saving projects on campus and repay itself through energy savings. CSUMB is one of eighteen CSU campuses where solar-power generation is already in place. The solar installation of over six acres at CSUMB features 3,900 photovoltaic panels which deliver enough zero-emission renewable energy (1MW of power) to meet 16 percent of the university's electricity needs. CSUMB's Food Service operations demonstrate a high commitment to organic foods, compostable packaging and serving products, and recycling of cooking oil, most recently joining the "Meatless Monday" movement. CSUMB has achieved an astonishing 50 percent waste-diversion rate (assisted by the ubiquity of on-campus blue recycle bins), and, perhaps more impressive, 90 percent of the campus' buildings have undergone energy-related retrofits in the past few years. Green learning opportunities abound on campus, as students can take courses in everything from environmental writing to food ethics. Even the campus police have made strides, trading in some gas guzzling vehicles and adding its first plug-in hybrid to the fleet. The commitment to green continues all the way to graduation where students wear gowns sewn with material made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY— STANISLAUS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

California State University—Stanislaus is a standout in a state university system known for its outstanding commitment to sustainability. California's Green Campus Program currently serves twelve University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses, and aims to: build general campus awareness about sustainability issues; build training in energy conservation and efficiency into academic programs; and implement system-wide initiatives targeting energy consumption, procurement decisions, and campus operations. The Green Campus Program offers students the opportunity to work with university staff and faculty to develop strategic energy plans and gain real-time work experience. The CSU Program for Environmental Responsibility is another system-wide initiative that encourages environmentally friendly decisions and actions during the planning, design, construction, and operation of capital projects on twenty-three CSU campuses, including CSU Stanislaus. Impressively, CSU Stanislaus' Naraghi Hall of Science has achieved LEED Silver. The metal exterior cover of the building is made from 100 percent recycled materials and specially-designed window areas let in more light to reduce electrical lighting needs. The campus is scheduled to have solar-generating (photovoltaic) equipment installed, which will deliver zero-emission renewable energy directly to the campus at economical costs. The career center provides students with plenty of guidance on green jobs, and sustainability research opportunities are available through CSU Stanislaus' new master's program in ecology and sustainability. Incoming students can breathe easy thanks to a recent \$1.6 million investment in 10 energy-efficient building air handlers which provide better air quality and enormous energy savings.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,814
# of applicants	11,607
% of applicants accepted	47
Average HS GPA	3.19
Range SAT Critical Reading	430–540
Range SAT Math	430–550
Range SAT Writing	430–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$0
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,160
Required fees	\$5,963
Room and board	\$9,152
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	75.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	75
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,911
# of applicants	5,387
% of applicants accepted	77
Average HS GPA	3.25
Range SAT Critical Reading	400–510
Range SAT Math	410–525
Range SAT Writing	410–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$0
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,160
Required fees	\$5,994
Room and board	\$8,250
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94



# CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to some legendarily cold winters, California University of Pennsylvania is no stranger to the need for heat. But the school also understands the high price the environment pays for keeping its buildings warm. With that in mind, Cal U put together an ambitious multimillion dollar geothermal project that resulted in sixty-two miles of pipe being laid deep underground to tap into the earth's constant temperature. This measure reduced the need for fossil fuels and reduced energy usage on campus to an astounding 57 percent below the average university in the Pennsylvania State System. Currently, 37 percent of the school's energy consumption is derived from renewable sources. The university has also committed to renovating all residence halls on campus with green retrofits within the next several years. In addition to this, Cal U has been working with Johnson Controls to reduce its carbon footprint and energy usage, as well as promote campus-wide sustainability awareness programs so that students are informed about what they can do to lead greener lives both on campus and off. The university also offers internships and employment counseling for environmentally aware and sustainability-related industries. The Cal U weather center participates in the G.L.O.B.E. Program, a "worldwide hands-on, primary and secondary school-based education and science program" in which students gather and report "valid scientific data" for dissemination through a free web service, allowing them to collaborate with scientists from anywhere on Earth.

# CARLETON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

What do you get when you combine aggressive sustainability initiatives with students, faculty and an administration committed to the environment? A more enjoyable campus, a shrinking carbon footprint, and, of course, recognition from The Princeton Review. In 2011, Carleton College formally introduced its Climate Action Plan to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. But sustainability initiatives were in place long before that year. Carleton boasts two wind turbines (360 feet tall!) for the production of renewable energy for the local grid, a LEED Gold residence hall for low-impact living, and campus-wide compost, electric vehicle charging station for both campus and public use, and single-stream recycling programs to minimize the amount of waste the college community sends to the landfill, Dining Services has heightened its green commitment moving exclusively to trayless dining. Not only does this move decrease water consumption, energy consumption, and food waste, but Dining Services reinvests money saved from this program in food quality, ensuring ever-improving eats for Carleton College students. The college maintains a sustainability blog, "Shrinking Footprints," which serves as a forum for the sustainability discussion. Not only can students easily keep up to date with the ongoing sustainability initiatives on campus, but those who become Student Sustainability Assistants also have the opportunity to write for the blog. With Carleton College rolling out new green initiatives and opportunities for students every week, we recommend you go check it out for yourself.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	100
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	37
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	72
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,199
# of applicants	3,849
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.30
Range SAT Critical Reading	460-536
Range SAT Math	460-540

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,804
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$9,288
Required fees	\$2,208
Room and board	\$9,684
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	69.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
local shuttle, regional bus, car share program, employee vanpool, carpool/vanpool preferred parking, electric vehicle charging station, online rideshare site	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	43
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	>50
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,035
# of applicants	5,856
% of applicants accepted	35
Range SAT Critical Reading	670-760
Range SAT Math	670-760
Range SAT Writing	660-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,184
Required fees	\$261
Room and board	\$11,553
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Environmental innovation is an integral part of Carnegie Mellon's culture, curriculum, and practice. In demonstration of this commitment, Carnegie Mellon formed the Steinbrenner Institute for Environmental Education, and Research to coordinate and advance efforts at the intersection of the research, education and practice domains. As a frontrunner, the university's Green Practices Committee has been in place for more than twelve years and is comprised of administrators, staff, faculty members, and students with the common goal to "develop university practices that improve environmental quality." Carnegie Mellon takes pride in the application of interdisciplinary approaches and practical solutions to challenges in critical areas of environmental concern such as water quality, air quality, energy consumption in the built environment, lifecycle assessment, and public policy—all informed by science! The Carnegie Mellon strategic and master plans incorporate sustainability principles that drive the university to grow and innovate. As an example, half the buildings on campus have been retrofitted for energy efficiency and Carnegie Mellon requires a minimum of LEED Silver on all new buildings. To date, Carnegie Mellon has four LEED Gold, and seven LEED Silver buildings. In addition, Carnegie Mellon is committed to the purchase of 100 percent renewable energy. Nationally, Carnegie Mellon is an active member of AASHE. Locally, Carnegie Mellon is active in the Pittsburgh Higher Education Climate Consortium and has been designated as a bicycle friendly employer.

# CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

One needn't look any further than the class of 1975 for proof of Case Western Reserve University's ability to successfully instill sustainability ethics into its students: That year, the university graduated Craig Newman, founder of Craigslist, an online message board that is the global marketplace for the reuse of everything from furniture to clothes, books, and computers. The university has signed the ACUPCC, committing the university to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions in pursuit of carbon neutrality. The university conducts an annual GHG assessment, in which students collect and analyze data and make recommendations for reduction in the university's carbon footprint. In 2011, Case published the Presidents' Climate Action Plan, a road map for achieving institutional carbon neutrality and hired a sustainability director. Case has dedicated funding for infrastructure upgrades for increased energy efficiency and building performance. Perhaps the most impressive statistic of all is that every single campus building has undergone an energy-related retrofit in the past few years resulting in more than seven million kilowatt hours saved. The university has also formed the Great Lakes Advanced Energy Institute, which is partnering with Cuyahoga County and Green Energy Ohio in a wind feasibility study and implementation of a wind farm at Lake Erie. Campus food service provider Bon Appetit purchases 35 percent of its fresh food and supplies from local farmers and food producers and composts 30 percent of its food waste.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	47
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	26
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,178
# of applicants	16,527
% of applicants accepted	30
Average HS GPA	3.69
Range SAT Critical Reading	630-730
Range SAT Math	680-780
Range SAT Writing	640-740

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,880
Required fees	\$880
Room and board	\$11,550
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	35
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, carpool parking, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,929
# of applicants	13,545
% of applicants accepted	51
Range SAT Critical Reading	590-700
Range SAT Math	650-740
Range SAT Writing	590-690

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.2
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# CATAWBA COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Since signing the ACUPCC, Catawba College has built a vision for a sustainable future—thanks in part to its Environmental Services Department and Center for the Environment. The department plans, implements, and maintains “environmental sustainability, waste reduction, and recycling programs for the college community.” The Center for the Environment, a non-profit entity with programs that extend beyond campus boundaries, focuses on providing “education and outreach on prevalent environmental challenges that can serve as models for programs throughout the country.” These two groups have helped Catawba College take many steps on the path to climate neutrality by 2030, including the purchase of renewable energy credits representing 45 percent of the college’s energy usage. The college has also achieved LEED certification for the Abernethy Village, a complex of five residence halls on campus. Replete with energy-efficient lighting, Energy Star appliances, geothermal heating, and high-efficiency windows, it’s no wonder that the college reserves these appealing abodes exclusively for juniors and seniors. Dining Services has taken the “buy local” movement to heart, now ensuring that more than half of its food expenditures go towards local, organic, or otherwise environmentally preferable food. Working closely with the Center for the Environment is Environment Catawba Outreach (ECO), a student group for those looking to lead the campus on current and future sustainability initiatives. For those looking for a more formal education in the environment and sustainability, Catawba College offers majors in environmental science, environmental studies, environmental education, and, unique to the college, sustainable business and community development.

# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At The Catholic University of America, environmental stewardship is an integral part of the school’s ethos. Leading the university’s commitment to sustainability is the Center for the Study of Energy and Environmental Stewardship. The Center convenes “scholars in theology, philosophy, and religious studies [with] scientists, engineers, economists and political scientists...to help develop concepts and policies for ethical stewardship of the earth.” So far, it’s been wildly successful. CUA derives 65 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources. All new buildings on campus must meet, at minimum must achieve a minimum of LEED Silver, which means rigorous regulations concerning building materials, waste produced, and energy used. Just recently, the university installed over 1,500 solar panels across four campus buildings. These solar panels will produce 720,000 kilowatt hours of “clean” electrical energy on an annual basis. The university is working to implement environmentally friendly procurement policies across all campus departments. CUA can already be proud that more than 50 percent of the students on campus use alternative transportation. Students at CUA can get involved in the school’s greening efforts by joining the USGBC Students group, Green Club, or pursuing EPA grants with the university’s support.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	50
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	45
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,289
# of applicants	2,710
% of applicants accepted	41
Average HS GPA	3.4
Range SAT Critical Reading	420–540
Range SAT Math	450–560

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,040
Room and board	\$9,140

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	35
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	65
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,544
# of applicants	6,617
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.35
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–620
Range SAT Math	500–610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$35,260
Required fees	\$200
Room and board	\$13,824
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97

# CENTRAL COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With its location in the agricultural bioregion of Iowa, Central College is committed to “stewardship of the natural environment and service in local, national and international communities.” Central became a signatory to the Talloires Declaration in 2007, as well as to the ACUPCC Presidents’ Climate Commitment in 2009; the college also recently registered as a STARS Participant and is completing an internal review of its sustainability practices. Thanks to the advancements of the new Office of Global Sustainability Education (GSE), all undergraduates complete a global sustainability core curriculum requirement, and an interdisciplinary minor in global sustainability was also recently added. Central boasts Iowa’s first LEED Silver building, the Vermeer Science Center, as well as a Gold-certified residence hall and a Platinum-certified academic building. Almost all campus factions, including faculty, students, facilities, alumni, dining services, and residence life, participate in the actions of the GSE, creating a holistic, unified campus approach to sustainability. GSE is modeled on the “Wisconsin Idea”—that the boundaries of the university are the boundaries of the state—to embrace a place-based model of sustainability within both campus and community.

Central demonstrates a remarkable network of connections with its surrounding community of Des Moines, including the Prairies for Agriculture Project, a major prairie restoration project that has become a national model for undergraduate research in sustainability. Other notable programs include the college organic garden, the Pella City Food Composting Initiative, the Neil Smith National Tall Grass Prairie Learning Center, a local CSA and composting center, and membership in the UMACS (Upper Midwest Association of Colleges for Sustainability).

# CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Start with a dream, finish with a future” reads the masthead of university’s website, and certainly when it comes to sustainability, CCSU has its sights on generations to come. Central Connecticut State University is a charter member of ACUPCC, and it stands apart as one of the only schools in Connecticut to meet all of its deadlines for ACUPCC to date. The university president himself has named sustainability as one of the top four priorities for the university. One measure that CCSU has focused on is reducing its greenhouse gas emissions. The university has set an ambitious goal to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent from 2008 levels by the year 2025. The school now has restricted parking to encourage people to carpool and offers special carpool parking to reduce the number of individual drivers that are on the road. Other areas of emphasis are waste reduction, recycling, and environmentally responsible procurement policies. To that end, CCSU participates in RecycleMania and has a policy to include environmental performance requirements in its contracts with suppliers, including paper, office supplies, landscaping, building materials, and equipment. Because of this effort, now 100 percent of the cleaning supplies purchased at CCSU are Green Seal-certified. Complementing the on campus action are new educational offerings and programs about sustainable practices and how to decrease dependence on fossil fuels. The School of Business’ Summer Institute for Sustainability is especially noteworthy, bringing together researchers and business leaders to discuss ways to implement more sustainable business practices and policies.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	21
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,493
# of applicants	2,633
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.48
Range SAT Critical Reading	430–560
Range SAT Math	460–610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,414
Required fees	\$430
Room and board	\$9,136
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,720
# of applicants	6,837
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.01
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–540
Range SAT Math	470–570
Range SAT Writing	460–550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,285
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,866
Required fees	\$5,487
Room and board	\$10,056
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81

# CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Central Michigan University has made sustainability a priority in nearly every aspect of its campus experience: energy, construction, food, waste, academics, and more. CMU conducts internal reviews of its carbon footprint, and is the first and only Michigan university to implement a wood energy system. CMU's Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee is made up of members from almost every division of the campus, and the university's vigilance over green issues has resulted in an impressive array of facts: 100 percent of campus meals offer a vegetarian option, 25 percent of waste is diverted from landfills, 100 percent of renewable energy is produced on-site, and 35 percent of the campus's total energy supply is produced from renewable resources.

CMU's own internal sustainability reviews also demonstrate an inventive, committed series of green achievements: the university recently added almost 3,000 new recycling containers across campus, has collaborated with Apple to sustainably dispose of 4,800 pounds of electronics, regularly participates in RecycleMania, and has converted all its maintenance vehicles to B-20 biodiesel fuel to reduce carbon emissions. Three environmental student groups are active on campus, as well as a number of environmental studies majors and concentrations including biology, environmental studies, geography, geology, recreation, parks & leisure administration, and business administration. The campus holds an annual green jobs seminar to guide students toward careers in sustainability advancement, and the school participates in sustainability research through the Great Lakes Research Center and the Great Lakes Institute for Sustainable Systems, providing an impressive focus on the future within the university's green efforts.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	39
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,232
# of applicants	18,509
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–567.5
Range SAT Math	450–595

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,950
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$23,670
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$8,368
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	76.6

# CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Central Washington University's mission states that its purpose is to prepare students for "responsible stewardship of the earth." While the university has signed the ACUPCC initiative, it has also undertaken its first sustainable renovation (Dean Hall recently achieved LEED Gold), and has consistently decreased campus electricity consumption, the locus of CWU's most impressive sustainability initiatives is in its academic programs. Environmental Studies has been offered as a minor here for more than 30 years—a long time for departments under that name—and a Bachelor of Science program was approved back in 2010. A graduate program in Environmental Resource Management is also available. Disciplines addressing environmental issues have been consolidated under the Center for the Environment through an institutional Sphere of Distinction grant, and the Center includes many institutes providing opportunities for students to engage in environmental research. These include the Landscape Values Institute, which addresses land-use planning; the Center for Spatial Information, which is currently engaged in research on the intersection of the environment and economics along the Pacific Northwest coast; and the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute, which is home to three chimps who are protected from invasive research while also being at the center of behavioral research and educational programs for local school groups. Another impressive program for environmental research and education is the Yakima Watershed Activities to Enhance Research in Schools (WATERS) Project, funded by the National Science Foundation, and a site where graduate fellows not only conduct their own thesis research but are also paired with a local K–12 teacher to incorporate an aspect of their research into the teacher's curriculum.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school grounds maintained organically	43

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,770
# of applicants	4,553
% of applicants accepted	78.4
Average HS GPA	3.1
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–558
Range SAT Math	450–560
Range SAT Writing	430–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,962
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,607
Required fees	\$984
Room and board	\$9,240

# CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With sustainability listed as a core value of Champlain College, it's no surprise that the college established the Sustain Champlain Committee way back in 2005. The committee is a group of faculty, staff and students who develop and implement strategies that create a more efficient and environmentally friendly Champlain. The committee assisted with the development of a green building master plan, which calls for the college to "embrace sustainability" in both new construction and renovation. The campus operations have been up to the task with the recent completion of Aiken Hall (LEED Gold) and Perry Hall (LEED Platinum). Aiken Hall features energy-efficient lighting, heating, and elevators; and Perry Hall uses a 100 percent geothermal heating and cooling system (56 percent of the total energy consumed by the college is provided by renewable energy)—both serving to reduce the carbon footprint of the college. Champlain's newest residence, Juniper Hall, is seeking LEED Gold certification in 2013. The school also boasts an impressive 65 percent waste-diversion rate and uses exclusively third party certified green cleaning products. Students have the opportunity to volunteer at the community garden, become an Eco-Rep, or the join the Environmental Club which is advised by the sustainability director of the college. For those looking for a more formal education in sustainability, Champlain College's major in Environmental Policy, which incorporates the colleges "upside-down" learning philosophy, gives students the opportunity to dive into the core courses from day one. But offering majors and a dozen courses related to sustainability isn't enough for this college, as Champlain encourages all faculty members to incorporate sustainability issues into their courses—no matter the subject area.

# CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Chatham University recently broke ground on Phase 1 of the Eden Hall Campus master plan, which is designed from the ground up to be a zero-net energy campus. The University, an ACUPCC signatory, also focuses on increasing its commitment to green by conducting annual inventories of its greenhouse gas emissions and developing plans to reduce its carbon footprint. In line with this, Chatham has completed a solar hot water system on its two largest residence halls. Chatham purchased Pittsburgh's first hybrid police car to patrol its campus, and runs active cell phone, battery and computer recycling services. (Chatham students' refurbished cell phones and computers are provided to victims of domestic violence, senior citizens, and local school children through a partnership with HopeLine.) But the campus isn't just "green," it's really green (as in the color), thanks to a thirty-two-acre arboretum (117 different tree species!) and Chatham's 386-acre Eden Hall Campus, which functions as a "living laboratory" where students can focus on sustainability issues. In order to ensure the continued verdancy of the campus, the university has banned pesticides since 2000. Chatham's cafeterias are committed to using organic and local foods whenever possible, has an active composting program, and recycles all used cooking oil as biofuel. Moreover, the university has successfully eliminated the sale of plastic water bottles and has implemented a reusable take-out food container program. Chatham invests in and promotes the use of bikes on campus, opening an on-campus bike shop staffed by students that teach basic bicycle maintenance and repair for free! Chatham is a Bronze level recipient of the BikeAmerica Bike Friendly Employer and is a STARS Gold rated institution with AASHE's STARS Program.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	65
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	56
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,067
# of applicants	3,493
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.2
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-610
Range SAT Math	490-590

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$29,765
Required fees	\$100
Room and board	\$13,095
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	85

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	80
Available transportation alternatives:	
free universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike commuter tax credit, guaranteed ride home, free campus shuttle system, preferred parking for low-emitting vehicles, car sharing	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	36
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	922
# of applicants	727
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.58
Range SAT Critical Reading	360-760
Range SAT Math	360-720
Range SAT Writing	370-740

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$30,382
Required fees	\$1,150
Room and board	\$9,804
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.7

# CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located just ten miles west of the “City of Brotherly Love,” Cheyney University of Pennsylvania is bringing sustainability principles not just to campus, but to the entire Philadelphia region. On campus, Cheyney currently utilizes natural-gas fired central boilers, which reduce the emissions of nitrogen oxides (a family of greenhouse gases) into the atmosphere. Similarly, water heating for the campus residence halls are decentralized, which decreases emissions of carbon dioxide equivalent by 35 percent. With 20 percent of the campus’s energy demand being derived from renewable energy sources, 30 percent of waste being diverted from landfills and 40 percent of buildings having undergone energy-related retrofits in the past few years, Cheyney University is taking the necessary steps to green the campus. The university recently broke ground on the Cheyney University Science Center, a \$21 million, “state-of-the-future” building that is aiming to obtain LEED Silver certification. Cheyney has also brought expertise to the region. In order to increase awareness of sustainability issues across Pennsylvania, the university hosted a conference titled “Navigating the Road Through Higher Education Towards Sustainability: Teaching, Administration, Scholarship, and Research.” The conference offered professional development, networking opportunities and plenty of access to green professionals for those Cheyney University students looking to enter the green jobs space upon graduation. Cheyney University offers students the opportunity to major in environmental sciences, and chemistry students can elect to take a technical course in environmental and pollution control.

# CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—BROOKLYN COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Brooklyn College participates in the CUNY-mandated Brooklyn Ten-Year Sustainability Plan, a response to NYC Mayor Bloomberg’s request for all CUNY institutions to reduce their carbon footprints by 30 percent between 2007 and 2017. Brooklyn College’s sustainability plan considers several areas: energy, water, transportation, waste management/recycling, procurement, food, health and nutrition, education and outreach, and buildings and grounds. The university also launched a pilot project, named “Greening of Me,” that introduced interviewing and journaling projects into English and history classes. The project encourages individual reflection and assessment of where things stand in the “going green” process. To date, the college has implemented several changes aimed at increasing its sustainability. In the science facilities, retrofitting of laboratory hoods and ventilation equipment has increased their energy efficiency. Brooklyn College was the first CUNY institution to introduce energy reduction measures during peak usage periods. Golf carts have been purchased along with four electric mega-vans for college personnel use. Additional bicycle racks have been placed throughout campus. Organic waste composted by students in the Health and Nutrition Department is used at Floyd Bennett Field. This green university encourages students to evaluate their day-to-day behavior, emphasizing green tips like “BYOB”—Bring Your Own Bottle (for water!) The purchasing and facilities departments are working to increase the use of green cleaning products. The college’s food services provider also introduced plastic to-go mugs with discounted refills.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives: restricting parking, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	40

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,141
# of applicants	1,740
% of applicants accepted	81
Average HS GPA	2.5
Range SAT Critical Reading	330–420
Range SAT Math	320–410
Range SAT Writing	320–405

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,602
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$12,966
Required fees	\$2,174
Room and board	\$11,420
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives: restricting parking, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,162
# of applicants	19,152
% of applicants accepted	28
Average HS GPA	3.30
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–590
Range SAT Math	520–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,430
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,550
Required fees	\$454
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98

# CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—CITY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

City University of New York—City College holds a prominent place in the intellectual history of New York (its list of notable alums includes Colin Powell, Andrew Grove, and Jonas Salk!). That legacy of excellence defines the college's sustainability program. "CCNY Green" is the name of City College's campaign to "rethink the way we teach, learn, conduct research, operate, and live." The college has signed on to both ACUPCC and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's PlaNYC Challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on campus by 30 percent between 2007 and 2017. A Sustainability Task Force was created to "place sustainability at the forefront in all operations, outreach, and educational missions." Working groups have been established to focus on different areas including recycling/reuse, sustainable purchasing, and energy conservation. New fountains have been installed in several buildings to reduce bottled water waste, by providing chilled, filtered tap water free of charge for use with refillable containers. A new recycling program is even turning the school's grass clippings into mulch for use in campus landscaping. Undergraduate and graduate programs in sustainability are available, and research opportunities abound through the many environmentally focused centers and institutes housed on campus. CUNY's Institute for Urban Systems, for example, is working to find ways to green existing commercial buildings by "promoting advanced building system technologies and best practices that reduce energy use and improve indoor environmental conditions and waste management practices." In 2010, the university launched a new degree program in sustainability in the urban environment.

# CLARK UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

An early signatory of the President's Climate Commitment, Clark has tracked – and reduced—greenhouse gas emissions since 2005. Clark's bold Climate Action Plan sets a goal of zero emissions by 2030, one of few schools to choose such an early date. That confidence is rooted in Clark's core values of research, innovation, action and stewardship. "Challenge Convention, Change Our World" is amply demonstrated in many green campus features that started with student initiative: Clark's co-generation plant (efficiently providing heat and power to 70 percent of campus); a student Recycling Crew (proud of a 47 percent diversion rate); composting 100 percent of food and paper waste in Higgins Cafeteria (winner of MassRecycle's Gold award); the popular Clark Community Thrift Store (reducing landfill by more than ten tons and saving customers \$60,000 per year); plus the organic garden, green room auditors, bike share, food co-op, green roof project, rain garden, and salvaged wood recycling bins to name a few! These green features are matched by an institutional commitment to sustainability guided by the Environmental Task Force and Sustainable Clark. Recent capital investments to improve energy and water efficiency throughout campus, such as motion sensors and dual flush toilets, are on track to exceed projected savings. Grounds and custodial services use only environmentally friendly products. Clark has committed to building all future buildings and renovations to obtaining LEED certification. EV charging stations (the first in central Mass) and ride share options encourage green transportation. Students can choose from among 130 interdisciplinary courses or get involved in extra-curricular activities such as Eco Reps, while Clark's sustainability-focused institutes and programs (Marsh, Mosakowski, IDCE, CENTED, HERO) provide applied and action research opportunities for students on campus, in the community and across the globe.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,642
# of applicants	23,250
% of applicants accepted	32
Average HS GPA	3.01
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–570
Range SAT Math	510–620

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,430
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,550
Required fees	\$5,430
Room and board	\$14,550
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.4

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	47
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	11
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,252
# of applicants	4,038
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.46
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–660
Range SAT Math	530–640
Range SAT Writing	550–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,000
Required fees	\$350
Room and board	\$7,100
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.8



# CLARKSON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Defy Convention” is one of the guiding principles of this New York state institution, and that mantra has led Clarkson University to pursue sustainability policies in their own unique way. For instance, Clarkson University has a number of ‘unconventional’ environmental initiatives such as a “No Styrofoam” policy on campus, a commitment to keeping designated areas of campus “forever wild,” and a policy to limit the loss of trees eight inches in diameter or greater during construction. The university has expanded its recycling program to include electronic waste like computers and monitors, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, ballasts, scrap metal, tires, and used oil and anti-freeze. Clarkson has also adopted green building policies, such as a commitment to pursuing LEED Silver certification on all current and future construction. The Technology Advancement Center exceeded that requirement, having achieved LEED Gold certification. The university hosts a “Take It or Leave It” event at the end of the school year to reduce the stream of trash during move-out weekend, and to give students an opportunity to acquire free, used goods. The Clarkson Institute for a Sustainable Environment sponsors workshops, seminars, and a small grants program, as well as undergraduate and graduate-level research experiences on a variety of projects around renewable energy, clean water, and air quality. Student Projects for Engineering Experience and Design give students hands-on opportunities to design turbine systems, build electric cars, and assist with research required to install a wind turbine on campus. Interdisciplinary minors in sustainable energy systems engineering and sustainable solutions for the developing world are available.

# CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Clemson University is remaking itself into a top-twenty public educational institution, and part of that effort includes establishing a long term plan for sustainability on campus. In fact the university has been making strides toward a greener campus since at least 2004, when the campus’ first LEED-certified building (and the first one in South Carolina) opened its doors. Since then, the Fraternity Quad on Clemson’s campus has been LEED-certified, and the university has committed to seeking LEED Silver for all new construction and large renovations going forward. Clemson is committed to reducing its total energy consumption by 20 percent by 2020, and has implemented an aggressive energy conservation program that includes utilizing temperature setbacks, demand management techniques, and upgrading lighting. Further, by 2025, the school aims to increase energy sourcing from renewable resources by 10 percent. Clemson offers plenty of research opportunities to students through the Clemson University Restoration Institute which helps develop environmentally friendly restoration industries in South Carolina. Clemson’s dining services get in on the fun through its recycling, waste reduction, and energy efficiency efforts. Cooking oil is converted to 100 percent bio diesel fuel, and a refillable soft drink and coffee mug discount program is in place at retail locations. Each year, Clemson recycles 4,815 gallons of cooking oil and 13,000 pounds of paper. Clemson also hosts the “Sustainability Café,” a biweekly forum intended “to develop and strengthen the network of people on campus who are involved in sustainability research and/or advocacy.”

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
Zipcar, rideshare facebook page, bike lanes to campus, hybrid and electric vehicles in campus fleet	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	15
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,072
# of applicants	4,199
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–610
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	480–590

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,770
Required fees	\$840
Room and board	\$12,534
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.2

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	35
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,379
# of applicants	0
Average HS GPA	4.10
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–650
Range SAT Math	580–680
Range SAT Writing	500–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,668
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,826
Room and board	\$7,228
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	41.9

# COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Coastal Carolina University (CCU) Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative dates back to 2005, when CCU formalized efforts to become an environmentally sustainable university. The office manages the Eco-Rep Program, the Student Green Team and serves as an advisor to the Students for Eco Action student club and the Campus Garden. The Sustainability Initiative serves as a resource on sustainability for the campus and local community. CCU has partnered with Santee Cooper, a utility company in South Carolina, producing green electricity to develop energy projects that lower electricity costs and emissions. South Carolina's first photovoltaic project is on CCU's campus and consists of a solar array on the roof of four bus shelters. Each solar panel is capable of producing 16 kilowatts of renewable energy. The university is also the site for one of six electric vehicle charging stations in the county. The school is the site for one of the five electric car charging stations in the country. The Sustainability Initiative works in close collaboration with Facilities Planning and Management to help achieve LEED Silver for all new construction and renovations, as a part of the South Carolina state requirement. CCU is an ACUPCC signatory, pledging to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions and develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan. CCU is also a member of the Carolina Recycling Association and often partners with local organizations, such as Keep Horry County Beautiful and the Waccamaw Riverkeeper to accomplish projects. Several faculty members work on sustainability-focused research projects, such as storm water management and wind power, which allow opportunities for undergraduates to get involved. Additionally, the university Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a "Green Fund" that will provide resources for undergraduate research projects and activities relating to environmental sustainability.

# COLBY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Colby College's environmental science/studies program is among the oldest offered at U.S. liberal arts colleges. The number of majors in the program has grown substantially, including several interdisciplinary tracks emphasizing policy or science from an environmental perspective or an environmental track in hard sciences like biology and chemistry. Student projects in these programs have helped contribute to Colby's green momentum. The campus is home to a 128-acre arboretum and wildlife sanctuary, and the college owns additional properties on the nearby Belgrade Lakes, including a kettle bog for research. A cogeneration turbine on campus supplies 10 percent of the school's electricity needs. Colby has committed to seeking at least LEED Silver certification on all future building projects. To date, Colby's campus has five LEED-certified buildings (two Gold, two Silver and one Certified). Students play active roles in the college's green initiatives, as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the college president; as recycling coordinators; Eco-Reps in the dorms; and as members of student organizations like the Environmental Coalition, the Organic Gardening Club, and Project RESCUE (Recycle Everything, Save Colby's Usable Excess), which collects furniture, household items, and clothing left behind by students at the end of the year for donation to local nonprofits. A biomass heating plant burning fuel certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative reduces on-campus oil consumption by an astounding 90 percent.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share,	
preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or	
certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,297
# of applicants	10,502
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.34
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-540
Range SAT Math	460-560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,760
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,050
Room and board	\$7,700
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	55.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or	
certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	87
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,815
# of applicants	5,186
% of applicants accepted	29
Range SAT Critical Reading	620-710
Range SAT Math	630-710
Range SAT Writing	610-710

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$55,700
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# COLGATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Ever since becoming a signatory of the Clean Air-Cool Planet Climate Action Plan way back in 2004, Colgate has been at the forefront of the green movement. And their efforts are truly paying off! Notably, the university expects to achieve climate neutrality by 2019 (coincidentally their bicentennial). Energy saving measures have already been implemented on campus; the university encourages the purchase of Energy Star appliances, lighting, motion sensors, and computer sleep protocols, and operates a low emission, diesel powered, free shuttle service to help cut down on carbon emissions on campus and in the surrounding community. But the real feather in Colgate's hat is its successful conversion to clean energy sources to power the campus. Today, the university derives 100 percent of its electricity from hydroelectric or nuclear power, and 75 percent of its heating needs from an on-campus, woodchip-burning heating plant (Sayonara, fossil fuels). This plant helped Colgate avoid consuming the equivalent of 1.17 million gallons of fuel oil and saved the university more than \$1.8 million in heating costs. Colgate's location in a prosperous agricultural area affords the university incredible opportunities to support the local farming community. Already, Colgate's Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education collects hundreds of pounds of unused food at the end of the year and donates it to a local food bank or shelter. New buildings on campus must pursue LEED Silver certification, and architectural consultants who work on renovations of existing buildings must themselves be LEED Accredited Professionals. One shining example is Colgate's Trudy Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art 15,000 square foot facility, which attained LEED Silver.

# COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In 2007, in line with the school's Carbon NetZero initiative, COA became the country's first carbon neutral college. In 2012 the COA community decided that instead of achieving carbon neutrality through offset purchases, it would apply these funds to reduce the college's carbon footprint through hands-on, interdisciplinary classes and student-led projects to inspire and educate students to conceive of and implement similar work at larger scales in the world. Already, COA classes have researched, sited, and installed solar panels and a wind turbine on campus. These add to the college's baseline renewables and environmentally sound building practices. COA routinely conducts energy audits of the campus with the goal of making existing buildings more energy-efficient. The college also focuses on providing local and organic food to its students, faculty and staff; COA has its own organic farm twelve miles from campus, which supplies the cafeteria with produce as the seasons permit. Two new livestock farms produced broiler chickens for campus in 2012. An electric van charged by solar panels provides transportation between the farms and campus; the campus solar charger is open to the public for free. That said, the school is keen to note that "all food waste is composted." In fact, with designated composting bins in the cafeteria as well as every dorm (not to mention recycling bins for plastic, glass, and paper in every building and on almost every floor), there's no excuse at COA not to compost and recycle. The college also takes a proactive approach to teaching sustainability in the classroom through its Sustainable Foods Systems Program, which explores how COA's work in organic agriculture can be applied to larger food system issues, as well as its Sustainable Business Program, which focuses on environmentally and socially focused strategies to encourage positive change, while another program focuses on environmental diplomacy empowering students to become youth leaders in international negotiations.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	60
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,927
# of applicants	7,835
% of applicants accepted	29
Average HS GPA	3.6
Range SAT Critical Reading	620-720
Range SAT Math	640-720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,330
Required fees	\$310
Room and board	\$11,075
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	75
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	40
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	340
# of applicants	400
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	610-700
Range SAT Math	570-660
Range SAT Writing	570-670

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,701
Required fees	\$549
Room and board	\$9,258
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97

# COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to being a signatory of ACUPCC, the College of Charleston has distinguished itself as a committed leader of sustainability efforts. The Office of Admissions moved into its renovated facility on George Street, which is seeking LEED Silver certification. The Office of Sustainability on campus acts as the main hub for all green initiatives. Since its creation, this office has been developing a shared vision for community sustainability. Here, they are working to cultivate a sense of connection between people, culture and place as the foundation for building a resilient and ultimately sustainable community. The Office of Sustainability has been focused on green initiatives that include water-bottle refill stations around campus, localized food purchases for the dining halls, and organized C of C student participation in the Campus Conservation Nationals 2013. C of C students can also join the ECollective Student Project Committee (ESPC), a student-led, student-driven committee that oversees dissemination of a portion of the ECollective Fund. This seven-member team helps students create, develop and successfully defend project proposals that work to create a more sustainable campus.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	9
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,132
# of applicants	11,086
% of applicants accepted	74
Average HS GPA	3.84
Range SAT Critical Reading	560-650
Range SAT Math	550-640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,616
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,330
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	66.1

# COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A signatory of ACUPCC, The College of the Holy Cross is well on its way to realizing its goal of becoming carbon neutral by the year 2040. Holy Cross Task Force on the Environment is responsible for overseeing the college's response to the challenge of sustainability, under the leadership of selected faculty, staff and students. Renewable energy initiatives on campus include a partnership with TransCanada, a renewable energy supplier has reduced the school's carbon footprint by 28 percent. New construction on campus adheres to a strict green building policy, with the intent of LEED Silver certification on all major construction and renovations. The Integrated Science Complex has already achieved LEED Gold, and Figge Hall, a 156-bed residence hall, has also achieved LEED Gold. The Integrated Science Complex uses an energy recovery wheel to capture and reuse heat and humidity from air exhausted from the building. The college also grows fruit and vegetables in community gardens on campus, and student dining halls regularly feature "slow food" dinners, where cooks prepare locally grown and locally purchased meat and produce. Internships and projects working with environmental organizations and not-for-profit groups throughout the Worcester area are plentiful, and many students participate through Holy Cross' Environmental Studies program, and student-run environmental groups like Eco-Action.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	5
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,891
# of applicants	7,228
% of applicants accepted	34
Average HS GPA	3.88
Range SAT Critical Reading	600-700
Range SAT Math	620-680
Range SAT Writing	610-700

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,800
Required fees	\$600
Room and board	\$11,730
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	77.6

# THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The College of New Jersey has only been operating under that name since 1996, but in a few short years it's managed to define itself as a green leader. Signing ACUPCC has spurred The College of New Jersey on to impressive sustainable action. The college has formed the Presidents' Climate Commitment Committee, evaluated its carbon footprint, completed its greenhouse gas inventory, audited its energy consumption, and developed conservation and sustainability strategies—often with the direct involvement of students. TCNJ has committed to purchasing carbon offsets for greenhouse gases produced by travel and commuting. Outside consultants were hired to develop a comprehensive sustainability and climate neutrality plan for the campus, while the college's Municipal Land Use Center is authoring similar plans for the state of New Jersey. The College of New Jersey's Municipal Land Use Center also offers the Sustainable Communities' Implementation Grant Program, which supports "municipalities that have shown leadership, vision and commitment to creating sustainable community plans and programs." Back on campus, TCNJ is making an aggressive effort to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum, through freshman seminars, liberal learning programs, research opportunities, and possibly new majors and minors (TCNJ already offers an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies concentration). Students can use summer research opportunities in the School of Science to focus on sustainability-related topics. Student environmental organizations have diversified over the years, and now many focus on specific aspects of the environment: for example, Water Watch, Roots and Shoots, and so forth.

# THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Hark the Green! At The College of William & Mary, student research and institutional initiatives toward sustainability go hand in hand. A group of physics students is designing and testing solar cells on the roof of the building that houses their department. Participants from the Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Eco-House (a dorm in which sustainability-focused students live and share their interests), and the Sharpe Community Scholars Program (which supports select first-years in academics and community engagement) recently came together to build green roof test plots. These activities are made possible by the recently initiated Student Green Fee, which aims to create a "green endowment" and to provide grants and funding for sustainability projects on campus. Part of this funding goes toward four summer research internships. Recent student summer research has resulted in an innovative in-house carbon credit program. The college's dining services team has also recently hired three student interns to coordinate local and sustainable food initiatives and implement 100 percent composting of organic wastes. William & Mary is entirely transparent about its sustainability efforts (not surprising when it has so much to brag about); the Committee on Sustainability includes a Sustainability Fellow who regularly blogs about the school's progress and writes press releases to let the media know about W&M's green progress. New campus buildings are required to achieve LEED Silver certification or better, and Miller Hall, the new home of the business school has received LEED Gold certification. William & Mary is also pleased to announce a recent partnership with the Virginia Sea Grant to explore the feasibility of a community-supported fishery. In turn, this will hopefully help promote the consumption of locally harvested fish and shellfish.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	22
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,445
# of applicants	10,150
% of applicants accepted	46
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–650
Range SAT Math	580–680
Range SAT Writing	560–660

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,760
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,569
Required fees	\$4,127
Room and board	\$10,677
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	41.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	22
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	30
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,020
# of applicants	12,825
% of applicants accepted	35
Average HS GPA	4.00
Range SAT Critical Reading	620–730
Range SAT Math	620–720
Range SAT Writing	620–720

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,270
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$30,547
Required fees	\$4,862
Room and board	\$8,892
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	75.9

# COLORADO COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado College built the nation's first LEED-certified science center in 2005, and hasn't looked back since. For example, a twenty-five kilowatt solar PV array was installed on an apartment building, providing an on campus source for renewable energy (plans are in the works for large scale wind and solar projects). Recently another thirty-five kilowatts was installed as part of the Worner Student Center renovation. The college also looks to reduce its environmental impact through a UN Climate Crews Fellowship supported campus-wide, and a semester-long resource conservation and waste reduction campaign, aClimate 14, which encourages students and staff to consider how they can improve economic and environmental conditions on campus. These are just the first steps towards the college's aggressive goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2020, a plan including 30 percent reduction in existing building energy usage, along with a 20 percent reduction target through behavior change and conservation, and a strategy to derive 100 percent of electricity from renewable sources. The school features a one-acre community garden that provides the cafeteria with local, organic produce. Colorado College's single-stream recycling and composting plan, diverts 500 tons of waste annually. Students play a key role in the school's continuing commitment to sustainability; independent research is required of all Environmental Science and Environmental Policy majors and minors, and numerous on-campus sustainability internships focus on campus and regional sustainability issues. In addition, the State of the Rockies Project, which investigates solutions to local environmental issues through state-of-the-art research, fosters student experience and exposure to sustainability research.

# COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado State University has signed both the Talloires Declaration and ACUPCC, and historically the university has racked up some impressive sustainability accolades. CSU was the first institution of higher learning in the world to receive LEED for Commercial Interiors certification. The university boasts a veritable LEED fleet with eleven LEED Gold buildings and several more pending certification. It was also the first university to collect data via satellite for weather forecasting, and it founded the first emissions control program in the United States, an invaluable resource for reducing greenhouse gases on campus. In addition, CSU was also one of the first universities nationwide to offer green power to its students. CSU brought online a 15-acre solar plant (2,000-kilowatt array with an annual expected output of 3,500,000 kilowatt hours), which reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 5.5 million pounds each year. Another solar array addition has also gone live, totalling over five megawatts. CSU's recycling program works actively to ensure that all recyclable waste avoids the landfill by increasing the number of recycling bins around campus and investing in a new truck. CSU also has a taste for culinary sustainability: The campus-based, student-run Aspen Grille is the second green-certified restaurant in Colorado and provides environmentally minded cuisine by purchasing locally produced meats, cheeses, and produce. Furthering its commitment to local sustainability, CSU's Forest Service tree nursery produces two million seedlings annually in order to reduce carbon monoxide and to provide even more greenery for the surrounding area.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	45
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3-4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,008
# of applicants	4,916
% of applicants accepted	26
Range SAT Critical Reading	630-720
Range SAT Math	630-700
Range SAT Writing	620-710

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,742
Room and board	\$9,728
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	61.6
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2-3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,412
# of applicants	17,929
% of applicants accepted	74.7
Average HS GPA	3.57
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-620
Range SAT Math	520-640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,875
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,667
Required fees	\$1,774
Room and board	\$10,278
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	69

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located within walking distance of grassy Central Park, Columbia University's campus is evolving into one of New York City's green landmarks in its own right. Surrounded by one of the biggest and densest collections of building in the world, the university has put its location to good use—recently launching the NYC Urban Technology Innovation Center in order to promote green building technologies in New York City. The Urban Design Lab has committed to local environmental design and sustainable economic development, combining the vast intellectual and financial resources of the architecture and engineering schools. The challenges of developing sustainable infrastructure in a bustling urban environment are real, which makes Columbia's recent LEED Platinum certification for its seventeen-acre Manhattanville campus plan in West Harlem even more impressive. Leave it to one of the oldest and most historically rooted universities in the world to stake claim to both the first Platinum certification of its kind in New York City, and the first for a university plan nationally! This estimable bit of green construction will only add to Columbia's significant collection of LEED-certified buildings, which welcomed seven LEED Gold or LEED Silver endeavors in the last several years. Of course, construction is just one of many fortunate opportunities to advance sustainability in Manhattan—Columbia has devoted considerable effort to healthy local food, greenmarkets, vegetative roofs, and more efficient water treatment. Always a beacon in academia and leadership, students are offered a choice of twenty-four degrees in environmental study to complement thirty-three environmental research centers, while organizations such as the Earth Institute and Columbia EcoReps contribute to the active presence of the sustainability movement in everyday campus life.

# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Connecticut College has ingrained a sustainability ethic into every aspect of campus life in a variety of ways. The college has been offsetting its electricity purchase with renewable energy credits for a decade. Other energy conservation efforts on campus include a ten kilowatt solar panel installation on the roof of Park Residence Hall that generates 10 percent of the building's energy needs. Additionally, a determined group of students and staff recently launched the Composting Program. This initiative allows the community to easily collect food scraps around campus and transform them into nutrient-rich compost. The college offers an ever-growing Environmental Studies degree and students can earn an interdisciplinary certificate through the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment and the Holleran Center for Public Policy and Community Action. Student organizations leading sustainability initiatives on campus include the Sprout Organic Garden Club, and SpokesPeople bicycle collective. The College's career development program is predicated on individual attention by the same counselor over four years, so students seeking green jobs are sure to receive plenty of attention. The College has achieved an outstanding 32 percent waste-diversion rate thanks in part to its student-run composting program, which consists of two Earth Tubs—commercial-sized composting bins—that feature power mixing and aeration. The college recently completed the construction of its "new" cutting edge science center. The science center will combine a complete renovation of New London Hall, the first building constructed for the college in 1914, with an addition that will extend the existing building's capacity for even more innovative science-related teaching and research. The building is aiming to achieve LEED Gold, based on its sustainable attributes, which includes a geothermal heating and cooling system.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	45
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,027
# of applicants	34,810
% of applicants accepted	7
Range SAT Critical Reading	700–790
Range SAT Math	700–790
Range SAT Writing	700–790

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,088
Required fees	\$2,202
Room and board	\$11,020
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,884
# of applicants	4,838
% of applicants accepted	35.8
Range SAT Critical Reading	650–740
Range SAT Math	640–720
Range SAT Writing	660–750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,570
Required fees	\$320
Room and board	\$11,900
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	48

# CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Cornell University's Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future brings together students, faculty and staff to "help advance multidisciplinary research and cultivate innovative collaborations within and beyond Cornell to foster a sustainable future for all." The Center provides seed grants for cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and supports strategic hiring of faculty focused on sustainability. Students can choose from over 300 courses and twenty-eight majors to study sustainability in every college. Cornell is implementing a plan to be carbon neutral by 2050 and achieved a 25 percent carbon emissions reduction when it ended the use of coal on campus. Another critical part of Cornell's carbon reduction strategy is a \$46 million investment in energy conservation initiatives. An award-winning Transportation Demand Management program provides free bus passes to freshman and staff, and offers incentives to use Ithaca Carshare, vanpools, public transportation, and the new Big Red Bikes, bike-share program. There are over thirty-five active green groups on campus to fill every niche, including Greeks Go Green, Cornell University Sustainable Design, Dilmun Hill Organic Farm, Kyoto NOW!, Engineers for a Sustainable World, Cornell Farmers Market and the Sustainable Enterprise Association. More than 63 percent of waste on campus is recycled or composted, including 823 tons of food from the dining halls. Cornell considers itself a caretaker of the natural environment. In total, the university manages 3,500 acres of biologically diverse natural land on and around its campus. The Ithaca campus currently has one LEED Platinum and eight LEED Gold buildings, and a policy for all new major construction to obtain LEED Silver and 30 percent more energy-efficient than national standards.

# CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Sustainability Council at Creighton University is comprised of students, staff, and faculty and looks to "bring effective sustainability strategies and integrate the movement in what we teach, how we live and work, and extending this to our daily lives." They are also developing policy for the university, which includes constructing and remodeled to become LEED-certified, building a robust recycling program, establishing a community garden for use by faculty, staff and students, and creating a funding source to support innovative, cost-saving sustainability initiatives. The university has since instituted a single-stream recycling program (and is a perennial participant in the RecycleMania competition) and undertaken a "clean green" initiative: 97 percent of cleaning products used on campus are Green Seal-certified. Additionally, 15 percent of the energy consumed at the university is derived from renewable sources. Creighton has built a beta site for solar collection, which is used for educating both students and the community, as well generate plenty of electricity. For those students looking to get a more formal education in sustainability, Creighton University offers a major in Environmental Sciences and as well as a major in Sustainable Energy Technology. Both majors were funded by a \$2.4 million investment from the Department of Energy for solar arrays and curriculum development, includes four new labs intended to encourage hands-on learning, reinforce mathematical and scientific concepts, computer simulations, design and rapid prototyping. A student environmental coalition, the "GreenJays," was formed recently and is working on several initiatives.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	23
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	77

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,885
# of applicants	36,338
% of applicants accepted	18
Range SAT Critical Reading	640-730
Range SAT Math	670-770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,325
Required fees	\$216
Room and board	\$13,160
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, vanpool, dedicated bike lane, metro bus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	97
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,032
# of applicants	5,361
% of applicants accepted	78
Average HS GPA	3.76
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-630
Range SAT Math	540-660
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,856
Required fees	\$1,474
Room and board	\$9,446
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.1



# DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Big Green Goes Green is more than a slogan. Eco-awareness is spreading campus-wide with the help of the Dartmouth Trustees, who invested \$12.5 million to support energy efficiency projects. The student-founded Sustainable Living Center offers a small number of students the chance to live in a model green dormitory for a term. The building features Green Lite, a technology that allows residents to track their resource use in real time. Dartmouth established a tenured faculty position in Sustainability Sciences, launched a sustainability minor and added new green courses to its existing offerings. The Environmental Studies Program offers a foreign study experience in Southern Africa with sustainability as one of its themes. Dartmouth has made a commitment to sustainable buildings, and is home to several LEED Gold and Silver buildings. The new Class of '78 Life Sciences Center, a state-of-the-art green laboratory building that is energy-efficient, has storm water capture, green roofs and enthalpy wheels among many other green features. Dartmouth has an organic farm where students get hands on experience in sustainable food systems. There are seven major green student groups on campus, including The Big Green Bus, a group of students that travels across the country on a waste vegetable oil-powered bus educating citizens about the environment. Through internships in the Sustainability Office, students tackle challenges like increasing recycling rates and developing a bike share. Dartmouth's career services office organizes trips to environmental career fairs, and students who want to work on sustainability on their own are encouraged to apply for grants and fellowships designated to the cause. Dartmouth is a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge" which encourages the college and university community to invest in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements.

# DAVIDSON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

An excellent example of Davidson's commitment is its summer Sustainability Scholars program. The scholars address critical issues through immersive summer projects with a variety of Charlotte-based organizations, from skyscrapers to community gardens in food deserts. The eight scholars live in the Eco-House to learn about and practice sustainable living. As part of the Climate Action Plan, Davidson College established a policy that all new campus construction be built to at least LEED Silver, adopted an Energy Star-certified product purchasing policy, implemented multiple waste reduction measures, and integrates its projects into education. Further efforts across the campus community have resulted in four LEED-certified buildings, 378 solar photovoltaic panels, sixty-four solar thermal panels to heat the water used in the pool and showers, an environmental studies major, an organic herb and vegetable garden on the roof of Davidson's Vail Commons dining hall, an Eco-Reps program that trains students to be campus environmental leaders, its own farm, a composter diverting more than 75 percent of food waste from landfill, responsible food procurement practices, and more. The Office of Sustainability supports multiple federal work-study positions working on energy, water, educational materials, student-led creative projects like an environmental justice website, and more. Students participate in many environmental sustainability organizations: the Environmental Action Coalition, Food Club, EcoTeam—an environmental education program for second and third graders in local elementary schools; the Ecological-Cooperative House; Patterson Court Sustainability Council; and more. Davidson encourages students to develop new sustainability ideas by awarding Green Grants up to \$2,500 dollars.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	8

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,106
# of applicants	22,385
% of applicants accepted	10
Range SAT Critical Reading	670-780
Range SAT Math	680-780
Range SAT Writing	680-790

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,736
Required fees	\$1,431
Room and board	\$12,479
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
WeCar, bicycle-friendly community, public bus system to surrounding communities including Charlotte	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	70
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,750
# of applicants	4,309
% of applicants accepted	28
Average HS GPA	4.10
Range SAT Critical Reading	630-730
Range SAT Math	640-720
Range SAT Writing	630-730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,405
Required fees	\$404
Room and board	\$11,346
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.4

# DENISON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Rumors that Denison University was once a stop on the Underground Railroad have persisted for years, but there's nothing underground about Denison's commitment to sustainability. A signatory of the Talloires Declaration, Denison's latest development in the path to sustainability is the development of an Environmental Task Force responsible for overseeing the university's green initiatives. As a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge," the university is currently establishing a systematic energy conservation/retrofit program for existing buildings with the goal to complete retrofitting of all buildings in the next several years. Proud signers of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Denison University has ensured future construction projects on campus will be LEED-certified, and the university is exploring LEED certification for existing buildings on campus after planned retrofits. The university's recycling program is comprehensive, including construction waste and metal, and the school has begun composting operations for yard waste and kitchen food scraps. The chemicals used in the university's cleaning operations and grounds upkeep are almost 100 percent organic, and incandescent bulbs are no longer used on campus (except where required). Environmental Studies and other academic programs require students to work on assignments related to sustainability, and the university's Facilities Services supports the programs with data, funding, and work study opportunities. Recent formation of the Campus Sustainability Committee, combined with completion of the LEED Gold renovation of Cleveland Hall, a functional state-of-the-art composting system, the installation of solar panels on William Howard Doane Library, and a Campus Environmental Audit are just some examples of Denison's ongoing commitment to "Go Green, Big Red!"

# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

DePaul University has made significant strides toward becoming more environmentally sustainable through green building initiatives, conservation efforts, use of alternative energy sources, and academic programs. In fact, a Sustainability Initiatives Task Force was formed with the goal of developing a campus sustainability master plan. DePaul also earned recognition from the mayor of Chicago for the new LEED Gold Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building. The building features a storm water management plan, a partial green roof, use of recycled construction products, and a green housekeeping program. With funding secured by the Student Government Association, DePaul was able to install 34 solar light poles on campus to reduce electricity usage and pollution. Transportation is another area of focus, and DePaul's Public Safety car fleet includes hybrid vehicles. DePaul also participates in the U-Pass program, which provides a financial incentive for students to use public transportation. Through a partnership with I-GO, DePaul introduced a car-sharing service on campus and provides two hybrid cars for use by students and faculty members. Environmental Concerns Organization is a student group on campus that engages in recycling, community service, and advocacy on environmental issues. DePaul offers students an Environmental Science major that provides research opportunities in soil and wetland science, restoration ecology, and conservation biology. Opportunities are certainly not limited to one program. A survey of faculty identified 139 courses that have a "sustainability focus" and 155 courses that are "sustainability-related" spread across more than thirty departments!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,266
# of applicants	4,772
% of applicants accepted	48
Range SAT Critical Reading	600-690
Range SAT Math	590-670

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,330
Required fees	\$880
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,801
# of applicants	12,031
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.46
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-650
Range SAT Math	520-620
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,650
Required fees	\$618
Room and board	\$11,335
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81

# DICKINSON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Though half of its energy comes from renewable sources, Dickinson College isn't ready to rest on its laurels—the school is always on the lookout for ways it can improve sustainability on campus and in its students' lives. The 15-member Presidents' Commission on Environmental Sustainability focuses on how the campus can commit to a more sustainable future by reducing pollution, preserving natural resources, educating the community on environmental issues, and developing initiatives to reduce both cost and consumption on campus. In line with this, President Durden signed the ACUPCC, an agreement that involves Dickinson furthering its goals of developing a sustainable energy management and renewable energy infrastructure. Since then, Dickinson's commitment has been on display. Ever raising the bar, they have upgraded their green building standards from LEED Silver to LEED Gold. Now that's leadership! What's more, the college has adopted a Climate Action Plan to achieve the gold standard of climate neutrality by 2020. The people of Dickinson have been a central part of its investment in sustainability. The Center for Sustainability Education was created to provide learning opportunities that advance the knowledge and skills necessary for creating a just and sustainable world. Students and faculty receive hands-on learning experiences in renewable energy technology through Dickinson's Biodiesel Project, an initiative that also provides campus vehicles with an environmentally sustainable alternative to diesel fuel, essentially allowing the school to use a food service waste product to reduce air-polluting emissions.

# DREW UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Drew is home to an on-campus arboretum that serves as a laboratory for students enrolled in its Environmental Studies and Sustainability program. The major includes a science option, an environmental justice initiative, and a GIS center, and it provides opportunities to collaborate with many other departments on sustainability research projects. All majors complete internships, most with nonprofit environmental groups. An ACUPCC signatory, the university constructed New Jersey's first LEED Silver dorm with a variety of eco-friendly features, including a geothermal heating and cooling system, energy-efficient light fixtures, water-efficient plumbing, and low-emissions paint. Drew's Earth House is a sustainable living and learning community that provides a forum where environmentally concerned students can exchange ideas and views. Recycling is a community effort at Drew and mandatory for all students, staff, and faculty; the university recycles 100 percent of its landscape waste. Student groups—committed to the school's declaration that "our colors are blue and green"—have flourished at Drew. The Drew Environmental Action League—DEAL, and the Graduate and Theology Student Environmental Group—TERRA, have emphasized awareness of ecological issues. Students for Sustainable Food was recognized by the nationally recognized Real Food Challenge as Regional Grassroots Leaders for their efforts to incorporate more local, organic, humane and overall sustainable foods to campus. Drew ensures that these leaders of today are well positioned to lead tomorrow; the university's career center assists with research for green jobs, and provides information sessions and career panels with green jobholders, often headlined by Drew University graduates!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,358
# of applicants	6,067
% of applicants accepted	42
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–690
Range SAT Math	590–680
Range SAT Writing	600–690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,101
Required fees	\$475
Room and board	\$11,178
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	39
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,676
# of applicants	4,195
% of applicants accepted	84
Average HS GPA	3.42
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–630
Range SAT Math	500–610
Range SAT Writing	500–610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,122
Required fees	\$882
Room and board	\$11,150
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.4

# DREXEL UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

It's all about the build at Drexel University. Drexel has become the first university in the country to require the use of independent environmental impact monitoring software for all new construction projects. The Constantine N. Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building is the first academic building in the United States to have a five-story biofilter wall: a living wall of vegetation through which air intakes and outputs are filtered, improving energy efficiency and indoor air quality. The Recreation Center is the first building in Philadelphia to have total storm water management, collecting and using rainwater in the building's toilets. Both the ISB and the Recreation Center received a rating of three Green Globes from the Green Building Initiative. Millennium Hall, a \$42 million residence hall, spans seventeen stories and 102,680 square feet, and incorporates many sustainability-focused features, including a green roof. Drexel has also committed to purchasing 100 percent renewable wind energy to offset its electric energy use, reducing the university's operations carbon footprint by 81 percent. Hydration stations, designed to encourage members of the Drexel community to fill reusable containers instead of using bottled water, are plentiful on campus, with more on the way. Thirty percent of food expenditures go toward local or organic food, and the school boasts an overall waste-diversion rate of 35 percent. Drexel offers plenty of environmentally focused programs, including Environmental Policy, Environmental Education, Environmental Engineering, and Urban Environmental Studies. Student initiatives include Smart House, a project to construct an urban home that will serve as a laboratory for exploring sustainable design and technology. The Steinbright Career Development Center assists in placing students into co-op jobs based on their education program and career interests.

# DRURY UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Drury University has undertaken several new measures in order to address consumption and to improve conservation on campus. Students are at the forefront of these efforts. The elimination of trays in the university's dining commons has served to conserve food, water and energy, thereby reducing environmentally damaging chemicals and detergents and reducing food waste by 25 to 30 percent per person. Bicycle rentals are available for students for \$25 per semester as an environmentally friendly alternative to driving. Drury also built a sustainable Habitat for Humanity House in a local subdivision. The house is certified LEED Platinum, making it only the thirty-seventh house in the nation to receive such a rating, and only the third in Missouri. The university is focusing its energy-management efforts on its buildings through renovation and retrofitting. The Trustee Science Center features bamboo flooring and energy-efficient fixtures. Drury's historic Stone Chapel was renovated and a geothermal air conditioning system was installed. To bolster efforts to reduce waste Drury operates a community recycling center that accepts aluminum, plastic and paper products. There are also programs in place to recycle plastic bags, batteries, ink cartridges, cell phones and clothing. And we'd be remiss if we didn't highlight the green feather in Drury's cap, the O'Reilly Family Center which has achieved LEED Gold certification.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,652
# of applicants	48,718
% of applicants accepted	55
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-640
Range SAT Math	570-670
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$33,800
Required fees	\$2,300
Room and board	\$14,175
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	45
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,610
# of applicants	1,554
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.78
Range SAT Critical Reading	0-0
Range SAT Math	0-0
Range SAT Writing	0-0

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$21,000
Required fees	\$575
Room and board	\$7,466
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.3

# DUKE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Duke University, sustainability starts from the bottom up—each year the administration commits \$50,000 to fund student, staff and faculty led initiatives which will “green” Duke. The fund has been used to put on conferences, conduct research, provide education and training, and seed new programs. Numerous grants have been awarded in the past year. For example, a student organized “Food Week” that highlighted sustainable food options including local and organic food through film screenings and an “Iron Chef” cook-off event, and an employee from the Facilities Management Department attended a week-long training on the installation, maintenance, and financial payback of photovoltaic solar systems. There are numerous active environmental student organizations on campus, spanning the undergraduate and graduate population—including Duke’s Business, Medical, and Law schools. Furthermore, the sustainability office pays fifteen student employees to work on campus sustainability projects throughout the year as part of the Students for Sustainable Living program. There are also many opportunities for students to study sustainability in the classroom. The Nicholas School of the Environment offers four undergraduate degrees: an AB and BS in Environmental Sciences, and an AB and BS in Earth and Ocean Sciences. Classes often have practical implications — one course called “Food and Energy” has helped lay the groundwork for an ongoing project to create a Duke campus farm. Duke is committed to sustainable dining with several community gardens on campus and a focus on local and organic products in campus eateries. A signatory of the ACUPCC, Duke has thirty-four buildings that are LEED-certified or seeking certification, and has committed to become carbon neutral by 2024. In fact, Duke has eliminated the use of coal on campus through the renovation of a steam plant as part of the university’s Climate Action Plan.

# DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located in the steel city, Duquesne has forged a solid-as-steel commitment to going green. For over thirteen years, Duquesne University has produced most of its electricity from its own on-campus cogeneration plant, the first cogeneration system in the state of Pennsylvania approved for creating alternative energy credits. As a result of the energy generation and renewable energy purchase enabled by the credits, Duquesne University relies 100 percent on clean energy. Duquesne has improved its waste-diversion efforts, increased its usage of VOC-free products, and implemented greener practices in facilities maintenance. Duquesne also partners with many vendors, including the university’s foodservice provider, ARAMARK. In the last few years, ARAMARK has implemented measures to reduce the environmental impact of its operations on our campus. One hundred is a recurring number in Duquesne’s recycling program—Duquesne recycles 100 percent of the fryer grease used throughout campus to be converted into biodiesel fuel, and 100 percent of all buildings have designated recycling areas. Duquesne’s Center for Environmental Research and Education conducts applied research on the critical environmental problems of the region and provides educational programming for students and professionals. The university offers an award-winning MBA in sustainability, a twelve-month degree that integrates multiple dimensions of sustainability across all business disciplines, one of the only MBA programs in the world that fundamentally and thoroughly incorporates sustainability into its curriculum. Duquesne’s student organization, Evergreen, seeks to educate the campus community on issues related to sustainability. Through partnerships with local organizations, the university’s career services office routinely organizes events to connect students with employers that offer green job opportunities. Duquesne has recently added a shuttle bus service to local neighborhoods where students living off-campus typically reside. This has reduced the amount of cars driven to campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share, car share, carpool parking, van-pool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,066
# of applicants	18,090
% of applicants accepted	22
Range SAT Critical Reading	690–770
Range SAT Math	690–800

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,101
Required fees	\$970
Room and board	\$11,830
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, university shuttle bus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	2

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,677
# of applicants	6,528
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.64
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–600
Range SAT Math	520–610
Range SAT Writing	510–600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,668
Required fees	\$2,366
Room and board	\$10,198
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.5

# EARLHAM COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Earlham College was founded on the Quaker belief in equality—by custom each person addresses each other by his or her first name—so it's no surprise that this sense of justice has been extended to the environment and its sustainability. When the faculty and trustees approved an Environmental Plan in 2004–2005, it set a precedent for an exceptional attitude toward accountability. Earlham's never been shy when it comes to transparency—the college has submitted a report for the college Sustainability Report Card for the past four years. The college was one of the first to participate in the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). And it's followed through, completing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory using Clean Air, Cool Planet's Carbon Calculator, to be used as a guide in reducing the school's carbon footprint. The whole college plays a part. In 2011, a cooperative effort from faculty, staff, and students in the Computer Science Department resulted in a real-time energy monitoring project that “measures energy usage of entire campus in sixty-second snapshots.” These led to the first Earlham Energy Wars competition reduce energy use in dorms. The Earlham Environmental Action Coalition—while working with the college to reduce waste and increase recycling—networks with national and local environmental groups, and has been leading a campus endowment divestment campaign dubbed 'Earlham Reinvestment' for over a year. The proof is in the numbers: 100 percent of buildings have designated recycling areas. Environmental education is fairly represented, in part, by Earlham's Environmental Studies and Science majors and an off-campus environmentally focused program in New Zealand, so it's easy to see why the institution received a Mellon Grant designed to fund Environmental Studies.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, public bus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,087
# of applicants	1,408
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.4
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–700
Range SAT Math	530–660
Range SAT Writing	530–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,200
Required fees	\$820
Room and board	\$7,910
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93.2

# EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Eastern Connecticut State University is a charter signatory of the ACUPCC and has filed its Action Plan detailing its commitment to achieving Zero-Carbon by 2050. ECSU seeks to create a campus-wide culture of sustainability, through green operational initiatives, green-minded education for students' first year program and our Environmental Earth Science and Sustainability Energy Studies majors. ECSU's commitment to green education transcends the university. Our Green Campus Initiative commits the campus community to lowering energy use, reducing water waste, improving recycling, and procurement of environmentally safe materials. Currently, 10 percent of the campus energy consumption is derived from renewable resources, including; geothermal, solar power, biofuel and purchased electricity from renewable sources. The campus boasts four LEED-certified buildings including a LEED Silver Science Building, featuring daylight harvesting, a gray water system, recycled flooring, native plants and a biofilter system to reduce rainwater runoff. Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) addresses energy issues in our region by supporting the development of sound public energy policy, providing K–12 energy education and professional development, and solutions to community resource issues. ISE also manages six sustainability websites, including www.CTEnergyEducation.com, a curriculum resource for educators featuring energy lessons and activities for Connecticut high school students, preparing them to embrace the mindset of environmental awareness well before they enter college. Over 80 Eastern student interns have participated in Green Job training programs including conducting Energy Star benchmarking and energy audits of public buildings, courses on green building standards and teacher workshops on classroom sustainability activities.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,346
# of applicants	3,095
% of applicants accepted	70.4
Average HS GPA	2.99
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–550
Range SAT Math	450–540
Range SAT Writing	460–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,285
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,866
Required fees	\$4,626
Room and board	\$10,674
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	66.6

# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With all of its sustainability initiatives coming to fruition, Eastern Illinois University is proving why it was “green before it became a buzzword.” A recent member of the Tree Campus USA, the campus is committed to planting and maintaining trees, as well as providing service-learning opportunities for interested students. The school’s vision is that “knowledge and experience shared through responsible campus-wide involvement in utilities conservation promotes a lifelong commitment to preserving our precious natural resources for future generations.” Since implementing recycling practices, more than a million pounds of waste have been diverted from landfills each year for the past twelve years, while cutting yearly waste production from 4.1 million pounds to 3.2 million during that same span. Reinforcing its dedication to sustainability, Eastern Illinois signed the Illinois Sustainable University Compact and adopted numerous provisions. Performance contracts have cut energy consumption by 33 percent and potable water consumption by a stunning 55 percent due to the use of campus pond water to maintain athletic facilities’ turf. Recycling programs have been implemented in every building across campus, and 90 percent of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified. In 2011, the school celebrated the opening of its Renewable Energy Center, utilizing biomass gasification that replaced the former coal plant that had fueled the campus for almost 80 years. Research projects range from converting synthesis gas into renewable energy to examining sociological and environmental issues surrounding the use of biomass as an energy source.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	14
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	23
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,496
# of applicants	7,076
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.10

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,370
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,110
Required fees	\$2,560
Room and board	\$9,174
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	60

# EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Eastern Washington University offers a dynamic and expanding range of campus sustainability features: four years of participation in the RecycleMania competition, a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program to reduce single-driver commuting, and an Annual Student Research Symposium on sustainability practices. The campus’s five-year plan includes the creation of a new Center for Alternative Energy and the organization of a formal committee to monitor sustainability. For students, the green-minded may participate in the Eastern Environmental Club, or major in a range of environmental disciplines including ecological studies, environmental chemistry, and urban & regional planning. All new buildings are required to pursue LEED certification or the equivalent, and four major renovations are ongoing to optimize existing buildings; the school’s Energy Management Program establishes optimal energy performance standards for all building upgrades. In total, the university diverts an impressive 35 percent of waste from landfills (100 percent of campus buildings have designated recycling areas), and the CTR program has achieved a 30 percent student and 33 percent faculty participation rate in carpool and vanpool guaranteed rides home, free bus passes, biking, telecommuting, and other transportation alternatives. One quirky green opportunity for students lies in EWU’s annual hosting of the Human Powered Paper Vehicle competition, an engineering challenge attended by college students from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon to create a human powered vehicle out of 90 percent paper and 10 percent imagination. With enthusiastic participation from its students, EWU is growing greener all the time.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, restricting parking, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	11,360
# of applicants	5,204
% of applicants accepted	79.67
Average HS GPA	3.22
Range SAT Critical Reading	420–540
Range SAT Math	430–550
Range SAT Writing	410–520

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74.4
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# ECKERD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Eckerd College's commitment to the environment is built right into its walls, where large glass windows look out at the lush nature around. The campus itself borders the Gulf of Mexico, allowing students glimpses of abundant Florida wildlife such as dolphins, egrets, pelicans, and even alligators. Eckerd's Gamma Freeman Environmental Dorm is one living option for green-conscious students. The dorm has its own gardens, efficient lighting, and communal appliances that help reduce both costs and energy usage. The newest dorm, the Iota Residential Complex, was built with sustainability in mind and the school is seeking LEED certification for it. Eckerd also has a "Carbon Offset Fund" for students to help reduce their carbon footprint caused by flying overseas. The fund is used towards eco-friendly projects chosen by students each semester for campus. A few years ago, Eckerd College started the first ever reusable to-go carry away system in the United States. The school provides durable plastic containers that students check out, use, and return instead of the environmentally harmful disposable plastic, paper, and Styrofoam used elsewhere. Eckerd also jumped out—or rather pedaled out—ahead of the green transportation game by launching its Yellow Bike Program in 2004. Since that time, the program and its bright yellow bikers have become widely popular with the faculty, staff and students. The program has also even gained attention in the media for Eckerd. What is more eco-friendly than a campus where even the College president can be seen reducing greenhouse gases by pedaling around campus?

# ELON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Elon University is currently making good on its mission statement to prepare "students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good." Elon has adopted a green building policy in which new buildings, consisting of 8,000 or more square feet, are required to pursue LEED Silver certification. The university boasts multiple LEED Gold buildings; new projects focus on sustainability features including site stewardship; conservation of water, energy, and other resources; and indoor environmental quality. Other campus-wide initiatives include: over \$1 million (including grant funding) committed to the "Bio-Bus" biodiesel transportation program; Building Dashboard, a real-time electricity monitoring system that encourages the campus community to track its own energy use; and a print management system that has reduced paper usage by 70 percent. Elon offers an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies major, courses on sustainability-related topics, and a program to assist faculty members with incorporating sustainability principles into their curricula. Student peer educators known as Eco-Reps raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage environmentally responsible behavior of fellow students. Environmental speakers, POWERless, Earth Week, and RecycleMania, are all designed to promote conservationist practices. Notably, the composting initiative has moved beyond the dining halls. The campus grounds have also gotten in on the action with the university collecting and composting its yard waste. In 2011–12, approximately 90 tons of compost were produced from yard waste collected. In the campus dining halls, students go trayless in an effort to reduce water usage and food waste. Dining services has a composting program for pre- and post-consumer food waste and recently started a reusable to-go container program.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

bike share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,821
# of applicants	3,713
% of applicants accepted	53
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–620
Range SAT Math	500–610
Range SAT Writing	500–600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$34,250
Required fees	\$296
Room and board	\$9,652
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	16
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike rental, car share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	33
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	44
% school grounds maintained organically	27

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,225
# of applicants	9,079
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.96
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–660
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	560–660

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$28,633
Required fees	\$347
Room and board	\$9,480
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	85.5



# EMORY UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

When it comes to green construction, Emory excels: The university was responsible for one of the first LEED-EB Gold building in the United States and the first LEED-certified building in the Southeast, and not only is all new and future construction required to seek LEED Silver certification at minimum, many of the existing buildings are being retrofitted to incorporate green attributes. With all of the progress on the horizon, it's hard to believe Emory already has among the highest number of square feet of LEED-certified space of any campus in America. The university has also set the impressive goal of serving 75 percent local or sustainable ingredients in campus and hospital cafeterias by 2015, hiring a Farm Liaison and working closely with Georgia Organics and their vendors to achieve this goal. Emory's bus fleet is 100 percent powered by a biodiesel blend made with used cooking oil from campus cafeterias. Emory's Piedmont Project is a standout on campus, and was sparked by faculty concerned over the Atlanta area's environmental problems. The Piedmont Project is an annual workshop for faculty and graduate students to foster cross-disciplinary discussion and develop sustainability curricula. Several new classes and modules have emerged from the workshop, and it is now a national model for teaching faculty how to incorporate sustainability into the classroom. Overall, sustainability-related courses are offered in 47 departments across campus. Emory's Career Center hosts panels on eco-friendly careers in its "Careers for the Common Good" series. In addition, the university holds an annual "Green Networking Night" for alumni and students to meet prospective "green" employers.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,337
# of applicants	17,027
% of applicants accepted	27
Average HS GPA	3.86
Range SAT Critical Reading	650-740
Range SAT Math	670-770
Range SAT Writing	660-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,600
Required fees	\$564
Room and board	\$11,628
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.2

# THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a signatory of the ACUPCC, The Evergreen State College is focused on reducing its carbon footprint. In fact, it's aiming for complete carbon neutrality on campus by 2020. The college has put an ambitious sustainability program together in order to achieve this goal, which includes annual carbon inventories, campus-wide composting and recycling, and an initiative to integrate sustainability across the curriculum. Evergreen encourages environmental awareness through newsletters and its Office of Sustainability, which works with local agencies to place students in green internships where they participate in audits, carbon inventories, and climate action planning. The college also boasts eight student groups focused on environmental issues and offers graduate fellowships in sustainability. In renovations of three resident buildings, 98 percent of demolished materials were recycled. All students, faculty, and staff at Evergreen receive free bus passes, which go a long way toward reducing campus-based vehicular pollution. The campus also has the first publicly funded LEED Gold building in Washington (with a wood floor that was recycled from a local junior high school's gym), and the campus library's roof was recently fitted with a nine-kilowatt solar panel system. Evergreen is also seeking LEED certification for its renovations. Thirty-three percent of the college's energy consumption is derived from renewable sources, and forty percent of food purchased for the cafeterias is from local and/or organic sources. A student green energy fee pays for the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits for 100 percent of the college's electricity and provides grant funding for student-initiated clean energy and resource conservation projects.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	49
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	37
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,193
# of applicants	3,009
% of applicants accepted	98
Average HS GPA	3.02
Range SAT Critical Reading	310-800
Range SAT Math	310-800
Range SAT Writing	250-750

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,812
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,978
Required fees	\$583
Room and board	\$9,240
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	77.6

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A signatory of the ACUPCC, Florida Atlantic University has initiated a Mission Green campaign to continue the work of this commitment to sustainability. Mission Green coordinates students in diverse initiatives such as an on-campus community garden, green tailgating, beach clean-ups, maintaining a nature preserve on campus, and supporting an environmental club, SEEDS, which clears invasive plant species and protects endangered species on campus. Fiercely dedicated to protecting the delicate and unique ecosystem of the Florida region, FLU has recognized climate change as one of three priority areas of continuing research, and currently conducts over thirty research projects dedicated to climate change in the state. It is also collaborating with the Southeast Renewable Energy Center to research how to use the Florida Gulf Stream as an energy provider. In terms of the student experience, FAU provides numerous resources to guide students toward green jobs, offers a variety of degrees in the environmental sciences, provides 100 percent of meals with a vegetarian option, and devotes 60 percent of food expenditures to locally and responsibly sourced food. In addition to its integrated pest management plan, Indoor Air Quality management program, and 90 percent green cleaning products, FAU has placed a high priority on green construction: The university recently conducted a significant renovation to replace two main chillers that provide most of the HVAC to campus, reducing over 632 metric tons of carbon and saving over 2,500 megawatt hours. Fifteen percent of campus buildings have undergone renovations to optimize green performance, and FAU currently has one Platinum and five Gold, and is seeking two LEED Gold certifications.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	60
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	6
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,613
# of applicants	28,197
% of applicants accepted	35
Average HS GPA	3.40
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–570
Range SAT Math	490–580
Range SAT Writing	480–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,986
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,543
Room and board	\$11,353
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86

# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Florida State University is making impressive strides toward sustainability on all fronts. All new construction and major renovations on campus must be designed and built with green attributes. To date, there are eight LEED-certified buildings with four more under construction or awaiting certification. The university offers a wide range of courses that explore the three pillars of sustainability: environmental issues, social issues, and economics. Multiple organizations and programs are in place to engage the FSU student body in environmental activism on and off campus, including a student-run football game recycling program—aptly titled “The Garnet and Gold Goes Green”—and an Eco-Reps program. Alternative transportation is in style at FSU, where the university encourages and facilitates the use of bikes through the ReCycle bike sharing program. Buses, carpools, and the special GOTCHA Green Taxi, an eco-friendly marketing and promotions company, provide free, safe rides around town. They’re definitely on the right track: 95 percent of grounds are maintained organically; 95 percent of buildings have designated recycling areas; and the school boasts an ever-increasing 45 percent waste-diversion rate.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	45
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	31,594
# of applicants	28,313
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.79
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–650
Range SAT Math	560–640
Range SAT Writing	550–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,397
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,564
Required fees	\$2,428
Room and board	\$9,412
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	58.7

# FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A forward-looker in developing campus sustainability, Framingham State University (formerly Framingham State College) has implemented significant green updates through its annual Climate Action Plan (CAP). The university-wide Plan prides itself on several major achievements: the university converted its power plant supply from oil to natural gas, decreasing its carbon footprint by 30 percent, increased its renewable power supply from less than 1 percent to almost 18 percent, constructed a single-stream recycling system and fully compostable dining area to divert 30 percent of waste, and restructured its course blocks to decrease commuting days for students and faculty. The Environmental Forum is FSU's official sustainability organization, and includes students, faculty, staff, and administration. FSU is far from finished in making sustainable updates to the campus: a whopping 75 percent of campus buildings have undergone energy-efficient retrofits or renovations in the last three years, 15 percent of buildings are LEED-certified, and campus buildings are submetered for electricity and water monitoring. Also, FSU just opened a new high-rise residence hall that is seeking LEED Gold certification. The school upholds a green cleaning policy, reporting 90 percent of cleaning products as Green Seal-certified, and maintains environmental performance standards for all campus materials. For students, environmental campus groups include the Green Team and an Environmental Science Club, whose key objective is to assist in implementing the CAP and promote other sustainable practices. The environmental science Interdisciplinary major includes ten departments, and the geography department also has an environmental studies concentration; Introduction to Environmental Studies is a mandatory course structured around these topics.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,885
# of applicants	4,909
% of applicants accepted	30
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–560
Range SAT Math	470–560
Range SAT Writing	460–550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$970
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$7,050
Required fees	\$6,610
Room and board	\$9,170
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80.4

# FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Franklin and Marshall, environmental stewardship and sustainability are addressed through the college's academic programs in environmental science, geoscience, biology, environmental studies, public policy, and public health. These interdisciplinary majors and programs offer opportunities for extensive student-faculty collaborative research, as well as participation in green living and learning initiatives at the Spalding and Millport Conservancies, the Wohlsen Center for the Sustainable Environment, and the Sustainability House. The Campus Sustainability Committee promotes sustainability initiatives on campus, including Sustainability Week each April. The Environmental Speakers Series hosts lectures throughout the year, and students run a bicycle-sharing program. Dining halls are trayless, and all new facilities are required to seek LEED Silver. Recycling is available in all campus buildings and includes a program to reuse items left in student rooms each spring. Sustainability House students live together in a residence featuring a solar energy array, low-flow water system, efficient lighting, used furniture and composting—all innovations suggested by the residents. The Environmental Action Alliance (a student club) runs a fair trade café, and its so-called "Dirt Army" produces organic meals. Franklin and Marshall students will be the future of environmental sustainability; a member of the faculty, former regional director of EPA, guides students to internships and jobs at the EPA. Faculty in Earth and Environment, as well as Biology, in consultation with Career Services and Alumni Programs, help place students in green graduate programs, internships, and jobs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	33
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	40
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	41.5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,324
# of applicants	5,105
% of applicants accepted	38
Average HS GPA	3.54
Range SAT Critical Reading	610–680
Range SAT Math	630–710

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,260
Required fees	\$100
Room and board	\$11,750
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.6

# FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Learning Green, Living Green,” the mantra for Frostburg State University’s Sustainability Initiative, says all you need to know about the thriving institution’s commitment to both green education and lifestyle. A charter member of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, this green powerhouse in Western Maryland boasts numerous academic opportunities for green-minded students. On the classwork end, Frostburg offers environmental courses and degrees in more than fifteen departments, spanning ethnobotany, recreation and parks management, sociology, and wildlife and fisheries. On the research side, Frostburg State has recently “cut the cord” on its completely off-grid Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF), which will be home to a wide variety of renewable energy research projects, while also serving as an instructional building for classes related to renewable energy. Aside from presenting at FSU’s annual “Focus Frostburg” day of learning on environmental sustainability and climate awareness, students who want practical sustainability-related experience also have the chance to enroll in student-led energy audits on campus, made possible by a grant from Constellation Energy. It should come as no surprise that the green movement has permeated Frostburg State’s community lifestyle, with myriad student-run clubs and societies playing a central role in everyday campus life, including the Society for Conservation Biology and the Ethnobotany Club. Want more proof that sustainability is more than a buzzword at Frostburg State University? The institution has adopted an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring Energy Star-rated products, committed to purchasing or producing at least 15 percent of its electricity consumption from renewable resources, and championed close ties with the national RecycleMania competition in an effort to reduce waste. Living and learning green, indeed!

# FURMAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Furman University is committed to sustainability and environmental citizenship as key institutional priorities. Furman is dedicated to providing a comprehensive range of options for students to study sustainability, but the university doesn’t just ask you to take its word. It’s thrived on its own accountability; Furman University is a STARS Charter Participant. Furman received an overall rating of Silver and scored high in the Education and Research section. Furman’s efforts include requiring all students take a course focusing on humans and the natural environment and university faculty approved a Sustainability Science major leading to a BS degree for students who wish to focus their education on sustainability issues. Academic work is complemented and supported by the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability, which advances Furman’s sustainability efforts through a focus on curricular opportunities and student-faculty research. Furman students engage in a wide variety of sustainability research and co-curricular activities, including working at the on-campus, organic-practice Furman farm. Furman was a charter signatory to the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, and the Board of Trustees approved a sustainability master plan for the university, setting a goal of carbon neutrality by 2026. One would be remiss not to mention Furman’s claim to the first LEED-certified building in South Carolina, Hipp Hall, just another testament to the university’s sterling résumé. “Furman’s focus on creating engaged learning opportunities for students to apply their knowledge has led to an array of community partnerships in Greenville, which allow for Furman and Greenville to work together to advance sustainability as one community.”

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	26
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,760
# of applicants	4,454
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.14
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–530
Range SAT Math	430–540
Range SAT Writing	430–520

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,304
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,196
Required fees	\$1,824
Room and board	\$8,344
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane, electric vehicle charging stations	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	45
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	1.5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,753
# of applicants	6,035
% of applicants accepted	77
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–650
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	540–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,152
Required fees	\$380
Room and board	\$10,509
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.5

# GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a signatory of the ACUPCC and a STARS Charter Participant, George Mason University takes its dedication to a greener world seriously. The university has completed greenhouse gas inventories for all years since 2006, and it has completed its first Climate Action Plan. One surefire way of achieving its goal of climate neutrality is through environmentally sound construction; to this end, it has committed all new buildings be built to LEED Silver standards or its equivalent, with seven buildings certified or in the queue for certification. In addition, all equipment on campus must be Energy Star-rated, where available. In an effort to reduce campus-based greenhouse gas emissions, Mason has worked to increase the size and also the appeal of public and alternative transportation. There are now multiple shuttles that take passengers to the Metro and to off-campus lots, and all Mason ID holders ride free on local buses. Eager to jump into action, Mason students formed the Environmental Awareness Group and the Green Patriots to both address the presence of environmental issues on campus and work toward their solution. A thriving student-run organic vegetable garden provided more than 350 pounds of food to local food banks last year. The Patriot Green Fund funds both facility improvement projects and student research around sustainability. Mason has launched two undergraduate majors (environmental science, environmental and sustainability studies), sustainability and renewable energy minors, and one of the first energy and sustainability master's degree concentrations in the nation. For more information, visit [green.gmu.edu](http://green.gmu.edu).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	22
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	89

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,067
# of applicants	17,621
% of applicants accepted	55
Average HS GPA	3.66
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–620
Range SAT Math	530–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,010
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,154
Required fees	\$2,610
Room and board	\$9,250
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	73.9

# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The George Washington University has recently achieved a number of “firsts.” A new dormitory, South Hall is the first of two LEED Gold-certified residence halls, and it marries luxury and green living. Boasting suite-style accommodations with a washer and dryer in every unit (Energy Star-rated, of course), common living spaces accented with climate-neutral carpet tiles, and two private bathrooms fully equipped with low-flow plumbing fixtures, the residence is a model of green building practices and just plain old good livin’. GW is a member of the Founding Circle of the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. There are an additional seven buildings (both new and existing) slated to be completed by the end of 2013 that are seeking LEED certification. Not too far away is another first for GW: a green roof overlooking the nation's capitol and an array of solar panels used to heat hot water for the residents in the building. But GW's most impressive green feat has to be in the classroom. The university registrar boasts a diverse roster of more than 100 courses on sustainability in disciplines that truly run the gamut, from the usual suspects like environmental and resource policy and geological sciences to the unexpected, like anthropology and religion. The university's commitment to raising green leaders extends to workforce development. Recent activities have included the implementation of a green jobs panel, and the creation of a career options sheet on Environmental Studies.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.7
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,184
# of applicants	21,591
% of applicants accepted	33
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–690
Range SAT Math	610–690
Range SAT Writing	620–710

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,381
Required fees	\$44
Room and board	\$12,960
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.4

# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

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**USGBC**  
STUDENTS

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Georgetown University recently created a new ten-year plan for campus development, making sustainability a priority. The many green merits of Georgetown's new Business School building are providing a model for all future construction on campus. Among the features of the Business School likely to be incorporated into future buildings are dedicated hybrid parking spaces, automatic controls for electric and heating systems to prevent energy waste, a green cleaning program to eliminate the use of strong chemicals that impact indoor air quality, and certified green power. Georgetown has committed to reducing its carbon footprint by 50 percent by the year 2020, and continues to be transparent in its reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling initiatives include the installation of new trash receptacles around campus with clearly marked recycling containers for ease of use, and the implementation of solar-powered trash compactors. The school competes in RecycleMania, a competition among college and university recycling programs in North America and Canada. Students interested in sustainability should check out the work of Eco action and Georgetown Energy, two of the school's most active student groups. A Georgetown student recently returned to earthquake-ravaged Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to continue work on the solar-powered structures they oversaw using recycled materials over spring break, demonstrating that Georgetown harbors some of the most innovative, generous, and environmentally aware students in the world.

# GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Besides having one of the world's largest grid-attached rooftop photovoltaic solar systems, the GreenBuzz portal highlights what Georgia Tech students, staff, and faculty can do to create a more environmentally friendly campus. Tech has the largest university residence hall in the world to achieve LEED Gold under the Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance rating system. Home to 2,000 students, it is a renovated Olympic Village. Tech's 1,400,000 gallon cistern collects rain and condensation water for flushing and irrigation and is the largest system on a U.S. campus. This massive cistern is integral to the Undergraduate Commons, a sustainability showcase and new freshman science building with green labs, garden roof, dashboard, solar pv, solar thermal, a chilled beam pilot, etc. The Carbon Neutral Energy Solutions Laboratory building, completed in 2012, houses energy researcher. With 21 endowed chairs and 30 research centers focusing on sustainability, Georgia Tech is home to the Strategic Energy Institute, which focuses on alternative energy and energy efficiency, the Institute of Sustainable Systems, the Sustainable Design and Manufacturing Center, and more. Georgia Tech, a President's Climate Commitment signatory, continues to encourage investing in energy and water efficiency by becoming part of the Founding Circle for the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge" and "Atlanta Better Building Challenge" in 2011. Furthering its mission of sustainability in action and education, the school offers more than 264 courses with a sustainability focus, so that every student takes at least one sustainability course by graduation. In the school's own words, it wants students to experience sustainability so that they can "take it with them throughout their careers and live it every day."

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

restricting parking, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,590
# of applicants	19,254
% of applicants accepted	18
Range SAT Critical Reading	640-740
Range SAT Math	650-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,360
Required fees	\$570
Room and board	\$3,644 (board only)
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food 41

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,527
# of applicants	14,614
% of applicants accepted	54
Average HS GPA	3.89
Range SAT Critical Reading	600-700
Range SAT Math	660-760
Range SAT Writing	610-700

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,718
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,022
Required fees	\$2,380
Room and board	\$11,440
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	84.5

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Georgia Southern University emphasizes renewable energy and environmental science research. A newly established Academic Center for Sustainability and Sustainability Coordinator position highlights this dedication. Nowadays, opportunities for students to submit proposals and to participate in sustainability research abound on campus. Indeed, Georgia Southern is home to many laboratories, including a new Renewable Energy Laboratory, which gives students the chance to participate in applied research on energy initiatives such as converting Georgia-grown agricultural products into marketable fuel. Significant biodiversity conservation research is conducted campus-wide through the biology department, and two labs are engaged in “green chemistry.” These grants fund projects that improve campus and community sustainability through research, teaching and/or service. In addition, the Center hosts student-led sustainability action projects such as participating in “No Impact Week,” every day of which was dedicated to a different way students could take on eco-responsible habits, such as reducing consumption, trash, and alternative transportation. To date, 35 percent of buildings on campus have undergone Energy-related upgrade and efficiency retrofit projects in the last five to seven years, and campus operations require new construction to pursue LEED certification. Other student organizations on campus doing green work include: the Georgia Southern Environmental Network (GSEN), Green Ambassadors, Geo Club, and Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE). Everyone gets involved; a four-credit environmental course is a requirement for all graduates. One of our proudest moments has been the implementation of our Water Reuse Project. Working with the city of Statesboro and EPD officials, GSU was able to import reclaimed water from the city of Statesboro’s treatment facility for use in its irrigation needs.

# GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Longevity defines sustainability efforts at Gettysburg College. When the college signed the ACUPCC, “It wasn’t the beginning of Gettysburg’s sustainability efforts, and it certainly wasn’t the end.” Gettysburg’s recycling program has been in place for more than ten years, and it has successfully engaged the entire campus community by placing bins in every residential room on campus and implementing initiatives to reuse office and residence hall furniture. During Move-Out Day each May, students donate unwanted clothing and furniture to charities, routinely diverting twenty-five tons of waste from the landfill. The student-run Gettysburg Environmental Concerns Organization (GECO) has been active on campus for twenty years, and it even helped create the Farmhouse for Sustainable Living, where residents are committed to reducing, reusing, and recycling. Further sustainability efforts include the Jaeger Athletic Center, a \$25 million complex that was recently certified LEED Gold. Gettysburg has also established the “Painted Turtle,” an organic campus garden and recently installed a water retention system under a new parking lot, designed for campus irrigation. The college is making efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, and has completed a plan to become carbon neutral by 2032. Gettysburg currently contracts to obtain 50 percent of its energy from renewable resources, limits on-campus parking, and has even implemented a shuttle service to local supermarkets and other stores. Gettysburg’s environmental studies department is among the largest at the nation’s top liberal arts colleges, and environmental courses permeate the curriculum of numerous departments, including astronomy, computer science, political science, and even religion.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	9
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,993
# of applicants	10,525
% of applicants accepted	52
Average HS GPA	3.21
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–590
Range SAT Math	510–600
Range SAT Writing	490–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,852
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,128
Required fees	\$1,872
Room and board	\$9,290
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,500
# of applicants	5,662
% of applicants accepted	49
Range SAT Critical Reading	610–690
Range SAT Math	610–690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,610
Room and board	\$10,560
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	92.5

# GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Gonzaga University considers environmental sustainability to be an integral part of its Jesuit and humanistic tradition. The school's Advisory Council on Stewardship and Sustainability, composed of students, staff, and faculty, was created to make green recommendations directly to the president. Gonzaga's recent Paccar Addition was certified LEED Gold, and all new building constructions and renovations efforts aim for LEED Silver certification. The school also participates in the Washington Center's Curriculum for the Bioregion Initiative, helping to spread the message of sustainability throughout the courses taught at Gonzaga. Food—from packaging to shipping to disposal—is a common area of environmental waste, and Gonzaga works hard to ensure green eating for its students. From water-saving dishwashing detergents and a dining room Hydroponic Garden to recycling all cooking oil as biodiesel, Gonzaga Dining Services are constantly finding new ways to be green. The food served in the cafeteria is often organic and local. Students drink fair trade coffee as they hunker down for study sessions. The food that isn't used is either composted or given to Campus Kitchen. Campus Kitchen is an organization that recycles perfectly edible food to help the fight against hunger in Gonzaga's local community of Spokane. In terms of traditional recycling, Gonzaga student government has banned bottled water. Instead, all students are provided with reusable water bottles. Since 2011, all student evaluations are conducted online, saving countless piles of paper and envelopes. Its efforts in recycling have been so successful that the Washington State Recycling Association named Gonzaga the "Higher Education Recycler of the Year" in 2012.

# GORDON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Gordon College's colors are Navy blue and white, but green might soon be joining them. Sustainability is en vogue at the small Massachusetts institution: Sustainability has a major voice in the college's strategic plan; the school website prominently features a stewardship statement; and the college's president recently signed the Evangelical Initiative, devoted to the mitigation of global warming. A dedication to sustainability has permeated all aspects of the college's operations, not the least of which is academics. Gordon's Chemistry department is a preeminent member of the green chemistry movement—a founding member of the Green Chemistry Education Network, in fact—and Green Organic Literacy Forum projects seek to educate the general public on the principles of a green chemistry that is "benign by design." Gordon encourages its population to "Restore Creation," and the community has listened. The Frost Hall Wetland Restoration Project reclaimed a wetland that had been paved over, and the Gordon College Physical Plant emphasizes recycling and energy conservation. People have noticed—Gordon was a recent winner of a Massachusetts College/University Recycling Award. The college's commitment is certainly not a regional phenomena; Gordon's partnership with the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization has led to students traveling to both its Florida headquarters and to the country of Honduras, where students gain a valuable first-hand perspective on the challenges of sustainable agriculture in a developing country. The Advocates for Sustainable Future is a student-run group directly involved in environmental efforts and their awareness in the campus body, and internships, co-ops and career information are readily accessible to interested students.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,769
# of applicants	6,851
% of applicants accepted	62
Average HS GPA	3.74
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–700
Range SAT Math	560–690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,160
Required fees	\$492
Room and board	\$8,730
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
shuttle from campus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0.03
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,580
# of applicants	4,008
% of applicants accepted	40
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–646
Range SAT Math	506–642
Range SAT Writing	509–641

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$30,740
Required fees	\$1,360
Room and board	\$8,840
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.3



# GOUCHER COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Though Goucher College is about fifty miles from the Capitol Building, the small liberal arts college is establishing itself as a capital of sustainability. As a member of ACUPCC, along with conducting comprehensive inventories of all greenhouse gas emissions on campus and developing an institutional action plan to combat its carbon footprint and become climate neutral, Goucher has also designated that all new buildings and renovations of existing ones must be LEED-certified. Indeed, the Athenaeum, “a high tech library, a public forum, classrooms, a café, an art gallery, a radio station, a center for community service, places to meet and converse, and many other spaces all in one,” is the campus’ first LEED-certified building—and it’s LEED Gold at that! Want more evidence of Goucher’s commitment to sustainability? It was recently graded A by Sustainable Endowments Institute’s 2011 College Sustainability Report Card in food and recycling, green building, student involvement, transportation, and investment priorities. Goucher is actively generating a framework to deal with green issues on campus through its environmental Sustainability Advisory Council, which will aid in the completion of the school’s commitment to climate neutrality. The university collaborated with the Environmental Health and Engineering (EH&E), Inc., a Massachusetts-based environmental and engineering consulting firm, to develop a Climate Action Plan. Further, Goucher College offers an interdisciplinary environmental studies major. Plus, the Career Development Office provides students with information on environmental internships and an internship scholarship available specifically aimed at the conservation of natural resources.

# GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

GVSU is dedicated to putting sustainability not only into action but also education, as evidenced by its receipt of one of the USGBC’s first education awards. The university was a founding member of the Community Sustainability Partnership, a collection of organizations that is helping to build sustainability in local neighborhoods and communities, and is a signatory of the ACUPCC and the Talloires Declaration. GVSU has fifteen LEED-certified buildings on campus, with two more under construction. The university also partakes in the yearly RecycleMania competition and has been able to compost about fifty tons of food waste per month. GVSU also focuses on sustainability in the kitchen—the food its dining services includes local, fair trade, and organic, and trays were eliminated, saving over 1.6 million gallons of water in one year alone. On the road, annual bus ridership is over 2.8 million bus rides per year for faculty and students, saving \$21 million in annual vehicle maintenance costs and 1.8 million gallons of gas. In the classroom, currently 18 percent of all student credit hours are in sustainability related courses and more than 12,000 students register for these courses every semester. The Sustainable Agriculture Project runs a Community Supported Agriculture program and provides produce for the campus Farmer’s Market.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	40
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,420
# of applicants	3,763
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.10
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–660
Range SAT Math	500–610
Range SAT Writing	510–640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$36,012
Required fees	\$542
Room and board	\$11,482
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, carpool parking, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	24,654
# of applicants	17,880
% of applicants accepted	82
Average HS GPA	3.51
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–600
Range SAT Math	510–620
Range SAT Writing	530–580

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,000
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,568
Required fees	0
Room and board	\$7,920
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80

# GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Going green” is more than a catchphrase at Green Mountain College—it’s a raison d’être. Impressively in 2011, the school announced its achievement of climate neutrality, becoming only the second climate neutral campus in the nation and the first to achieve it through a combination of efficiency, large-scale adoption of clean energy, and purchase of local carbon offsets. Green Mountain College, a member of the Founding Circle of the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” also integrates sustainability thoroughly across its exceptional curriculum. In addition to a comprehensive environmental liberal arts core curriculum, GMC also offers a renewable energy and ecological design certificate program, a new sustainable agriculture and food production degree, adventure education, natural resources management, and a sustainable MBA program. More than half of GMC faculty members are actively engaged in research, and the college utilizes project-based learning to provide students with real-life problem-solving experiences. GMC’s Farm & Food Project was granted use of the flash-freeze unit—designed to increase the ability of farmers to market seasonal products throughout the year—by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, in order to pilot flash-freezing of products for institutional and food pantry use. GMC continues to focus on greening its operations. In 2012 the college approved a strategic plan Sustainability 2020 which challenges GMC to meet all of its energy needs with 100 percent renewable energy by 2020. Sustainability is the overarching principle in the plan which articulates five main initiatives that will attract and retain a strong student body and innovative faculty and staff and positively impact the campus environment. Students don’t soon forget the lessons they learn in GMC; forty-six percent of graduates pursue careers in the green jobs sector.

# GUILFORD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Guilford College has a Quaker heritage that holds nature as sacred, so it’s no surprise that sustainability is a priority on campus. The college is an ACUPCC signatory and has committed to seeking LEED Silver certification on all future construction. Dining services has adopted composting policies to include all food waste, some used in compost tea which is a natural fertilizer for our campus grounds. Guilford proudly utilizes produce grown in gardens both on campus and neighboring farms in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint. Nearly all of the oil used in meal preparation is reused for biodiesel fuel. An initiative to install more than 200 solar panels has resulted in the production of 9,000 gallons of hot water daily for dorms, the cafeteria, and P.E. Center. Bathrooms offer dual-flush valves, low-flow faucets and showerheads, and waterless urinals in a majority of academic and office buildings on campus. In addition, Guilford’s Energy Star Purchasing Policy requires that all electronic purchases be Energy Star or the equivalent. The college’s well regarded environmental studies program incorporates sustainability into a wide variety of academic fields while focusing on justice, global awareness, and service to the larger community. Environmentally focused student organizations range from coffee to a green-themed residence hall. Campus recreation recently purchased ten elliptical ReRev machines, each harnessing fifty kilowatt hours per thirty-minute session to be used as clean energy source. Students and faculty can rent bikes or get a tune-up at The Bike Shop, aimed at encouraging bike riding as a mode of transportation around the area. Students also participate in clubs based in the wider Greensboro area, like the Sierra Club, the local organic food co-op, and the Piedmont Hiking and Outing Club.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricted parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	54
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	98
% school grounds maintained organically	99

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	637
# of applicants	1,302
% of applicants accepted	67
Average HS GPA	3.04
Range SAT Critical Reading	478–613
Range SAT Math	460–570
Range SAT Writing	450–583

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$29,620
Required fees	\$1,098
Room and board	\$10,948
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.7

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike rentals, carpooling forum	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	43
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50
% school grounds maintained organically	78

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,462
# of applicants	3,396
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.12
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–620
Range SAT Math	480–590
Range SAT Writing	460–600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,430
Required fees	\$330
Room and board	\$8,560
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.9

# GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Gustavus Adolphus College cites justice as one of its core values, and it has prompted the community of “Gusties” on campus to take their roles as environmental stewards seriously. An ACUPCC signatory, the college is home to the Linnaeus Arboretum, a stunning example of Minnesota’s natural history featuring three major ecosystems and more than \$320 million worth of vegetation, thanks to the planting of tree seedlings on what was once agriculture land. The Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation opened, to “lead greater campus and community sustainability.” One of its first initiatives was to install solar panels for the Melva Lind Interpretive Center, use these water heating panels to supply supplemental heat to the building. The Johnson Center works with the Kitchen Cabinet, a campus committee, on issues such as waste generated from to-go containers in campus dining areas and purchasing more locally grown and organic food. Further, the Student Senate passed a composting resolution to be carried out by campus dining services. There is a strong institutional commitment to recycling (Gustavus has an 88 percent waste-diversion rate) as well as energy conservation. Students have organized RecycleMania programs to encourage friendly competition over recycling materials. With strong programs in Environmental Studies and Biology, the college ensures that formal training in sustainability is readily available to students. The school is continuing to adopt changes to buildings across campus to prepare them to pursue LEED Platinum certification, striving to become sustainability royalty.

# HAMILTON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Hamilton College students are passionate about the environment. The school has two extremely active green groups: the Hamilton Environmental Action Group, which runs a week-long green festival, and the Recycling Task Force, which coordinates the school’s participation in the national RecycleMania competition and promotes recycling initiatives on campus. Hamilton is a charter signatory of the ACUPCC, and has developed a Climate Action Plan to cut energy use in half by 2020. Students play an important role in this effort by serving on Hamilton’s sustainability committee and participating in the writing of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Summary Report for ACUPCC. Dining services’ “Farm-to-Fork” program seeks to purchase food within a 150-mile radius of campus and make use of biodegradable paper and eco-friendly cleaning materials. Students have access to plenty of vegan and vegetarian options. In response to student demand, Hamilton created an environmental studies major. The interdisciplinary major includes tracks in the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, and offers a broad array of grants for students interested in environmental research around the world. In addition, Hamilton students and professors created a three-quarter acre community garden on campus that uses organic growing techniques and serves as a learning center for members of the school and the surrounding community. The school is a proud participant in the EPA’s Green Power Partnership, with 29.6 percent of its energy consumption based on green materials, far surpassing its goal of 15 percent. Hamilton achieved its 20 percent reduction goal for carbon emissions four years earlier than anticipated this past year by reducing emissions 20.9 percent.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	50
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,442
# of applicants	4,818
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.64
Range SAT Critical Reading	580–680
Range SAT Math	570–670
Range SAT Writing	580–680

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$35,100
Required fees	\$140
Room and board	\$8,700
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.4

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,843
# of applicants	5,265
% of applicants accepted	27
Range SAT Critical Reading	650–740
Range SAT Math	660–730
Range SAT Writing	650–730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,220
Required fees	\$420
Room and board	\$10,830
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# HARVARD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Harvard College, a school renowned for its innovation and leadership, is proving that “Green is the new Crimson.” In recent years, the college established a university-wide commitment to reducing greenhouse gas by 30 percent from 2006 levels by 2016 and has already decreased emissions overall by 10.4 percent, including growth. On campus, the university has sixty-four LEED-certified buildings and an additional thirty-one LEED-registered projects, as well as mandating that comprehensive Green Building Standards apply to all capital projects. Harvard also demonstrates its commitment to energy-efficiency by using a number of renewable energy sources to power the campus, including solar panels, steam heat recovery, wind turbines, ground source heat pumps, and shuttles that run on biodiesel fuel. This is bolstered by a 55 percent waste-diversion rate on campus, as well as a flawless 100 percent composting rate for landscaping waste. The college also keeps an eye on providing local produce to its students—35–70 percent of produce served by Harvard’s dining services is from local sources, depending on the seasonal variations in crops. Yet, not all changes are coming from the top. Of all students on campus, 97 percent take an alternative means of transportation to class each day. In addition, the Harvard Office for Sustainability leads the university in achieving its sustainability goals by leveraging the collective knowledge of students, staff, and faculty partners and overseeing sustainability initiatives. Environmentally minded students can take advantage of Harvard’s environmental science and public policy concentration, and over 200 undergraduate and graduate environmental courses—just another example of how Harvard is committing itself to a socially responsible future.

# HAVERFORD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Though small, Haverford College is proving that it’s not the size that counts, but rather the idea and passion behind making a change. The Gardner Integrated Athletic Center was the first recreation center to achieve LEED Gold in the U.S. Haverford students can plant and weed in the college’s expanding student garden, and study local flora in the on-campus arboretum. In fact, 30 percent of Haverford’s grounds are maintained organically, and the college has reached a 23 percent waste-diversion rate. Haverford has reduced the toxins flowing into the groundwater by switching to organic fertilizer and using porous salt, and by planting a living roof with sedum on one of its buildings. Haverford has a formal Sustainability Committee focused on reducing energy use and emissions; so far they’ve retrofitted 33 percent of the buildings on campus with new HVAC systems, windows, and insulation. Haverford offers a car share program, a bike program, a vanpool, and group transport to the other colleges in its consortium so students don’t have to drive. Other environmental improvements are being made in the dining halls, where better recycling, a new dishwashing machine, and biodegradable or reusable dishware are all making a difference. Plans are also underway to construct two new dormitories with numerous green specifications, including green roofs and other high tech HVAC systems to be more efficient and decrease energy consumption around campus. Impressively, 100 percent of the energy used on campus is powered by wind, ensuring that Haverford is indeed a place for pioneers.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	55
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	17
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,676
# of applicants	34,950
% of applicants accepted	6
Average HS GPA	4.00
Range SAT Critical Reading	690–790
Range SAT Math	700–800
Range SAT Writing	690–790

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.7
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## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food 20

Available transportation alternatives:

car share, vanpool

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	33
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,198
# of applicants	3,470
% of applicants accepted	25
Range SAT Critical Reading	650–750
Range SAT Math	650–750
Range SAT Writing	660–760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,830
Required fees	\$378
Room and board	\$12,842
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.1

# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Who knew that a university that opened with 122 students and nine faculty members in 1924 could grow into a mammoth in the sustainability world? Located in North Carolina, this private liberal arts college complements its sixteen Division I varsity sports programs with a first-class green program committed to careful environmental stewardship. High Point's status as one of only a handful of universities to receive the coveted Tree Campus USA designation, its launch of nineteen arboretum and botanical gardens, and its campus-wide participation in RecycleMania all combine to highlight the institution's commitment to its natural environment. The students' chances to play an active role in the sustainability movement are facilitated through free bike check-out for all students, an environmentally friendly dining experience—trayless dining, green food providers, and all recycled products in dining locations—and the introduction of the WeCar ride-share program. High Point University doesn't skimp on green construction either—80 percent of buildings have undergone energy related retrofits or renovations within the last three years, and the LEED-certified School of Education recently held its grand opening. Plus, students don't have to go anywhere else for a green education. The university offers a new environmental studies minor, to augment the environmental courses offered in such various departments as biology, business, history, and sociology. It's no surprise that the university has been recognized repeatedly as a high point in green community.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	33
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,932
# of applicants	6,866
% of applicants accepted	59
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–590
Range SAT Math	510–600
Range SAT Writing	500–590

## Cost

Comprehensive fee	\$37,800
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70.9

# HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Hobart and William Smith Colleges feature a campus situated “on the edge of a small city, a few blocks from vast agricultural lands and on the shores of one of the deepest lakes in the United States,”—and this diversity in topography has spread to the colleges' wide-ranging efforts towards environmental sustainability. At HWS, vast natural resources are used to the fullest through a “living laboratory” approach. For instance, a class project led to the Finger Lakes Institute's renovation, where the use of wind, solar, and geothermal energy, combined with the implementation of measures to improve energy and water conservation, qualified the FLI for the Energy Star Small Business Award. The colleges compost nearly 100 percent of pre-consumer and post-consumer food waste from their dining facilities. The Energy and Climate Committee have implemented energy efficiency technologies, including LED lighting and high-efficiency boilers. HWS recently announced that 100 percent of electricity on campus now comes from wind energy, making it the first small liberal arts college in the state to be powered entirely by wind. The president of the HWS Campus Greens sits in on the Sustainability Executive committee—The President's Climate Task Force. Students have environmental course options in myriad departments, and research opportunities abound. HWS students will undoubtedly be among the top of the pack in the green job market; the Department of Career Services maintains a fulltime counselor with a focus on career development, internship and job opportunities in the environmental sector.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	3
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	27
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	81

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,292
# of applicants	4,465
% of applicants accepted	53
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–650
Range SAT Math	560–660

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,484
Required fees	\$954
Room and board	\$11,261
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70

# HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Hofstra's sustainability program is a total immersion experience for students. In no time, they encounter the Hofstra Discovery Program, a dynamic interactive program designed for incoming first-year students who wish to be actively engaged through hands-on-experiences that prepare them to make eco-friendly decisions and participate in environmental stewardship efforts in their community. No need for students to search far and wide for context—Hofstra's entire campus is a celebration of the natural environment. One of only 430 arboreta registered with the American Public Gardens Association, Hofstra's campus consists of 240 acres, featuring 12,000 ever-green trees and a variety of flowers, shrubs, and grasses. The university senate's Environmental Priorities Committee (EPC) is working to promote sustainability in all sectors of the university—from governance and operations to curriculum and outreach—through education, communication, research and professional development. Hofstra University, a charter member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, has recently undertaken the purchasing of green products sensitive to environmental impacts. For example, the university has recently renovated campus lighting to T8 and T5, an upgrade of 30 percent efficiency from their previous lighting scheme, and 70 percent from incandescent bulbs! Hofstra purchases 10 percent renewable energy and also produces renewable energy on site utilizing a photovoltaic system. Coming for a green degree? The department of biology offers both a BA and a BS in urban ecology, and the school will soon be offering a BA, BS, and minor in sustainability studies as well as a BS in environmental studies.

# HOUGHTON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Creation Care” is Houghton College’s moniker for its commitment to “change the way we do things...in order to become better stewards of what God has given us.” At this small, Christian college in Houghton, New York, the changes they are making are steady and significant. The Creation Care Committee leads several innovative green initiatives on campus, including sponsoring shuttle service for off-campus faculty/staff events, tree seedling planting, and an “adopt a tree” initiative. The campus is reducing its energy use through fluorescent and LED lighting and electronic ballasts. In conjunction with an energy consulting firm, the university has made plans to implement a voluntary “brown out” program aimed to reduce overall electric usage. Food services has removed trays and reduced napkin waste in cafeterias. It’s no wonder the college is posting such impressive numbers: 90 percent of the grounds are maintained organically and 95 percent of buildings on campus have gone through energy-related retrofits. Sustainability research opportunities are abundant on campus, including opportunities in the natural sciences for research in ecosystem stability, and biodegradable plastics. In psychology, students have conducted sustainability research including examining energy use and carbon sequestration in the college’s forests. In communications, students have worked on a project which will result in a training video for other groups seeking LEED certification. Houghton is also preparing students for the green job sector by guiding students to green job websites and posting green jobs to its “Job Shop” online database. “Creation Care Courses,” which address environmental or sustainability issues, are offered in no fewer than nine departments across campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, car share, vanpool, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,059
# of applicants	21,376
% of applicants accepted	59
Average HS GPA	3.51
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–620
Range SAT Math	550–630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,500
Required fees	\$1,050
Room and board	\$11,940
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87.6

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	40
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,213
# of applicants	1,085
% of applicants accepted	72
Average HS GPA	3.57
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–630
Range SAT Math	500–630
Range SAT Writing	500–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,774
Required fees	\$150
Room and board	\$7,778
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.3

# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Given Humboldt State University's location in a beautiful natural landscape, it's only natural that students, faculty, and administrators living there want to preserve it. The university has numerous green student organizations, among them Renewable Energy Student Union, Green Wheels, Northwest Primate Conservation Society, Students for Community Food, and the Wilderness Club. Humboldt also has a number of impressive sustainability initiatives, such as the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund, which seeks to reduce the impact of energy used on campus through projects created, designed, and implemented by students; the Schatz Energy Research Center for the development of clean and renewable energy; and the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, a live-in demonstration home for sustainability and the site of student-taught courses, workshops, presentations, and hands-on projects. "Hands-on" is the modus operandi for HSU's sustainability curriculum. There are opportunities for extensive research, organic farming, and a number of student-taught classes on green topics like bike maintenance, permaculture, and the all-important LEED certification; the number of courses per semester addressing the environment and sustainability has reached triple digits! What's more, Humboldt State University has launched a partnership with Zipcar, the world's leading car-sharing network, to offer a car-sharing program on campus. Career counselors on campus emphasize green jobs, and the career center website even features a special search function dedicated to green careers. Humboldt State integrates sustainability into areas of its teaching where you wouldn't expect to find it. For example, HSU's Masters of Business Administration program was recently overhauled to focus on sustainability and entrepreneurialism.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,597
# of applicants	9,980
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.15
Range SAT Critical Reading	460-580
Range SAT Math	450-570
Range SAT Writing	450-560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,130
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$32,806
Room and board	\$10,948
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	78.2

# ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Illinois Institute of Technology has created an Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability, which is responsible for documenting, reporting, and monitoring sustainability projects on campus, and the Wanger Institute of Sustainable Energy Research, which seeks to preserve natural resources and the environment by exploring clean and alternative energy production. All new buildings on campus will seek LEED certification, and the university has undertaken the retrofitting of buildings in order to improve energy efficiency and lessen the school's carbon footprint. IIT has installed a high-efficiency hot water/steam plant on campus, effectively reducing its carbon emissions by 2.8 million pounds and carbon dioxide emissions by 10.4 million pounds annually. Especially noteworthy is IIT's recycling program, Hawk Recycling, recently expanded to include cans, batteries, and glass, recently, IIT introduced a new on-site campus composter, aimed at significantly reducing the amount of food waste going from campus to landfills, instead recycling the waste for use on campus as fertilizer and soil amendment. IIT also looks to encourage its students to explore environmentally proactive professional fields through energy- and sustainability-focused specializations, minors, and degree programs. In particular, green-minded students enrolled in the Stuart School of Business can take advantage of the school's Center for Sustainable Enterprise, and the Armour College of Engineering, in addition to an environmental engineering program, offers a program called E3 (Energy, Environment and Economics).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, bike share, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,639
# of applicants	2,466
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.97
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-640
Range SAT Math	613-710
Range SAT Writing	523-638

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$33,194
Required fees	\$1,160
Room and board	\$10,464
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.2

# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Illinois State University first got on the path to sustainability in 1989 when the university established a recycling program in the residence halls. It's been on a roll ever since. For starters, Illinois State University opened a Center for Renewable Energy, which brings together faculty from several disciplines to provide applied research opportunities on renewable energy. To demonstrate its commitment to sustainability in the classroom, ISU established a new major in renewable energy, the first of its kind in the United States. Further, a new minor in business and sustainability is being now offered. ISU's Office of Energy Management has launched several projects to reduce energy consumption on campus, including an insulation program to better insulate steam pipes and other mechanical equipment and a plan to upgrade the cooling systems used on campus to more efficient models. The university's recycling program is wide-ranging, and its green cleaning initiative provides employees with special training related to the effective use of environmentally friendly materials for cleaning ISU facilities. Other ISU initiatives include an annual wellness and environmental fair, "Healthy You Healthy Earth," which provides resources and increases awareness about healthy lifestyles and environmental stewardship. ISU also operates a free bicycle service, "Reggie Ride," that offers alternative transportation to students, faculty, and staff by reclaiming bicycles abandoned at the end of the school year. 100 percent of renewable energy is on site; 90 percent of buildings that have undergone energy related retrofits or renovations within three years; and 100 percent of buildings have designated recycling areas—when it comes to ISU's commitment to sustainability, the numbers don't lie.

# INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

These days, Indiana State University's impressive commitment to sustainability might be one of its proudest features—that's saying something for an institution that boasts world-champion and Hall of Fame basketball player Larry Bird as one of its most famous alumni. A signatory of the ACUPCC, ISU has already reduced its current carbon emissions to 53 percent of 1990 levels. ISU firmly believes that environmental, economic, and social sustainability comprise a "triple bottom line" standard of ethical responsibility, but the administration is not alone in its green-thinking philosophy. In a campus survey with more than 1,600 responses, 80 percent of the members of the entire campus community indicated concern about conservation and sustainability issues. Several exciting new campus initiatives include seeking designation as a Bicycle Friendly University, the university's first annual residence hall energy reduction competition, and the implementation of many major projects at the campus community garden. For those interested in alternative energy, ISU installed a wind turbine in late 2012. Indiana State University understands that a commitment to sustainability extends beyond the campus grounds. To that end, the Institute for Community Sustainability (ICS) is deployed as a comprehensive effort to integrate all of the sustainability efforts on campus and in the Wabash Valley. For example, ICS has recently partnered with local K–12 schools to build educational greenhouses. College-level green education is also at the forefront for ISU—it offers numerous sustainability-related classes, many of which teach in the SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) model emphasizing original research. Students can choose an environmental systems or human and environmental safety major, and many participate in the popular Environmental Club.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share, car share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	33
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,526
# of applicants	13,156
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.33

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,630
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,590
Required fees	\$2,600
Room and board	\$9,090
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	54.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	97
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,349
# of applicants	13,030
% of applicants accepted	51
Average HS GPA	3.04
Range SAT Critical Reading	400–510
Range SAT Math	410–520
Range SAT Writing	390–490

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,898
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,444
Required fees	\$200
Room and board	\$8,772
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	66.5



# INDIANA UNIVERSITY— BLOOMINGTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The essence of the Indiana University—Bloomington's environmental program is its Office of Sustainability, which employs two full-time staff and eighteen interns, and a Campus Sustainability Board composed of forty representatives of faculty, staff and students, incorporating nearly 200 volunteers. The scope and achievement of the university and its students regarding sustainability projects is both elaborate and awe inspiring. To see that, one need look no further than the annual Energy Challenge competition. Designed and run by student sustainability interns, it dares campus units to reduce energy and water consumption. In total, the four Energy Challenge competitions since 2008 have conserved or eliminated almost 3 million kilowatt hours of electricity, more than 6 million gallons of water, and almost 4.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. E-waste days, the brainchild of two sustainability interns, is an electronic waste recycling initiative involving corporations, institutions, and the general public. Over the last few years, it has diverted more than one million pounds of e-waste and has garnered both praise and collaboration from Apple Inc.! Countless other organizations flourish on campus, such as Coal Free IU, the Environmental Law Society, and Greeks Go Green. The Student Sustainability Council brings together representatives of these numerous groups to advance sustainability on the IUB campus. Students wishing to pursue a relevant degree will be well covered; many environmentally focused degrees are offered in various departments, including BS, MS, PhD, and MPA/MSES in Environmental Science.

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Live Green! is Iowa State University's campus-wide sustainability initiative, laying the foundation for the campus to become as green as possible. Live Green! has already led to the hiring of a Director of Sustainability, the creation of a thirteen-member Advisory Committee on Energy Conservation and Global Climate Change, and the establishment of a Live Green Loan Fund for energy conservation and sustainability projects. The university's commitment to sustainable operations is highlighted by its requirement that all new construction and major renovation projects on campus be LEED Gold-certified. In fact, the university's College of Design addition and the State Gym recreational facility have both achieved LEED Platinum certification. Additionally, the school has signed a contract with the city of Ames allowing for ten percent of the university's electrical energy to be derived from wind. All four of the residential dining centers on campus were made trayless, reducing food waste by 50 percent. Food waste is composted at the university's compost facility and utilized for on-campus projects, and prepared leftover food is donated to a free meal program in the community. Students have participated in the Solar Decathlon, an internationally recognized team competition to design, build, and operate energy-efficient solar-powered homes. The GreenHouse Group works to promote recycling at each campus residence and the school participates in Adopt Campus, a program initiated by Keep Iowa State Beautiful to promote campus cleanup. Interested in studying green? You're in luck. Iowa State offers an interdisciplinary sustainability minor and more than 888 green courses in more than forty departments that focus on sustainability. Want to "green your drive?" Recent implementation of the "WeCar" program offers alternative transportation service designed to help reduce the university's carbon footprint.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	24

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	32,041
# of applicants	35,218
% of applicants accepted	72
Average HS GPA	3.63
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–630
Range SAT Math	540–650
Range SAT Writing	510–620

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,433
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,449
Required fees	\$1,091
Room and board	\$8,419
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	79.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, car share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	75
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	8.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	2

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,555
# of applicants	16,539
% of applicants accepted	83
Average HS GPA	3.55
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–620
Range SAT Math	530–680

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,648
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,760
Required fees	\$1,078
Room and board	\$7,721
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.2

# ITHACA COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Ithaca College's Sustainability Initiative both promotes and records advancement in three main areas: 1) the "development of curriculum to infuse considerations of sustainability and applied research opportunities to study and solve sustainability challenges"; 2) the "modification of campus operations to incorporate more sustainable decision-making"; and 3) "campus in-reach and community outreach to share experiences as a learning organization seeking to become more sustainable." These goals are supported through regular reporting of the school's progress, production of a quarterly newsletter called "Collective Impacts," and working to encourage sustainable decision-making throughout the campus community. With its new Park Center for Business and Sustainable Enterprise and the Peggy R. Williams Center buildings, Ithaca is one of the first higher education institutions in the world to have two newly-constructed LEED Platinum-level facilities on its campus. The Williams Center, in particular, is impressive in that over half of its energy comes from renewable sources thanks to a geothermal heating and cooling system. Its roof features 6,500 square feet of vegetation, providing both natural insulation and rainwater catchment; beneath the natural landscaping surrounding the building is a 12,000-gallon rainwater collection tank that meets 85 percent of the building's toilet flushing and irrigation needs. Ithaca College Environmental Society offers educational programs. The Office of Career Services offers the E-recruiting service database to search for green jobs. More than 170 courses with sustainability themes or significant sustainability content are offered in over 30 academic departments and programs. Ithaca College earned a STARS Gold rating.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
public transit, carshare, rideshare, vanpool, restricted parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,281
# of applicants	13,813
% of applicants accepted	65
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-630
Range SAT Math	530-640
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,000
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$13,400
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.9

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

James Madison University started one of the first undergraduate certificates in Business Sustainability, and it hasn't slowed down since. A signatory of both the Talloires Declaration and ACUPCC, JMU is home to the Institute for Stewardship of the Natural World (ISNW), an organization tasked with coordinating environmental stewardship efforts across campus, advocating for sustainability-driven priorities, and challenging all members of the James Madison community to think critically about their role in achieving the long-term stewardship of Earth. A campus emissions inventory has been completed and a JMU "defining characteristic" adopted, proclaiming the university would be "environmentally literate" and "model stewards." That call to stewardship has led to the introduction of a farmer's market on campus, LEED Gold certification of the university's East Campus Dining Hall, and a training and development series covering everything from greening your office to campus water stewardship. The expansion of the plastic recycling program will only add to JMU's outstanding recycling résumé; the school participates in RecycleMania and 100 percent of buildings have designated recycling areas. Resources on green careers and jobs are available in the academic advising and career-planning center. Faculty members across the university are actively engaged in research and development related to sustainability issues. JMU is also home to multiple student organizations advocating around sustainability issues, including EARTH, Association of Energy Engineers, and the Environmental Management Club—clearly JMU's students share some of the leadership of their university's presidential namesake.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	49
% school grounds maintained organically	7

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,575
# of applicants	22,864
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.80
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-620
Range SAT Math	530-620
Range SAT Writing	520-610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,642
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,932
Required fees	\$3,806
Room and board	\$8,340
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	40

# JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Lauded as one of the most exceptional research universities in the nation, it's no surprise that Johns Hopkins University has found some innovative ways to go green. SHIP—the Sustainable Hopkins Infrastructure Program—has helped improve building and operational efficiency in projects ranging from rain gardens and converting campus shuttles to compressed natural gas, to updating all campus light poles to LEDs. The Office of Sustainability's summer internship program, the Climate Showcase, bridges the gap between campus and community with interns conducting on site sustainability audits and providing recommendation reports for both simple and complex resource savings tools and steps for Baltimore City nonprofits. Ten freshmen each year are chosen to be "ECO-Reps" and work with the Office of Sustainability's Outreach Coordinator to develop projects ranging from improving recycling in Greek houses, to working with campus Housing and Dining staff to find ways to reduce waste and energy consumption in facilities. Johns Hopkins can also lay claim to some other notable achievements, like having the largest solar PV installation in Baltimore City and the largest green roof in Maryland. Photovoltaic (PV) panels atop seven buildings collect solar radiation and convert it into electricity, generating 1 million kilowatt hours of clean renewable energy each year, or enough electricity to power roughly 112 average households and offset 545 tons of greenhouse gases. The university also boasts seven LEED-certified buildings, with six more pursuing LEED certification. The university has a community-supported agriculture program on two campuses that allow students to buy fresh food from local farmers, and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future is the birthplace of the "Meatless Monday" campaign taking shape across campuses nationwide.

# KEENE STATE COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Keene State College's Pondsides III residence hall is the school's first LEED-certified building, and has earned Silver certification. The building's sustainable features include super-insulated walls, motion sensor lights, dual-flush toilets, and recycling rooms on each floor. The Presidents' Council for a Sustainable Future oversees sustainability initiatives on campus, including the installation of cogeneration capability in the college's steam heat plant. An energy baseline inventory has been established, and the college has begun an energy metering program. All major renovations and new buildings on campus include energy-efficient lighting, water saving bathroom fixtures, and programmable HVAC systems. For the past ten years, the Presidents' Sustainability Council has offered grants to students to fund their sustainability research projects. Examples of the college's continued commitment to green include: student research studying the environmental effect of biofuels on fine particulate emissions; a new Technology Design and Safety Center that is being designed with a zero-net energy goal; and a Recycling on Campus initiative that places blue bags in every residence hall room on campus. Keene State's Campus Ecology group initiated the Green Bikes program, which makes refurbished bikes available for use at no cost. The college has also partnered with a regional rideshare program, Monadnock Rideshare, to facilitate carpooling as another form of alternative transportation. An Environmental Studies major is offered. In addition, the sustainable product design and innovation major is designed as a pre-professional four-year program offering students a solid foundation in the artistic, scientific, and technical aspects of product design and the social and scientific aspects of sustainability concerns. One-on-one career counseling in sustainability is readily accessible, and the Career Services Office facilitates green career connections through a variety of innovative programming.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	41
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	99

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,066
# of applicants	18,459
% of applicants accepted	21
Average HS GPA	3.72
Range SAT Critical Reading	630-740
Range SAT Math	660-770
Range SAT Writing	640-740

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,280
Room and board	\$12,962
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	9.5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, green bikes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,947
# of applicants	6,887
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.04
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-550
Range SAT Math	450-550
Range SAT Writing	450-550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,410
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,310
Required fees	\$2,366
Room and board	\$8,662
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70

# KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Several years ago, Kennesaw State University (KSU) signed the ACUPCC. They've been on the green mile ever since. Also signatories of the Talloires Declaration and members of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, a quarter of the buildings on campus have undergone energy-related retrofits. KSU's Social Sciences building is LEED Silver; the Commons Dining Hall is LEED Gold and numerous other halls are pursuing LEED certification. The dining hall's sustainability features include composting, trayless dining, and local food purchasing. Gray water from the Central Parking Deck and other locations is being used for watering campus landscaping. Other sustainability efforts on campus include alternative transportation initiatives, installing motion detectors for lighting in classrooms and meeting places, and increasing the use of recycled efforts on campus—facilitated through KSU's commingled recyclables policy. The university has an undergraduate degree program with emphasis in Environmental Science or Environmental Policy within KSU's existing interdisciplinary studies program. The College of Science and Mathematics received a \$125,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to establish its "Sustainable Homes: Building 'Smarter' Houses Today for a Better Tomorrow" project. "PEAK": Progressive Environmental Alliance at Kennesaw seeks to educate students and faculty on sustainability issues while making progress in the overall cause. KSU clearly believes sustainability and education are inseparable—it has named of a campus Director of Sustainability—a member of the Biology Department—who will oversee the university's "green" initiatives and teach students as a member of the faculty.

# KENYON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Kenyon College's strong sense of community and commitment to interdisciplinary study marry well with the fundamentally global questions explored in the study of sustainability. But Kenyon's commitment to the environment goes beyond an academic ethic. The college's Food for Thought program provides students with the opportunity to develop intellectual and practical knowledge regarding the region's food and farming systems. The Brown Family Environmental Center is another experientially focused initiative on campus that provides students and the surrounding community with opportunities to study regional organisms and habitats in an effort to help conserve the environmental heritage of the Kokosing River Valley. The Center worked with the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO), a student-run club, to recharge the school's recycling program by improving the number and placement of recycling bins on campus. Kenyon's Library and Information Services (LBIS) is exploring many different ways to reduce the environmental impact of the school's technology infrastructure. The college has recently purchased two Global Electric Motorcars for use by maintenance staff, a reduction in cost from \$10 to \$0.10 per day! Kenyon has created a dining hall composting system that diverts 6,000 pounds of waste from the landfill per week, and representatives from Kenyon's environmentally-focused student groups have helped complete an energy audit of the campus and calculate its greenhouse gas inventory. A new organization, Kenyon Green Alumni, was founded to connect students interested in green careers with opportunities and mentors in the field. And don't forget the classroom—the Kenyon Certificate Program in ecological agriculture is aimed at providing "practical knowledge regarding food and farming systems."

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	35
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,236
# of applicants	8,773
% of applicants accepted	62
Average HS GPA	3.21
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–580
Range SAT Math	490–580
Range SAT Writing	470–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,852
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,128
Required fees	\$1,634
Room and board	\$6,210
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	85.7

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	43
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	62

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,647
# of applicants	4,272
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	3.90
Range SAT Critical Reading	640–740
Range SAT Math	610–690
Range SAT Writing	640–730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,420
Required fees	\$1,480
Room and board	\$9,500
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.5

# KEYSTONE COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Keystone College, a small private Pennsylvanian college, is proving to be just that—a keystone to the sustainability movement sweeping the nation! With 100 percent of the school's energy consumption, including heating/cooling and electrical, derived from renewable resources, Keystone is a lock when it comes to ranking the greenest colleges. The college recently completed a campus-wide lighting retrofit and Energy Star-certified roofs were installed on the Miller Library and the Hibbard Campus Center. Low VOC paint is used in all campus painting projects, and compact fluorescent light bulbs are standard issue on campus. New rain garden reduces storm water runoff and flooding. Keystone is also working to make its technology infrastructure more sustainable. To that end, most CRT computer monitors have been replaced with energy-efficient LCD units and all college-owned computers are automatically shut down after office hours. Campus Dining Services partners with Sodexo to implement green initiatives such as tray-less dining, fully biodegradable packaging and utensils, the use of Fair Trade coffee products, recycling of all fryer oil and cardboard, making responsible seafood purchases using seafoodwatch.org, and use of... organic food. Interested students can join the Eco Club, which provides educational, social, and community service opportunities relating to the environment. The Keystone College Environmental Education Institute provides hands-on science and environmental instruction using the college's 160-acre woodland campus as a hands-on learning laboratory. Keystone has established a forty-acre Nature Preserve to forever provide protected habitats for wildlife and a natural setting for environmental education and outdoor recreation. With all these impressive features, it's no wonder Keystone won the prestigious Green Practices Award recognizing its ongoing commitment to protecting and preserving the environment.

# LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Want a cleaner, greener freshman dorm? Try Lafayette College's "Treehouse Floor" in Keefe Hall, which strives to establish a low-impact, environmentally conscious culture. The floor is a "paradigm of recycling, efficiency, and conservation employing human ingenuity to develop a virtually waste-less community." Though a relative newcomer to the green campus movement, the intensity of Lafayette College's commitment to sustainability has brought sweeping green change to campus in a short amount of time. The school focuses on waste reduction and conservation through an aggressive composting program (100 percent of composted food waste is used for landscaping maintenance, and this is actually part of the Environmental Engineering curriculum), recycling program (expanding beyond just student involvement and will not work with any service vendors who don't recycle 100 percent of their recyclable products), and water conservation program (all new buildings will feature water-saving technology and any renovations or retrofitting will incorporate the same fixtures to reduce the amount of sanitary effluent waste). Lafayette has also determined that all new buildings and renovations should strive for LEED certification. Lafayette's dining services has also committed itself to sustainability through the exclusive use of 100 percent compostable packaging and dining ware and 100 percent organic cleaning supplies. Lafayette doesn't just invest in green ideas on campus, but also in the classroom, instilling its students with the ideals of eco-awareness and environmental responsibility through class offerings, orientation week events, and curriculum initiatives, such as growing organic vegetables in the Metzger community garden on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	24
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,683
# of applicants	1,442
% of applicants accepted	71
Average HS GPA	3.02
Range SAT Critical Reading	380-600
Range SAT Math	380-600
Range SAT Writing	380-600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$19,500
Required fees	\$450
Room and board	\$9,500
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	18
Available transportation alternatives:	
shuttle service, Car Share, third-party vendors (e.g. local bus service, My Ride Home, bus station, airport)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	12.4
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	15
% school grounds maintained organically	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,488
# of applicants	6,660
% of applicants accepted	34
Average HS GPA	3.46
Range SAT Critical Reading	580-680
Range SAT Math	610-710
Range SAT Writing	580-680

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,920
Required fees	\$360
Room and board	\$12,708
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.3

# LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (MI)

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Possible is everything” is Lawrence Tech’s motto, and there’s no doubt this private Michigan university is applying that can-do attitude towards the green movement. The institution boasts a commitment to sustainability spanning new buildings and construction, academic programs, applied research, and campus operations. Geothermal wells and a vegetated roof are just two of the impressive features of LTU’s A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center, a unique green building that serves as a living laboratory for sustainability education of architects and engineers. The Energy & Environmental Building Alliance facilitates the Houses That Work Workshop, delivering multiplatform educational sessions to manifest sustainable and responsible building principles in the design, marketing, and execution of the building process. Plus, LTU has implemented a policy requiring new building designs to meet or exceed LEED Silver criteria. The Center for Sustainability emphasizes campus standards for sustainability, organizes a speaker series, and promotes campus-wide recycling. Academic programming includes participation in the Solar Decathlon and Formula Zero international competitions. If that’s not enough for students, they can join several student-run groups, including student organizations for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the U.S. Green Building Council. Career opportunities for green-minded students are of the utmost importance at LTU—the university’s graduate certificate in interdisciplinary sustainability offers participants a chance to bolster their credentials in the ever-growing field.

# LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Lehigh University is taking leaps forward by adopting “STEPS”—Science, Technology, Environment, Policy, & Society—an \$62 million, five-pronged initiative, that looks to develop “innovative solutions to global challenges” like sustainability. In recent years, Lehigh University has moved aggressively to integrate the tenets of STEPS into both campus and academic life, culminating in a long-term sustainability plan, finalized in spring 2012. Importantly, the university’s president drafted a climate commitment requiring the institution to incorporate climate change into the curriculum, complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, and seeks LEED certification for new buildings. The STEPS methodology is so engrained in Lehigh’s sustainability plan that the newest campus building (simply called the “STEPS” building) achieved LEED Gold certification. The campus diverts an impressive 30 percent of its waste from landfills and, currently, more than 10 percent of energy consumed on campus is derived from renewable sources. For students looking to study sustainability in the classroom, Lehigh offers majors in environmental sciences, environmental studies, and environmental engineering, a masters degree in energy systems, with additional courses offered in a variety of other departments ranging from International Relations to Journalism. Each year on Earth Day, Lehigh hosts an activities fair where green student groups like Green Action Club, Eco-reps, Environmental Policy and Design Club, and Society of Environmental Scientists, raise awareness about ongoing sustainability-related campus initiatives. The Lehigh Environmental Advisory Group (LEAG) developed a Green Fund, “an internal grant-making entity to seed new sustainability-related project ideas.”

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,056
# of applicants	1,713
% of applicants accepted	51
Average HS GPA	3.34

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$20,160
Required fees	\$370
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,851
# of applicants	11,578
% of applicants accepted	33
Range SAT Critical Reading	580–680
Range SAT Math	640–720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,660
Required fees	\$300
Room and board	\$10,840
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.8

# LINFIELD COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In keeping with its mission, “Connecting Learning, Life, and Community,” Linfield College aims to mitigate the effects of global warming in the Pacific region through a combination of education, campus life, and community outreach. The college has signed the ACUPCC and has completed the first part of a carbon footprint survey. Linfield’s Advisory Committee on the Environment and Sustainability (ACES) selects and oversees all sustainability initiatives. Linfield’s efforts to reduce its carbon footprint include the implementation of various energy conservation projects on campus. Electronic controls have been added to existing boilers to improve their operation and minimize the energy used to pump steam. More than 79 percent of campus buildings use natural gas for heating and hot water. Over the past 10 years, the college has saved an amount of natural gas that is the equivalent of the amount of electricity used in almost 700 homes in one year. Linfield has required all major capital projects must pursue LEED Silver certification (including a completed \$7.9 million project that turned TJ Day Hall into a state-of-the-art LEED Silver facility). Energy Star-certified appliances will be purchased whenever possible. Undergraduate students can participate in independent research and/or work with faculty on joint sustainability research. The student organization, Greenfield, is devoted to environmental and sustainability issues. Other student organizations include the Vegan Veggie Club, which advocates for sustainable food, and the Conservation Corps, which advocates for sustainable communities.

# LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Fittingly located in the Green Hills neighborhood of Nashville, Tennessee, Lipscomb University is green in the fullest sense. The university is a member of the USGBC, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and the Evangelical Environmental Network—the only faith-based affiliate of the Biomimicry Institute. The university’s organized approach to sustainability is three-pronged. First, Lipscomb emphasizes internal sustainability practices. Geothermal heating and cooling in all new building and renovation, hybrid cars, a green housekeeping program, internal sustainability audit and near completion of the state’s first LEED-certified academic building are just a few features of the university’s wide-ranging sustainable infrastructure. Second, Lipscomb University is committed to green education. It established the Southeast region’s first academic program in sustainability (its Institute for Sustainable Practice), as well as Tennessee’s first green MBA to complement both the first sustainability undergrad degree and first sustainability minor in the state. Third, Lipscomb focuses on external efforts and cherishes its status as a leader in both state and local dialogue and awareness on sustainability. It has hosted Tennessee’s first two statewide conferences on sustainability policy, sponsored Tennessee’s first four green business summits and expos with international sustainability speakers, and convened the Fifth Annual Sustainable Business Summit in 2012. The career center informs and counsels students on growing green professional opportunities, so it’s no surprise that placement at corporate and local firms with sustainability positions has been very successful. Indeed, Lipscomb does its best to allow its students to achieve a common goal: “Tread lightly. Leave your mark.”

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	33
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,658
# of applicants	2,376
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–610
Range SAT Math	510–610
Range SAT Writing	480–590

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$34,000
Required fees	\$328
Room and board	\$9,500
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	60.4

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,622
# of applicants	3,430
% of applicants accepted	51
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–603
Range SAT Math	490–610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$22,978
Required fees	\$1,676
Room and board	\$9,224
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	63.6

# LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY— BATON ROUGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Louisiana State University—Baton Rouge is committed to the issues of sustainability on campus, and its Campus Committee for Sustainability (CCS) is leading the charge. CCS's full-time Manager of Campus Sustainability is responsible for promoting public awareness of LSU's sustainability efforts and working with on-campus services, faculty, and students to meet the university's goals. LSU has focused its efforts on developing programs that reduce the number of vehicles on campus, including a Bus Service Study, restricted parking, a guaranteed ride home program, and a bike share/rent program. Seventy percent of all campus grounds are managed organically and all building upgrades must meet energy performance standards beyond code requirements, which include the use of Energy Star appliances. Strict new guidelines are being developed for all new construction and renovations. Forty-four percent of food expenditures are directed toward local, organic, or otherwise environmentally-responsible food. Students can work on sustainability research projects and volunteering in student-run organizations such as the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO@LSU), a grassroots student group that works to improve the quality of life and environmental health on campus and in the Baton Rouge community. Students can opt to make the environment and issues of sustainability a formal focus of their studies by taking advantage of course offerings in areas such as agriculture, architecture, biology, environmental science, engineering, and geography.

# LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

"Green LMU" is leading the sustainability charge for Loyola Marymount University, impacting all parts of campus and academic life with the help of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee. Indicative of the university's commitment are the three LEED-certified buildings on campus, including the new \$64 million LEED Gold library, which incorporates state-of-the-art energy efficiency technologies and acts as a 'living lab' for students studying Information Systems and IT in the context of building automation systems applications. As an ACUPCC signatory, the university has also committed to pursuing LEED Silver certification or better on all newly constructed buildings. Back in 2003, Loyola Marymount installed \$4.5 million worth of solar panels on three of its largest buildings: Gersten Pavilion, University Hall, and the Von der Ahe Building. These solar panels contribute to the 15 percent of energy consumed on campus derived from renewable sources. LMU's recycling program, which was the first collegiate recycling program in California when it began in 1990, is a perennial participant in RecycleMania where it regularly finishes in the top twenty-five in key recycling categories (out of more than 500 schools). It is this dedication to recycling that has resulted in the school's impressive 56 percent waste-diversion rate. LMU provides students with truly unique experiences. For example, recently a group of LMU students traveled to South America to understand sustainable banking principles and the Triple Bottom Line (People, Planet, Profit). LMU has many student groups that focus on sustainability as a core issue such as the ASLMU Environmental Responsibility Committee, the ECO Students Club, and the Center for Service in Action.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	44
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,977
# of applicants	14,818
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.45
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-610
Range SAT Math	530-630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,558
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,566
Required fees	\$1,796
Room and board	\$8,670
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	56
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,951
# of applicants	11,309
% of applicants accepted	53
Average HS GPA	3.71
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-630
Range SAT Math	560-650
Range SAT Writing	550-650

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91.1
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# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Office of Sustainability at Loyola University of Chicago has their hands full between their research- and education-oriented Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy (CUERP) and their cornucopia of on campus sustainability improvements. CUERP's Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP), is available to students regardless of major. STEP courses serve as incubators for longer-term projects that help to advance Loyola's environmental sustainability goals. Following STEP Biodiesel which converted waste vegetable oil from its food services into low-emissions biodiesel fuel, Loyola now runs a successful biodiesel and biosoap program. STEP Food Systems focuses on the global industrial food system, and the environmental, social, economic, and human health problems therein. Student projects include an urban agriculture demonstration project, a farmers' market, build a pilot aquaponics system, and design an organic farm. The farm provides food for meals at the Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus as well as a farmers' market and CSA program. STEP Water led to a campus ban on bottled water. CUERP has strategic plans which are to reduce the campus' environmental footprint by 40 percent. The university also focuses on various conservation and landfill diversions such as all new construction to meet LEED certification standards, existing building energy-efficient retrofits, a rainwater cistern, permeable pavement, water refill stations, tray-free dining halls, CFL bulb swaps, battery powered vehicles, a Move-Out landfill diversion program, and a significant number of green roofs. Loyola's Information Commons, a LEED Silver building, exceeds 50 percent energy efficiency and Cuneo Hall which opened recently is LEED Gold.

# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located just a few miles outside Baltimore's historic Inner Harbor, Loyola University of Maryland has joined other schools in the region, including Goucher, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown and University of Maryland, to develop one of the most comprehensive and unique sustainability initiatives in the nation. The Emergency Load Response Program (ELRP) is a consortium of universities that have volunteered to reduce electricity consumption during high stress periods on the Mid-Atlantic grid. Loyola has taken other measures to reduce energy consumption, including retrofitting 70 percent of campus buildings in the past few years, implementing programmable thermostats, as well as solar panels on the roof of Butler Hall to reduce the overall carbon footprint of the campus. These measures have reduced energy consumption by 12 percent over the past several years, despite a growing campus community. The university is also home to Flannery O'Conner Hall, where fortunate first-year students have the opportunity to live in a residence hall that is made from recycled LDPE concrete, powered by a geothermal energy system, and capped off with a green roof, which reduces heat absorption and increases water retention. Thanks to a single-stream recycling system, Loyola has one of the best recycling rates in the country, diverting 55 percent of waste from ever reaching a landfill. For students looking to enter the green space upon graduation, the Career Center keeps a large database of green jobs and hosts a non-profit career fair focusing on "jobs relating to social justice and the environment." The campus is also home to a student-run Environmental Action Club which raises awareness of sustainability-related issues on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,483
# of applicants	17,828
% of applicants accepted	55
Average HS GPA	3.73
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-660
Range SAT Math	540-650
Range SAT Writing	530-640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$33,090
Required fees	\$1,128
Room and board	\$12,010
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	55
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,835
# of applicants	12,066
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.44
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-640
Range SAT Math	560-650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,026
Required fees	\$1,400
Room and board	\$12,120
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87

# LUTHER COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Luther College is a charter ACUPCC signatory, and the school has developed an in-depth strategic plan for institutional sustainability. The college is currently fundraising to endow a Center for Sustainable Communities, which will provide resources to local educators, businesses, and community leaders. In terms of greenhouse emissions, Luther has pledged to cut its carbon footprint in half. A recent \$1.5 million investment in energy audits and efficiency upgrades has already made a significant contribution towards reducing the carbon footprint. Geothermal energy heats and cools two of the facilities on campus, reducing Luther's need for fossil fuel heating and cooling. Remarkably, Luther completed the construction of a 1.6 MW wind turbine which will produce power equal to one third of Luther's annual consumption. Luther's new science facility achieved LEED Gold and the college has committed all new construction projects and major renovations to seeking LEED Silver certification. Among the initiatives already undertaken on campus are a student-run organic garden and the college fleet, which features both hybrids and biodiesel vehicles—the fuel for which is processed with waste oil from dining services. Luther is home to a thriving environmental studies department, which offers a multidisciplinary major with a choice of three different concentrations: policy, environmental science, or design-your-own. The campus is home to a variety of pond, river, and prairie ecosystems for hands-on study. Students interested in environmental education can work in after-school programs and Discovery Camp summer programs.

# MACALESTER COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Macalester College has shown its commitment to addressing climate change by adopting a campus-wide Sustainability Plan under which all the college's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint are organized. The plan focuses on three main areas—leadership, operations, and education—and outlines goals and strategies for building, energy, landscaping, paper use, purchasing, recycling/waste, storm water management, transportation, and water conservation. These focuses helped Macalester achieve an unprecedented 62 percent waste-diversion rate. Macalester's LEED Platinum Markim Hall made Macalester the first college or university in Minnesota to achieve this impressive rating. Several other construction projects currently in the works or recently completed have also incorporated green building features. Indeed, all new construction or major renovations on campus are to meet the Minnesota B3 guidelines or seek LEED Silver certification. Macalester has also implemented several innovative programs designed to build enthusiasm among community members for the college's sustainability efforts. Among them: preferred parking is available for carpools and low-emitting vehicles, and free coffee is provided on a biweekly basis to any college community member who bikes, walks, or buses to work. The MacFreeSwap, Food Waste as Pig Food, and Move-Out Waste Reduction Program are other programs that have helped Macalester College earn a Minnesota Waste Wise Leader Award. Macalester's Environmental Studies department serves as the primary academic component of Macalester's sustainability efforts. The interdisciplinary department supports sustainability on campus through courses, events, internships, study abroad programs, and student projects, among others.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	33
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,411
# of applicants	3,683
% of applicants accepted	71
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–625
Range SAT Math	510–640
Range SAT Writing	460–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$35,950
Required fees	\$150
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	22
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	62
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	<1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,005
# of applicants	6,030
% of applicants accepted	37
Range SAT Critical Reading	630–740
Range SAT Math	640–730
Range SAT Writing	630–720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,472
Required fees	\$221
Room and board	\$9,726
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.5

# MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Maharishi University of Management (MUM) is home to a facility described by the Associated Press as “the ultimate green building.” Completed in April 2012, this “building that teaches” will house the Sustainable Living program and will generate its own electricity, heating, cooling and water. It’s a perfect complement to the university’s four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Sustainable Living. The Sustainable Living program recently added a new focus: micro-enterprise as a tool for hands-on experience and job preparedness. In one case, students worked to complete an off-the-grid biodiesel production facility that will open in the near future. The station will reduce waste on campus by turning used cooking oil from the cafeteria into fuel for co-op members! A composting facility has been constructed and is now a student run micro-enterprise that employs three people. The methodology is based on Dr. Elaine Ingham’s method of microscopically monitored thermal composting. Students in this track will also have the opportunity to intern at the famous Rodale Institute. In addition to these new developments, much of the produce in the vegetarian, 97 percent organic, campus cafeteria is still provided by the university farm. One hundred percent of food scraps from the dining hall are composted, a project that has created 75 tons of soil over the course of only three and a half years. A system of single-stream recycling stations and dumpsters in dorms and on campus further increases the volume of the school’s waste diverted from landfills. Additionally, MUM filed an ambitious Climate Action Plan to reduce carbon emissions and target 100 percent of electricity used on campus from renewable sources by 2017.

# MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Students who attend Marquette University will find opportunities to engage and support environmental sustainability throughout campus, from the classroom to their dorm room and everywhere in between. Sustainability has been integrated throughout the university’s curriculum, including an interdisciplinary minor in environmental ethics through the college of Arts and Sciences, an established chair in secure and renewable energy systems in the College of Engineering, and water law courses offered by Marquette Law School. Sustainability is also promoted through numerous student groups, including Students for an Environmentally Active Campus (SEAC). Students can also take advantage of alternative transportation as all fulltime undergraduates receive a pass providing unlimited rides on Milwaukee County buses, and the university offers a car share program. Marquette has invested \$7 million to improve its energy efficiency and water systems, reducing annual energy use by more than 1.5 million kilowatt hours and annual water consumption by about 13.5 million gallons. Meanwhile, excess steam from the local power company provides 90 percent of the heating on campus. The university also implemented single-stream recycling and has a 30 percent waste-diversion rate. Marquette University is also a member of the U.S. Green Building Council. In the past few years, Marquette has had two new buildings and a renovated building become LEED-certified and is currently seeking certification on five additional projects.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	95
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	199
# of applicants	126
% of applicants accepted	41
Average HS GPA	3.61

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,000
Required fees	\$430
Room and board	\$7,400
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	33
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,195
# of applicants	22,354
% of applicants accepted	57
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	530–650
Range SAT Writing	520–630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,400
Required fees	\$422
Room and board	\$10,340
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.6

# MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Marywood University's mission seeks to "prepare students to seek sustainable solutions for the common good and educate global citizens to live responsibly in an interdependent world." The university recently unveiled a new strategic plan, which focuses on three sustainability objectives: green building, waste-diversion through recycling, and smarter energy (both reducing consumption and increasing the production of renewable energy). To emphasize green building, the school has mandated that all new construction or renovations must be LEED-certified. Marywood's new Center for Architectural Studies achieved LEED Gold thanks in part to its vegetated green roof, storm water management system, bamboo desk tops, and innovative "chilled beam" technology for radiant cooling. To cut down on waste, a number of initiatives have been implemented including a new cell phone recycling program and a new plastic bag policy in the bookstore, which keeps 120,000 plastic bags out of landfills each year. Dining Services has moved to trayless dining (a proven method for reducing water consumption, energy consumption, and food waste), while also committing to purchasing local and organic foods whenever possible. The campus derives more than 10 percent of its energy demand from renewable sources, thanks, in part, to a recently installed wind turbine on campus. The Career Center provides plenty of tools for students seeking a green job, including green internship and full-time job opportunities listed right on their website. As if all of this weren't enough, Marywood is intent on bringing sustainability initiatives to its community through its Sustainability Series, which aims to address the pressing sustainability issues of the region.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	10
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,190
# of applicants	2,203
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.21
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-560
Range SAT Math	480-570
Range SAT Writing	460-560

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.5
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# MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

MIT adopted a formal institutional policy on environment, health, and safety (EHS). The EHS Office and others help to raise awareness about chemical safety, environmental stewardship, and recycling practices with stellar results: MIT's waste-diversion rate is 47 percent, and recent building demolition projects have recycled 96 percent of their waste. MIT also generates much of the power it uses through the Cogeneration Plant, a 20-megawatt gas turbine that uses its own waste heat to produce power. MIT has also established "MIT Efficiency Forward," which seeks to reduce electrical use by 34 million kilowatt hours—about 15 percent of MIT's current electrical use. This \$14 million initiative will save more than \$50 million in cost over the next ten years! Further, a new laboratory and administration building were both recently certified LEED Gold. They use 35 and 45 percent less energy, respectively, than buildings of proportionate size. Another inspiring undertaking is the MIT Energy Initiative, which "includes research, education, campus energy management and outreach activities that cover all areas of energy supply and demand, security and environmental impact." This initiative recently funded a vast array of student energy projects, including on-campus campaigns for energy and heat conservation; design and development of a thermoelectric device, including testing its compatibility with the Cogeneration Plant; and building a demonstration solar dish concentrator and installing it on campus. With several environmentally focused student groups, top technical training, and opportunities for pioneering research, MIT is a great place to go green.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,285
# of applicants	16,632
% of applicants accepted	10
Range SAT Critical Reading	670-760
Range SAT Math	740-800
Range SAT Writing	670-770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,770
Required fees	\$272
Room and board	\$11,775
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.1

# MESSIAH COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Messiah College, located just miles from Pennsylvania's capital city, has begun to establish itself as a capital for sustainability in its own right. A signatory of the ACUPCC, Messiah has been educating students about environmental stewardship and ethics for more than 40 years. And sustainability isn't just an empty buzzword on campus—it's a way of life! Every first-year student is required to take a core course that significantly covers the human role in caring for the natural world. Students aren't the only ones who do their parts, though. Messiah College's Facility Services recycles and composts waste and partners with Information Technology Services (ITS) to manage computer energy usage, which contributes to both an environmentally friendly campus and a solid energy savings. Speaking of an appreciation for the natural environment, students run the Grantham Community Garden (Community Supported Agriculture), to complement the unique Sunflower Power Project: a full cycle of growing sunflowers, pressing and processing the seeds into oil for the dining hall and recycling the used oil into biodiesel fuel. While students enjoy the natural beauty of an ecofriendly campus, they can simultaneously prepare themselves as leaders of tomorrow. Aside from joining several student clubs such as the EarthKeepers, they can absorb experience from both sustainability-related research, internships, and of course the course work that goes along with the college's interdisciplinary BA in sustainability studies with concentrations in sustainable agriculture, urban and community development, and environmental policy. After all, Messiah College encourages students to respect and care for creation.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	19
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	18
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	21

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,751
# of applicants	3,154
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.71
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	520–640
Range SAT Writing	500–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$28,640
Required fees	\$820
Room and board	\$8,760
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.7

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Green might be the color of Spartan pride, but it also stands for something else at Michigan State University: dedication and dollars. MSU puts its money where its mouth is when it comes to its commitment to sustainability. Recently, MSU joined the Better Buildings Challenge, a national energy-efficiency initiative, where they committed to helping U.S. buildings become 20 percent more efficient by 2020. As if that weren't impressive enough, MSU's Recycling Center and Surplus Store, a \$13.3 million LEED Gold building, has expanded recycling efforts to 553 buildings on campus. This has helped the university achieve 36 percent reduction in waste. MSU earned a STARS Silver rating in 2012. Further, the Secchia Center of MSU's College of Human Medicine, with its photovoltaic electricity-generating glass, has achieved LEED Gold. To reduce the impact of transportation on the 5,200-acre campus, the Capital Area Transit Authority currently operates seven forty-foot hybrid buses and three sixty-foot articulating hybrid buses on MSU's campus, while MSU's own fleet has increased hybrids to sixty-nine vehicles. The university maintains a bike fleet and service center that was recently named a Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists. Students interested in learning about sustainability issues inside the classroom can take advantage of the many sustainability-related majors, programs, and specializations available on campus.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	36,276
# of applicants	28,416
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–600
Range SAT Math	540–670
Range SAT Writing	450–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,203
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$31,148
Room and board	\$8,154
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	64

# MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Middlebury College takes its commitment to sustainability seriously, as evidenced by a trustees' resolution that mandates that the college will achieve carbon neutrality by 2016. Additionally, Middlebury is advancing the cause of sustainability on campus through the recent completion of a \$12 million biomass gasification system (or, more simply put, a furnace that burns renewable wood chips), which will reduce carbon emissions on campus by 40 percent and oil consumption by a whopping one million gallons. The school looks to make "ethical and just decisions about production, exchange, and consumption," while "meeting present and future human needs while protecting and restoring ecological resilience and integrity." In 2011, Middlebury College became a member of the Founding Circle for the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge," which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. On top of that, the college's (gorgeous) Franklin Environmental Center at Hillcrest achieved LEED Platinum certification, making it the first building in Vermont to do so, and the seventh nationwide. Middlebury is just as dedicated to instilling a commitment to green living in students as it is to building a greener campus. The college promotes environmental internships and job opportunities through events like the annual Careers in the Common Good Week, which has "dedicated speaker panels, skill-building workshops, and featured employer information sessions with [an] emphasis on environmental careers and advice." Middlebury has also sent a team of students to participate in the Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon which challenges college students to "design, and build solar-powered houses that are attractive, cost-effective, and energy-efficient." Their house took 4th place overall, debuting on the mall in Washington, D.C., along with 18 other houses.

# MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located in the fertile farmland of Lancaster County, Millersville University takes full advantage of the bounty of local and organic food. The school has partnered with Oregon Dairy Organics and Edie Waste Systems to develop a recycling program to convert organic waste into high-quality compost to benefit local townships, citizens, farmers and water quality. The goal is to recycle 70 percent of organic waste within the university's Dining and Conference Services. One of the academic resources is Millersville University Center for Environmental Sciences (MUCES), which is dedicated to research and education relating to the understanding, management and protection of the natural resources of the lower Susquehanna River region. The Center promotes natural resource conservation and enhances the quality of life of citizens by being an intellectual resource to the regional community and an active partner with the private, governmental and nonprofit sectors in environmental protection and stewardship. Millersville also measures its carbon footprint with Sightlines to catalogue its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. To date Millersville University has spent \$3,000,000 on various energy conservation measures throughout campus, resulting in significant reduction in electricity consumption and associated greenhouse gases. Additionally, a whopping 50 percent of the campus grounds are maintained organically. Millersville has had a mandatory recycling policy since 1990. The recycling program provides for the separation and recycling of paper, cardboard, glass and aluminum.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	28
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share,	
preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or	
certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,474
# of applicants	8,533
% of applicants accepted	18
Range SAT Critical Reading	640-740
Range SAT Math	650-740
Range SAT Writing	650-760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$53,420
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or	
certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,536
# of applicants	6,974
% of applicants accepted	58
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-560
Range SAT Math	480-570
Range SAT Writing	450-550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,428
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,070
Required fees	\$2,172
Room and board	\$8,834
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	64.7

# MILLS COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Mills College in Oakland, California, recycling is a top priority. The college reuses or recycles more than 60 percent of its waste, and the school is aiming to improve that number to 100 percent. To that end, every residential room has a recycling bin and compost bins are available on each floor. The main dining hall, Founders Commons, throws away only 3 percent of its waste. Mills is also committed to sustainable building practices. All new buildings are built to meet LEED Silver standards or higher. The new Betty Irene Moore Natural Sciences Building has achieved LEED Platinum and features a rainwater collection system, solar panels on the roof, and native, drought-tolerant plants in its courtyards. Additionally, the state-of-the-art Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business building earned LEED Gold. Public transportation is central to life on campus. The Mills shuttle connects students with local transit, and the school runs a web-based carpool system for students making longer trips. The school is restoring two water bodies on campus, Leona Creek and Lake Aliso, and hosts an annual Creek to Bay Day to raise awareness of environmental issues on campus and around Oakland. A student group, Earth CORPS, works with the administration to lead environmental initiatives on campus. Earth CORPS organized the Trayless Dining Days campaign which led to a fully trayless campus, significantly reducing food waste. In addition the students have been instrumental in implementing Power Down Days that encourage staff, students, and faculty to conserve energy. The on-campus Botanic Garden is a living laboratory and a part of the biology department. The community garden grows organic produce which is sourced to the campus dining halls.

# MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY (NJ)

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Monmouth University is “Where Leaders Look Forward”—and the university itself is setting a great example with its forward-thinking perspective on sustainability. Monmouth University maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Environmental Protection Agency to act as “an environmental steward that pledges to reduce its carbon footprint and generally contribute to a better environment.” The university received public recognition for its efforts in green building, water use reduction, transportation, and renewable energy from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. So what exactly is Monmouth University doing to get all of this attention? Well, Monmouth installed massive solar photovoltaic arrays on four university buildings (more than 450 kilowatt worth of energy production—equivalent to planting 106 acres of trees or not driving for 940,561 miles!). This, along with a certified green energy purchase agreement with Hess, currently ensures that 12 percent of the energy consumed by the university is derived from renewable sources. The university also doubled-downed announcing that it will install solar panels on an additional seven campus buildings under a power purchase agreement. The university has also established a Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC), comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators that “promotes environmental awareness & encourages the development of an environmentally responsible & sustainable campus community.” Thanks to the SAC’s sustainability initiatives, the campus has achieved an impressive 31 percent waste-diversion rate and maintains 60 percent of the campus grounds organically. For students looking to get their hands dirty, Monmouth University has an active Environmental Club and a student-run chapter of NJPIRG Energy Corps—both serve to promote sustainability on campus and in the community.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	60
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal bus transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	yes
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	60
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	949
# of applicants	2,351
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.59
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–660
Range SAT Math	510–620
Range SAT Writing	530–640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,850
Required fees	\$1,230
Room and board	\$12,340
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	24
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share	yes
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	33
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	42
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,652
# of applicants	6,491
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.40
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–560
Range SAT Math	500–580
Range SAT Writing	500–580

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$29,082
Required fees	\$628
Room and board	\$10,802
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	47.3

# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Montclair State University (MSU) became the first university in the nation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency. The agreement commits MSU to incorporating green policies and activities into all university planning and operations, including the use of green building, alternative energy, large-scale recycling, and environmental conservation. MSU also launched the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies, with a grant from the PSEG Foundation. The Institute helps train the next generation of scientists and decision-makers in interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach curriculum to address sustainability issues and serves as a resource for local, state, and federal agencies and the community. University Hall is already LEED-certified and all new buildings are required to seek LEED Silver certification. The Student Recreation Center and the John J. Cali School of Music are in the process of becoming certified. MSU instituted a campus-wide recycling program and built in mandatory use of green products into its recently awarded housekeeping contract (more than 94 percent of products used are Green Seal-certified). MSU is advancing the cause of environmental sustainability by offering the only doctoral program in Environmental Management in the state of New Jersey; hosting the Passaic River Institute dedicated to the clean-up and study of the Passaic River; and having the first aerobic food composter on a college campus in New Jersey. MSU also has a 100 kilowatt solar field at its New Jersey School of Conservation at Stokes State Forest and is constructing a 200 kilowatt solar field on campus that will provide electricity for a residence hall. MSU's career guidance offers counseling for students interested in green jobs, linking students with service learning and co-op internship opportunities that incorporate a green experience.

# NAROPA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

From zero-waste student orientations to doubling their recycling infrastructure, Naropa is a school that's serious about going green. All bathroom paper towels are composted, as well as all food scraps from Naropa Café—in fact, the composting system has grown tenfold in recent years. Naropa is strict about holding itself accountable for environmental progress. The university even conducts weekly trash audits to find opportunities for further waste reduction. Every student is provided with a bus pass for local and regional travel, and 120 bicycles are available on campus, for use by the community. The campus maintenance crews skip gasoline during the spring and summer months, using biodiesel fuel instead. Many visitors to Naropa's campuses are impressed by the university's green landscaping. On its Parmita campus, a parking lot was transformed into a green space with an onsite weather station that waters the lawn only when necessary and delivers water directly to the plant roots, preventing almost all evaporation. Naropa operates entirely on wind power Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). If that doesn't blow you away, gardens on campus provide food to the café and plants for landscaping, and serves as a catalyst for working on insurance issues using homegrown foods. The university's dining services purchases exclusively local and organic products. Naropa is a hotbed of environmental events, including a popular speaker series and Campus Sustainability Day, a celebration with music and organic food from local farms. The university offers a BA in environmental studies as well as twelve minors in subjects ranging from horticulture to sacred ecology.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	88
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for car-pools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,367
# of applicants	12,584
% of applicants accepted	57
Average HS GPA	3.20
Range SAT Critical Reading	440-530
Range SAT Math	460-550
Range SAT Writing	450-540

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,690
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,438
Required fees	\$2,956
Room and board	\$10,962
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	56.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	100
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	464
# of applicants	139
% of applicants accepted	93
Average HS GPA	3.03

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,510
Required fees	\$160
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87.7



# THE NEW SCHOOL

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located in the heart of New York City, The New School seeks to catalyze change by preparing students to succeed in an increasingly complex world. Studying design, social sciences, the arts, and interdisciplinary fields such as environmental studies, urban studies, and global studies. New School undergraduates are keenly aware of pressures facing the global urban environment and pursue opportunities to do something about it. As one of the first institutions to sign up for Mayor Michael Bloomberg's University Challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent by 2017, all of The New School's direct-pay electricity is offset by renewable energy credits from wind power. The New School is looking to increase energy efficiency through lighting retrofits, HVAC commissioning and upgrades, and is building a 365,000-square-foot University Center striving for LEED Gold, which will serve as a locus for student engagement with cutting-edge sustainability practices. Compost is collected and biodegradable plates and cutlery are used in all cafeterias, which serve locally produced/organic foods. Each year, the Office of Career Development hosts "Careers with a Conscience" on environmentally responsible occupations. Faculty research in sustainability management, urban agriculture, and forestry, informs the curriculum while the Tishman Environment and Design Center serves as a crossroads for collaborations on environmental research projects. Multiple student-run organizations focus on environmental issues, like Renew School, an organization that brings students together to work on campus sustainability projects with the Office for Sustainability.

# NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The largest private university in the United States is prioritizing sustainability. New York University has institutionalized its commitment to improving environmental performance and fostering a campus culture of sustainability in a dense urban environment. NYU's sustainability staff is dedicated to carrying out infrastructural change to transform the city and surrounding community with the help of dedicated student, staff and faculty volunteers. NYU has cut total energy use by 30 percent in the past five years. In 2007, NYU accepted Mayor Bloomberg's challenge to reduce emissions by 30 percent in ten years, and accomplished the goal six years early in 2011. The launch of NYU's high-efficiency cogeneration plant helps to further reduce NYU's emissions. NYU's Green Grants program awards funding to NYU students, faculty and staff to conduct research, educate the community or reduce the university's environmental impact. For example, Kimmel Herberman explores the idea of growing edible plants on campus. The Green Grant-funded NYU Bike Share is now a free, fully institutionalized program with more than 1,000 members and ten locations across campus. Most dining halls are trayless, and leftover food is donated to local food banks. Student engagement programs run year-round, from Orientation to Earth Month and support more than a dozen different green campus groups. The Sustainability Task Force is made up of volunteers from across the university who develop policy, implement projects and set long-term sustainability goals; and the Advocate Program consists of staff volunteers who engage the broader NYU community by educating their colleagues about making environmentally preferable choices.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	82
Available transportation alternatives:	
secure indoor and outdoor bike parking, easy access to NYC's subway and bus system	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	70
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,775
# of applicants	7,168
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.32
Range SAT Critical Reading	490-620
Range SAT Math	490-620
Range SAT Writing	500-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,508
Required fees	\$860
Room and board	\$15,090
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.1

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, guaranteed ride home, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,820
# of applicants	41,243
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	630-720
Range SAT Math	630-740
Range SAT Writing	640-730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,878
Required fees	\$2,326
Room and board	\$16,133
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94

# NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The mission for sustainability at North Carolina State University is “to engage the students, faculty members, staff, and university partners in preparing for a more sustainable future.” The administration has grown the Sustainability Office and Energy Management Office in terms of both staff members and resources. The Campus Environment Sustainability Team (CEST) is the group responsible for developing and implementing the sustainability strategic plan on campus. While CEST members are appointed, any member of the NC State community has the opportunity to participate in CEST’s decision-making process through public work groups. NC State is a signatory of the ACUPCC and has completed their Climate Action Plan. Additionally, the university has committed to a LEED Silver policy on all newly constructed buildings. NC State is home to one of the oldest academic departments of Forestry and Environmental Resources in the country, offering a wide range of specific concentrations like Impact Assessment, Environmental Technology, and Watershed Hydrology. Recently, the university created a new interdisciplinary major and minor as well as courses in Environmental Sciences. In partnership with NC A&T University and the State Department of Agricultural and Consumer services, NC State established the Center for Environmental Farming Systems at a working farm facility. There are also several student organizations dedicated to sustainability efforts, such as the Student Government Sustainability Commission, Wolfpack Environmental Student Association, and Net Impact. Lastly, events on campus have the opportunity to become “Certified Wolfpack Green,” which provides standards and incentives intended to encourage event planners to think green in all aspects of their project.

# NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

North Central College in Illinois isn’t just going green—it’s going Cardinal Green. And it’s headed there in style, just like its namesake. The campus is home to a robust alternative transportation program and now the college’s fleet features two electric vehicles. Participants in North Central’s bike-sharing program can rent their Cardinal Red Cruiser Bikes for up to an entire term. One of the most exciting sustainable developments on North Central’s campus, however, has to be the college’s new residence hall/recreation center (so-called “Res/Rec” Center). The 400-bed facility is wrapped around a 100,000-square-foot recreation center, giving new meaning to the term “center court.” By building one structure instead of two, the campus minimized loss of campus green space. Even more impressive, the building has achieved LEED Silver. The college launched an expanded “Recycle Right” recycling program on campus to support its green initiatives. A red refillable bottle program is designed to help reduce plastic foam cup waste on campus, and bottles are distributed for free to North Central students, faculty, and staff. Best of all, red bottles receive a special price on refills in campus dining areas. Campus dining also supports sustainability in a few ways, including the Community Garden Project developed to educate students about locally grown healthy food options, donating their used oil and grease to on-campus “green” diesel research, and a new composting program estimated to compost nearly forty tons of food scraps per year. The Career Center on campus assists students in locating green jobs on a case-by-case basis. Students and faculty engage in independent research in the area of sustainability, and student clubs promote environmental awareness on campus through education programs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	24,833
# of applicants	20,435
% of applicants accepted	50
Average HS GPA	4.37
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–630
Range SAT Math	580–670
Range SAT Writing	520–620

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,748
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,913
Required fees	\$2,040
Room and board	\$8,414
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	14
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	5
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,755
# of applicants	3,987
% of applicants accepted	60.2
Average HS GPA	3.58

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$30,891
Required fees	\$180
Room and board	\$8,883
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.2

# NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Northeastern University (NU) believes “all individuals and institutions share responsibility for taking action to create a sustainable environment.” Since 1990, carbon dioxide emissions/1,000 square feet were reduced nearly 25 percent despite 40 percent growth in square footage. Since 2005, emissions/square foot have been reduced 33 percent. Over the past few years, Northeastern saved nearly 11 million kilowatt hours of electricity, in the past three years implemented more than sixty different energy efficiency projects, and every building on campus has undergone an energy-related renovation or retrofit. Sustainability represents one of Northeastern’s three major research areas and is fully integrated into over 100 academic courses and experiential learning and co-op programs. Northeastern, is developing new programs that advance sustainability into Career Services and International Co-op programming. Over 8.5 percent of building square footage under University operational control is now LEED Gold. International Village (IV), NU’s new 1,200 bed mixed-use dorm/office building, has achieved LEED Gold; IV is the first college/university dining facility in the United States to earn LEED Gold certification as well as become Green Restaurant® 3-star certified. Northeastern’s newest building, the George T. Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security, has demand control ventilation and reduced lighting power density. “Compost Here” results in nearly 660 tons annually of composted dining hall service and catered food waste. All dining halls offer a local food initiative. An aggressive recycling program in existence for over twenty years includes more than fifteen different categories of collected items and an annual waste-diversion rate of nearly 42 percent. A Sustainability and Green Science Living Learning Community is offered through Sustainable Service, a Residential Life-based sustainability programming initiative.

# NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“True Blue is on its way to Green!” Northern Arizona University is home to nine LEED buildings, including the LEED Platinum Applied Research and Development building that has been named the “Greenest Building in Higher Education” by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. In addition, NAU is planning and building for a sustainable future. By signing the ACUPCC, President John D. Haeger is leading NAU towards establishing a Carbon Neutral Campus by 2020. The Office of Sustainability, which was created in order to ensure this goal is realized, is working collaboratively with students across campus to implement sustainable practices. Campus initiatives that are contributing to this goal include the No Impact Jack Sustainable Living Certificate Program, the Student Sustainability Ambassadors Program, Green NAU, the Environmental Caucus, and the President’s Coordinating Committee for Campus Sustainability. The use of reclaimed water for irrigation and toilet flushing offset domestic water use on the NAU campus by 76,141,101 gallons. The custodial department has transitioned to 100 percent Green cleaning products and utilizes toilet paper and paper towels made from recycled material. The NAU Mountain Link Public Transit carries hundreds of students, staff, and faculty across campus and into the larger Flagstaff community every day free of charge.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	36
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	6.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	16,385
# of applicants	43,255
% of applicants accepted	35
Range SAT Critical Reading	610–700
Range SAT Math	640–730
Range SAT Writing	600–700

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,840
Required fees	\$412
Room and board	\$13,220

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	86
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,648
# of applicants	31,995
% of applicants accepted	65
Average HS GPA	3.40
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–590
Range SAT Math	480–590
Range SAT Writing	460–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,453
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$20,808
Required fees	\$818
Room and board	\$8,784
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70.4

# NORTHLAND COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Northland College isn't just meeting sustainability standards—it's setting them. A Silver STARS rated institution, Northland recently became a member of the Founding Circle for the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge," which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. After becoming an ACUPCC signatory, the college formally committed to obtaining LEED Silver certification on all new buildings on campus. In 1971, the college built a commitment to green into the curriculum when it added an environmental focus to its liberal arts mission. Students can take classes in subjects ranging from Sustainable Business to Sustainable Agriculture. The faculty emphasizes experiential learning opportunities through student-organized conferences on organic farming and initiatives to promote locally grown food in the dining halls. Northland has taken aggressive steps to reduce energy consumption on campus. The college has two wind towers, geothermal heat in the campus center and library, and furniture made from recycled materials. Solar panels are visible around campus, including a student-installed panel at the Presidents' house. The Strawbale Energy Demonstration Lab is powered by a wind turbine and photovoltaic array, and heated by the sun. A revamped bike-sharing service, along with free student bus passes, have helped mitigate the high vehicle emissions most rural universities emit. Northland's dining services is a model of green eating. It offers sustainably harvested seafood, organic and fair-trade options, free-range meat, and plenty of non-meat options for hungry vegetarians and vegans. Dining services also purchases produce from Northland's on-campus garden and greenhouse. Work-study students compost food scraps for use in the campus garden.

# NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Northwestern University's official school color is purple, but that doesn't mean the school doesn't know how to be green. Five of the last six major construction projects at Northwestern were awarded LEED Gold, and the sixth achieved LEED Silver. All current constructions and renovations are aiming for LEED Gold as well. The Ford Engineering Design Center has a solar PV array to provide seventeen kilowatts of green power. Northwestern is a leader in renewable energy, purchasing 30 percent of the university's energy from wind energy. This has led Northwestern to be ranked 6th nationally by the Green Power Partnership. Northwestern has had a large recycling program for over twenty years, and annually recycles 30 percent of the waste produced on campus. Northwestern's gorgeous main campus is 240 acres—most of which is maintained organically—and sits on the shores of Lake Michigan. With this nature surrounding them, it isn't a surprise that the students work to protect the environment. Sustainability in the curriculum and in research are a priority, four years ago Northwestern established ISEN, the Initiative for Energy and Sustainability at Northwestern, which supports sustainability and energy research and courses and offers an undergraduate certificate in sustainability. The school's cafeterias consider sustainability a priority, and have made long strides to reduce energy and water, increase recycling, and serve sustainable and healthy foods. Students who are looking towards future careers in green industries will find plenty of help at career services, where they can even schedule one-on-one appointments for a specialist in green jobs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share, ride share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	17
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	519
# of applicants	644
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.30
Range SAT Critical Reading	435-578
Range SAT Math	423-568
Range SAT Writing	443-575

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,622
Required fees	\$946
Room and board	\$7,150
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
light-rail (metra), commuter rail (CTA) bike-share, EV parking, preferred parking for low emitting/hybrid vehicles, car-share, hybrid-diesel intracampus shuttle	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	38
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	85

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,485
# of applicants	25,369
% of applicants accepted	27
Range SAT Critical Reading	670-750
Range SAT Math	690-780
Range SAT Writing	670-760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,840
Required fees	\$383
Room and board	\$12,240
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.4

# OBERLIN COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Oberlin College was one of the first four institutions of higher learning in the nation to sign the ACUPCC. In line with this, the College is actively addressing sustainability issues on campus by conducting annual greenhouse gas inventories, developing energy efficiency projects, and working to integrate sustainability into the curriculum. Currently, 31 percent of Oberlin's energy consumption comes from renewable resources, and the college has determined that all new construction and major renovation on campus will seek LEED Silver certification. The Adam Joseph Lewis Center (AJLC) for Environmental Studies is the greenest building on campus, featuring roof-mounted solar panels, recycled and environmentally friendly materials, a heating system that incorporates geothermal wells, and The Living Machine, an "ecologically-engineered system that combines elements of conventional wastewater technology with the purification processes of wetland ecosystems to treat and recycle the building's wastewater." Equally noteworthy, the college has created six experimental wetland restoration cells on the George Jones Memorial Farm. Oberlin also boasts a Green Dorm Room and Office rating system, a Free Store, composting and recycling programs, and the student-funded "Green Edge Fund" for student initiated sustainability projects. The recycling program is unique in that it focuses not just on cans, glass, and plastic, but also clothing and even carpets! Oberlin has developed a Campus Resource Monitoring System, which gives students, faculty, and administration the opportunity to monitor energy use in the dorms. The system also allows the college to hold a yearly competition to see which dorm can reduce its energy consumption—and thereby its carbon footprint—the most. First-year students who live in Robert Kahn Hall, the newest residence on campus, have pledged not to bring a car on campus and to make environmental sustainability a way of life.

# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY— COLUMBUS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio State University goes above and beyond to ensure that the buildings on its campus are operating sustainably. The university's Building Energy Auditing Program has led to 70,000 mm BTUs in annual energy savings resulting in \$2.6 million energy avoidance since its inception. The purchase of 51 million kilowatt hours of green power has reduced the university's carbon footprint by more than 30,000 MT carbon dioxide. In addition, all new construction on campus must be built to seek LEED certification. While the "All-In-One" campus recycling system has helped the school achieve a 23 percent waste-diversion rate, the "Zero Waste Stadium" initiative has reduced football stadium waste by 61.2 percent at the seventh largest stadium in the world. Dining Services has estimated trays and bags, and purchases of 27 percent of its food locally. OSU has more than 300 faculty members engaged in energy, sustainability and climate research. The Ohio State Office for Energy and the Environment facilitates research and curriculum collaborations throughout campus through multiple institutes dedicated to sustainability research. More than 100 sustainability courses are currently offered. Nearly 60 percent of Ohio State's students travel to class using alternative transportation with the aid of on-campus bus services and discounted, system-wide, public transit passes; both fleets incorporate biofuel and electric hybrid buses.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	45
Available transportation alternatives: bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	7
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	31
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,839
# of applicants	7,006
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	640–740
Range SAT Math	620–710
Range SAT Writing	640–730

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,210
Room and board	\$11,550
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	73.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	41,709
# of applicants	26,100
% of applicants accepted	63
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–660
Range SAT Math	600–700
Range SAT Writing	550–650

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.2
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# OHIO UNIVERSITY—ATHENS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio University in Athens is a big school with a lot of swagger when it comes to greening its campus. A grant totaling \$1 million tripled the size of the campus' in-vessel composting system, making it the largest at any college or university in the nation. The new system will have the capacity to accept up to four tons of waste per day. The OHIO Ecohouse demonstrates affordable green technology and sustainable living to inform, engage, and inspire campus and community members and features an organic garden and solar panels. The campus community garden will offer a tithe of the produce to local food pantries. There are dozens of faculty members whose research interests touch on sustainability issues, and many work with students. Students are busy leading their own sustainability projects through involvement in student groups like Sierra Student Coalition, Sustainable Ohio University Leaders (SOUL), and Eco Reps. To-go ware in all university dining facilities are made of compostable materials. Students are also in the process of designing and implementing a landscaping plan around the Walter International Education Center, which is currently pursuing LEED certification.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, restricting parking, dedicated bike lanes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	63
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	85

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,503
# of applicants	13,251
% of applicants accepted	86
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–600
Range SAT Math	480–590
Range SAT Writing	470–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,282
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,246
Room and board	\$10,010
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	46.4

# OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

According to Ohio Wesleyan, it is in fact easy to be green. With both the President's Task Force on Campus Sustainability and the Climate Initiative firmly in place, OWU is taking its environmental mission seriously. Armed with a grant from the DKMM Solid Waste District, the university has begun installing new recycling bins throughout the campus. Even more impressive, the Meek Aquatic and Recreation Center, a 24,300 square-foot indoor natatorium, uses a geothermal heating and cooling system. A whopping 90 geothermal wells, reaching down to a depth of 240 feet, help to moderate the facility's temperature. Moreover, Ohio Wesleyan's historic Selby Stadium is illuminated with new Light-Structure Green technology. This allows for a 50 percent energy savings and a 50 percent reduction in light spill from the previous system. Certainly not a university that's content with resting on its laurels, OWU is in the process of implementing a handful of new green initiatives. Projects include replacing campus washing machines with Energy Star-rated washers. This is anticipated to save 250,000 gallons of water annually. Further, the school's new "Dorm Move Out" program diverts discarded student materials (books, electronics, school supplies) from the trash to recycling. Undergrads are also eager to get in on the green action. Spurred by OWU's student government, undergrads excitedly participate in inter-dorm water saving competitions. Students also help maintain Ohio Wesleyan's community vegetable garden. The garden has been known to harvest such goodies as pumpkin, dill, cucumber, spinach, winter squash, watermelon, raspberries, potatoes and a variety of flowers.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,821
# of applicants	3,835
% of applicants accepted	73.6
Average HS GPA	3.49
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–620
Range SAT Math	520–640
Range SAT Writing	500–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,890
Required fees	\$260
Room and board	\$10,310
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99

# OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Old Dominion believes that “by implementing a set of commonplace, responsible, and innovative sustainability measures and values,” it can become a leader both among “other higher education institutions and in the surrounding community.” Leveraging its unique location bordering the Elizabeth River in coastal Virginia, ODU has made great strides both internally and externally to create a sustainable future. Within the campus, the university has recycled more than 1.5 million pounds of materials last year, developed a master plan for storm water pollution prevention, and arranged ecofriendly alternative transportation. It has also taken many steps towards sustainable dining. Reusable mugs, recycled materials, local produce, green cleaning products and a recently trayless format highlight some of the major features of ODU’s ecofriendly Monarch Dining Services. Construction has gone green, with all new building and major renovations required to satisfy LEED Silver standards at a minimum. Sustainable research thrives in departments such as chemistry and engineering, while other departments including biology, oceanography, and health sciences offer environmental course work. Always conscious of its beautiful surroundings, ODU collaborated with the Army Corps of Engineers to complete construction of a three-quarter-acre wetland restoration and breakwater installation adjoining the Elizabeth River. With all of the institution’s sustainable accomplishments, it’s easy to see why Old Dominion was a STARS Charter Participant. ODU’s motto is “Idea Fusion”—we can certainly vouch that collaborative sustainability is part of that.

# OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Students using one of the center’s twenty-two elliptical machines are simultaneously helping to generate power for the building, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. OSU has a history of creating innovative projects to reduce energy use and meet its goal of climate neutrality by 2025. In 2008, it won a Green Power Leadership Award from the EPA. In 2011, OSU became a member of the Founding Circle for the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. Recycling is also big on campus: The school placed first in the 2006 RecycleMania competition and today boasts an overall waste-diversion rate of 42 percent. OSU encourages students and faculty to leave their cars at home by offering secure bicycle parking and showers, an electronic ride matching system, and a campus growing up—not out. Administrators have pledged to build within existing campus boundaries, so that students can walk between classes in a maximum of ten minutes. OSU offers a degree in Ecological Engineering (among other environmentally focused majors) and operates the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. Best of all, OSU will help you put that academic knowledge into practice: it hosts a Nonprofit Career Day, with significant participation from national and local green groups. Student-organized green job events are also held throughout the year.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	23
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,881
# of applicants	10,276
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.24
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–560
Range SAT Math	460–560
Range SAT Writing	440–540

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,190
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$23,070
Required fees	\$260
Room and board	\$9,066
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	41.2

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	36
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane, electric vehicle charging stations, secure bike parking, free campus shuttle	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
or comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	13
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,812
# of applicants	12,330
% of applicants accepted	81
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–600
Range SAT Math	490–630
Range SAT Writing	460–580

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,660
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$20,844
Required fees	\$1,478
Room and board	\$10,563
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	79.3

# PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Pacific Lutheran University was the first institution of higher learning in the Northwest to sign the Talloires Declaration. The university is also part of the ACUPCC's leadership circle. But to truly grasp PLU's dedication to sustainability, one need look no further than its mission statement, which states that the university's goal is "to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care—for other persons, for their communities and for the earth." In line with this, PLU has set environmental goals for waste-diversion, the reduction of water and electricity consumption, LEED-certified buildings (three on campus already), and carbon neutrality (by 2020). Currently, 20 percent of the school's energy consumption is derived from renewable sources. PLU ensures that all printing and publication on campus is environmentally responsible by mandating the use of postconsumer water printed paper and 100 percent recycled paper for admissions materials. Dining services gets in on the action by using 25 percent of its food budget to buy local and/or organic food. It also runs the "Green Tray Program," which works to divert as much waste as possible from the landfill through active composting and recycling, the program had composted more than 74,000 gallons of food waste. An impressive 95 percent of the products that the facilities crew uses are Green Seal-certified. However, PLU's dedication to the environment doesn't stop there. As you'd expect from an educational institution whose mission includes environmental stewardship, the university provides stellar opportunities for environmental education. Several sustainability fellowships offered each year allow selected students to conduct funded research with faculty and staff on campus sustainability projects.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	70
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	45

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,133
# of applicants	3,289
% of applicants accepted	77
Average HS GPA	3.62
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–620
Range SAT Math	480–600
Range SAT Writing	480–600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,800
Room and board	\$9,620
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.1

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## —UNIVERSITY PARK

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Looking for a green job? Penn State—University Park might be the place for you. The school has launched a Green Careers Initiative designed to connect environmental leaders on campus with post-graduation opportunities. The initiative reaches out to green employers around the country and helps students choose classes and summer jobs/internships that will set them up for success in the green sector. Penn State students have plenty of opportunities to take the lead on green issues while they're still on campus. The university's American Indian Housing Initiative takes students to reservations to build sustainable housing and lead education programs. The campus is replete with LEED-certified buildings including a house called "The Morningstar" and the LEED Gold architecture building, just to cite one example. The National Energy Leadership Corps is a pilot program that teaches Penn State students to conduct energy assessments for low-income families. The Sustainable Agriculture Student Club recently opened a community garden, where club members offer classes on organic growing techniques. As one of five partners in the Greater Philadelphia Innovation Cluster (GPIC), Penn State has received a five-year, \$122 million grant to develop the Energy Innovation HUB at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia—one of the fastest growing green job parks in America. Recycling efforts on campus have really amped up over the last several years and today the university diverts 57 percent of its waste from landfills. Penn State has committed to making a 17.5 percent reduction over 2005 levels in its overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2012.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	16
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	59
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	8.8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	45
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	39,192
# of applicants	47,552
% of applicants accepted	54
Average HS GPA	3.59
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–630
Range SAT Math	560–670
Range SAT Writing	540–640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$15,562
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,864
Required fees	\$882
Room and board	\$9,690
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	54



# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located in heavenly Malibu, Pepperdine University has taken Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to heart. Since 1972, the university has been conserving millions of gallons of drinking water annually by irrigating over 99 percent of the university's grounds with recycled water. The university has achieved a 78 percent waste-diversion rate by partnering with Crown Disposal to institute a single-stream recycling program. There are initiatives in place for green waste and food waste composting, and E-waste and construction waste recycling or reuse. By providing on-campus housing for 52 percent of the students and an additional eight percent of faculty and staff, fewer people commute each day and the overall carbon footprint is reduced. For those who do commute to the campus, Pepperdine offers a Rideshare program, subsidizes public transport, and operates campus shuttles—the campus has a fleet of twenty electric vehicles. Nineteen percent of the university's energy consumption is derived from renewable sources such as geothermal, wind, solar, and biomass. Faculty members give undergrads the opportunity to get involved with research in areas such as stream habitat restoration, post-fire ecology restoration, and coastal habitat monitoring. An organic community garden provides a platform for teaching organic gardening methods and allows students, faculty, and staff to grow their own organic plants. The SEER certificate in the Graziadio School of Business and Management trains students to understand the complexities of issues such as sustainability, corporate social responsibility, and ethics and how these tie into producing a superior product that generates financial growth. Given Pepperdine's impressive record, it's no surprise that it was here, that Governor Schwarzenegger signed the historic Global Warming Solutions Act, which seeks to bring California's greenhouse gas emissions down to 1990 levels by 2020.

# PITZER COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Pitzer students donate more than 100,000 hours combined to community service annually! The Pitzer Life Residential Project is a three-phase construction project that will position the college to become the first in the nation to have all LEED Platinum or Gold mixed-use residence halls on campus (two phases down, one to go). To date, a remarkable 40 percent of the buildings on campus are LEED Platinum or Gold. Pitzer's College Council has adopted the Statement of Environmental Policy and Principles to further integrate socially and environmentally responsible practices into college operations and academics. The college offers majors in Environmental Analysis and Environmental Science, and a popular class in Environmental Justice. A number of classes include environmental labs and field research components, including an opportunity to study in Costa Rica's Firestone restoration project. The Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology at Pitzer College offers students and faculty the opportunity to conduct hands-on environmental research in one of the world's most ecologically diverse locales. The program features local collaborative resource management, a focus on human and tropical ecology, and the study of reforestation and sustainable agriculture. In fall 2012, Pitzer announced the launch of the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability, an innovative program to create the next generation of environmental changemakers. Eco Center and Garden Club are two student groups that are active on campus, and the student-operated Green Bike Program has helped ensure that 95 percent of student trips to campus are via alternative transportation. But perhaps most notably, the entire Pitzer's thirty-four-acre campus is considered to be part of the John Rodman Arboretum. Hence, students are privy to a landscape dominated by drought-tolerant, climate-appropriate and native plants.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	31
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	78
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	19
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	26
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,461
# of applicants	9,384
% of applicants accepted	32
Average HS GPA	3.65
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–650
Range SAT Math	560–680
Range SAT Writing	560–660

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	45.4
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## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	50
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	60
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	21
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	23

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,084
# of applicants	4,228
% of applicants accepted	15.7
Average HS GPA	3.9
Range SAT Critical Reading	580–710
Range SAT Math	590–680
Range SAT Writing	590–680

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,136
Required fees	\$266
Room and board	\$13,864
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.1

# PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Frost—of “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood” acclaim—lived and taught at Plymouth State University from 1911–12. The Poet Laureate’s love and respect for nature has left its mark on the university ever since. PSU is a signatory of the ACUPCC and has established an Office of Environmental Sustainability, charged with helping the campus develop a plan to meet the goals of its climate commitment. EcoHouse is the home of the Office of Environmental Sustainability, and “aims to demonstrate environmentally sustainable technology in a residential setting, to provide hands-on experiential learning opportunities to PSU students and the surrounding region, to collect and disseminate information about sustainability, and to help others live in more sustainable ways.” Upcoming EcoHouse projects will focus on reducing energy loss, improving air quality, and securing the overall structure. PSU’s Center for the Environment is home to an Environmental Research Laboratory that provides data, research, and information on the local freshwater system to state, federal, and local organizations. “All new campus construction must seek LEED Silver certification.” PSU’s Langdon Woods residence hall is already LEED Gold and was the first building in New Hampshire to receive this certification. The new Ice Arena features a “geothermal heating/cooling design to maximize energy conservation opportunities.” Plymouth also sponsors “Green for Green,” a sustainability contest where students share their sustainability ideas and compete for substantial gift certificates to the university’s bookstore.

# POMONA COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As the founding member of the five Claremont Colleges, Pomona College in California might be expected to be a green leader. The college has had an environmental policy since 2003, when strict environmental standards for new construction on campus were first implemented. That early commitment to green building continues today. All existing buildings are regularly retrofitted to improve energy efficiency in lighting, HVAC and other building systems, and the college’s new Sontag and Pomona Residence Halls are LEED Platinum. Pomona’s Environmental Analysis Program incorporates sustainability across the curriculum by offering eleven concentrations in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Student programs and campus engagement efforts include a green office certification program, green living training for all RAs and student mentors, an annual sustainability film festival, a program where students can get free drying racks, CFL light bulbs, and compost buckets. With a change to self-operated dining, the college was able to increase sustainable food purchases and became the first liberal arts college to receive Marine Stewardship Council certification. Funding is available for students to participate in a variety of sustainability-related research with faculty, both on and off campus. Additionally, a team of students and faculty were awarded the Excellence in Innovations for Sustainability award for their hand-built mobile power station “SolTrain.” Pomona for Environmental Activism and Responsibility (PEAR), the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC), Food Rescue, Green Bikes, the Organic Farm, and Clean Sweep/ReCoop are a few of the college’s sustainability-related student organizations. Together, they work on diverse projects ranging from dorm energy use competitions to running a campus bike shop and bike exchange. For students seeking to continue their sustainability work after graduation, the college’s Career Development Office offers special green sector programming during Career Week.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,315
# of applicants	5,279
% of applicants accepted	74
Average HS GPA	2.86
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–530
Range SAT Math	440–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,410
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,310
Required fees	\$2,150
Room and board	\$6,370
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	58.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	16.32
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, electric car charging stations	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	58.4
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	92

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,586
# of applicants	7,207
% of applicants accepted	14
Range SAT Critical Reading	680–780
Range SAT Math	690–770
Range SAT Writing	680–780

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,210
Required fees	\$11.8
Room and board	\$13,526
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A national leader in community-based learning, Portland State University in Oregon received the largest donation in its history, and the greenest, so to speak: \$25 million from the James F. and Maron L. Miller Foundation for research and projects with an emphasis on sustainability. Resources like that have created new opportunities for students in departments like the School of the Environment, Engineering, Urban Planning, and Social Work. Freshmen may choose to live in a Sustainability Living Learning Community, while students visiting the LEED Gold Recreation Center can generate energy on exercise equipment and flush with rainwater. Sustainability is a campus-wide learning outcome, for all undergrads. PSU offers a minor and graduate certificate in sustainability, and ISS facilitates and supports substantive transdisciplinary, policy-relevant research, dialogue, education, and outreach among and between science, business, educators, government, NGOs, and the public. The university has been incorporating sustainable practices into campus construction and renovation for some time. Eight LEED-certified buildings on campus serve as living laboratories of green design. What's next? The University EcoDistrict community initiative will put PSU students and researchers to work pioneering development standards, communication and efficiency technologies that capture and reuse energy/materials and maximize ecosystem services in an urban environment.

# PRATT INSTITUTE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Pratt Institute's reputation as a prestigious art school makes it an obvious choice for students interested in green design, and its urban campus provides exciting challenge for putting green design into practice. Pratt is rising to this challenge, with a student-facilities collaboration to design greener dorm rooms and the grand opening of LEED Gold Myrtle Hall, a new administration and academic building featuring solar panels, a green roof, water-efficient fixtures and landscaping and native plantings. Major renovations are under way on several nearby buildings and grounds to increase storm water retention and to add foliage to absorb greenhouse gases. Pratt is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and a signatory of the ACUPCC, having made a commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of its collective campuses by 30 percent between 2007 and 2017. Sustainability-focused education at Pratt abounds in the schools of architecture, art and design, liberal arts and sciences, and continuing and professional studies. The Center for Sustainable Design Studies ("CSDS") coordinates programs across academic disciplines, and is currently undertaking a list of strategic initiatives that will excite any green design geek: creating a green resource lab/drop-in clinic with research materials and student consultants on hand, developing resources for faculty to integrate sustainability into their curricula, and fostering opportunities for students to impact the Brooklyn community. Pratt CSDS students traveled to Nicaragua to lend a sustainable hand to the rural coffee farming community—in the end, it was the students who did most of the learning. The Pratt Design Incubator for Sustainable/Social Enterprise mentors recent alumni interested in starting eco-businesses.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26.4
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike rental, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37.8
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	19.1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,397
# of applicants	5,570
% of applicants accepted	80.4
Average HS GPA	3.37
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–590
Range SAT Math	460–570
Range SAT Writing	430–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,390
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$12,132
Required fees	\$1,263
Room and board	\$11,019
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
2 buses, subway, bicycles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,093
# of applicants	4,250
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.53
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–630
Range SAT Math	500–620
Range SAT Writing	510–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,282
Required fees	\$1,810
Room and board	\$11,600
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	83

# PRESCOTT COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

It's no surprise that Arizona's Prescott College "for The Liberal Arts and Environment" is a green school—just look at its surroundings. With over a million acres of national forest, 796 miles of trails, and the Grand Canyon nearby, many of the professors at Prescott are committed to experiential learning in the surrounding natural environment. Prescott offers the only PhD program in Sustainability Education in the nation. And the green curriculum isn't limited to graduate students: Prescott has a popular undergraduate program in Sustainable Community Development, in which students study how to "green" their communities. An ACUPCC signatory, the school also offers programs in Ecopsychology, Environmental Education, Agroecology, Outdoor Adventure Education, and Wilderness Leadership. Respect for the natural world, as well as specific training in sustainability, is incorporated into nearly every class (even those without a green focus). Faculty, staff, and students are eligible for a \$1,000 Seedling Award to implement a sustainability project on campus. The campus runs a community-supported agriculture program that provides students with fresh produce grown within a hundred miles of campus. In the past few years, four courses have focused on evaluating the college's carbon emissions and creating a plan to increase the use of renewable energy on campus. Green student groups are widespread; one even provides a community bicycle workspace with tools and reclaimed parts for use by any bicyclist. Prescott's Sustainability Reinvestment Fund also spurs student action and involvement. Indeed, the fund encourages students to propose their own initiatives and doles out money to help them enact their plans.

# PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

When it comes to sustainability, Princeton University won't settle for merely meeting benchmarks—it wants to exceed them. The university aims to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, even while expanding its campus by several thousand square feet. How will this ambitious goal be achieved? To begin with, all new non-laboratory buildings will strive to be at least 50 percent more energy-efficient than required by code. The university will invest \$45 million over the next ten years to cut back on utility usage on campus, and—through incentives for faculty and students—will reduce by 10 percent the number of cars coming to campus. Princeton is conserving resources in other ways as well: All residence halls have low-flow water fixtures, which the administration estimates have cut water use by 25 percent. The university only purchases post-consumer, chlorine-free recycled paper resulting in greenhouse gas savings equivalent to taking 16 cars off the road for a year. Princeton has also made an effort to address green issues in its curriculum. Since 2002, there has been a 300 percent increase in students receiving Environmental Studies certificates. Many are drawn by the university's broad array of green course offerings: more than 60 classes have a sustainability component. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in The Greening Princeton Farmers' Market, the only student-run campus farmers' market in the country! Finally, Princeton is installing a massive 5.3 megawatt photovoltaic solar array (16,500 solar panels!) generating a whopping eight million kilowatt hours annually, equivalent to powering 700 homes.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	673
# of applicants	551
% of applicants accepted	72.6
Average HS GPA	3.13
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–640
Range SAT Math	460–590
Range SAT Writing	440–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,208
Required fees	\$611
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	66
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	66

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,173
# of applicants	27,189
% of applicants accepted	8
Average HS GPA	3.89
Range SAT Critical Reading	700–790
Range SAT Math	710–800
Range SAT Writing	700–790

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,650
Room and board	\$12,630
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY— WEST LAFAYETTE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

It seems like every year Purdue is boiling up new sustainability initiatives. All campus programs have one thing in mind—minimizing the university's impact on the environment. The campus achieved an impressive 77 percent waste-diversion rate in 2011, thanks to the Dual Stream Recycling Program, which removed trash cans from all desks on campus. The program won the Indiana Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in 2011. The Purdue Memorial Union also is going green, pledging to use strictly Green Seal-certified cleaning products. Grassroots initiatives are also sprouting up thanks to a proactive student body. For instance, the Boiler Green Initiative developed Purdue's first green roof on Schleman Hall as a collaborative effort among students and faculty, and also conducted recycling during athletic games and created a current carbon inventory. Purdue's students also maintain the Purdue Energy Club, the Environmental Science Club, and the Purdue Student Sustainability Council. But even with all of these measures in place, the green treasure on this campus has to be the state-of-the-art Roger B. Gatewood Wing addition to the mechanical engineering building, which is LEED Gold. The \$34.5 million, 41,000-square-foot wing has more than doubled the size of the mechanical engineering department's space and includes Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood products, low-VOC paint, and plenty of large energy-efficient windows allowing natural light to saturate classrooms and laboratories. Another two campus buildings are under construction, Marriott Hall and the Student and Fitness Wellness Center, have been designed to achieve LEED certification as well.

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As an ACUPCC and Talloires Declaration signatory, RU has completed its greenhouse gas inventory baseline. RU has received the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star certification for five buildings, four of which are residence halls, the only university in Virginia to receive certification for residence halls. RU has partnered with the city to provide a new Radford Transit system that provides expanded service and hours around campus and beyond. Also, a new car-sharing program has expanded transportation options for campus. Energy-efficiency measures continue to keep Radford ahead of the curve, including the fact that the main campus is 100 percent digitally sub-metered for electricity, water and steam. In seven residence halls, RU has installed infrared motion sensors and magnetic window contacts that change the room temperature set points, shutting off fans and lights when the room is unoccupied. There are five LEED-registered projects on campus. There's not a building on campus without a designated recycling area. Radford University has six full-time staff members in the sustainability office with additional campus staff working directly on energy conservation and efficiency efforts. There are many student clubs that have participated in sustainability events. Most recently, the Environmental, Sociology, and Chemistry Clubs cosponsored the Fall Sustainability Movie Series which highlighted issues related to mountaintop removal, the bottled water industry, and solutions to combat greenhouse gas emissions. Students interested in more formal training can major or minor in Environmental Studies. Dining facilities are certified by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality as a Virginia Green Restaurant and presented a five course sustainability-themed meal during Sustainability week events. RU's trayless cafeteria continues to help decrease food waste and reduces the amount of water, chemicals and energy used in the cafeteria.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	3:7
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	80
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	39
% school grounds maintained organically	41

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	30,776
# of applicants	29,513
% of applicants accepted	68.3
Average HS GPA	3.6
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–610
Range SAT Math	550–690
Range SAT Writing	500–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,900
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,702
Required fees	\$572
Room and board	\$10,378
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	62.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	52
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,319
# of applicants	7,596
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.13
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–560
Range SAT Math	460–550
Range SAT Writing	440–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,702
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,826
Required fees	\$2,888
Room and board	\$7,881
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	58

# RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey advertises itself as New Jersey's Green College—and rightfully so. Located in the Pinelands National Reserve, Stockton has long been ahead of the green curve, since the college installed an ahead-of-its-time geothermal heating and cooling system to save energy for all buildings that comprised the academic complex back in 1993. The geothermal project has since expanded and provides up to 1,650 tons of cooling capacity to the campus. Stockton has signed the ACUPCC. The new Campus Center (150,000 square feet) is LEED Gold certified. It houses the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Academic Advising and the Career Center, as well as a food court, coffee shop, book store and theatre. The college in partnership with private sector developers has invested in solar energy, building a total of 2.1 MW in solar arrays on campus including rooftop installations and shade canopies over parking lots. The college recently completed an unusual Permeable Parking Lot which reduces the amount of storm water flowing off of the parking area. The college is also home to the Richard Stockton College Coastal Research Center (CRC), which functions as a teaching, training and research facility for Stockton students. For students seeking a formal green education, the college offers Bachelor's degrees in both environmental sciences and sustainability, and a professional science master's in environmental science. Campus groups like Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment, Water Watch, and the Sustainability Living/Learning Community offer students the opportunity to get involved outside the classroom as well.

# RIDER UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

"Broncs Go Green" is the driving force for sustainability initiatives on Rider University's campus, defined by the four R's: reduce, reuse, refuse (the purchase of non-sustainable goods), and recycle. Leading the effort to establish a more environmentally aware campus is Rider's Energy and Sustainability Steering Committee (ESSC). The ESSC has completed two greenhouse gas inventories, a climate neutrality plan, and had input on the sustainable features included in a recently completed LEED Silver residence hall on campus. North Hall, completed in Summer 2011, is currently seeking LEED Silver certification. A guiding principle of Rider's Energy and Sustainability Master Plan is to increase and strengthen student involvement. Students have the opportunity to join organizations like Eco-Reps, Greeks Go Green, and Sustainable Rider, or take courses with an environmental focus, and participate in research projects. Importantly, Rider also offers a Sustainability minor. Rider's Master Plan also commits the school to producing "energy cost savings, environmental benefits, health benefits, and educational and leadership opportunities." Already Rider's procurement policy has led to 80 percent of the school's cleaning products being Green Seal-certified. Rider University has an e-rideshare program as well as a WeCar program to reduce automobile emissions. Rider, in partnership with PSE&G, has completed a 740 kilowatt solar array. Finally, the university has acquired a honeybee hive and built a thriving community garden.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	60
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus service, bike share, shuttle to train station	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	68

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,516
# of applicants	6,195
% of applicants accepted	57
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-570
Range SAT Math	500-600
Range SAT Writing	470-570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,948
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,341
Required fees	\$4,374
Room and board	\$10,796
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	53

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,504
# of applicants	7,947
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.27
Range SAT Critical Reading	460-570
Range SAT Math	480-580
Range SAT Writing	460-570

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,820
Required fees	\$600
Room and board	\$12,340
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.7

# ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Rochester Institute of Technology is known for being on the cutting edge of innovation. RIT's Committee for Sustainable Practices was established to advise the campus on environmental issues, policies, procedures, and curricular activities, and to partner with public officials and local environmental groups on sustainability initiatives. RIT's president, William Destler, has signed the ACUPCC, ensuring that the institute will have a formal plan for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions on campus. To further these efforts, RIT has determined that all new construction projects will seek, at minimum, LEED Silver certification. There are currently two projects seeking LEED Gold, one seeking LEED Silver, and The Golisano Institute for Sustainability is seeking LEED Platinum. These are in addition to the LEED Gold College of Applied Science and Technology Building and the LEED Platinum University Services Center already on campus. The recently completed University Services center has achieved LEED Platinum certification upon its completion. RIT has also put together a \$38 million heating and cooling plant replacement project that will go a long way toward reducing campus emissions and improving overall energy efficiency. The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute is headquartered at RIT. The institute founded the Golisano Institute for Sustainability, which is committed to advancing education and research in sustainability. Lastly, RIT has taken sustainability to a new height as solar panels developed in RIT's labs were launched on the final mission of the space shuttle.

# ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Students lead the way down the long green mile at Roger Williams University. Most prominent are the Eco-Reps, a team of twelve residential students who are tasked with raising awareness about sustainability issues among students at the university. These peer leaders handle everything from promoting university recycling procedures to all incoming freshman to educating the campus community about what they can do to assist in the university's efforts to recycle, conserve energy, and reduce water waste. The university also does its part by incorporating the ideas of sustainability into all aspects of the university's administration. All future renovation and new construction on campus will seek LEED Silver certification, and a Recycling and Sustainability Committee comprised of faculty, staff, and student members has set an impressive goal to increase residence hall recycling by 20 percent. Professors who practice sustainability-related research in and out of the classroom provide opportunities for students to conduct independent research projects on environmental issues. Recently the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs awarded \$96,798 to RWU to support an initiative to create an Interdisciplinary Sustainability Study Abroad Program in the Republic of Turkey. The new program would partner RWU with prestigious educational institutions in Turkey to collaborate on issues related to urbanization, pollution remediation, green building design and construction, renewable energy, and public policy, and in the process give students a global perspective on sustainability.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	34
Available transportation alternatives:	
free campus shuttle, bike lockers and shower facilities, restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	43
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,853
# of applicants	16,353
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-650
Range SAT Math	570-680
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,784
Required fees	\$474
Room and board	\$10,800
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	92.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	80
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,297
# of applicants	8,561
% of applicants accepted	61
Average HS GPA	3.21
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-590
Range SAT Math	520-600
Range SAT Writing	500-590

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$25,968
Required fees	\$1,750
Room and board	\$12,140
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	62.6

# ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With campus colors of green and white, and named for a presidential couple who made serious humanitarian contributions, all signs point to Roosevelt University as an academic pillar for sustainability. And, just like its namesakes, the university has put a plan of action into place to get things done. Focusing on future green construction, Roosevelt University is participating in the Illinois Higher Education Sustainability Compact, which includes a five-year plan to seek LEED Gold certification. Roosevelt's new downtown Chicago Vertical campus building and its new Field House building are both designed to LEED Silver standards, to complement the school's Schaumburg campus, which recently underwent a landscape development project committed to ensuring a sustainable environment. An EPA Green Power Partner, AASHE member, and USGBC Member, Roosevelt University is proud to report that at least 70 percent of its energy consumption is derived through renewable resources, and 100 percent of its green power use is third-party certified. Students aren't left out—science and environmental studies faculty facilitate in expertise consulting with a recycling program, compost, food selection, native plants, seed collection, and tree cataloging. Plus, Roosevelt offers two bachelor's degree programs—a BA and a BPS—in the sustainability areas. Considering all of its sustainability-related achievements, it's no shock to hear Roosevelt University was recently recognized with a Bronze Award as a "leader in higher education sustainability" by the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council.

# ROWAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Every student at Rowan University will have at least three opportunities to help RU carry out its sustainability agenda: Move-In Cardboard Capture saves three tons of boxes from being thrown away at the beginning of each year; Homecoming is a zero-waste event; and Dorm Rescue is an end of the year campaign that diverts nearly one ton of clothing, books, and other items from going to the landfill. RU was the first institution of higher education in New Jersey to sign American Colleges and University's Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). It was also among the first schools in New Jersey to convert to single-stream recycling, a system which reduces sorting efforts thereby simplifying collection systems and increasing recycling rates. The university has invested several million dollars in a new cogeneration plant that uses natural gas to generate most of its electricity. This has replaced primarily coal-generated electric that was purchased previously. Waste heat from electric generation is used to heat and cool university buildings. This very efficient system has resulted in a significant decrease in greenhouse gases and energy cost savings that are being reinvested in further energy savings initiatives. The Rowan University Center for Sustainability is a group of graduate and undergraduate students that provides contracted services to the Facilities Department in studying university energy use and in recommending strategies to further reduce energy use. The recycling program, coupled with a plethora of other ongoing initiatives, has earned RU ten major awards from federal and state agencies over the last several years. Student workers are assigned to research sustainability grants through the school's Grants Office and participate in the application process. If awarded, they undertake sustainability clinics, are given formal assignments, and engage in sustainability thesis research. There's also RU Green, a group of undergraduate and graduate students that focuses on sustainability issues such as recycling, energy conservation, and clean transportation.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	0
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	16
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	70
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,838
# of applicants	3,773
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.10
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–600
Range SAT Math	450–600
Range SAT Writing	490–600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$25,000
Room and board	\$12,100
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	42
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,159
# of applicants	7,285
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.46
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–580
Range SAT Math	510–610
Range SAT Writing	480–580

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,646
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,226
Required fees	\$3,372
Room and board	\$10,450
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	53.5



# SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Saint Michael's College prides itself on a strong sense of community that informs its collaborative approach to greening the campus. The Office of Sustainability in collaboration with students, faculty, and staff has facilitated sustainability efforts on campus which run the gamut, covering everything from recycling programs and a lecture series to free local transportation options for students and staff. The college's "Three Degree Challenge" promotes energy efficiency in existing buildings on campus by turning down thermostats. A campus-wide, single-stream recycling program and an on-site composting facility are helping Saint Michael's get closer to becoming a zero-waste institution. Low-flow plumbing became the standard at the college fifteen years ago, and now all campus showerheads and sink aerators are optimized for water conservation. Opportunities for sustainable research are available through collaborative efforts like the Lake Champlain Research Consortium and through the college's own sustainability office as well as through the new Environmental Studies major. The LEED Silver Pomerleau Alumni Center, the newest building on campus, features sound windows, keeping the artificial lighting demand below one watt per square foot. Saint Michael's student environmental club, Green Up, has been "instrumental in proposing the hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator, helping to establish the compost program and new organic community garden, [and] organizing Earth Week and other campus educational programs." The fleet of college owned vehicles now includes five hybrids, and the college offers all members of the campus free CCTA commuter passes in order to reduce the number of cars (and therefore carbon emissions) on campus. Additionally, two solar-powered electric vehicle charge stations were installed on campus.

# SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Salisbury University has a long history of environmentalism. The university's recycling program started twenty-nine years ago, and has recycled more than six million pounds of material. Today, SU's overall waste-diversion rate is an impressive 41 percent. SU's commitment to sustainability is evident in all aspects of campus life, from academics, to campus dining, to facility management, to dorm living. SU has partnered with the Maryland Board of Public Works to cut energy usage over the next fifteen years, and recently won the highest sustainability award given by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for its horticulture initiatives which include an on-campus wildlife and rain garden. SU's Teacher Education and Technology Center is the first LEED-certified building on campus, and the Purdue building is currently seeking LEED Gold certification, while recycling 75 percent of its waste material. The building is filled with green gadgets including light sensors that turn off the electric lights when daylight is adequate to brighten a room. All residence halls are getting energy-efficient washers and dryers, and 100 percent of buildings on campus have received energy saving retrofits within the last three years. The university encourages students to use public transit by providing a free bus pass and restricting parking on campus. Students interested in studying sustainability inside the classroom can major or minor in Environmental Studies. Outside the classroom, organizations like the Bioenvirons Club, Alpha Omega Club, and Residence Hall Sustainability Group provide a chance for students to join the greening effort.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	35
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,948
# of applicants	4,474
% of applicants accepted	78
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-630
Range SAT Math	530-610
Range SAT Writing	530-620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,200
Required fees	\$310
Room and board	\$9,350
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.4

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	0
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	41
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	15
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,758
# of applicants	8,021
% of applicants accepted	53
Average HS GPA	3.66
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-600
Range SAT Math	540-620
Range SAT Writing	530-600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,576
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,922
Required fees	\$2,124
Room and board	\$9,400
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86.5

# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

You might expect a school located in a city like San Diego in a state like California to be on the more enlightened side of green. But San Diego State University isn't just "green by association"—it's putting muscle on its commitment to sustainability. At last count, the university diverts 52 percent of its waste from landfills, thanks to a comprehensive single-stream recycling program. As a member of the California State University system, SDSU is committed to both local and national green building standards. Two major construction projects on campus scheduled to be completed in the next few years with a goal of LEED Silver certification, and a third project, SDSU's new Aztec Student Union will seek LEED Platinum certification (even one off campus student housing staple recently achieved LEED Gold). In the fall 2012 semester SDSU launched its Sustainability major, which will explore the cultural values that shape resource use, consumption and governance. Students and faculty in the major will work hand-in-hand with San Diego State's Center for Regional Sustainability, which supports academic engagement, faculty training, research and programming to further sustainability on campus. The Center also coordinates green internships and research with community partners. Green research opportunities are plentiful through the annual Student Research Symposium. The Faculty Student Mentoring Program also provides opportunities for students to work with individual faculty on research projects, and the Service Learning Program offers hands-on sustainability research opportunities. A Student Fee to support sustainability on campus keeps student-led green groups active, including the Associated Students Green Love campaign; E3, the environmental business society with membership of 600; Greeks Gone Green; and the Green Campus Interns.

# SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Students with an interest in green issues are drawn to San Francisco State University for its sustainability-related offerings inside and outside of the classroom. The school offers many environmentally focused degrees, including a BA and a BS in environmental studies and an MBA with an emphasis in sustainable business. A sustainability literacy requirement was recently implemented for all students. Although the campus is located in an urban area, students and faculty are hardly cut off from the natural world—many use the school's marine and estuarine research facility to study the San Francisco Bay. SF State students put their studies to practical use with help from the school's career services office, which offers an extensive list of environmental jobs and internships. The Bicycle Working Group, made up of students, staff, and faculty members, worked with the administration to install new bike racks and to build an additional path connecting the campus to the city of San Francisco's bike routes. Organic and fair trade coffee is available across campus, and all food waste from the Student Center and the Dining Centers is composted. SF State boasts an unprecedented 72 percent waste-diversion rate (that is, 72 percent of on-campus waste never makes it to a landfill). The custodial services department is transitioning to a green cleaning program, and now almost half of the university's cleaning products are Green Seal-certified. SF State is working on the projects laid out in its Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions to 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	72
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	24
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	26,371
# of applicants	45,027
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	3.62
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–580
Range SAT Math	500–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,578
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,738
Required fees	\$7,076
Room and board	\$13,052
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.7

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	72
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	45
% school grounds maintained organically	29

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,053
# of applicants	30,096
% of applicants accepted	65
Average HS GPA	3.15
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–560
Range SAT Math	450–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,472
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,160
Required fees	\$804
Room and board	\$11,408
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.4

# SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a Jesuit institution, Santa Clara University is especially invested in encouraging environmental justice and leading the way towards more sustainable living practices for the benefit of society at large. That philosophy is reflected in the university's curriculum: twenty-six departments at SCU now offer courses with a sustainability component. For students who hope to pursue green careers, SCU offers majors in environmental science, Environmental Studies, and a plethora of resources about green careers and internships. But students don't have to wait until graduation to make a difference. After a pair of top-three finishes at the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon, Santa Clara once again hopes to impress and inspire with its 2013 entry: the Radiant House. The design will focus on efficiency, elegance, and economy—and will even incorporate bamboo!" SCU's Experiential Learning for Social Justice requires all undergraduates to participate in community-based learning, which often involve environmental justice projects. The Sustainable Living Undergraduate Research Project (SLURP) supports year-long research projects on ways to make residence life more sustainable. With help from SLURP, teams of students have coordinated the installation of water fountains to cut usage of plastic bottles, studied the effectiveness of fair trade and energy conservation campaigns on campus, and produced documentaries about campus sustainability. All SCU undergraduates can choose to live in the CyPhi green residence hall, which currently houses 20 percent of campus residents. An ACUPCC signatory, AASHE member, and earned a STARS Silver rating in 2011, SCU set a goal to become carbon neutral by the end of 2015.

# SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainability is more than a buzzword at Seattle Pacific University. The school is an ACUPCC signatory and has set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2036. SPU has set an ambitious goal to recycle 60 percent of campus waste by next year (the metric currently stands at 52 percent), and already composts on campus and donates used cooking oil to biodiesel manufacturers. The science building, was among the first wet lab buildings in the country to receive LEED certification, with construction achieving an impressive 93 percent waste-diversion rate. Inside the science building, there is an integrated greenhouse and cold room, and eight labs dedicated to undergraduate research. Additionally, a solar PV array was installed atop the physics and engineering building, producing enough energy to supply the campus' fleet of electric maintenance vehicles. Students also have the chance to enhance their environmental awareness through research at a field station on nearby Blakely Island, and through intensive study abroad programs offered over winter breaks. These for-credit trips focus on tropical biology. Program sites alternate between Belize and the Galapagos Islands, providing opportunities for students to learn about coral reef ecology (Belize) and one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world (Galapagos Islands). Even better, the tropical studies trips are not exclusive to biology majors and minors—non-majors can go to fulfill general education credits.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	21
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	49
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	45
% school grounds maintained organically	0.5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,182
# of applicants	13,342
% of applicants accepted	54
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	570–680
Range SAT Math	600–690

## Cost

% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	69
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## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	55
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	52
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,176
# of applicants	4,211
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.59
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	520–630
Range SAT Writing	510–620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,701
Required fees	\$366
Room and board	\$9,492
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.7

# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Model” is the operative word when it comes to sustainability at Seattle University. SU is a model of ecological gardening techniques. The university stopped using pesticides on its fifty-acre grounds in 1998. Now it uses integrated pest management (including compost tea) to maintain its campus without the use of chemicals. The result of all this eco-friendly grounds work? Seattle University has been recognized by government and nonprofit organizations as a wildlife habitat, with a diversity of plant material supporting a wide variety of birds and small mammals (yes, in the heart of metropolitan Seattle). SU’s dining services is also a model—it purchases 50 percent of its produce from local farms, buys organic when possible, and offers fair-trade coffee. All to-go ware from campus eateries are compostable. Students who bring a reusable mug get a 20 cent discount on coffee and fountain drinks. A designated recycling and composting technician runs an on-campus compost facility. The facility processes 52,000 pounds of kitchen food waste a year, which is used to fertilize the campus. Food waste bins are outside most buildings, and each residence hall room has a food waste bin. Ultra low-flow toilets, urinals, faucet aerators and showerheads are now installed as the campus standard. An impressive twenty-one electric vehicles are part of the campus fleet. A student led initiative resulted in the removal of plastic bottled water everywhere on campus. The university installed reusable water bottle fillers on more than thirty water fountains.

# SEWANEE—THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Sewanee’s greening efforts run both wide and deep. The university’s recently completed Sustainability Master Plan aims to improve sustainability’s reach to all facets of the university. A signatory of both the ACUPCC and the Talloires Declaration, Sewanee has more than six full-time staff members working on sustainability initiatives. Currently, an estimated 25 percent of the school’s cleaning products are Green Seal-certified and 80 percent of the campus grounds are maintained organically. Students on campus benefit enormously from the focus on sustainability, as the university has implemented bike share programs and guaranteed rides home for students to decrease personal vehicle use. All the buildings on campus are linked to a central computer-operated climate control system, which saves the university money and energy. Sewanee also offers an environmental studies major and has created an environmentally-themed dorm called GreenHouse in addition to three other environmentally-focused theme houses. GreenHouse provides a backyard garden, programming space, and Hen Hall, a coup housing twelve chickens for eggs and educational purposes. The revitalized University Farm supplies food to the dining hall, giving students insight into the whole “farm-to-table” process. A farmer’s market operates at the Sewanee Community Center weekly. Sewanee’s water conservation successes are a direct result of student-initiated change; students advocated for the installation of low-flow showerheads and toilets across campus, resulting in as much as a 60 percent reduction in water usage in some campus buildings.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	50
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	59
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,593
# of applicants	6,317
% of applicants accepted	71
Average HS GPA	3.57
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	530–630
Range SAT Writing	520–630

## Cost

% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.2
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## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5.6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,454
# of applicants	2,920
% of applicants accepted	61
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	580–680
Range SAT Math	560–650
Range SAT Writing	560–670

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$34,170
Required fees	\$272
Room and board	\$9,916
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.8

# SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

People travel from around the world to visit the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, and with its emphasis on environmental stewardship and protection of natural habitats, Shenandoah University is doing its part to ensure it stays that way. At the heart of its commitment to a sustainable future is the Shenandoah University Blue Ridge Institute for Environmental Studies (SU-BRIES), originally founded in 1991 by members of the university's biology and education faculty. Now a project of the environmental studies department, SU-BRIES focuses on efforts to reduce the university's ecological footprint, while demonstrating responsible environmental practices through energy conservation projects, sustainable purchasing choices, and the protection of habitats and water quality. One aspect of its program is to foster an appreciation for the surrounding environment through service-learning projects, recently focusing on the beautiful Shawnee Springs and Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserves. Another aspect is SU-BRIES' various research projects assessing nearby water quality, terrestrial sites, fish, and even box turtles! Alternative transportation is promoted, whether through the downsizing of Shenandoah's campus fleet and purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles, or the promotion of the Winchester Green Circle—a walking and bicycling path designed to connect neighborhoods and points of interest in the city of Winchester. On campus, students can study sustainability in departments as wide-ranging as biology, English, and religion—all under recently re-lamped and ecofriendly campus lights!

# SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania has been built on a sustainability ethic since 1889, when citizens of the region, along with students and staff, developed a self-sufficient farm community. That commitment to sustainable practices continues today through a myriad of green initiatives, committees and environmental centers on campus. For instance, the Robert A. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research allows faculty and students to work together to educate, demonstrate, and research sustainable practices and technologies. An ACUPCC signatory, the university has developed a Climate Action Plan and ensured that all new construction projects will seek LEED certification or better. SRU has decreased energy consumption 45 percent over the last several years, resulting in more than a million dollars in fossil fuel cost avoidance. While the administration is leading the sustainability charge, the students are highly active as well. Student groups have developed a Green Bike Initiative that provides bikes in order to “promote a healthy lifestyle through cycling while minimizing petroleum based transportation and parking problems within the Slippery Rock Community.” Students have also fuelled the university's participation in RecycleMania and the development of a Sustainable Enterprise Accelerator. Students fortunate enough to live in the new \$140 million Residence Village enjoy the comfort of a LEED-certified home boasting energy-efficient heating and air conditioning and dozens of large energy-efficient windows for plenty of natural light.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1.6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,812
# of applicants	1,397
% of applicants accepted	77
Average HS GPA	3.42
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–560
Range SAT Math	460–560
Range SAT Writing	440–560

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,550
Required fees	\$1,250
Room and board	\$9,240
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	83
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	36
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	25
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,860
# of applicants	6,276
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–540
Range SAT Math	470–550
Range SAT Writing	440–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,428
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$2,319
Required fees	\$9,364
Room and board	\$9,150
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	64

# SMITH COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Green activism is widespread on the Smith College campus. Smith's PRAXIS program guarantees every student one-time funding for an unpaid internship. Many use this to pursue research and advocacy projects in sustainability. Another program, Smith Summer Research Fellows, funds student research with faculty and with organizations on sustainability and other related topics. A number of student environmental groups are active on campus. The student government has created two sustainability positions, and house governments elect sustainability reps for each residence. Students have the opportunity to tend to Smith's organic community garden on campus. The administration shares the students' passion for sustainability, and in its commitment to carbon neutrality by 2030, has created a new Center for Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability, and elevated the Environmental Science and Policy minor to a major. Solar panels installed on the campus center have reduced carbon emissions by twelve metric tons per year. A new PPA contract will bring PU production to more than a half megawatt and provides Smith ownership of environmental attributes in years 2011–2020. This electricity is augmented by power from the school's high-efficiency, natural gas-fired 3.5 megawatt cogeneration plant, which captures waste heat and operates in concert with a new absorption cooling system. Energy and other building resource use is available in an online dashboard at [www.smith.edu/conserves](http://www.smith.edu/conserves). Over one-third of the campus' buildings have been retrofitted with more energy-efficient lighting and controls, including all indoor athletic facilities and the Science Center is a LEED Gold beauty. The administration has answered the students' hunger for more sustainability by introducing a concentration in sustainable food focusing on global food distribution, the economics and policy of agriculture, the world's diverse food cultures.

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY—CARBONDALE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The main campus of Southern Illinois University is certainly professional when it comes to going green. Supported by the student body, the sustainability initiatives of the campus include everything from composting to free bike rentals for students. Signatories of both the Talloires Declaration and the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, the institution has posted green goals on its Standing Up For Illinois—Green Solutions website. SIU has already committed to a \$4 million campus-wide energy efficiency and conservation project to reduce purchased utilities. It boasts a vermicomposting facility, heated by a clean-burning oil furnace fired with used motor oil from campus vehicles and insulated with a soy-based foam product for energy conservation, used to compost food waste from campus dining halls and turn it into fertilizer for campus plantings. Its new transportation education center will be certified under USGBC's LEED NC 2.2 rating system. Students' creativity and ambition is leveraged through their encouraged applications for campus sustainability projects, funded by the green fee, a \$10-per-semester student fee that goes toward projects which advance sustainability on campus. Of course, academia is still a major component of an SIU education, and opportunities abound to take sustainability-related classes and/or earn related degrees in more than twenty departments, including agribusiness economics, forestry, law, mechanical engineering, and media arts, just to name a few. SIU isn't kidding when it implores its students to "become a sustainable Saluki now!"

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	37
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	30
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,627
# of applicants	4,128
% of applicants accepted	45
Average HS GPA	3.88
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–730
Range SAT Math	600–710
Range SAT Writing	620–720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,190
Required fees	\$270
Room and board	\$13,860
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share, car share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,130
# of applicants	14,535
% of applicants accepted	51
Average HS GPA	2.82
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–550
Range SAT Math	450–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,794
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,485
Required fees	\$3,359
Room and board	\$9,126
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	31.5

# SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Southern New Hampshire University is the first carbon neutral university campus in New Hampshire. The university has entered into an agreement with PPM Energy that enables SNHU to stabilize its energy prices for fifteen years, offset all its carbon production, and invest in other carbon-offsetting technology. As part of the agreement, SNHU will also receive 17,500 renewable energy credits per year, which translates into 13,125 tons of carbon dioxide per year. SNHU is also launching a green initiative with EARTH University in Costa Rica. This initiative calls for both universities to become carbon neutral within two years, share research, promote faculty collaboration, host an annual sustainability conference, and exchange teaching resources. The administration emphasizes sustainability on campus through “CORE”—curriculum, operations, research, engagement. SNHU’s “One Earth. One Bottle” campaign aims to get students, faculty, and staff to drink tap instead of bottled water by providing stainless steel water bottles for free to members of the campus community who sign a pledge not to purchase bottled water. SNHU’s interdisciplinary Environment, Ethics and Public Policy degree program combines course work in science, ethics, law and public policy to prepare students to respond to the challenges posed by sustainability in the twenty-first century. Student-run organizations like the Environmentally Sustainable Students’ (ESS) group hold events like Plant-a-Tree Day, and recruit volunteers to clean up area ponds. Clean transportation is available through the Penmen Bike Rental Program, and restrooms on campus are equipped with water-saving toilets and sinks.

# SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, whitewater rivers, and some of the most beautiful and diverse ecosystems in the world, students at Southern Oregon University (SOU) are reminded every day of the magnificence of nature. SOU is determined to preserve those surroundings, and is doing so by focusing on renewable energy. An ACUPCC signatory, SOU’s Climate Action Plan promises a carbon-neutral campus by 2050. In order to help achieve this goal, students initiated a Green Energy Fee, which allows SOU to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to offset 100 percent of its electricity consumption and carbon offsets to offset 100 percent of its natural gas consumption. But the university is not only buying renewable energy, it’s also producing renewable energy—tons of it. A massive fifty-six-kilowatt solar photovoltaic array (producing more than 70,000 kilowatt hours per year of useful energy) was installed on the roof of the Higher Education Center. The array helped earn the center LEED Platinum certification—the first building to achieve this highest level of LEED certification in the Oregon University system. Residence halls are in the process of receiving a water- and energy-conserving makeover with the installation of low-flow shower heads, joint insulation, lighting and temperature control equipment. Proactive students can join the Ecology Center of the Siskiyou (ECOS), a student organization that strives “to expand environmental awareness and environmental responsibility.” ECOS manages a productive and educational community garden, composts coffee grounds and food scraps, operates a bicycle program and sponsors educational events, such as Earth Day.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	2
Available transportation alternatives:	
guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,929
# of applicants	3,124
% of applicants accepted	84
Average HS GPA	2.96
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–520
Range SAT Math	440–540
Range SAT Writing	430–520

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,720
Required fees	\$330
Room and board	\$9,800

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	57
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike loan, carpool parking, reduced fare bus passes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35.8
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,814
# of applicants	2,634
% of applicants accepted	77.9
Average HS GPA	3.25
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–590
Range SAT Math	440–560
Range SAT Writing	420–550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,183
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,900
Required fees	\$446
Room and board	\$9,918
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	88.4

# ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

St. John's University's Vincentian heritage informs its core philosophy that "higher education is about more than getting a job; it's about learning how to make a difference in the world." St. John's is making a difference by committing to a sustainable future. The university joined the NYC Mayoral Challenge "30 in 10" program and pledged to reduce carbon emissions from energy use in campus buildings by 30 percent by the year 2017. To add an additional layer of accountability, St. John's became the first private university to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce energy consumption by on-campus buildings by at least 10 percent; develop plans for a combined heat and power generation plant; purchase hybrid vehicles for the campus fleet; and deliver five other programs covering everything from composting to landscaping in accordance with EPA guidelines. To achieve these measures, the university has established a Sustainability Office and hired seventeen student workers as sustainability coordinators. As if that wasn't impressive enough, St. John's invested \$100,000 into additional recycling containers for its main campus, tripling the number of recycling stations for every campus building. An extensive renovation of existing buildings is underway, and every major construction and renovation project on campus has been preceded by an energy analysis.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	11,764
# of applicants	33,003
% of applicants accepted	79
Average HS GPA	3.20
Range SAT Critical Reading	480-580
Range SAT Math	490-610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$34,750
Required fees	\$770
Room and board	\$15,270
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.6

# ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

When it comes to going green, St. Mary's College of Maryland is all about practicing what they preach. Case in point: SMCM derives an impressive 63 percent of its energy consumption from renewable sources. Even better, the college offsets approximately 115 percent of total electricity consumption through Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). As a signatory of both the Talloires Declaration and the ACUPCC, SMCM's Sustainability Committee has established a Climate Action Plan that will help it reach its campus-wide goal of becoming climate neutral. To support this effort, the college established an arboretum committee, and is working to reduce storm water runoff and protect the Chesapeake Bay by planting trees and installing rain gardens and bioswales. The college is also an Energy Star partner. SMCM has determined that all new construction on campus will seek LEED Silver certification, at a minimum. The college's first LEED Silver building, Goodpaster Hall, has reduced SMCM's impact on the environment through not only its construction (recycled or renewable materials were used when possible), but also in its function (the building "saves 300,000 gallons of water annually" and uses "30 to 40 percent less energy than a conventional building"). Currently, an impressive 80 percent of campus buildings have undergone energy-related retrofits. SMCM offers sustainable research opportunities in biology, economics, mathematics, and public policy. And the college doesn't forget about the role food plays in the environment either. Forty-five percent of food expenditures on campus go toward local and/or organic foods.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	45
Available transportation alternatives: School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	63
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,908
# of applicants	2,398
% of applicants accepted	61
Average HS GPA	3.29
Range SAT Critical Reading	560-680
Range SAT Math	540-650
Range SAT Writing	550-670

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,485
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,045
Required fees	\$2,528
Room and board	\$11,305
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.2



# STANFORD UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Stanford University has invested \$570 million over the past ten years in sustainability research, emission-reduction infrastructure, and energy efficiency projects for buildings. Part of the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” the campus recently released a comprehensive energy and climate plan that can “reduce the university’s GHG emissions at least 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and enable an 18 percent savings in potable water consumption” despite Stanford’s nearly exponential growth. The plan targets high performance building design, resource conservation in existing buildings, and a greener energy supply. Further, energy retrofits of older buildings have resulted in an estimated savings of 176 million kilowatt hours of electricity—about eight months of Stanford’s current use. Stanford’s recycling program (recognized by the EPA and a top contender in the RecycleMania) diverts 65 percent of its solid waste from landfills. Stanford’s Transportation Demand Management program (also recognized by the EPA) includes a “free bus system powered by biodiesel and diesel-electric hybrids; a commute club; free/pre-tax passes on public transportation; car rental options; commute planning assistance; charter services; and a bike program.” As a result, “the percentage of Stanford employees driving alone to campus dropped from 72 to 46 percent” in the last decade. Additionally, the university participated in the Bay Area’s Bike to Work Day. With over 1,100 Stanford rolling to campus, an estimated 3,611 miles of car trips and over 3,400 pounds of emissions were avoided. A partner in the university’s \$250 million Initiative on the Environment and Sustainability, the Woods Institute for the Environment offers an opportunity for students to research and create practical, interdisciplinary solutions to environmental challenges.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	55
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	64
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	41
% school grounds maintained organically	85

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,927
# of applicants	34,348
% of applicants accepted	7
Range SAT Critical Reading	670–770
Range SAT Math	690–780
Range SAT Writing	680–780

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,250
Required fees	\$537
Room and board	\$12,721
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.5

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

State University of New York at Albany is leading the way through a variety of forward-thinking initiatives. Thanks to a robust recycling program, the University of Albany disposes of more than 2,000 tons of garbage each year. The university is a perennial participant in RecycleMania. Ongoing energy initiatives include the Change a Light campaign, and the Empire Commons electric bill program, and perhaps most exciting of all, the recent NYSEDA grant issued for the installation of solar panels on the Social Sciences building. The forty-nine-kilowatt solar array will save more than 1,000 tons of carbon emissions annually. As an ACUPCC signatory, the university of Albany will design and build all new construction projects to achieved LEED Silver or better. Already under construction are a new School of Business and the Liberty Terrace building—both are pursuing LEED Gold. The new World of Sustainability Living-Learning Community gives freshmen the opportunity to live with other students who are interested in sustainability topics like organic food, renewable energy or climate change. Many of these students join the UAlbany Students for Sustainability group—a student organization that “initiates, coordinates, and maintains student-driven sustainability projects on campus and in the local community.” For those students seeking a formal environmental education, the university offers a major in environmental sciences and sustainability courses in a wide variety of departments ranging from biology to philosophy.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,779
# of applicants	21,054
% of applicants accepted	51
Average HS GPA	3.3
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–580
Range SAT Math	530–620
Range SAT Writing	520–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,190
Required fees	\$1,902
Room and board	\$11,276
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	84.9

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT GENESEO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

SUNY Geneseo has established the Environmental Impact and Sustainability Task Force, which studies, recommends, and manages sustainability efforts across the campus. The president also signed the ACUPCC, which has the Task Force working around the clock to develop a Climate Action Plan and ensures that all new building construction and renovation projects will achieve LEED Silver or better. The college solicits student ideas on how the college can become more sustainable through an annual survey. As a result of this idea sharing, students and administrators have successfully implemented a number of initiatives on campus, including the introduction of the Geneseo Public Bus Service, which has reduced the number of cars on campus. Another success story is “Geneseo Gives Back,” a waste-diversion program that keeps an estimated fifteen tons of materials from landfills at the end of every academic year. Campus recycling programs also exist for printer cartridges and toner, paper, plastic, and metal. Seneca Residence Hall incorporates geothermal heating and bioretention ponds and plenty of other green features—enough to earn the building LEED Gold. Four other buildings under construction or renovation also are incorporating geothermal heating. The college was also the first in the SUNY system to begin using green cleaning products (75 percent of cleaning products on campus are Green Seal-certified). The GEO (Geneseo Environmental Organization) is one of the most active student organizations on campus, leading conservation efforts through energy savings contests, bottled water campaigns, awareness campaigns, and more.

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The school’s Operation Green Space has turned more than 81,000 square feet of paved land into green space in the last several years. In addition, nearly 70 percent of Binghamton’s 930-acre campus is all natural. At the center is the Nature Preserve: a 182-acre oasis for wildlife and nature lovers alike. This serves as a “valuable resource for teaching and learning,” allowing students in any field of study to gain a first-hand appreciation of sustainability in action. Binghamton already has three LEED-certified buildings and has committed to ensuring that all current and future buildings or renovations achieve LEED Silver or higher. Thanks to a continuing \$1 million investment in energy conservation—occupancy sensors, efficient lighting, variable speed drives on motors, free-cooling devices, and solar hot water heaters—the school is reducing electricity consumption each and every year. Binghamton hosts an annual energy conservation contest. The community with the greatest reduction in electric usage wins a whopping \$20,000! These efforts were complemented by an improvement in waste reduction, recycling, and composting rates. The school has several active student groups, such as the Committee on the university Environment, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Friends of the Nature Preserve, the sustainability issues both on campus and off. Last year, the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science added a minor in sustainability engineering to its undergraduate offerings.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,485
# of applicants	9,569
% of applicants accepted	43
Average HS GPA	3.70
Range SAT Critical Reading	590–690
Range SAT Math	600–690

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,820
Required fees	\$1,523
Room and board	\$10,962
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.2

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	50
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	19
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	96

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	11,828
# of applicants	28,101
% of applicants accepted	41
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–680
Range SAT Math	620–710
Range SAT Writing	580–670

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,720
Required fees	\$2,075
Room and board	\$12,446
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81.6

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—COLLEGE AT ONEONTA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

SUNY—Oneonta takes recycling to a whole new level thanks to a Campus Sustainability Committee that leaves no stone—make that, piece of paper—un(re)turned. All Oneonta Auxiliary Services offices use 100 percent recycled paper. The Red Dragon bookstore uses biodegradable shopping bags and the shipping room on campus accepts packing peanuts for recycling. Oneonta recently installed front-loading washing machines in all laundry rooms on campus, which have saved one million gallons of water annually. The “trayless” dining halls decrease water consumption and food waste. Oneonta’s College Camp, located on 276 acres of farm and woodland, is heated with used vegetable oil, courtesy of dining services. The college estimates that this measure saves “between 800–900 gallons of used oil from going to the landfill monthly.” In addition to this green heating solution, 100 trees were recently planted at the College Camp. Oneonta is committed to green construction standards in all new buildings and renovations. The college also boasts a Biological Field Station, located on Otsego Lake and surrounded by more than 2,500 acres of woodland, bogs, marshes, and ponds, that allows students to gain valuable experiences in field biology.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,808
# of applicants	12,338
% of applicants accepted	43
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–580
Range SAT Math	520–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,820
Required fees	\$1,326
Room and board	\$10,540
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74.5

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK— COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

SUNY ESF is the only school in the nation where all of its academic programs are oriented toward natural resources and the natural and designed environments. With sustainability at the core of the university’s mission, SUNY ESF has been at the forefront of nationally-recognized, government- supported research in green issues. In one such instance they have partnered with the New York State government and private industry to develop the state’s first bio-refinery aimed at producing ethanol and other chemical products from wood sugars. SUNY ESF is committed to becoming carbon neutral in the next three years, and approximately 17 percent of the university’s electrical power is generated by a 250-kilowatt carbonate fuel cell. Almost half of all the university’s vehicles are powered with renewable fuels, electric, or hybrid technologies. The college’s new Gateway Building, designed to achieve LEED Platinum, will feature a biomass fueled power plant which will generate 65 percent of the heat and 20 percent of the electrical power for the entire campus. SUNY ESF’s career center is dedicated to placing students in internships and careers in the science, design, policy, and management of the environment and natural resources. The university conducts more than \$14 million of sponsored research each year aimed at solving environmental and natural resource challenges.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	40
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,629
# of applicants	1,866
% of applicants accepted	47
Average HS GPA	3.65
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–640
Range SAT Math	560–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,820
Required fees	\$1,023
Room and board	\$14,032
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—NEW PALTZ

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A signatory of the ACUPCC, the State University of New York—New Paltz has invested large amounts of capital into energy management initiatives, including one which states that all new construction of 5,000 square feet or larger will seek LEED Silver certification, at a minimum. The renovation of Crispell Hall has achieved LEED Gold. A recent addition to the university's Student Union Building makes it the most environmentally friendly building on campus. Special features include recycled glass in the concrete flooring and a glaze on the exterior glass to help reduce heat gain. SUNY New Paltz has completed a fifty-kilowatt solar array with NYSERDA funds and installed five new solar powered solid waste containers, in addition to a \$2 million campus wide energy management systems upgrade. The university has stepped up its recycling efforts through continued participation in RecycleMania, and "increased capture of recycling materials in construction projects," New Paltz has also increased the tonnage of recycled materials, and joined the EPA's WasteWise Program, which provides support for recycling solid waste. The emphasis on recycling has resulted in an impressive 50 percent waste-diversion rate. Local and regional environmental organizations offering New Paltz students internship and research opportunities include: the Mohonk Preserve; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; the Estuaries and River Institute; and the Ulster County Environmental Management Council. Students for Sustainable Agriculture is a New Paltz student group that works to "promote a sustainable food system that is healthy for consumers, farm workers, and the environment."

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—POTSDAM

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

On the State University of New York at Potsdam's campus the word is, "It's time to get your green on." The university is doing just that through a variety of different initiatives that include increasing recycling efforts, implementing green purchasing practices, and focusing on energy conservation. "Refuse Stations" dot the campus, with compartments for trash, zero-sort recycling (also called single-stream recycling), plastic bags, electronics, batteries, and printer cartridges. The residence halls also provided stations that feature a Swap Box for items that students may no longer need. Also in that year, SUNY Potsdam replaced every light bulb in a campus-owned lamp with CFLs. Two cafés on campus are also stepping up to the green plate—literally. Becky's Place uses compostable to-go containers and Dexter's Café packages its to-go lunches in brown boxes made from recycled craft paper. The campus' main food thoroughfare, the Lehman Dining Center, has gone trayless in an effort to reduce water consumption and food waste, and each year Dining Services purchases more than \$300,000 in local produce and goods. All dining locations also provide reusable eco-mugs and eco-containers. To reduce energy consumption on campus, SUNY Potsdam has installed CFL light bulbs in all of its college owned lamps and high-efficiency washers and dryers in the campus wash areas. A new sustainability-themed floor in one of the residence halls will model an environmentally friendly lifestyle, and educate the rest of the student body on the challenges and successes of living greener on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,559
# of applicants	14,161
% of applicants accepted	40
Average HS GPA	90.00
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–610
Range SAT Math	520–610
Range SAT Writing	520–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,560
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,820
Required fees	\$594
Room and board	\$5,042
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	53.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,958
# of applicants	5,099
% of applicants accepted	63.5
Average HS GPA	3.4

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,270
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,320
Required fees	\$1,275
Room and board	\$9,830
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.7

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK— STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The State University of New York—Stony Brook University has a long history of green awareness: The Environmental Defense Fund was co-founded by a Stony Brook professor in 1967. Since then, Stony Brook University has signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, created an Office of Sustainability, and established a five year sustainability plan. Today, the university's comprehensive sustainability studies program includes bachelor's degrees in everything from marine science to environmental humanities. Stony Brook University is home to a variety of buildings with green features, including the Advanced Energy Center, Nobel Halls, Simons Center for Geometry & Physics, Student Recreation Center and the Southampton Library. The university utilizes a variety of solar and energy-efficient solutions, including solar powered bus shelter lights, solar pay stations as well as LED/induction lighting. The SBU Transit bus fleet has been operating on a biodiesel blend since 2005, and includes multiple electric and hybrid vehicles. In addition to transit, SBU offers a bike share system that allows students, faculty, staff and visitors the ability to access bicycles at various solar powered stations on campus. To decrease utility costs, the university participates in a program offered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to implement energy conservation projects and to fund these projects through the savings on our utility bills, an effort that will save the university more than \$300,000 per month. The university has gone paperless in many departments, and various recycling initiatives engage students, faculty and staff and generates more than forty-five tons of recycled materials annually.

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Stetson University's Environmental Responsibility Council, has made it its mission "to function in ways that will not compromise the lives of future human generations nor diminish the health of planetary ecosystems." To achieve this, the school has laid out a six-point plan detailing on which areas it intends to focus. Along with a commitment to environmental education, Stetson is dedicated to environmentally responsible purchasing, efficient use and conservation of resources, minimizing solid waste and hazardous materials, and promoting a green campus design that incorporates plants native to Florida. Stetson's Native Plant Policy is a great example of the proactive approach the university takes in addressing sustainability issues on campus. By landscaping with native plants, Stetson not only "reinforces its natural heritage," but it cuts down on its use of fertilizers and pesticides, since indigenous plants require less maintenance as compared to traditional landscaping plants. Placing Top five in the nation for the past two years in the Recycle Mania Grand Championship category, Stetson recycles more than 200,000 pounds of paper and cardboard, 10,000 pounds of plastic, and 1,000 pounds of aluminum each year. Through its Roots and Shoots program, inspired by Jane Goodall's visit to campus, the university encourages students to give their time to the "environment, animals, and the community." Stetson's Lynn Business Center is LEED-certified. Notably, it was also the first green building in Florida. The campus is committed to LEED certification for new construction and renovations, and the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Environmental Learning Center, which features a rainwater collection system, recycled metal roofing, and a geothermal heating system, has also achieved LEED Gold certification (the second LEED-certified building on campus).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share, bike share & paths, SBU Transit, off campus transit services, rideshare/carpool match services	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	12

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	24,017
# of applicants	27,513
% of applicants accepted	40
Range SAT Critical Reading	530-640
Range SAT Math	600-700
Range SAT Writing	530-640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,570
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,190
Required fees	\$1,990
Room and board	\$10,998
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	57

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	21
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,284
# of applicants	3,454
% of applicants accepted	66
Average HS GPA	3.74
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-620
Range SAT Math	510-610
Range SAT Writing	500-610

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$36,344
Required fees	\$300
Room and board	\$10,688
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.6

# SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Suffolk University is home to a robust sustainability program, which includes a combination of high visibility and behind-the-scenes initiatives. Academically, this urban university offers approximately eighty classes that pertain to environmental topics in subjects such as environmental studies, environmental science and engineering, interior design, law, government, and public administration. Workshops at new student and employee orientations help raise awareness about campus environmental initiatives. The University, which has an award-winning recycling program, is striving to recycle at least half of its waste stream. Waste reduction is a high priority. Each year during move-out, students living in residence halls are encouraged to donate items such as books, clothes, and unopened food. This waste reduction initiative lightens the load for students, reduces trash hauling needs for the university, and benefits area non-profits. The on-campus cafes and bookstores offer incentives for customers who reduce waste, for instance by using a travel mug or a reusable bag. Water bottle filling stations recently installed in several buildings are a popular amenity. They make it fast and easy to fill up reusable bottles with filtered tap water, and have already helped to avoid the use of thousands of disposable water bottles. In addition to waste reduction, the university has recently invested in receptacles that include sections for waste, mixed recycling, and composting, enabling café diners to recycle. The university also substantially increases its composting activity each successive academic year. Currently, the university is composting more than eighty tons of food scraps annually. The university has committed to achieving a minimum of LEED Silver certification for new building projects and major renovations. LEED-certified buildings on campus include the 10 West Residence Hall (LEED Gold) and Modern Theatre (LEED Silver).

# SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Swarthmore's Quaker roots help to underscore the college's serious commitment to environmental stewardship. Soon after becoming a signatory of the ACUPPC, Swarthmore developed a Climate Action Plan and has been making strides in energy conservation ever since. Currently, the college purchases renewable energy credits for 97 percent of its electricity. Additionally, all new construction is mandated to meet the criteria for LEED Silver certification or higher. And, importantly, both the Science Center and the Wister Center at the Scott Arboretum are LEED-certified. Green initiatives can also be found with regards to campus dining. Whenever possible, Swarthmore's dining services purchases local food and ingredients. Further, through Waste Oil Recyclers, they recycle used vegetable oil. This results in an annual carbon dioxide savings equivalent to planting 2,024 trees! Dining services recently suspended the practice of distributing plastic water bottles for both faculty and "to-go" lunches. By implementing this rule, the college saves over 16,000 bottles a year! Swarthmore has also taken measures to ensure storm water management. To date, the college has installed porous pavement, rain gardens, infiltration beds and an impressive 15,000 square feet of green roofing to prevent run-off. Of course, many Swatties themselves are anxious to help the school and surrounding community go green. For example, students can participate in the Crum Creek Monitoring Project, assisting with chemical testing and monitoring the overall health of the Crum Creek watershed. Undergrads are also extremely proud of the Swarthmore Good Food project which aims to raise campus awareness about sustainable food practices. At the crux of this initiative is a community garden built around organic principles.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	6
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	43
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,811
# of applicants	9,137
% of applicants accepted	79
Average HS GPA	3.01
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-570
Range SAT Math	460-570
Range SAT Writing	460-570

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$30,672
Required fees	\$120
Room and board	\$14,730
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,552
# of applicants	6,589
% of applicants accepted	14.2
Range SAT Critical Reading	680-780
Range SAT Math	670-770
Range SAT Writing	680-770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,744
Required fees	\$336
Room and board	\$12,670
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

They may be known as the Orange, but at Syracuse University they're thinking green. The university has signed the ACUPCC and committed to green building standards for new buildings and renovations, including a multimillion dollar energy management system. The EPA's Green Power Partnership has recognized Syracuse for its voluntary purchase of enough wind-generated electricity to cover 20 percent of SU's electricity needs, making it the second largest purchaser amongst college and universities (that's equivalent to removing more than 2,600 cars from the road for one year or planting more than 4,100 acres of trees). Each year, Food Services issues students a reusable bottle for refills, and carry-out meals in reusable containers, which students bring back and exchange for clean ones. Sustainable transportation initiatives include a Park and Ride program and a Zipcar program. Used fryer oil collected from Food Services is recycled and used to make biodiesel fuel. In addition, the campus also composts pre- and post-consumer food wastes. The resulting soil amendment is then used directly on campus. All of these programs have contributed to Syracuse's impressive 38 percent waste-diversion rate. Each year, SU hosts an Environmental Career Fair which features internship and employment opportunities with a wide range of environmentally-oriented organizations. Extensive research opportunities are available through the Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Innovations. Even the campus bookstore gets in on the fun, offering recycled school products and a line of apparel made from 100 percent organic cotton. Syracuse also has four LEED-certified buildings: Carmelo K. Anthony Basketball Center (certified), University Village Apartments (Gold), The Syracuse Center of Excellence (Platinum), and Ernie Davis Hall (Gold)

# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A mere three months after signing the ACUPCC, Temple established an Office of Sustainability to enact policies covering everything from green purchasing to water and energy conservation. One of the Office of Sustainability's earliest efforts was the creation of an "Eco Village" at the university's main campus, and more recently, the completion of a Climate Action Plan, which prescribes the university's path to carbon neutrality. For campus Sustainability Day, the office also hosted a National Teach-In on Global Warming to encourage "solutions-driven dialogue on global warming during the first 100 days of the new [Obama] administration." The university has also spearheaded some impressive initiatives such as implementing three new solar charging stations. Each station features four standard outlets, two USB ports and a battery-storage system, allowing students to plug-in day or night. The Office of Sustainability also provides funding for undergraduate research projects and is implementing a Sustainability Teaching Initiative to support faculty as they develop courses and practicum on sustainability. The university offers 106 undergraduate courses and twelve general education courses focusing on the environment and sustainability. Temple's Ambler campus, home to the community and regional planning, landscape architecture, and horticulture departments, has changed its name to the School of Environmental Design, in a further demonstration of Temple's commitment to environmental sustainability. The campus is also home to the Center for Sustainable Communities, a sustainability research center that recently formed a storm water initiative partnership with Villanova University to conduct research and develop outreach programs focusing on storm water management in the region.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	38
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	40
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,220
# of applicants	25,884
% of applicants accepted	49
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	510-620
Range SAT Math	540-650
Range SAT Writing	520-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$36,300
Required fees	\$1,368
Room and board	\$13,254
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, car share, carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	27,567
# of applicants	18,731
% of applicants accepted	67
Average HS GPA	3.41
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-600
Range SAT Math	510-610
Range SAT Writing	490-590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$13,006
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,832
Required fees	\$590
Room and board	\$10,276
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80.8

# TOWSON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Several years ago, Towson Energy Activists along with other student organizations in the university of Maryland system collected 12,000 signatures requesting that the university system adopt a carbon neutrality policy. Chancellor Kirwan concurred, implementing a system-wide sustainability initiative, and shortly thereafter Towson became an ACUPCC signatory setting a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. How's that for student sustainability leadership? Today, every incoming freshman participates in a "Go Green" orientation program in which they learn about the campus' sustainability initiatives and what they can do to help. Those initiatives include a single-stream recycling program that allows any standard recyclable to be thrown into any campus recycling container, and participation in the national RecycleMania competition. Every February the university hosts the Conservation Contest, pitting residence hall against resident hall to see who can achieve the greatest reduction in energy use. In order to reduce water consumption and food waste, Tuesdays are trayless in campus dining halls. Additionally, Dining Services only uses trans-fat-free soy oil, antibiotic-reduced pork and chicken, and cage-free shell eggs. The used fryer oil is collected (more than 6,300 gallons per year) and processed into biodiesel. Fair trade coffee is served in the Susquehanna Food Court and Cook Library. Towson's annual Stream Clean-Up gives every student an opportunity to support the university's greening efforts. Presented in partnership with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Stream Clean Up recruits participants to assist with a regional project stream clean. Towson's Career Center provides links to environmental/ecology jobs through its Envirolinks Green Dream Jobs resource.

# TUFTS UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Tufts University has long been an innovator in the field of sustainability. In 1990, the university president convened a conference of other universities to discuss how they could collectively be world leaders in creating and maintaining sustainability. This conference resulted in the formation of the Talloires Declaration. One year later, Tufts created its environmental policy statement, and the school has been making dramatic strides towards sustainability ever since. Tufts has successfully reduced its greenhouse gas emissions to below 1998 levels on its Medford campus, and an impressive 53 percent of the school's energy needs are derived from renewable sources. Thanks to retrofitting buildings with more efficient heating and cooling systems, restricted parking on campus, and a heavily promoted car-share program, Tufts is shrinking its carbon footprint. The undergraduate (Medford) campus has one LEED Gold residence hall, the new dental school addition is LEED Silver, and the university is in the process of renovating 25,000 square feet of leased space adjacent to the campus into LEED Gold biology labs. Tufts' student-run environmental group, ECO, works closely with the Office of Sustainability to produce initiatives like bike sharing, the student garden, and the Think Outside the Bottle campaign. The Office of Sustainability also teaches a class on environmental action—previous classes have enacted trayless dining and double-sided printing as the default mode on public printers. Initiatives like these have contributed to Tufts' outstanding 40 percent waste-diversion rate. Other opportunities for students include the student-run Energy Conference, the Tufts Institute of the Environment, and a wide variety of research opportunities in the engineering school.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	1
Available transportation alternatives:	
university shuttle, charge for parking, carpool matching, discount for carpool and alternative vehicles, mass transit subsidy, car share, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	8
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	27
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,988
# of applicants	18,128
% of applicants accepted	52
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–580
Range SAT Math	500–600
Range SAT Writing	500–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,660
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,008
Required fees	\$2,472
Room and board	\$10,644
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	59

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	3
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	6

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,194
# of applicants	17,104
% of applicants accepted	21.88
Range SAT Critical Reading	680–740
Range SAT Math	680–760
Range SAT Writing	680–760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,688
Required fees	\$978
Room and board	\$11,880
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91



# TULANE UNIVERSITY

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Tulane University is committed to working towards climate neutrality. Since the 1990s, Tulane University has had a strong recycling program, and a full-time sustainability coordinator is focusing efforts on green building projects. In fall 2012, both Weatherhead Hall, a residence hall, and the Hertz Center, an athletics practice facility, received LEED certification at the Gold level. Four other new construction and major renovation projects are registered with LEED, pursuing certification. Off-campus, projects such as the green, affordable homes designed and constructed by Tulane architecture students have advanced sustainable rebuilding efforts in New Orleans. The renovation of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life included the installation of natural ventilation and daylighting features, including solar chimneys, exterior sunshades, and lighting systems that adjust automatically to daylight. Almost every school within the university offers an environmental major or focus. These include an environmental health sciences degree, an environmental science degree, an interdisciplinary environmental studies degree, and studios that focus on sustainable design in the School of Architecture. Required service-based courses (Tulane has a public service requirement for all students), internships, and independent studies provide students with opportunities for sustainability research. School of Architecture students research, design, and construct sustainable homes for New Orleans families. Student employees research and implement campus improvements to improve sustainability through the Office of Environmental Affairs.

# UNION COLLEGE

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“U Sustain” is a mantra and a mission at New York’s Union College. As a signatory of the ACUPCC, Union College has developed a long-term plan to be carbon neutral by 2060. The college requires that all new and renovated buildings be constructed to LEED certification standards, and has also committed to using wind power for 100 percent of the school’s energy purchases annually. The Presidential Green Grants program, open to students, staff, and faculty, awards grants up to \$2,000 to campus projects that will make Union more sustainable or research projects that will make specific contributions to sustainability at the regional or national level. Recent grants were awarded to the Grounds Department to further the use of beneficial insects for pest control and the Student Resident Advisor program to reduce water consumption in the dorms with the installation of shower timers. U Sustain is a campus-wide committee focused on making Union more sustainable. U Sustain initiatives are college-wide programs focused on decreasing the impact that the campus community has on the environment. Recent programs include: expanding recycling efforts aimed at diverting as much waste as possible from landfills, composting all food products and napkins from the Upperclass Dining Hall, improving options for local and organic dining, reducing packaging in dining services, providing Fair Trade products, and created several eco-friendly student housing options.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
extensive shuttles, restricted parking, car share, electric vehicle charging station	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	10
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,423
# of applicants	30,080
% of applicants accepted	27
Average HS GPA	3.51
Range SAT Critical Reading	630–720
Range SAT Math	620–710
Range SAT Writing	640–720

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,500
Required fees	\$3,740
Room and board	\$11,547
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97%

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
preferred parking for carpoolers & low emissions vehicles, campus trolley	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	12
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,183
# of applicants	5,565
% of applicants accepted	38
Average HS GPA	3.45
Range SAT Critical Reading	590–680
Range SAT Math	620–700
Range SAT Writing	590–680

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,748
Required fees	\$471
Room and board	\$11,070
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	56%

# UNITY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Unity College in Maine goes by the moniker “America’s Environmental College,” and it is well deserved. 100 percent of the campus grounds are maintained organically, 100 percent of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified, and 100 percent of meals in the dining hall offer vegetarian options. Unity’s commitment to green spills into the classroom through unique green majors like Sustainable Energy Management and Adventure-based Environmental Education. The college’s location on 225 wooded acres of farmland with plenty of diverse ecosystems, provides students with plenty of experiential learning opportunities. Professors and students collaborate on environmental initiatives, building support in the local community for wind power, and helping to weatherize the homes of low-income families. Unity’s Center for Experiential and Environmental Education teaches students how to become effective environmental educators, and the Career Resources Center offers more than 100 environmental internships each year (yes, another 100). The college’s president and his wife live on campus in the LEED Platinum Unity House, which is built from local wood and recycled building materials. In 2011, Unity College became a member of the Founding Circle for the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” which encourages the college and university community to invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements. Lastly, a handful of lucky students recently moved into the gorgeous “TerraHaus”—the first American college residence to meet the Passive House standard.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	27
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	33
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	540
# of applicants	545
% of applicants accepted	78
Average HS GPA	3.27
Range SAT Critical Reading	420–680
Range SAT Math	430–700
Range SAT Writing	450–520

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$23,000
Required fees	\$1,100
Room and board	\$8,714
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.6

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Go Green” is the University of Alabama’s sustainability rallying cry. And students, faculty, and staff on campus are answering the call. In the last few years, recycling has increased by 181 percent thanks to initiatives like Community Recycling. The university is recycling more than 1,300 tons of recyclable material each year and has designated recycling areas in 100 percent of campus buildings. Bama Dining Services has reduced its impact by more than 4,000 pounds per week through its composting initiative in which “green matter” from vegetable and fruit peels is delivered to the university’s arborium to mix with the leaves or “brown matter” from the university’s grounds. In addition, 50 percent of the university’s food purchases are from local/organic sources, and plans for a community organic garden on campus are in the works. The university is also “going blue” as it has developed a number of initiatives to preserve local marine life. Through the career center and New College, Bama’s self-directed study department, students are directed to environmental management courses and offered internships in sustainability. These opportunities allow the students to make contacts within the environmental industry in the southeast. The University of Alabama Environmental Council, SGA Department of Environmental Concerns, and Students for Sustainability are the three largest environmental groups on campus. The BamaBike Program is a Student Affairs initiative designed to provide a low-cost bicycle rental system so that members can move around campus in a quick, safe, and sustainable fashion.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, guaranteed ride home, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24.69
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	28,026
# of applicants	26,409
% of applicants accepted	44
Average HS GPA	3.57
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–620
Range SAT Math	500–640
Range SAT Writing	490–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,200
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,950
Required fees	\$375
Room and board	\$11,850
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	73.7

# UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Similar to the weather in AZ, University of Arizona understands how hot it is to be green! A signatory of the ACUPPC, the school has affirmed its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint and limit greenhouse gas emissions. How does the university plan on addressing these issues? For starters, the school now mandates that all new construction must seek LEED Silver. Moreover, through the UA Energy Dashboard, members of the university community can track utility consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. Students and staff alike can see what they are consuming and adjust behavior accordingly. Recycling initiatives are also big at Arizona. Every year, the university recycles 800 tons of material including newspapers, magazines and books. What's more, as a participant in RecycleMania, UA recycled twenty-two tons of plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard. This translates into 2,500 gallons of gasoline saved, 261 trees saved and an impressive thirty-seven tons of carbon dioxide emissions prevented. When it comes to green transportation and commuting initiatives, these Wildcats are definitely top notch. To encourage the use of public transport, the university offers a hefty discount on unlimited Sun Tran (city bus system) passes. All students are eligible. Additionally, UA participates in a ride-share, carpool matching program which pairs interested commuters who are going in the same direction. Further, with over 11,000 free bicycle parking spaces, it's obvious that UA maintains a large bike culture. Students happily take advantage of the bike sharing program along with the free bike stations which provide minor bicycle maintenance.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	3
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	31
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	48
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	28
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	30,445
# of applicants	32,227
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.39
Range SAT Critical Reading	480-600
Range SAT Math	490-620
Range SAT Writing	480-600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,114
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,310
Required fees	\$921
Room and board	\$9,714
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	89.6

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS— FAYETTEVILLE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A charter signatory of the ACUPCC, the university of Arkansas—Fayetteville has made a public pledge to become a carbon neutral institution and is committed to becoming a zero solid waste institution. UA's Enterprise Center has achieved LEED certification, and seven other buildings have been built in accordance with the university's green building policy (all new construction must meet LEED Silver standards or better). The dining halls are trayless and provide Fair Trade coffee, sustainable seafood, organic yogurt, cage-free eggs, and hormone-free pork and chicken. The university's Razorback Recycling program assists the athletic department in running a recycling initiative at all sporting events. The University of Arkansas Sustainability Council is charged with developing green initiatives on campus and in the surrounding area. Recently the Students for Environmental Sustainability group, under the guidance of the Sustainability Council, hosted the university's Earth Day, which included a stream cleanup. There are eighteen alternative fuel-powered vehicles on campus, including a delivery truck that runs on used oil from campus kitchens. The university's free Razorback Transit service offered 1.2 million rides during a recent academic year, many to non-students. Perhaps most impressively of all, the university offers forty-five sustainability-related research programs to students, and a partnership with PEPSICO, Frito-Lay, and Tropicana is providing funds to support research on how to create more sustainable products. The Office for Campus Sustainability publishes "Go! Green Outreach"—a quarterly report for sustainability-related news on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	9
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	85

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	16,794
# of applicants	14,019
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	500-610
Range SAT Math	520-640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,888
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,320
Required fees	\$1,286
Room and board	\$8,330
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81.3

# UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In 1997, the university of British Columbia became Canada's first university to adopt a sustainable development policy, and the first to establish a Sustainability Office. In 2010, UBC reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability by espousing two main goals: turn campus into a living laboratory, and consolidate UBC's role as an agent for change for sustainability in the community. UBC is a signatory to the Talloires Declaration and a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge." It has integrated sustainability into its vision statement and strategic plan and formed a Presidents' Advisory Council on Sustainability. UBC has one of the most ambitious plans for reduction of GHG emissions of any institution of its size, with a target emissions reduction from 2007 levels of 33 percent by 2015, 67 percent by 2020, and 100 percent by 2050. The university currently reduces carbon emissions by 14,000 tons annually. UBC recently finished a capital upgrade campaign that rebuilt or retrofitted nearly 300 buildings on campus to increase energy and water efficiency and reduce emissions. All new construction is required to achieve LEED Gold certification. 2012 began the start of an \$85 million five-year project to replace the Vancouver campus steam heating system with a more efficient hot water system. UBC's dining services exclusively serves local eggs, poultry and milk. More than 350 sustainability-related courses are offered by the university. There are more than thirty-five student sustainability groups, including Sustainability Ambassadors, UBC Student Environment Center, UBC Sustainability Pledge, and Sustainability Residence Leaders.

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UC Berkeley keeps tabs on its sustainability progress through yearly assessments that detail all aspects of the school's environmental impact, including emissions from staff and student commuting, solid waste and recycling, air travel, and water usage. The school's Office of Sustainability is charged with overseeing its Climate Action Plan, which details the progress to date and the future direction with regard to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Strategic Energy Plan documents the application of the \$25 million the school has allocated to energy-efficient projects. In addition to this, UC Berkeley has taken a proactive approach to combating climate change by forming the Cal Climate Action Partnership, a coalition of students, faculty, and staff who are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions on campus to 1990 levels by 2014 (which, as the school points out, is six years ahead of California's mandated reduction). UC Berkeley has mounted an aggressive campaign to increase energy efficiency on campus by promoting sustainable transportation and ensuring that all new building and renovations be LEED-certified (not to mention diverting up to 90 percent of waste during construction). Additionally, more than 50 percent of major buildings have undergone an energy-related retrofit in the last few years. UC Berkeley also reaches out to the campus community through newsletters, presentations, and student projects. With more than thirty environmentally focused clubs and groups on campus, including Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative, Boalt Environmental Law Society, and Building Sustainability @ Cal, the school's efforts seem to be working.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	48
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, vanpool, dedicated bike lane, secure bike storage	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	81
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	17
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	38,477
Average HS GPA	89.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	46
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,885
# of applicants	52,966
% of applicants accepted	22
Average HS GPA	3.83
Range SAT Critical Reading	600-720
Range SAT Math	650-770
Range SAT Writing	620-740

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,220
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$34,098
Required fees	\$1,654
Room and board	\$15,000
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—

## DAVIS

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### GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UC Davis programs in sustainable practices have led to four consecutive years of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, over 20 percent of the food served in dining commons considered sustainable, and over 75 percent of waste diverted from landfills. UC Davis is among the top ten environmental studies undergraduate degree programs in the nation. The university's career center emphasizes opportunities in a wide range of environmental fields, from environmental planning and water resources management to ecology, design and landscape architecture, and holds an environmental internship and career fair annually. Unitrans, the community bus system, is operated by UC Davis students and has a fleet of clean buses that run on compressed natural gas and provide more than 3 million rides per year. The campus is a bicycle hotspot with more than 20,000 bikes on campus any given day and is one of only two campuses to receive the Gold Bicycle Friendly University designation by League of American Bicyclists. Green building practices include four LEED Platinum buildings. These include the first LEED-Platinum winery, brewing, and food-processing complex, the Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Valley Hall, and Gallagher Hall which is home to the Graduate School of Management and the campus conference center. UC Davis West Village has the largest planned zero net energy community in the nation; eventually the home to nearly 3,000 students plus faculty and staff. This neighborhood aims to balance energy efficiency with renewable energy production to produce annually as much electricity as consumed.

### Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	21.35
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	75
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	66
% school grounds maintained organically	70

### Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,096
# of applicants	45,806
% of applicants accepted	46
Average HS GPA	3.90
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–650
Range SAT Math	570–690
Range SAT Writing	540–670

### Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,220
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$34,098
Required fees	\$2,657
Room and board	\$13,503
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.5

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—

## IRVINE

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### GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a member of the university of California system, UC Irvine adopted a policy on Sustainable Practices back in 2004 in order to promote environmentally conscious construction and fixtures on campus. After signing the ACUPCC, the school completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and began pinpointing where to focus its environmental efforts. UC Irvine has determined that all new construction on campus must seek LEED Silver certification at a minimum. In fact, eight buildings on campus have achieved LEED Gold and two have achieved LEED Platinum. The school is taking a similarly proactive approach to leveraging all that southern California sunshine in support of sustainability. UC Irvine has installed a 1.2 megawatt DC solar power system, which is “expected to produce more than 24 million kilowatt hours (equivalent to offsetting 25.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide) over twenty years.” UC Irvine is also setting the example when it comes to alternative transportation. Through its initiatives, the campus reduces more than 39 million vehicle miles and 19,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. Even UC Irvine's Dining Services is working to combat wastefulness. A study was conducted that determined the use of trays in cafeterias led to 430 pounds of wasted food per day. Dining Services took the hint and the trays hit the road; the next year waste was down by 180 pounds per day and was reduced by an additional seventy pounds per day the following year.

### Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	80
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	80

### Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,004
# of applicants	49,287
% of applicants accepted	47
Average HS GPA	3.87
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–630
Range SAT Math	560–680
Range SAT Writing	510–640

### Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,220
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$34,098
Required fees	\$2,870
Room and board	\$11,611
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91.7

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA— LOS ANGELES

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of California—Los Angeles is going green from its classrooms to its cafeterias. A few highlights include replacing all Styrofoam cups with biodegradable ones in the dining areas, recycling alcohol from its science labs, purchasing more recycled copy paper, and hosting a series of environmentally focused speakers and forums. Now all of the university's computers are Energy Star-rated, 38 percent of its vehicles run on alternative fuel, and more than 600,000 energy-efficient light bulbs have been installed around campus. Students on the move can participate in the school's bike share program, or use its car share and vanpools to get around. Or, if students have their own sustainable initiatives in mind, there exists a "Green Initiative Fund" which raises more than \$200,000 per year for UCLA's sustainable projects. The UCLA Action Research Teams is an innovative academic course where students work with staff and faculty to do hands on research on campus sustainability. UCLA is home to an organic garden and an experiential learning course in which students can investigate sources of food. UCLA is committed to making all new construction and major renovation projects be certified LEED Silver or higher. This year, solar panels were installed on the student union. The university is also home to the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, an innovative intellectual community focused on environmental research, policy concerns, and outreach and education. A remarkable 69 percent of UCLA's waste stream is currently diverted from landfills. The campus is aiming to improve that number to 100 percent by 2020.

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA— RIVERSIDE

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UC Riverside has identified nine areas of campus sustainability: academics, buildings, energy and climate, food, procurement, recycling and waste management, sites, transportation, and water. In each of these nine areas, the university is maintaining aggressive initiatives. For instance, the school is an ACUPCC signatory, and is dedicated to pursuing LEED Silver on all new construction. The campus's first LEED building, the newly constructed School of Medicine Research Building, should achieve a Gold rating this year. Six other LEED projects are planned or already underway. Many buildings on campus have been retrofitted to be more energy-efficient, and at the James Reserve field research site, a photovoltaic installation has allowed the site to go completely off the grid. A sustainable, native landscape plan for another satellite site, Palm Desert, is underway. A storm water management system is being finalized, and groundskeepers are shifting to organic fertilizers. Air pollution and water conservation are of particular importance given the Southern California location; the university plans to take further measures to increase renewable energy use by installing a solar farm on a brownfield at the Riverside campus. The university extension offers a professional certificate in Sustainable Development and Green Building Design. The university offers a variety of environmental research opportunities through its Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Center for Sustainability and Suburban Development, Center for Ideas and Society, Environmental Research Institute, Institute for Research on World Systems, and Natural Reserve System.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7.7
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	69
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	47

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	26,162
# of applicants	57,670
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	4.25
Range SAT Critical Reading	570–680
Range SAT Math	600–740
Range SAT Writing	580–710

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,618
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$34,496
Room and board	\$13,968
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives:	
free public transit bus rides, over 9,000 bike racks, striped bike lanes to/from campus, 28 vanpools that reach most of Southern California, zimbides, electric vehicle charging, and zipcars	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	63
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,523
# of applicants	28,101
% of applicants accepted	68.99
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–580
Range SAT Math	490–630
Range SAT Writing	470–580

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,220
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$34,098
Required fees	\$1,740
Room and board	\$13,200
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	93.8

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA— SAN DIEGO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainability is part of the institutional DNA at the university of California—San Diego. It was here that the late climate scientist, Charles Keeling of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, began testing the atmosphere for carbon dioxide more than fifty years ago. His research produced the Keeling Curve, the most important geophysical measurement of the twentieth century and the foundation for research on global warming. That legacy of groundbreaking environmental research continues today through the campus's various sustainability initiatives, which brings together interdisciplinary teams of students, faculty, staff, NGOs, and others to "create knowledge and translate it into policy needed to make better environmental decisions." The university is aiming for carbon neutrality by 2025 and continues to explore the use of alternative forms of energy. UC San Diego's campus produces 1.2 megawatts of photovoltaic solar energy and operates the world's largest commercially available 2.8 megawatt fuel cell. The school has also embarked on a \$73 million program to increase the energy efficiency of twenty-five of the campus' older buildings. Additionally, the campus has fourteen LEED-certified buildings, including the recently unveiled LEED Platinum Charles David Keeling student apartments. An incredible 55 percent of the university's waste is diverted from landfills; more than half of commuters arrive to campus using alternative transportation; and more than three quarters of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified. UC San Diego's aggressive sustainability initiatives can be attributed to the campus' collaborative spirit and the drive of the faculty, students and staff.

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA— SANTA BARBARA

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PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UCSB established one of the nation's first Environmental Studies programs in 1970, opened the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management in 1994, established the Institute for Energy Efficiency, developing innovative technologies addressing energy conservation in 2008, and was an early signatory to the ACUPCC which has committed the campus to carbon neutrality by 2050. To accomplish its goals, the UCSB Chancellor's Sustainability Committee assembles administrators, deans, Nobel Laureates, senior faculty, staff and students to make recommendations for sustainability projects on campus. In order to help finance these projects, Santa Barbara was one of the first in the UC system to establish a student directed Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) sponsoring large scale solar and thermal energy projects. This complements The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) that awards grants for projects that reduce the campus' environmental impacts and The Coastal Fund (CF) which has allocated nearly \$1,500,000 to more than 350 local projects dedicated to conservation of the UCSB coastline. UCSB is currently installing a 500-kilowatt photovoltaic array coupled with twelve electric vehicle charging stations for public use on campus. Home to twenty-nine LEED-certified buildings and the nation's first double Platinum building, UCSB strives for all new construction and renovations to achieve LEED Gold. UCSB was recognized by the EPA as one of the nation's best workplaces for alternative transportation, and the campus has extensive waste reduction programs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	29,052
# of applicants	60,785
% of applicants accepted	37
Average HS GPA	4.0
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–650
Range SAT Math	590–710
Range SAT Writing	550–670

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,192
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$35,070
Required fees	\$1,042
Room and board	\$11,924
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	44
Available transportation alternatives:	
biking and walking to campus from off-campus housing, free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	69
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	20
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	51
% school grounds maintained organically	69

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,617
# of applicants	49,008
% of applicants accepted	46
Average HS GPA	3.91
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–670
Range SAT Math	570–690
Range SAT Writing	550–670

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,192
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$35,090
Required fees	\$1,468
Room and board	\$13,275
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	52

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA— SANTA CRUZ

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Along with the other universities in the California system, The University of California—Santa Cruz is dedicated to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, greening its design and construction projects on campus, and integrating sustainability at every institutional level. Within the university, the Sustainability Office is building a database of project ideas submitted by students, faculty, and staff to improve sustainable practices on campus, and encourages students to apply for grants to reduce GHG emissions on campus, through the student-fee supported Carbon Fund. Already, the campus boasts a 64 percent waste-diversion rate and gets 16 percent of its energy from renewable sources. Facilities services are also becoming more environmentally responsible using 90 percent Green Seal-certified cleaning products. These impressive numbers are leading the campus towards its goal of zero-waste by 2020. The Sustainability Office offers internships, green events, and the opportunity to serve on sustainability working groups (two green job fairs were held on campus last year alone). Among the many student organizations on campus are the Student Environmental Center, Friends of the Community Agroecology Network, the Campus Sustainability Council, California Public Interest Research Group, the PowerSave Green Campus Program, California Student Sustainability Coalition, Education for Sustainable Living Program, Environmental Media Project, and the Program in Community and Agroecology. UCSC has been awarded several honors in recognition of its sustainability efforts, including making the top 20 of the Sierra Club's list of the Coolest (read: greenest) Schools.

# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a commuter campus, the university of Central Florida's carbon footprint can be linked directly to the cars transporting students to its campus. That is why one of UCF's earliest efforts to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions was to introduce a shuttle to improve the efficiency and convenience of transportation to campus for the predominantly commuter population. A biodiesel pilot project supplies the fuel needs of the UCF fleet vehicles with alternative fuel. UCF's department of Sustainability and Energy Management launched a three million gallon thermal energy storage facility that should reduce the cost of cooling the university. The annual Student Energy Conservation Competition is a student outreach program to save energy and increase student awareness on campus. UCF has also established a green computing initiative, requiring all computers to enter standby or hibernation after fifteen to thirty minutes of inactivity. This policy has helped to cut greenhouse gas emissions and saved an annual \$800,000 in electric bills. UCF's aim is to reach carbon neutrality mainly through operational changes. It has one of the first in-house building commissioning teams in the nation, which focuses on energy efficiency of campus buildings. UCF's physical sciences building which features storm water controls, impressive natural lighting, and managed to divert 98 percent of construction waste recently achieved LEED Gold. The Department of Landscape and Natural Resources provides students, faculty, staff, and the local central Florida community with the opportunity to preserve biodiversity within Florida's unique habitats, promote responsible land use, and engage in research.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane, EV charging stations	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	64
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	16
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,978
# of applicants	28,236
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.62
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–630
Range SAT Math	520–640
Range SAT Writing	510–630

## Cost

Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,878
Required fees	\$12,366
Room and board	\$14,856
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	88.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	22
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	49,634
# of applicants	33,968
% of applicants accepted	45
Average HS GPA	3.78
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–630
Range SAT Math	560–650
Range SAT Writing	510–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,247
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,345
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$9,357
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	60.6



# UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Cincinnati takes its role as an environmental steward seriously, incorporating the idea of sustainability throughout university operations and classrooms. As a signatory of the ACUPCC, UC is working to reduce its environmental footprint with the ultimate goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. The campus boasts one LEED Gold, one LEED Silver, and four LEED-Certified buildings with all new construction buildings on campus required to seek LEED Silver certification. UC continues to examine building performance while investing \$28 million in energy efficiency improvements. As an urban university, UC is also specifically interested in studying sustainability issues in an urban context—creating the Center for Sustaining the Urban Environment to conduct research and develop innovative solutions in this area. UC's sustainability efforts do not stop at building and research, but extend into areas such as campus life, food, transportation, and recycling. A campus garden provides hands-on education in sustainable agriculture, and a newly expanded campus bike share and new on-campus bike shop ("Bearcat Bike Share" and "Bike Kitchen") allow anyone to check out a bike for free and have easy access to repairs if necessary. Campus dining offers vegetarian and vegan options, and purchases local produce whenever possible. Recycling is provided in all buildings and at all large events on campus. Sustainability Advocates and volunteers recycled 10.3 tons in the past year. A series of lectures, films, workshops, tours, and special events on sustainability topics is offered each quarter, which includes a new student sustainability summit leadership retreat. Any student can earn an environmental literacy certificate of achievement by attending events, volunteering, and joining small group discussions.

# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Colorado – Boulder is serious about the business of going green. An ACUPCC signatory, the university has also formed a Carbon Neutrality Working Group charged with guiding the campus towards, well, carbon neutrality. CU is not resting on its laurels. In just the last year, CU Boulder eliminated pesticides from campus turf by installing an organic landscape management program, achieved a LEED Platinum rating for a new campus residence hall, implemented a "Fair Food" and local organic food sourcing policy in dining halls, attained carbon neutrality in all student government facilities, and installed 450-kilowatt solar panels. CU Boulder has reduced total campus energy use by 23 percent since 2005 and flattened total GHG emissions over that period. Campus water consumption has declined 50 percent over the past several years. CU Boulder's reputation as one of the nation's best destinations for environmental education is at least partially due to its top-notch research programs and opportunities (CU Boulder's \$90.8 million in funded environmental research ranks third among the nation's universities). A summer training institute for faculty expands sustainability content across the curriculum. A faculty-guided student organization called ICE (Investigating Careers in the Environment) brings environmental leaders to the campus to discuss emerging trends in the green jobs sector. The campus boasts an impressive ten LEED-certified buildings (one Platinum, eight Gold, one Silver).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	18.3
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricted parking, reduced fare bus pass, bike share, car share, carpool/vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), free shuttles, dedicated bike lanes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	8

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	19,615
# of applicants	17,104
% of applicants accepted	67
Average HS GPA	3.46
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–620
Range SAT Math	520–640
Range SAT Writing	480–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,124
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,156
Required fees	\$1,660
Room and board	\$10,170
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	44.6

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,774
# of applicants	20,506
% of applicants accepted	87
Average HS GPA	3.55
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	540–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,056
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,850
Required fees	\$1,426
Room and board	\$11,730
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.3

# UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a public research land and sea grant university, the University of Connecticut is home to the Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Center for Clean Energy Engineering, Center for Land Use Education and Research, and Rankin Marine Sciences Laboratory at the Avery Point campus. The university is an ACUPCC signatory, and five different workgroups helped develop a Climate Action Plan, which outlines the path for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Already, a quarter of the energy purchased by the campus comes from green sources. Nearly 75 percent of energy used is self-generated at UConn's highly-efficient natural gas-fired cogeneration facility. UConn has reduced its carbon footprint by nearly 5,000 tons per year since 2010. The formal Academic Plan includes the environment as an "area of excellence" and has resulted in the university investing in sustainability-focused academic and research programs, such as the start-up of EcoHouse and Spring Valley Student farm. The university has committed to achieving LEED Silver certification on new construction and major renovations, an especially significant commitment considering that UConn has eight years and \$1 billion remaining on a twenty-year, \$2.3 billion, state bond-funded capital improvement program. When it comes to students, EcoHusky, the environmental action organization, is one of the most active groups on campus, and organizes events such as an annual Green Week. UConn operates a \$1 million covered agricultural waste compost facility, which composts 8,000 cubic yards of manure along with leaves and landscaping waste each year. In 2013, UConn will begin operating a constructed \$30 million reclaimed water facility that recycles treated effluent from its sewage plant for use as a cooling water at its cogeneration facility and for irrigation, saving up to 500,000 gallons of potable water a day.

# UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Delaware's (UD) Path to Prominence™ strategic plan includes as one of its key milestones the Initiative for the Planet, which sets an overarching objective of making the university a national and international resource for environmental research, technology, education and policy by excelling in environmental research, becoming "The Green University," developing and demonstrating alternative energy technologies and integrating environmental programs within the curriculum. In fact, this year the university has implemented a \$1 million green revolving loan fund to fund energy efficiency improvements throughout campus. Trayless dining is in effect in all university dining halls, green purchasing guidelines have been implemented and single-stream recycling is in place across the campus. UD integrates sustainability themes in areas of study such as engineering, history, geography, wildlife ecology and more. The university's Academic and Student Life Task Force on Sustainability raises awareness through multiple events on campus each year. UD's Career Services Center holds panels on sustainable careers, and several staff members have expertise on green jobs. As part of its efforts to make a difference beyond campus borders, UD created the University of Delaware Energy Institute (UDEI), focused on creating and integrating solutions for energy sustainability, and the Center for Carbon-Free Power Integration, concentrating on energy storage and connection of renewable energy sources. Additionally, a new partnership with the City of Newark has given rise to a University-wide project called "UD WATER" (Watershed Action Team for Ecological Restoration), which aims to mitigate storm water runoff challenges facing UD and the city. Finally, the university of Delaware broadened its renewable energy generation by installing a two-megawatt wind turbine and an 870-kilowatt solar system across three University buildings.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives:	
car sharing, bike sharing, Free Regional Bus Pass with UConn ID, Free shuttle for University students, faculty, staff, and visitors, carpool incentive pricing, market-based pricing for temporary parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	25
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,301
# of applicants	31,000
% of applicants accepted	47.3
Range SAT Critical Reading	550-650
Range SAT Math	580-680
Range SAT Writing	550-650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,712
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$26,544
Required fees	\$2,650
Room and board	\$11,137
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	43

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, carpool parking, van-pool, guaranteed ride home, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	29
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,887
# of applicants	23,510
% of applicants accepted	54
Average HS GPA	3.60
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-640
Range SAT Math	550-660
Range SAT Writing	540-650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,670
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,940
Required fees	\$1,522
Room and board	\$10,196
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	67.2

# UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Denver isn't just talking about the environmental crisis; it wants to "DU Something About It." As early as 2004, students petitioned to have wind power on campus and voted to financially support the cost of implementation through an increased student activity fee. One year later the university purchased 15 million kilowatt hours of wind power each year for two years, representing over a quarter of the university's overall energy use (today, 34 percent of DU's energy demand is supplied by alternative energy). The university is also a signatory of the ACUPCC, has conducted an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and is in the process of finalizing a Climate Action Plan. In the meantime, DU has been making significant strides toward a greener campus. The university's recycling initiative recently "placed 3,000 new blue bins in offices, classrooms and labs," and DU's new residential building, the \$40 million Nagel Hall, is the second LEED Gold building on campus. In fact, DU has a new requirement that all new buildings must achieve LEED Silver certification or better. The university recently unveiled a campus-wide bike lending program largely driven by DU students. DU's Environmental Team is a student-run organization whose latest project is the development of a Bridge Community Garden on campus. In the winter of 2011, the university of Denver hosted the Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit which brought students, faculty, government and members of both the non-profit and for-profit sectors together to discuss sustainability issues across all sectors.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	34
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,424
# of applicants	10,504
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.71
Range SAT Critical Reading	550-660
Range SAT Math	560-670
Range SAT Writing	540-640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,232
Required fees	\$945
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.6

# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. J. Bernard Machen, president of the university of Florida, is serious about sustainability, as evidenced by his "State of Sustainability" address each April and the major environmental initiatives the UF Office of Sustainability has implemented since his 2004 appointment. University of Florida has set an aggressive goal of becoming a zero-waste campus by 2015. In pursuit of this goal, recycling is comprehensive across campus, even at Gator games, where volunteers have collected more than 26,000 pounds of recyclable material. UF was an early signatory of the ACUPCC and is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2025. The offsets for the Gators are generated locally through weatherization and restoration projects. UF has twenty-one LEED-certified buildings on campus and the first LEED Platinum building in Florida. All new buildings must seek LEED Gold or better. The university offers more than 1,000 sustainability-related courses and academic programs, including both a major and minor in Sustainability Studies, and a major in Sustainability and the Built Environment. It is also home to the Florida Climate Institute and the Water Institute, two hubs of environmental research and advocacy. There are more than fifteen active student groups working on sustainability, not to mention the UF Student Government, which has Gators Going Green, an agency dedicated to coordinating student campus sustainability efforts. UF's latest sustainability initiative, "Chomp Down on Energy," encourages and educates students, faculty, and staff on how to conserve energy and minimize the university's impact on the environment.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	19
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	67
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	31,988
# of applicants	27,295
% of applicants accepted	43
Average HS GPA	4.20
Range SAT Critical Reading	570-670
Range SAT Math	590-690

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,143
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,420
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$9,370
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	69.5

# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

More than 600 members of the UGA faculty are involved in sustainability research and education—in clean energy, integrative conservation, water resources, infectious diseases, invasive species, sustainable design, organic agriculture, and more—and more than 15 percent of all courses offered incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. Advancing sustainability is one of core directions identified in the university's 2020 Strategic Plan, and UGA's president noted that sustainability is "part of every construction, management, and purchasing decision we make." UGA has taken aggressive steps to conserve water on campus, such as installing over seventy rain gardens, planting native species, installing low-flow toilets and showerheads, recycling water in research labs, and even limiting flushes in stadium bathrooms during football games. Eighteen massive cisterns on campus collect more than 550,000 gallons of rain annually for reuse in campus buildings and landscapes. The result of this "Every Drop Counts" campaign is that water use on campus is down more than 20 percent. UGA is home to the Eugene Odum School of Ecology, "the world's first stand-alone school devoted to teaching, research, and public service in the areas of ecology and environmental studies" and the top-ranked College of Environment and Design for sustainable design practices in landscape architecture. The Tate Student Center Expansion, UGA Housing Building 1516 and four other campus buildings are certified LEED Gold. The UGArden Campus Community Garden has donated thousands of pounds of fresh, local and sustainable fish and produce to the local food bank. The Office of Sustainability provided \$26,000 in campus sustainability grants this year to implement student-initiated projects on campus.

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII— MANOA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

"Aloha" is the perfect word to describe the university of Hawaii at Manoa's commitment to going green. Students, faculty, and staff at this environmental research powerhouse are saying goodbye to energy waste, climate change, and greenhouse gases, and hello to a future as a leader in Asia-Pacific sustainability. The university's Manoa Sustainability Corps oversees green initiatives on campus, like the aggressive commitment to reduce the university's energy use by 30 percent by the end of 2012. Manoa Green Days is the university's energy reduction program to consolidate building energy use. Its recent Sustainable Saunders initiative reduced one building's energy use by \$149,900 in just one year! The campus is home to environmental research initiatives covering everything from sustainability issues relevant to tourism in Hawaii and other destinations in the Asia-Pacific region to research on global climate, equatorial oceanography, tsunamis, and fisheries. In fact, UH hosts a suite of marine life research institutes including the Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-More) institute, which aims to facilitate a greater understanding of microorganisms in the sea. Students get in on the action through a dynamic student group called the HUB (Help Us Bridge) that works to establish the university as a world leader in sustainable research, practices and education. In a project for the U.S. Department of Energy, the university is testing different types of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in order to determine the best models for campus use. As part of the project, UH has installed charging stations on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	47
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	26,373
# of applicants	17,569
% of applicants accepted	66
Average HS GPA	3.82
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–650
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	560–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,646
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,856
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	7.3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,952
# of applicants	7,196
% of applicants accepted	67
Average HS GPA	3.44
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–580
Range SAT Math	510–620
Range SAT Writing	480–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,664
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,912
Required fees	\$740
Room and board	\$10,029
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91.66

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Sustainable” might not be the first word you think of to describe a university in Texas, that is, unless you’re talking about the university of Houston. UH takes environmentalist Paul Hawken’s injunction seriously “to leave the world better than you found it.” UH’s efforts to become a sustainable community begin with promoting environmental literacy and sustainable behavior on campus, and coordination for sustainability research and campus operational progress. UH has committed to using the AASHE STARS rating system in developing sustainable strategies. Initiatives launched to date include the grand opening of the new Burdette Keeland Jr. Design Exploration Center, which boasts the only sloped, green roof in the city. The roof is designed to reduce flooding, clean the air, conserve energy, and reduce the heat island effect of urban buildings. The Keeland Center project was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from Keep Houston Beautiful. UH’s Campus Sustainability Task Force worked with the student-run Environmental Club to create the Cougar Campus Community Garden, which provides fresh produce for a local food pantry as well as opportunities for experiential learning. In fact, the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with the Task Force actively pursues opportunities for faculty and staff to research campus sustainability issues. UH Dining Services worked with its service provider to introduce trayless dining, and is also committed to the Green Thread program, through which it has implemented reusable to-go containers and recycled napkins, for example. UH aims to exceed minimum recycling requirements set forth by the state, and is taking part in the national RecycleMania competition to encourage recycling awareness and participation.

# UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Idaho is systematically building an infrastructure to support sustainability efforts on campus. The university has signed the Talloires Declaration, joined ACUPCC and Chicago Climate Exchange, launched a Sustainability Center, and formed committees to develop long-term plans to address sustainability issues on campus. UI has converted an on-campus steam plant to a biomass boiler, returned a total of eighty-four acres to native vegetation to eliminate emissions from grounds upkeep, and allocated \$35 million for energy conservation projects. Recent initiatives include replacing nearly all incandescent lights on campus with energy-efficient CFLs and installing photocell, occupancy sensors, and timed switches in campus buildings. These lighting initiatives alone have saved the university \$200,000 per year in electric cost savings. Even more impressive, 34 percent of the university’s power is supplied by renewable energy. Everyone knows the best way to spring college students into action is with free food, so a new initiative was launched: in exchange for a free meal, students volunteer to teach dining patrons how to sort meal leftovers into compost, recycle, or landfill. All new construction and major renovations on campus must seek LEED Silver, and a green roof has been installed on the Student Union Building. UI is home to the Fall and Spring Career Expo of the Palouse, which is co-sponsored by the university of Idaho and Washington State University. These events are two of the largest career fairs in the Pacific Northwest, and feature plenty of employers in the green sector. The UI Sustainability Center supports a number of student-led mini-grants, selected through a competitive process each year.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	30,452
# of applicants	14,725
% of applicants accepted	64
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–590
Range SAT Math	520–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,970
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,500
Required fees	\$918
Room and board	\$8,753
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7.2
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricted parking, dedicated bike lanes, market based pricing for parking meters, incremental prices for annual parking passes Zipcar, Zimride, the vandal Access Shuttle, and many other options	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	30
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	<1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,828
# of applicants	7,261
Average HS GPA	3.38
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–600
Range SAT Math	490–610
Range SAT Writing	460–570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,230
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,118
Required fees	\$1,982
Room and board	\$7,682
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	71

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is a leader in campus sustainability among Chicago-area higher education institutions. It is a STARS Charter Participant and has achieved Gold-level recognition in the Illinois Sustainable Campuses Compact. UIC was the first university in Chicago to establish an Office of Sustainability and has published its Climate Action Plan, identifying steps to reduce the institution's carbon emissions at least 80 percent by 2050. The Office of Sustainability encourages students, faculty, and staff to reach this goal by making changes in daily behavior, academics, campus operations, and policies. To date, UIC has made significant progress: courses are offered in sustainability and energy, including a summer institute on these subjects; During the year, monthly lunchtime seminars educate the UIC community about sustainability issues; UIC has an active recycling program and received the Governor's Sustainability Award; Lincoln & Douglas Hall's renovations were UIC's first projects to earn LEED Gold certification—innovations include multi-building geothermal heating/cooling system, rooftop solar photovoltaic panels, and native landscaping to reduce storm water runoff; Future major campus building projects must seek LEED Silver certification or better, and smaller scale projects are expected to incorporate green building features. Interestingly, four buildings have green roof installations. The Office of Sustainability and the Institute for Environmental Science and Policy provide opportunities for students to pursue research or campus project internship opportunities relating to sustainability, or get involved in a number of active student organizations.

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign isn't flying blind when it comes to sustainability initiatives. As a signatory to the ACUPCC, Illinois is committed to carbon neutrality by 2050. Interim targets for energy reduction are 20 percent by 2015. To date, the campus has already achieved 1990 energy reduction. UIUC is actively restructuring its energy accounting system and, as an incentive to conserve resources, will charge for units for energy used and offer rewards for energy-use reductions. In line with this, the university recently opened its \$66 million LEED Platinum Business Instruction Facility (all new buildings must meet LEED Gold certification standards or better). The school has also invested \$100 million so far in building retrofits and updates to ensure that the campus is "more sustainable, uses less energy, and has less sprawl." At last count, buildings at UIUC have been retrofitted, resulting in "an average energy reduction of 27 percent per building." Other conservation efforts include a steam trap maintenance program, the installation of energy recovery wheels, the use of 30 percent of the university's deferred maintenance program funds to purchase energy-related components, the purchase of six 100 percent electric vehicles and nineteen gas-electric hybrid vehicles for the campus service fleet, and the installation of a biodiesel tank. Thanks to a bolstered recycling program, UIUC now boasts an impressive 55 percent waste-diversion rate. In an effort to promote these and future green initiatives, the Student Sustainability Committee has created two new funds: Clean Energy Technology and Sustainable Campus Environment.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	34
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, car share, carpool parking, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	52
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	16,789
# of applicants	14,889
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.13
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-600
Range SAT Math	500-650
Range SAT Writing	480-610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,764
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,154
Required fees	\$2,892
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	79.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0.02
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	5
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	32,256
# of applicants	28,751
% of applicants accepted	67
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-660
Range SAT Math	690-780
Range SAT Writing	590-680

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,386
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,528
Required fees	\$3,310
Room and board	\$10,080
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	76

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Prairie Stars on the field, the University of Illinois at Springfield faculty and students are showing they are stars at creating their own green spaces. The commitment of UIS to the environment is on full display every day, since the installation of a green roof encompassing more than 26,000 square feet on Founders Residence Hall. Plus, the university has committed \$1.95 million to retrofitting one campus building's old single-glazed windows with double-glazed windows for energy conservation. New buildings are required to meet at least LEED Silver standards. Nowadays, others are buying in—a grant from the state of Illinois has helped the university to expand the university's recycling program from only academic buildings to include housing. Students participate in Earth Week and UIS's special annual Sustainability Week, when they often make organized efforts to recycle, pickup trash, seek out alternative transportation, and even channel their art skills towards a special "Art in Nature" contest. The Students Allied for a Greener Earth (SAGE) play a central and contributing role in campus life; in fact, they conducted a waste audit that helped the university receive the aforementioned state grant to expand recycling. With opportunities for ecological restoration energy research, and environmental classes in both chemistry and biology departments, students at the University of Illinois at Springfield will be well-positioned leaders of a greener tomorrow.

# UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With Big Ten athletics, a world-renowned Writer's Workshop, and a reputation as a public Ivy already to its credit, now the university of Iowa can add green campus trailblazer to its list of accomplishments. The University of Iowa has adopted a set of ambitious sustainability targets to achieve by 2020; these include net negative energy growth, 60 percent waste-diversion and 40 percent renewable energy consumption." Plans are in place to develop a 100 percent renewable energy power system for UI's research campus. Sustainable design practices have been in place for a decade, leading to five LEED-certified buildings on campus, including the LEED Platinum Information Technology Facility. The university has established an Office of Sustainability, to help construct its sustainability agenda. As part of the UI's Sustainable Water Resources Initiative, ten new interdisciplinary faculty positions have been created, and the Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability is one of the most popular certificate programs on campus with 145 students enrolled. In addition, a new Environmental Planning and Policy major was recently added. The "Consider Iowa" program at UI's career center offers opportunities to learn about environmental jobs in Iowa. Organizations such as the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA, Stanley Consultants, John Deere, National Park Service, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources often recruit UI graduates. There are several student groups working on sustainability initiatives on campus, including: the Environmental Law Society, UI Student Gardeners, Engineers for a Sustainable World, and the Environmental Coalition, and ECO Hawk, which promotes simple changes for a more sustainable campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, carpool parking, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	65
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,112
# of applicants	1,243
% of applicants accepted	60
Average HS GPA	3.38

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,090
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,240
Required fees	\$1,775
Room and board	\$9,870
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	83.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus passes, free campus bus service, restricted parking, Zipcar car share, carpool, vanpool, bikeable campus	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	11
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,564
# of applicants	18,939
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.61
Range SAT Critical Reading	450–630
Range SAT Math	450–690

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,678
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,900
Required fees	\$1,379
Room and board	\$9,170
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	64.9

# UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of La Verne's Sustainable Campus Consortium helps raise awareness and understanding of environmental issues as well as take the lead in developing initiatives to improve La Verne's conservation and sustainability practices. Conservation, in fact, is the key word when it comes to the university's efforts to respond to the environment. La Verne's recycling program has collected more than 257 tons of cardboard and 331 tons of paper for recycling. This commitment has led to an unprecedented 65 percent waste-diversion rate as well as to the university being awarded a WRAP award from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. La Verne also keeps tabs on its energy and water use through regular auditing, which enables the school to address consumption concerns in a timely manner. La Verne is working toward energy-efficiency through the installation of new and improved lighting fixtures and a central chiller plant. The university's water conservation plan includes the installation of energy-efficient plumbing fixtures, improved irrigation on campus, and the use of "xeriscaping" (from the Greek "xeros," which means "dry") in lieu of traditional landscaping, which encourages the use of non-native plants leading to unnecessarily high water consumption. La Verne brings its dedication to sustainability into the classroom by offering environmentally-focused academic programs, such as environmental biology and environmental management. Additionally, La Verne works to provide students with low impact food by using 25 percent of food expenditures to purchase local and/or organic foods.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,628
# of applicants	6,989
% of applicants accepted	39
Average HS GPA	3.52
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-550
Range SAT Math	470-560
Range SAT Writing	460-540

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$32,096
Required fees	\$1,254
Room and board	\$11,660
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	84.7

# UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Maine has an innovative program to cut back on the use of motor vehicles: It provides free bicycles to be used by faculty, staff, and students. Old or abandoned bikes are collected by the UMaine Police Department, refurbished by student groups, and are then available for checkout on a monthly basis. A free shuttle also takes students from campus to downtown Orono. The result? Hundreds of UMaine students biking to class and using the shuttle to get around town, which equals thousands of fewer car trips each year. The university has a full-time Sustainability Coordinator and a Sustainability Council made up of students, faculty and staff. Under their guidance, the university has made a commitment to avoid sprawl, restore local habitats, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2040. Students have plenty of opportunities to become involved in environmental issues on campus. Eco-Reps in residence halls coordinate recycling programs and lead other environmental initiatives. All new buildings on campus must meet state green building standards and existing buildings are getting a makeover—two have been outfitted recently with residential-scale solar thermal systems. Motivated students can join one of the many sustainability-based campus groups like The Green Team, which promotes sustainability on projects as large as national campaigns and as small as minor changes in campus life. Faculty and students research sustainable energy, including cellulosic ethanol, wind, and tidal power (with help from a \$300,000 Green Loan Fund supported by the University of Maine Foundation).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	no
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	30
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	70
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,710
# of applicants	8,306
% of applicants accepted	81
Average HS GPA	3.4
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-590
Range SAT Math	480-600
Range SAT Writing	460-570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,370
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,090
Required fees	\$2,218
Room and board	\$8,644
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	82.4



# UNIVERSITY OF MAINE— FARMINGTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The green season is short-lived in Maine but the university of Maine Farmington's commitment to greening is a year-round campaign. The university makes this commitment plain in its mission statement: "The University of Maine at Farmington is committed to environmental stewardship and to graduating responsible global citizens who care about our environment." The university is backing that statement up with some tangible actions. Two LEED-certified buildings have been completed on campus (tours are offered of the gorgeous LEED-certified education center) and the university has made a commitment to build new construction and major renovations to achieve LEED Silver or better. Energy conservation efforts at UMF have resulted in an energy footprint 20 percent below the national average for comparable colleges. The university offers a BS and a BA in environmental science, and a BA in environmental planning and policy. Students in the Sustainable Campus Coalition actively initiate many projects that contribute to campus sustainability. One such project—the Recycled Sledding Contest—brought students together to create sleds out of recycled materials. UMF has recently begun a compost program on campus, which is coordinated the dining service, students and a local recycling business. The campus is now composting a whopping two tons of organic material a week(!), which is available to the community of Farmington.

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND— BALTIMORE COUNTY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UMBC's commitment to green stretches from the grassroots to the Ivory Tower. For example, four Biodiesel Club students at the university of Maryland—Baltimore won seed funding from MTV Switch's "Dream It, Do It" Challenge, an international competition for the best sustainability ideas from young people around the world. Their project? Producing biofuel from cow manure. Students are also working to bring a farmer's market, composting, and a community garden to campus. An ACUPCC signatory, the university has retrofitted its central plant with high-efficiency boilers, chillers, and hot water pumps; installed low-flow toilets, urinals, and showerheads to reduce water consumption; and switched to CFL bulbs. Today, 21 percent of the school's energy comes from renewable resources, and 80 percent of the cleaning products used on campus are Green Seal-certified. UMBA has recently proposed the construction of a combined heat and power system which will reuse the waste heat to power air conditioning systems on campus. The implementation of such a system is estimated to reduce emissions by 3,720 metric tons. UMBC will be home to the Performing Arts and Humanities Facility, a building designed with green features. Project Greenthumb is an educational campaign on campus that teaches students, faculty, and staff how to recycle appropriately, and campus dining services has implemented an incentive plan for cutting down on food waste. Customers who bring back a cleaned plate are entered into an ongoing raffle. Students interested in sustainability can join the Students for Environmental Awareness club or participate in research projects.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,028
# of applicants	1,749
% of applicants accepted	82
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–570
Range SAT Math	440–540
Range SAT Writing	430–550

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,352
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,440
Required fees	\$785
Room and board	\$8,454
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	21
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,573
# of applicants	8,099
% of applicants accepted	61
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–640
Range SAT Math	570–670
Range SAT Writing	530–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,352
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$20,825
Room and board	\$10,866
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74.5

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND— COLLEGE PARK

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Maryland—College Park, located on the green line of the DC metro, has signed the ACUPCC, and published its Climate Action Plan. UMD works to integrate sustainability across the university curriculum, and the school has been recognized as a leader in the green movement by such organizations as the Maryland Green Registry, Climate Culture and *Sierra Magazine*. The new University Sustainability Council is in place to advise the president, the Office of Sustainability, and the campus community about issues related to the integration of sustainability into campus operations. The Terps dining facilities are also getting in on the action. Indeed, the South Campus Dining Hall uses waste from the salad prep room to help fertilize the school's expanding rooftop gardens. And the student-led Food Recovery Network helps to salvage and donate unused leftovers. Many other green initiatives have been put into place across campus, including: a commitment to LEED Silver certification for new buildings; energy-conserving renovations; green roofs; an impressive storm water management system; low-flow faucets, toilets, and showerheads in dorms; water- and energy-efficient dishwashers used by dining services; a composting program; discontinued use of Styrofoam containers in favor of biodegradable ones; and use of water-conserving grass on the university's golf course. Recycling is also a success story at UMD: The campus recycling rate has more than tripled since 2003. For students looking for a career in the green sector, the Career Center hosts an annual Green Jobs Fair to help students incorporate sustainability into their career plans.

# UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS—AMHERST

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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS' CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UMass—Amherst has initiated several large-scale sustainability initiatives across campus. The construction of a new central heating plan provides all of the campus' heating needs and meets almost 75 percent of its electrical needs. UMass Amherst has recently completed a \$43 million energy conservation contract with Johnson Controls that consists of more than forty individual energy conservation measures. Low-flow fixtures have replaced less efficient plumbing fixtures in many campus facilities, and treated effluent from a local water treatment plant is now used for the university's steam plant, reducing the consumption of potable water by 43 percent. UMass Fleet Services has used a bio-diesel blend of fuel, reducing carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon content significantly. The Office of Waste Management manages a comprehensive recycling program that has helped the university achieve a waste-diversion rate of 56 percent. The university's dining services dedicates approximately 25 percent of its annual produce budget to the "Be A Local Hero, Buy Locally Grown" program, which supports sustainable agricultural practices and local farms. The College of Natural Sciences "provides in-depth advisement and guidance on 'green' jobs using an established network of local and national contacts and internship sites in the green industry" and is in the process of developing a master's degree in Sustainability Science. UMass Amherst also has a newly-published list of more than 100 "green course" offerings including everything from Climatology to Business and the Environment.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	64
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	26,111
# of applicants	26,310
% of applicants accepted	45
Average HS GPA	4.01
Range SAT Critical Reading	580–680
Range SAT Math	610–710

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,966
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,337
Required fees	\$1,689
Room and board	\$9,678
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	61.4

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	65
% school grounds maintained organically	12

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,265
# of applicants	32,564
% of applicants accepted	66
Average HS GPA	3.64
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–630
Range SAT Math	560–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,612
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,400
Room and board	\$10,310
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	82.2

# UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS—BOSTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Massachusetts—Boston was recognized by the state's department of transportation for excellence in commuting options. The school installed its first seventy-four-kilowatt capacity solar photovoltaic array and is currently building its first LEED Silver Integrated Sciences Center. It's the only public university in Massachusetts to have signed the international Talloires Declaration, and is part of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. It has pledged to reduce its emissions by 80 percent by 2050. The school has an extensive recycling program and composting program—each year, it recycles 150,000 pounds of paper and 22,000 pounds of bottles and cans, 92,000 lbs of cardboard in addition to e-waste and bulk recycling. Dining Services are also green at UMass—Boston. Organic coffee and locally grown food is widely available. Leftover food as well as biodegradable plates and trays from the Campus Center dining hall are composted. Because the school is located near the harbor, students have plenty of opportunities to get their hands wet while researching the marine environment or interning with the campus' sustainability program. The campus shuttle fleet uses the latest diesel-electric hybrid technology. The campus recently installed hydration stations to reduce waste from plastic bottles and participates in a city-wide bike share program, Hubway. UMass—Boston offers an undergrad program in Environmental Studies as well as graduate degrees. UMass—Boston held its first green careers event in the spring of 2011, and conferences on green jobs, sustainable enterprise, green harbors, oceans and climate change are ongoing on campus.

# UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS—DARTMOUTH

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth believes that “sustainability is the most pressing and far-reaching paradigm of the new millennium.” The university's Sustainability Initiative functions as a catalyst, “taking a leadership role in transforming academic and practical training, engaging in the community to further sustainability efforts, sponsoring sustainability efforts at the university and redeveloping [the] region for a sustainable future.” Responsibility and Renewal, besides being two of the principles UMass Dartmouth endorses, is a recently finished 100-plus-page sustainability assessment and carbon reduction plan that serves as a link between all levels of those who run the university, summarizing the common goal of finding “greener pathways forward.” They've certainly seen results: achieved a 20 percent carbon emission reduction since 2008, campus witnessed the renovation and expansion of the LEED Silver-certified Carney Library, and the installation of a wind turbine; 95 percent of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified; and 98 percent of managed campus grounds are maintained organically. One student group, the Green Navigators, helps run a Farmer's Market on campus and has campaigned for a campus bike path. UMass Dartmouth definitely doesn't let its fortunate setting—it's home to one of the largest contiguous forests in the area, go to waste. The university's Living Classroom project promotes healthy management of the forest, while the woodland doubles as a sanctuary for educational walks and workshops for students and local residents of all ages. UMass Dartmouth was chosen as one of 100 locations nationally to test out green landscape maintenance standards.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
eco-friendly shuttle buses, cars on demand, bike share, discounted transit/semester passes	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	36
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,124
# of applicants	7,876
% of applicants accepted	61.3
Average HS GPA	3.18
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–570
Range SAT Math	490–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$1,714
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$9,758
Required fees	\$10,252
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	87

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	14
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	6.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	98

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,372
# of applicants	8,164
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.16
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–570
Range SAT Math	485–580
Range SAT Writing	450–550

## Cost

Annual out-of-state tuition	\$8,099
Required fees	\$9,718
Room and board	\$9,840
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	82

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The emphasis is on the “living” in “living and learning green” at the University of Memphis. UM’s new dorm, like most new construction on campus, achieved LEED Silver and is one of the first such public buildings in Tennessee. The university’s newly formed Sustainability Committee has established a Green Campus Initiative, which impacts everything from the school curriculum to campus design. And boy, have they been busy. UM’s Center for Biofuel Energy and Sustainable Technologies hosted the school’s third annual Tiger Blue Goes Green Day, highlighting the numerous eco-friendly initiatives in development by the university and the surrounding community. The Center’s bio-diesel production unit is working to convert recycled cooking oil from the school’s dining facilities into bio-diesel fuel for use in university vehicles and generators. Recently, the university of Memphis partnered with Apple to collect 155 tons of old electronic equipment during a citywide Electronics Recycling Day in an effort to keep the toxic materials commonly used in producing computers from seeping from landfills into groundwater. Additionally, the university has a total of thirty-six electric vehicles for campus employees slashing the cost per mile by 95 percent as compared to traditional gasoline vehicles. As if that weren’t enough, student groups like TIGUrS (Tigers Initiative for Gardens in Urban Settings) and numerous volunteers have been involved with creating community gardens on campus. UM’s efforts, thanks to the Physical Plant and Honors Club, are also reaching out to the community with several McKellar Lake cleanups throughout the year. Students looking to secure a green job have it easy thanks to the “Tiger Blue Goes Green” green jobs fair held on campus each year.

# UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With a mascot like the Hurricanes, the university of Miami has no choice but to take sustainability seriously. In addition to signing the Talloires Declaration and the ACUPCC, UM has also signed the Panama Pact, collaborating on a cutting edge education and research facility that addresses “present and twenty-second century challenges” with an emphasis on sustainable technology. The university constructed the first green high-rise facility in South Florida, and the eight buildings give UM more than one million green square feet! In addition UM has achieved LEED Gold on the Coral Gables campus’ Fieldhouse. Seventy-five percent of campus buildings have seen energy-related retrofits in the past three years, and close to three-quarters of cleaning products used on campus are Green Seal-certified. The university recently adopted the more efficient and user-friendly single-stream recycling process, which has caused a spike in on-campus recycling volume. Through UBike, UM offers bicycle incentives on campus, such as free locks and safety classes. The university also gives parking rebates to hybrid drivers. As a large research university, UM has a vast array of sustainability-focused classes and majors, and research opportunities are available through the Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, the Clean Energy Research Institute, the Renewable Energy Research Lab, the Climate Studies Group, and the Pew Institute for Ocean Science. The career center also hosts dedicated green job fairs. Campus awareness and sustainability efforts are coordinated through Green U, an Office of Environmental Health and Safety organization, with an environmental emphasis.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	40
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,647
# of applicants	6,798
% of applicants accepted	62.4
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–570
Range SAT Math	440–590
Range SAT Writing	410–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,144
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$20,856
Required fees	\$1,246
Room and board	\$8,330
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	70.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, car share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	73
% school grounds maintained organically	5

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,144
# of applicants	27,745
% of applicants accepted	38
Average HS GPA	4.20
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–690
Range SAT Math	630–710
Range SAT Writing	600–690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,980
Required fees	\$1,240
Room and board	\$11,882
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.7

# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN— ANN ARBOR

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor has a presidential commitment to sustainability spanning education, research, and operations. The Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute serves as the connection point for academic initiatives on campus, fostering multi-stakeholder collaborations to create and disseminate knowledge to help solve complex sustainability challenges. Through the “Sustainability and the Campus” course, undergraduate students engage in hands-on projects that have catalyzed initiatives such as zero waste athletic events and a “Be a Green Wolverine” student guide to sustainable living. The Student Sustainability Initiative coordinates student activities across campus and played a key role in encouraging UM to establish an Office of Campus Sustainability. “Planet Blue” Operations Teams lead an environmental conservation campaign of technology retrofits and occupant behavioral changes that has reduced energy usage in forty-four campus buildings by 12 percent with a cost avoidance of \$3.5 million annually. The program will be implemented in a total of 90 campus buildings. New construction of more than \$10 million must meet a dual standard of LEED Silver certification plus 30 percent beyond industry energy conservation standards. Students with an entrepreneurial bug will be excited to hear that in 2011, UM revamped its Michigan Clean Energy Venture Challenge which is designed to help UM students turn ideas into thriving businesses. Renewable energy has increased in the last few years with the purchase of five megawatts of wind energy, which supplements the university’s current solar energy program.

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA— DULUTH

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Minnesota—Duluth is a signatory of the ACUPCC. Additionally, the university opened its fourth LEED-certified building on campus, the Bagley Outdoor Classroom. The facility is LEED Platinum and supports education and research work in Bagley Nature Area, a fifty-five-acre green space on campus. Every existing building has received at least lighting upgrades in the last few years. The university has installed several small rain garden and biofiltration areas, two green roofs, pervious pavement, and many alternative plantings that replace maintenance-intensive sod. Through a partnership with the Duluth Transit Authority, UMD provides unlimited, free rides for students, faculty, and staff around the Twin Ports area. The University of Minnesota Wellness Program and the UMD Sustainability Office have even teamed up to offer prizes and incentives to students and faculty who commute via bike. The UMD Solar Research Project produces renewable energy atop Malosky Stadium. Additional solar photovoltaic panels are in place on the Bagley Outdoor Classroom and on eight solar-powered trash compactors on campus. Sustainable land management efforts include an experiment in edible landscaping, featuring a large vegetable garden, multiple salad, salsa, and vegetable plantings, and a Three Sisters garden with corn, beans, and squash. The Natural Resources Research Institute at UMD fosters economic development of Minnesota’s natural resources in an environmentally sound manner. A recent success of the Institute revolved around the creation of a business model for recycling old mattresses.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	18
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	29
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	33
% school grounds maintained organically	52

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	27,226
# of applicants	39,584
% of applicants accepted	41
Average HS GPA	3.79
Range SAT Critical Reading	600–700
Range SAT Math	650–750
Range SAT Writing	620–720

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$13,625
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$40,302
Required fees	\$194
Room and board	\$9,752
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	67.7

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	52
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	46
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,452
# of applicants	7,197
% of applicants accepted	75
Average HS GPA	3.40

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,322
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,832
Required fees	\$1,028
Room and board	\$6,614
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA— MORRIS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Minnesota, Morris has deep roots in agriculture and land stewardship—it was founded on land that once housed a residential agricultural high school—so one might expect it offers, “a renewable, sustainable education.” A charter signatory of the ACUPCC and STARS Charter Participant program, Morris is one of the first public colleges to generate on-site renewable power from local resources. An on-campus biomass gasification plant, which includes a steam turbine, is part of an integrated system for heating and cooling campus buildings. The university’s renewable energy solutions don’t stop there; 60 percent of the Morris campus’s electrical needs are met by wind, generated by the first commercial-scale research wind turbine at a U.S. public university, and a second recently opened. A solar thermal system on the Science building heats water in the recreational swimming pool—while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 30,000 pounds a year. Morris’ comprehensive sustainability plan encompasses more than just a shift to renewable power. The university values conservation—it has recently completed a multi-million dollar energy service contract to retrofit the campus. Plus, it’s a founding partner in Pride of the Prairie, an organization devoted to sustainable locally produced foods. Among many accessible student groups is the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group—active in “energy, fair trade, sustainable food, and toxicity reduction work.” For students who like to plan ahead, Morris’s Center for Small Towns helped create the GreenCorps, a new AmeriCorps program that develops green professionals.

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA— TWIN CITIES

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

If you’re interested in applying sustainable strategies at the interface of science, technology, business, and public policy, University of Minnesota may be the place for you. Sustainability begins during Welcome Week, where incoming first-years are introduced to the university’s reusable water containers, no-waste lunches, and alternative transportation offerings. The Water Resources Center educates both students and the community by funding research, partnering with local farmers, and providing opportunities for students to work with professionals in the water resources field. The university also offers an environmental studies major, one of the first sustainability minors in the country, and is home to the Institute on the Environment, which provides opportunities for research. Some of the programs on offer include the Frontiers in the Environment lecture series; River Life, which focuses on maintaining the Mississippi as a sustainable urban riverfront; and the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment. The university hosts an annual Sustainability Film festival. University of Minnesota’s admirable recycling program is more than twenty-five years old, and the school is actively working to reduce emissions through alternative transportation, energy conservation, and the “It All Adds Up” campaign. The Helmets and Headlights program provides bicycle equipment to the campus community for an affordable price. The university is also a member of the Founding Circle for the “Billion Dollar Green Challenge,” which encourages participating colleges and universities to collectively invest a total of \$1 billion in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
campus bike share program; city of Morris transit service	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	27
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	77
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,822
# of applicants	2,355
% of applicants accepted	62
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–650
Range SAT Math	510–650
Range SAT Writing	490–630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,720
Required fees	\$830
Room and board	\$3,460
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	94.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	30,519
# of applicants	36,853
% of applicants accepted	48
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–690
Range SAT Math	600–720
Range SAT Writing	550–670

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,650
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,650
Required fees	\$1,348
Room and board	\$7,834
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.1

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Mississippi is a school known for its traditions, but when it comes to sustainability, the university is definitely looking forward. The Red, Blue and Green campaign is the name of the university's sustainability initiative, which is overseen by the Office of Campus Sustainability. The campaign's mission is to build capabilities that support green improvements in building design and operations, landscaping, procurement, energy and water conservation, waste minimization, recycling, and services. This translates to some impressive energy management, green building, recycling, and alternative transportation initiatives. The university has made a commitment that all new buildings on campus will pursue LEED certification. The new Robert C. Kayat Law Center has achieved LEED Gold and the Center for Manufacturing Excellence is pursuing LEED certification. Plans are also in the works to develop an online dashboard to monitor energy usage in campus buildings in real time. A Game Day recycling program called "Green Grove" is aimed at generating more efficient and sustainable practices on Ole Miss's legendary football Saturdays. The university has collected 435 tons of waste just from the Grove tailgating area alone! Rebel Pedals is the university's bicycle-sharing program established to encourage environmentally friendly transportation around campus. Sustainability research opportunities are offered through Ole Miss's Green Student Intern Program, and organizations like Students for a Green Campus and the Environmental Law Society have helped to launch many student-led sustainable initiatives on campus, such as the green cup and hydration stations.

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Mizzou is known for a lot of things: great Division-I athletic teams, one of the nation's largest Greek systems, and fantastic academics. But now it's known for something else: being a sustainability rock star. Sustainability infiltrates every aspect of life on MU's campus. Tiger Tailgate Recycling has recycled more than 100 tons of recyclables at home football games over the last seven years. Every year the university hosts a Welcome Picnic for the incoming students—last year, MU took the initiative to make it a zero-waste event using only recyclable or compostable materials. But Mizzou students aren't just waste wise—they're also energy wise. The university has made a major commitment to energy conservation for the past twenty years, currently saving MU 20 percent of its energy costs, with an ongoing goal to save an additional one percent each year. The Mizzou Dashboard Project is a student-led energy conservation program that works to reduce energy use in residential halls through real-time energy monitoring. MU also recently purchased a 100 percent biomass boiler that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30 percent by 2016. Students are also stepping up to the plate when it comes to taking care of the university's natural habitat. MU's Herpetological Society is comprised of a group of students and faculty interested in reptile husbandry and conservation. The university offers several impressive resources for students to find green jobs, including the Big Green Guide to Internships, and routinely hosts green job providers on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	6
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	55

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,111
# of applicants	13,321
% of applicants accepted	79
Average HS GPA	3.35
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–590
Range SAT Math	470–590

## Cost

Required fees	\$0
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, car share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	63
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	25,687
# of applicants	18,103
% of applicants accepted	82
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–650
Range SAT Math	520–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,082
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,191
Required fees	\$1,175
Room and board	\$8,944
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	80.9

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA—MISSOULA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Montana is located in Missoula, a city nearly surrounded by a national forest, so it makes sense that conservation is a way of life. There are several student-run environmental organizations on campus, including Climate Action Now and Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (FLAT), which maintains an experiential learning home to demonstrate the practicality of sustainable living. UM also features the Green Thread, a unique faculty workshop aimed at infusing sustainability across the curriculum, and a student funded and managed project called the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF), a campus-wide fund designed to pay for energy saving and waste reduction projects. The Environmental Studies department and the College of Forestry and Conservation offer students a variety of academic tracks and advanced research opportunities. UM's Climate Action Plan is in the process of implementation through energy conservation projects across campus such as the Use Your Power Wisely campaign to encourage behavior change. The Climate Action Plan promises climate neutrality by 2020. There is also a campaign underway to promote tap water and reusable water bottles in lieu of bottled water; to support this effort, UM tests its water quality regularly and makes the results publicly available. Through a collaboration between dining services and several graduate students, the university formed the Farm to College program, dedicated to buying more food locally to feed the campus community and supporting the local economy and Montana's farming heritage.

# UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The commitment to green at University of Mount Union starts at hello. The university's LEED-certified Gartner Welcome Center was built using locally sourced building materials. If that doesn't impress future freshman, then the 142-acre Nature Center on campus certainly will. The Center houses an Environmental Science major and offers students and faculty plenty of opportunities for environmental research on and off campus. The university has recently released its Sustainability Plan which lays the pathway to climate neutrality. The university's newly renovated McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex is home to a fifty-four-kilowatt solar panel array that demonstrates the school's commitment to energy conservation. The campus is also home to a robust recycling program. The omnipresent recycling bins recycle paper, glass, plastic, metal and cardboard through a single-stream program. The campus provides address cover sheets to modify incoming postal envelopes so that they can be reused multiple times for interoffice purposes. There's no doubt that these measures drive Mount Union's astounding performance year after year in the RecycleMania competition. But the university is not just minimizing its paper-based processes—it's reinventing its infrastructure to convert to paperless whenever possible. The school's faculty and staff directory is 100 percent online, along with its catalog, personnel handbooks, and most forms. All grades are reported to the registrar electronically, and room reservations, IT equipment orders, and vehicle reservations are all handled online. Mount Union's on-campus café serves menu items on washable and reusable plates, thereby reducing the amount of waste generated by to-go containers.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,174
# of applicants	6,092
% of applicants accepted	94
Average HS GPA	3.26
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–610
Range SAT Math	480–600
Range SAT Writing	470–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,603
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,931
Required fees	\$1,558
Room and board	\$7,060
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	68.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,175
# of applicants	2,996
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.26
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–550
Range SAT Math	470–590

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,350
Required fees	\$300
Room and board	\$8,480
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	88



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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of New Hampshire boasts the oldest endowed sustainability program among colleges and universities nationwide, and it is this Sustainability Institute that has worked to develop “UNH’s unique sustainable learning community model” as well as promote sustainability locally, statewide, and regionally. UNH has a comprehensive Climate Education Initiative and is a member of the ACUPCC, both of which have propelled the campus to become the first institution of higher education in the United States to meet a significant portion of its energy needs with landfill gas. Talk about renewable: UNH is powering its campus with enriched and purified natural gas, courtesy of the local landfill, meaning that every bit of trash that ends up there ends up powering the school while lowering energy costs and decreasing environmental impact. UNH sells Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from this project and reinvests part of the proceeds back into energy efficiency initiatives on campus. Twenty-three percent of UNH’s heating and cooling demand is provided by renewable energy sources. UNH also extends its commitment to sustainability to local farms by being the first land grant university to have an organic dairy farm and education/research center. This dairy is an integral part of the university’s Food and Society Initiative, which seeks to both encourage healthy food production and consumption habits as well as support suppliers of local and organic foods. UNH offers a unique major in Eco-gastronomy for undergraduates that includes a study abroad component in Italy. UNH also offers sustainability internships that help interested students find work experience at sustainability-focused organizations in New Hampshire and beyond.

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Love Red, Live Green.” Sustainability is a core value at the university of New Mexico. The Sustainability Council consists of students, staff, and faculty working with the Office of Sustainability to oversee the Sustainability Policy. UNM celebrates Earth Day each year with a Sustainability Expo. The Sustainability Studies Program (SSP) was one of the first of its kind in the country and SSP students were instrumental in writing UNM’s Climate Action Plan (with a goal to reduce carbon usage 80 percent by 2030) and developing community gardens on campus. SSP students launched the “Knowledge is Power” campaign, designed to reduce the electrical usage on campus by 10 percent. The Research Service Learning Program (RSLP) offers UNM students courses related to sustainability, food security, and social development. RSLP students wrote a “Guide to Green Living at UNM” and developed an Eco-Rep program for the residence halls to provide peer-to-peer guidance in recycling, energy conservation, alternative transportation, and purchasing locally grown organic foods. In an effort to conserve energy, the administration has moved swiftly, retrofitting 90 percent of the campus’ existing buildings over the past several years. UNM is an institution that prides itself on innovative research, and the National Science Foundation established a new Engineering Research Center whose goal is to replace the common light bulb with next-generation lighting devices that are smarter, greener, and technologically advanced. Electrical and computer engineering students have designed a solar-powered car in a photovoltaics course. Classes with topics related to sustainability are also offered in diverse disciplines ranging from American studies to journalism.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	22
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	23
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	34
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,339
# of applicants	17,344
% of applicants accepted	74
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–590
Range SAT Math	510–620
Range SAT Writing	500–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$13,670
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$26,130
Required fees	\$2,752
Room and board	\$9,764
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	64.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,722
# of applicants	11,410
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.18
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–600
Range SAT Math	470–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,826
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,464
Required fees	\$1,224
Room and board	\$8,282

# THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

UNC has been awarded North Carolina's State Government Sustainability Award and became an ACUPCC signatory in 2007 and earned a STARS Silver rating in 2011. The campus has many impressive green features, including a LEED Platinum Education Center, several solar arrays, a thirty-two-megawatt cogeneration facility that is one of the cleanest coal-burning facilities in the United States, several green roofs, and a water reclamation and reuse system that replaces more than 210 million gallons of potable water annually. Due to conservation measures, UNC has avoided \$129 million in energy costs and \$14 million in water costs since 2003. All new buildings on campus are designed to achieve at least LEED Silver. A new landfill gas system produces electricity for new and existing campus buildings. Students have voted three times to raise student fees in order to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects on campus. Students also participate in the annual Green Games, a competition among residence halls to reduce water and electricity usage, and increase recycling participation. Centrally-located water bottle refill stations reduce the need for disposable plastic bottles. The university provides more than 7 million free bus rides annually through its Fare Free Transit and Commuter Alternatives Program, and career services has counselors who specialize in nonprofit and environmental careers. The two-year "Water In Our World" campus-wide academic theme encourages collaborative research on water-related issues. Students work closely with Dining Services to increase purchases of local and sustainably produced foods and can obtain a minor in sustainability.

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks, contributes more than \$1 billion to the state's economy each year. Now its conservation and sustainability initiatives are creating multimillion dollar opportunities in the sustainable energy sector. The campus is home to the Energy and Environmental Research Center, comprising eleven Centers of Excellence leading the development of advanced energy systems. Case in point: the EERC is developing a biojet fuel created from crop oils and animal fats. The Gorecki Alumni Center, opened this year, was built to LEED Platinum standards. The Education Building—a renovation and addition project—recently earned LEED Silver. And University Place, built to exacting environmental standards, offers students apartment-style living in a low-impact, sustainable building. UND has conducted lighting retrofits and installed heat recovery systems and online metering technology to monitor energy usage across campus. Energy research opportunities are available to students through a special program dubbed SUNRISE. SUNRISE focuses on research in three areas: technologies to enable the environmentally sustainable use of coal; the production of fuels, chemicals, polymers, and composites from renewable sources; and the harvesting of energy from alternative sources. Students are also involved in promoting sustainability through events such as recycling competitions and initiatives that have placed recycling bins in every dorm room on campus. Also this fall semester, and as part of the UND First-Year Experience Pilot Program, the first introductory course on Sustainability "Sustainability Revolution" was offered to UND freshman students. The dining centers provide reusable takeout containers, and seventeen percent of groceries are purchased from local or regional sources. The North Dakota Office of Management and Budget recently presented UND with the 2012 North Dakota Excellence in Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Award for its Green Cleaning Program.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	23
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, bike share program	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	<1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	27

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,430
# of applicants	23,753
% of applicants accepted	31
Average HS GPA	4.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	590-700
Range SAT Math	610-700
Range SAT Writing	590-690

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,823
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$26,575
Required fees	\$1,870
Room and board	\$9,734
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	22
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	16
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	27
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	11,953
# of applicants	5,408
% of applicants accepted	74
Average HS GPA	3.33

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,938
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,016
Required fees	\$1,316
Room and board	\$6,332
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	40.11

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Whoever said “everything’s bigger in Texas” wasn’t just talking about food and hair. Want big? How about three recently-completed 100 kilowatt community-scale turbines? Or an energy efficiency upgrade resulting in \$3.2 million per year in savings? The University of North Texas is clearly making big strides when it comes to sustainability. The university has developed a Climate Action Plan in accordance with ACUPCC requirements that covers everything from establishing a policy that promotes green purchasing and public transportation and requires all new campus construction be built to LEED Silver certification. Prime examples of new LEED-certified buildings: The New Football Stadium and the Business Leadership Building. To date, the university of North Texas has completed all but two of the tangible actions outlined by ACUPCC, making it the leading green university in the state and placing UNT in the top 17 percent of green-compliant universities nationwide. Forty percent of the energy on campus is derived from renewable sources, and 43 percent of the buildings on campus have undergone energy-related retrofits. The university monitors electrical consumption and water usage on campus, and a tree advisory committee is leading the establishment of large green spaces. The campus is posting strong numbers when it comes to recycling: in the past few years, the university has recycled nearly 1,000 tons of waste materials. UNT offers graduate degrees in environmental science and public administration and management. It houses the first PhD in environmental ethics in the country, now considered the best in the nation.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	40
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	5
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	28,283
# of applicants	14,563
% of applicants accepted	56
Range SAT Critical Reading	480–600
Range SAT Math	490–610
Range SAT Writing	460–580

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,487
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,017
Required fees	\$2,230
Room and board	\$7,150
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Scope and sustainability go hand in hand at the university of Northern Iowa, as the university’s greening efforts go beyond campus borders to impact the entire state of Iowa. UNI’s Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE) provides insight and direction on issues of energy conservation, renewable/alternative energy sources, local food systems, and sustainability to state organizations and businesses while providing opportunities for faculty and student research. On-campus, UNI c.a.r.e. (creating a responsibility environment) promotes sustainability at UNI via education and awareness campaigns. Environmental issues are also tackled in the classroom with sustainability-focused courses offered in the fields of education, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences. UNI’s liberal arts core program incorporates the issue of sustainability and environmental responsibility within the curriculum and the capstone course “Environment, Technology, and Society” has specific modules devoted explicitly to the topic. UNI’s Green Plaza at the McLeod Center is a green roof project that acts to cool the air, reduce noise, prevent fire, conserve water and reduce storm water runoff. Dining services is also making a difference by eliminating the use of many disposable items, implementing refillable mug programs, and converting to centralized food processing to reduce waste. A local buying program reduces packaging and shipping waste and use of a primary local vendor for food and supplies results in the use of fewer delivery trucks. Currently, an impressive twenty-three campus buildings are undergoing energy-related retrofits.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs)	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	56
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,655
# of applicants	4,322
% of applicants accepted	77.5
Average HS GPA	3.21

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,648
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,734
Required fees	\$987
Room and board	\$7,597
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	60

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Going green” might be a mantra for the university of Notre Dame Fighting Irish, but now it’s an institutional commitment. Notre Dame’s recently expanded Office of Sustainability now includes three full-time staff and seven interns; the team has been hard at work developing measurable goals for Notre Dame’s future. The university is amidst a \$10 million investment in energy conservation projects in more than eighty buildings, and has established a \$2 million Green Loan Fund to support capital projects that save energy and natural resources. Those projects are numerous: Notre Dame’s nine million square foot campus is expected has grown by more than 700,000 square feet. Thanks to Notre Dame’s commitment to pursuing LEED certification for all buildings currently under construction or in planning and design, that growth will be sustainable. The campus already boasts seven LEED-certified buildings with an additional one buildings pursuing LEED certification this year. The installation of low-flow faucets, low-flow showerheads, waterless urinals, and dual flush toilets reduces the water usage per fixture by up to 30 percent per year. Single-stream recycling has been instituted in all buildings on campus, and the “Old 2 Gold” program, Notre Dame’s end-of-the-year salvage, raises more than \$70,000 for local charities each year and diverts more than eighty tons of waste from the landfills. Getting to campus is easy if you have a Notre Dame ID: TRANSPO bus is free. Notre Dame’s Students for Environmental Action and greeND student groups are committed to protecting the environment through educational initiatives, community service projects, and environmental advocacy.

# UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Better SOONER than Later” is the university of Oklahoma’s rallying cry for addressing the challenges of sustainability swiftly. As a charter signatory of the ACUPCC and a member of the Chicago Climate Exchange, OU has completed its first campus emissions inventory, filed a plan for greenhouse gas reduction, and established a Sustainability Committee. In order to achieve its aggressive goal of 100 percent renewable power by 2013, OU has partnered with Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company and helped fund the construction of a forty-four-turbine, 101-megawatt wind farm known as “OU Spirit.” The university has an active student environmental group, OUr Earth, that has established a Game Day Recycling Program. OU has made a public commitment to incorporate sustainable strategies into campus operations. Among the university’s pledged goals are: promotion of alternative transportation; increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in construction, including building to green design guidelines; and maintaining and increasing campus green spaces while keeping the campus pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly. An hourly car rental offering, through Enterprise’s “We Car” program is available. Large state universities come with major research opportunities, and OU is no different: It’s home to an Institute for Energy and Environment (part of the Sarkeys Energy Center), which focuses on biotech solutions to environmental challenges faced by the gas and oil industry. The university has also newly established a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental sustainability in its College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, and continues its program for interdisciplinary perspectives on the environment.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, vanpool	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0.1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	20

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,433
# of applicants	14,521
% of applicants accepted	29
Range SAT Critical Reading	650–740
Range SAT Math	670–770
Range SAT Writing	650–740

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,910
Required fees	\$507
Room and board	\$11,388
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
dedicated campus bicycle plan; covered bicycle parking; free university/city bus transportation for students, faculty and staff; ADA paratransit for eligible students; 50 percent of bus system using CNG fuel; online car pool matching for students, faculty, and staff.	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	21.8
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	31
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	43
% school grounds maintained organically	60

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,120
# of applicants	11,650
% of applicants accepted	79
Average HS GPA	3.59
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–640
Range SAT Math	540–660

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,957
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,594
Required fees	\$3,384
Room and board	\$3,382
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	60

# UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At the university of Oregon, learning about sustainability is just half of the equation—the university also focuses on preparing green professionals who can put their sustainability training to use in the real world. On the academic front, UO's environmental studies department, public policy department, Lundquist College of Business, and School of Architecture and Allied Arts, all offer classes and curricula focused on sustainability. Additionally, Oregon now offers a new Leadership in Sustainability graduate certificate. When it comes to real-world application, the campus is home to four annual student-run conferences that focus on green business practices, green design, environmental racism, and green law and policy. The Sustainability Leadership Academy provides workshops on green efforts for business managers. The University of Oregon, a member of the Founding Circle of the "Billion Dollar Green Challenge," also hosts an annual sustainable business symposium that emphasizes the link between successful businesses and sustainable practices. The career center also maintains an up-to-date database of both local and national environment-related jobs. UO's nationally recognized Sustainable Cities Initiative brings together ten academic departments, twenty-eight courses, and 500 students to help transform Oregon's cities into twenty-first century models of sustainability. The university is an ACUPCC signatory and has developed a Climate Action Plan. The administration has also committed to pursue LEED certification for future buildings, and the campus recycling program currently diverts an impressive 56 percent the university's total waste from landfills. In the sciences, green chemistry has been integrated throughout the curriculum and provides opportunities for students to design materials of the future in both nanotechnology and inorganic chemistry.

# UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The university of Pennsylvania is a signatory of the ACUPCC and has convened the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) to prepare a university Climate Action Plan. ESAC's six subcommittees (Academics, Utilities & Operations, Physical Environment, Waste Minimization & Recycling, Transportation, and Communications) has subsequently launched Penn's Climate Action Plan. Penn has a full-time Environmental Sustainability Coordinator who works with a team providing education and leadership regarding sustainability initiatives on campus. Penn is already one of the nation's leaders in wind energy purchasing among institutions of higher education, with Renewable Energy Credit accounting for roughly 48 percent of the university's annual electrical consumption (200,000 wind RECs). Five buildings on campus have achieved LEED certification, including the Morris Arboretum Horticulture Center, which achieved LEED Platinum. Plans are in place to update systems in high energy use buildings to reduce their carbon footprint. The recently opened Penn Park added 20 percent more open space to campus. The park's underground storm water cistern has a 300,000-gallon capacity and is projected to collect, and reuse, an average of 2,000,000 gallons of storm water per year. The Green Campus Partnership Student Association is a student-run umbrella group which coordinates the work of Penn's various environmental student groups. The university offers students paid sustainability internships. The Student Eco-Reps program has 140 participants. The university's Green Fund, a sustainability grant fund, has supported thirty-six projects to date. Commuting around campus and the city is easy thanks to the PennPass, a heavily subsidized student transit pass that allows for unlimited rides on buses and subways in the area, and the 2,750 individual bike parking spots on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,248
# of applicants	23,012
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.59
Range SAT Critical Reading	492–610
Range SAT Math	501–613

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,010
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,360
Required fees	\$1,300
Room and board	\$10,580
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	15
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,779
# of applicants	31,663
% of applicants accepted	12
Average HS GPA	3.89
Range SAT Critical Reading	660–750
Range SAT Math	690–780
Range SAT Writing	670–770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,088
Required fees	\$4,650
Room and board	\$12,368
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.8

# UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH— PITTSBURGH CAMPUS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Consistently ranked among the top public universities in the country, University of Pittsburgh has had a lot to juggle in an effort to “maintain research and instructional excellence, realize cost savings and apply sound sustainability principles.” An original signatory of the Talloires Declaration, “supporting mobilization of the resources of higher education on behalf of sustainability,” Pitt has constantly made the environment a priority, in fact identifying sustainable concepts as one of its five Engineering research focus areas—and that’s saying something for a school where Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine. Green infrastructure is at the forefront of Pitt’s movement; the university recently constructed and began operation of a new steam plant. Transfer of Pitt’s steam production to the new facility is expected to ultimately reduce steam-related greenhouse gas through its state-of-the-art emission control technology and uniquely low NOx burners. Ten current projects are pursuing LEED certification to supplement the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine—the first laboratory building in Pennsylvania to achieve LEED Gold certification. Two recent renovation/addition projects (the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation and the Benedum Hall Phase I Renovation) also achieved LEED Gold certification. The Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation “encourages and nurtures new collaborative projects based on strong and innovative research.” With all the sustainable initiatives in place to develop Pitt as an institution, the university doesn’t forget about its heart and soul—its students. Pitt’s Office of Student Employment and Placement—besides offering paid internships for students and organizing periodic student symposiums—is staffed by an Employment Development Specialist who frequently assists students interested in working for organizations with sustainable practices.

# UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Portland strives to incorporate sustainability into all aspects of college life. An enthusiastic participant in Campus Conservation Nationals, students managed to save more than 23,905 kilowatt hours. The university’s College Ecology Club has established a student-led Dorm Challenge, bringing sustainability to the forefront of college-style housing. The university also challenges students to navigate campus by walking or riding a bike, since doing so can cut almost one quarter of a pound of pollution out of the air per person each day. Numerous bike racks have been installed around campus to facilitate students’ choice to ride. The University of Portland is also in partnership with TriMet, Portland’s public transit system, and Zipcar, to provide a shuttle to campus to increase employee and student use of public transit while reducing overall automobile usage. UP is in the process of purchasing a biodiesel generator that will enable it to convert cooking oil waste (an estimated forty gallons each week!) from dining services into biodiesel fuel to operate campus vehicles. Further, UP opened the country’s first environmentally sensitive science building and has earned LEED Platinum for its engineering building. The university’s students took the initiative to develop the Student Led Unity Garden (“SLUG”), an organic garden on campus where students grow a wide variety of organic food and even provide some to dining services. UP offers an environmental studies program that critically examines the broad scope of the current environmental crisis. To that end, the program includes project-oriented seminars in which student teams create action plans to help solve regional environmental issues.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	13
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	43
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.7
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,092
# of applicants	23,409
% of applicants accepted	58
Average HS GPA	3.94
Range SAT Critical Reading	570–690
Range SAT Math	600–690
Range SAT Writing	560–660

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$15,272
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,680
Required fees	\$860
Room and board	\$9,430

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	100
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,321
# of applicants	8,156
% of applicants accepted	65
Average HS GPA	3.67
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–650
Range SAT Math	540–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$35,120
Required fees	\$140
Room and board	\$7,290
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	82.6

# UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At the University of Puget Sound, green isn't just a color but a way of life. To ensure environmental action is taken, the university formed a Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) comprised of students, faculty and staff. The SAC's mission is to both increase sustainable behavior on campus and foster a sense of individual responsibility. Divided into several sub-categories, the SAC focuses on consumption, curriculum, climate and outreach. More specifically, the SAC works to reduce waste on campus by coordinating recycling and composting initiatives. They also sponsor zero-waste events such as LogJam, Lu'au and Garbology—wherein students sort through trash and determine what could have and should have been recycled. Further, the SAC is sponsoring a new program titled Green Advocates. Geared towards residential living, Green Advocates are appointed in every dorm to facilitate peer-to-peer education about sustainable living. Additional initiatives include Fair Trade Month along with a monthly environmental film series. Puget Sound is also eager to bring the green conversation into the classroom. A comprehensive course survey highlighted ninety-eight courses with a sustainability focus and an additional 307 which are sustainability related. And overall, out of thirty-four academic departments, an impressive thirty-two offer at least one class with connected to sustainability. This green-heavy curriculum has led to students conducting waste audits and the launch of the Tacoma Open Spaces web site. This site connects the independent groups supporting green spaces throughout the Tacoma area and allows them to combine forces and resources, thus leading to a more efficient work flow.

# UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In 2007, The University of Rhode Island signed the ACUPCC and established a Council on Sustainability to provide guidance on the greening of URI. Step one: Calculate the university's carbon footprint—check. Step two: Investigate energy-saving possibilities—check. Step three: Achieve carbon neutrality—on target. URI has undertaken a systematic plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and become a carbon neutral institution in the near future. Energy faculty and graduate students have completed energy audits of buildings on campus, and 95 percent of URI's buildings have undergone energy-related retrofits or renovations in the past three years including plans to install solar shingles on the Continuing Education Center on campus. In September 2012, URI opened Hillside Hall, a residence hall for first- and second-year students. This energy-efficient building features naturally ventilated rooms, rooftop solar collectors to heat water, a vegetated roof, building materials with high recycled content, indoor bicycle storage, and real-time energy monitoring. Further plans are being made to turn the north district of campus into a "sustainable neighborhood" featuring the latest in sustainable materials and technologies. Those who drive are able to park their cars in an eco-friendly parking lot that helps filter pollutants before they enter the groundwater. With ongoing research opportunities available in sustainability through the College of Environmental Life and the university's minor in Sustainability, URI is taking strides to ensure that students both live and learn about sustainability. Outside of the classroom, numerous green student groups are working to educate their peers about sustainability issues on campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	37
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	59
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	68
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,645
# of applicants	7,194
% of applicants accepted	52
Average HS GPA	3.51
Range SAT Critical Reading	570–680
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	570–670

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,510
Required fees	\$210
Room and board	\$10,020
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	22
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	0
% school grounds maintained organically	70

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,943
# of applicants	20,012
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.40
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–590
Range SAT Math	500–610
Range SAT Writing	490–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,824
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,912
Required fees	\$1,542
Room and board	\$10,767
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81.7

# UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Richmond's picturesque campus routinely ends up on various "most beautiful" lists and several film and television crews have used it to add "atmosphere" to their productions. It's no wonder that the university is dedicated to preserving that beauty. A signatory of both the ACUPCC and the Talloires Declaration, the University of Richmond focuses its sustainability efforts on three key areas: green building, energy conservation, and recycling. UR's Weinstein Hall, was Central Virginia's first LEED-certified building, and the university has committed that all new construction will seek LEED Silver or better. Currently the campus is home to four LEED-certified buildings, most recently the Robins Stadium, which has achieved LEED Silver. When it comes to energy conservation, the university encourages awareness of personal responsibility, and a monitoring system installed in fourteen residence halls allows users to view their electricity usage in real time. In addition, energy-efficient lighting, laundry machines, and heat pumps have been installed across campus. In just one year, the university diverted 1.4 million pounds of waste from landfills through completely voluntary reuse and recycling efforts (which was key to UR achieving an impressive 39.5 percent waste-diversion rate). UR's Career Development Center works closely with the coordinator of environmental studies to provide students with access to green internships and jobs. There are also plenty opportunities for research through environmental studies, biology, chemistry, geography, journalism, leadership, philosophy, law and religion, as well as through UR's living and learning community, Earth Lodge. The university's highly regarded international education program supports international opportunities for students interested in sustainability research. Research and travel grants are available.

# UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Rocky is the university of Rochester's alter ego for sustainability initiatives on campus and, boy, has he been busy. The University Council on Sustainability oversees activity campus-wide, including sustainability curriculum development and twenty-five separate initiatives in six areas: energy, waste management/recycling, business practices, land use and building, transportation and parking, and dining services. Initiatives range from fairly standard to more innovative, but all add up to major changes. The university achieved its first LEED-certified building, the Saunders Research Building, in 2011, and has "committed to LEED Silver criteria as a minimum for all new construction." Additionally, UR purchased enough wind energy Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to supply 100 percent of the electricity used in residential life on the River Campus completely sustainably. The university has already committed to purchasing another 10,000,000 kilowatt hours of RECs for the next several years. Dining services has stood out for its sustainability successes including a program which converts used fry oil into bio diesel as well as being the "first higher education institution in New York to become a member of Pride of New York, purchasing food from more than thirty local vendors." Local foods now account for 28 percent of dining services' purchasing. Dining Services also rolled out a composting program incorporating all of its operations. Student initiatives include Eco-Reps, who educate their fellow dormitory residents on environmental issues; Green Food, a blog about sustainable dining; UR Biodiesel, a project to create biodiesel from fry oil for a campus bus; and GrassRoots, an environmental action group.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	17
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	30
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,960
# of applicants	10,232
% of applicants accepted	30
Range SAT Critical Reading	580-700
Range SAT Math	620-720
Range SAT Writing	590-690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,210
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$9,760
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	38
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	40

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,457
# of applicants	13,678
% of applicants accepted	37
Average HS GPA	3.83
Range SAT Critical Reading	600-700
Range SAT Math	650-740
Range SAT Writing	610-700

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,890
Required fees	\$776
Room and board	\$12,618
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.2



# UNIVERSITY OF SAINT THOMAS (MN)

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Named after Catholic theologian and philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas, the university of St. Thomas in Minnesota is an institution where innovation and exploration are part of its pedigree—now the school is making sure that its legacy is a sustainable one. After becoming a signatory of ACUPCC, the university moved swiftly to pursue ways to reduce its carbon footprint. Case in point: 90 percent of the buildings on campus have undergone energy-related retrofits. Solar panels were installed on top of the Brady Residence Hall as part of a student-led initiative. St. Thomas is a member of the EPA's Green Power Partnership and was named the 2011–2012 Individual Conference Champion in its College and University Green Power Challenge. Almost all electricity used on both the St. Paul & Minneapolis campus comes from alternative wind-source power. UST's new Anderson Student Union, received LEED Gold certification in July 2012. In the past two years, the Campus Sustainability Fund has awarded over \$90,000 to eight UST community projects for mission-based offsets. To encourage the use of alternative transportation on campus, the university sponsors HourCar, a local car sharing program in which hybrid cars are purchased and placed on campus for student and community use. UST also sponsors NiceRide, the innovative metro area bike-share program, with an on-campus kiosk. Green student organizations are plentiful on campus and include the UST Green Team, Engineers for a Sustainable World, and B.E.A.S.T.—Bicycle Enthusiasts at St. Thomas. UST ensures that students are prepared to pursue green efforts after graduation: The Career Center sponsors monthly workshops on green jobs.

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Home to the largest solar rooftop installation in the country, the university of San Diego has installed more than 5,000 photovoltaic panels throughout the campus, generating 8 percent of their power needs through a 1.23-megawatt renewable energy system. The university maintains its beautiful landscaping through satellite controlled smart irrigation sensor systems that automatically conserve water after rainfall. The university's efficiency savings from 2010–2011 included 6 million kilowatts of electricity and well 15 million gallons of water. All recycling bins on campus accept plastics 1–7 along with other common recyclables, allowing the university to divert more than 1,500 tons of waste from landfills. USD also opened a full time electronic waste collection center, collecting over 100,000 pounds in the first six months. This collection center, the first of its kind on a college campus, diverts e-waste from landfills and developing nations with the goal of raising money for student scholarships. The university offers environmental courses allowing students to participate in hands-on environmental research projects. The Center of Peace and Commerce is a joint project of the School of Business and the School of Peace Studies that aims to drive the new global economy to measure success in the five P's: "people, planet, profit, peace and prosperity." USD's Career Services Office and Office of Community Service Learning jointly sponsor an annual "Careers with a Conscience" program. USD is in the top twenty-five schools for Peace Corps volunteers, many in environmental education.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	28
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	85
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,336
# of applicants	5,362
% of applicants accepted	86
Average HS GPA	3.56
Range SAT Critical Reading	530–660
Range SAT Math	530–650

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$33,040
Required fees	\$747
Room and board	\$9,046
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	28
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,409
# of applicants	13,867
% of applicants accepted	48
Average HS GPA	3.89
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–650
Range SAT Math	570–670
Range SAT Writing	570–660

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$39,486
Required fees	\$484
Room and board	\$11,910
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	92.8

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—COLUMBIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of South Carolina—Columbia has long been a green leader in its home state. More than a decade ago, the university president joined the presidents of Clemson and the Medical University of South Carolina to form the Sustainable Universities Initiative (SUI). USC is also home to the Center for Fuel Cell Research, one of the leading institutes for developing alternatives to petroleum, and the School for the Environment, a “virtual” school including 150 faculty from disciplines as diverse as history, engineering, law, and art. The university is constructing its first net zero energy building in partnership with the US DOE. The campus currently offers more than 348 sustainability related courses. Students operate an organic garden, distribute products at the campus farmer’s market and are training staff and departments to construct additional food gardens across campus. USC has also partnered with the Columbia area to develop a regional sustainability plan. Sustainable Carolina represents all the sustainability efforts on campus and utilizes over forty student interns to implement the campus sustainability plan. The program allows students to apply sustainability practices on campus. Last year students put in nearly 20,000 hours working, learning and training on sustainability issues. USC’s fleet of buses uses bio fuel and a fuel cell powered demonstration bus. The campus hosts a Green Career Fair each semester and has an impressive array of environmental student organizations. USC has made a commitment to seek LEED Silver certification on new construction. The Patterson Residence Hall renovation and Library Addition recently received LEED Gold certifications.

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of South Florida Bulls are determined to see a Sustain-A-Bull USF. The Student Government Association just approved a \$1-per-credit-hour green fee to be used for the purchase of renewable energy. Each year USF hosts the Campus and Community Sustainability Conference which is open to participants interested in sharing best practices for Florida’s sustainable future. USF also recently put on a “Going Green Tampa Bay EXPO,” which showcased sustainable products and services available in the area to 3,000 visitors. An ACUPCC signatory, USF has incorporated sustainability into its strategic plan and established a Sustainability Initiative on campus with fourteen subcommittees. It is also dedicated to ensuring that all new buildings achieve LEED Silver or better (there are seven buildings in the design phase or already under construction that will pursue LEED certification in the upcoming years). The university is home to eighteen environmental student groups including Emerging Green Builders, Engineers for a Sustainable World, and the Student Sustainability Initiative. Each year USF hosts a Green Jobs Fair in conjunction with the Campus and Community Sustainability Conference. Undergraduates are taught sustainability as part of the school’s mandatory core curriculum. The College of Business at USF has also added a green job component to the MBA Building Sustainable Enterprise track. Students at USF get access to free bus passes, universal access transit passes, and a guaranteed ride home, perks that save money and reduce single-driver car rides. Now about 15 percent of student trips to and from campus are through alternative transportation.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	24
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	33
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,222
# of applicants	21,311
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.90
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–640
Range SAT Math	560–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,088
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,244
Required fees	\$400
Room and board	\$8,459
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	53.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food 11

Available transportation alternatives:

free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home

New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	29,232
# of applicants	29,194
% of applicants accepted	38
Average HS GPA	3.78
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–620
Range SAT Math	540–630
Range SAT Writing	500–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,506
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,429
Required fees	\$1,828
Room and board	\$8,960
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	62.1

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

USC's sustainable campus actually begins well below the earth's surface: a three million gallon thermal energy water storage (TES) system stands forty feet below grade. The TES system is estimated to conserve more than 4,000 MWh of electricity each year. As a large private research university, USC can offer extensive research opportunities to both graduate and undergraduate students through: USC Energy Institute's Future Fuels and Energy Initiative, which emphasizes research in energy alternatives to fossil fuels; the Green Visions Plan, a partnership between state land conservancies and USC to create plans for building a mutually-beneficial relationship between people and the environment; and the School of Architecture's Materials, Systems and Sustainability Program, which focuses on long-term sustainability. USC's Sustainability Steering Committee, comprised of administrators, students, staff, and faculty, identifies opportunities for the university to advance sustainability and makes recommendations to the administration. Recently, a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions report and dashboard system were developed. The dashboard system allows students and faculty to access a very large data set updated nightly from more than 170 of USC's smart electricity meters. USC, which has recently applied for the LEED certification of two new campus buildings, has also implemented a Green Office Certification Program that provides students, faculty, and staff with a framework for implementing sustainable practices in their workplaces. USC has established partnerships with local civic, business, and research organizations to help make Los Angeles a world leader in the green industry.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In recent years, the university of Tennessee—Knoxville has taken several major steps toward reducing its environmental impact while building a culture of sustainability through its comprehensive program "Make Orange Green." The Office of Sustainability has coordinated environmental activities across all areas of campus, including the institution of a broad energy conservation policy that seeks to reduce energy consumption through individual actions, technical strategies, and education and outreach. Further, TK introduced a sustainable building policy that made the LEED rating system the standard for all new construction and renovation projects exceeding \$5 million. In 2012, the renovation of the iconic Ayres Hall achieved Silver certification under the LEED-NC version 2.0 rating system. To increase awareness on campus (and reduce the amount of trash the university produces), TK is a perennial participant in RecycleMania, a ten-week national competition to see which universities can recycle the most. The university also recently hosted its second annual Black Out Bash to encourage students to turn off their lights. The Student Environmental Initiatives Fee funds environmental stewardship programs such as energy efficiency upgrades to campus buildings and the purchase of green power. During 2012–2013, the fee funded the purchase of 73,333 megawatt hours of green power for the university, a purchase that was equivalent to removing 6,766 cars from the road for a year. An annual light bulb exchange and environmental competition in the residence halls, are other ways students are busy making orange green at TK.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	19
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	17,500
# of applicants	46,104
% of applicants accepted	20
Average HS GPA	3.8
Range SAT Critical Reading	640–740
Range SAT Math	680–780
Range SAT Writing	670–770

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,463
Room and board	\$12,440
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90.3

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:

bike share, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane

School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Waste-diversion rate (%)	18
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	20,962
# of applicants	13,768
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.85
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–640
Range SAT Math	530–640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,224
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,066
Required fees	\$1,772
Room and board	\$8,480
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Sure, these Texas Longhorns boast some impressive football stats. They also post some strong figures when it comes to going green. A solid 75 percent of campus buildings feature designated recycling areas and the university has an overall waste-diversion rate of 51 percent. Moreover, in participation with the Clinton Global Climate Initiative, UT Austin has made a firm promise that all new construction will achieve LEED Silver certification. Beginning in July 2012, Austin started to compost animal bedding. The on-campus housing and food services are some of the greenest in the business, diverting over 240 tons of food waste to a local compost business and offering a popular Eco-to-Go container reuse program. UT Austin has also enacted the UTakeCharge program to promote energy conservation awareness around campus. Through UTakeCharge and utility investments, the university has implemented a number of measures which have allowed the school to save 28 million kilowatt hours annually. Academically, students can also jump on the environmental bandwagon. Austin offers a bachelor's in environmental studies. Impressively, there are an additional 41 specializations, concentrations and degree plans that are connected to sustainability. Further, UT Austin offers a graduate portfolio program in sustainability along with a MSSD in sustainable design. Of course, even the students here who fall outside of these academic disciplines understand the importance of taking environmental action. To that end, they agreed (via referendum approved by seventy-one percent of students) to pay a green fee. The fee, which comes to \$506,000 annually, is then allocated by a student majority committee.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to a number of recent sustainability initiatives on campus, UT Dallas certainly earns its place in this guidebook. Last year, the university opened its first LEED-certified building. The Student Services Building, certified at LEED Platinum, features solar thermal hot water heating, storm water collection tanks that are reused for landscaping, low-flow lavatory fixtures to reduce water consumption, and large windows for plenty of natural daylight. UT Dallas has recently commissioned an Office of Sustainability, which seeks to “mitigate UT Dallas’s footprint on the environment, to raise visibility and awareness of environmental issues on campus and our community, and to engage UT Dallas students, faculty and staff in developing sustainable policies and practices.” To accomplish this, the Office of Sustainability has put a particular emphasis on recycling in recent years. Amongst many other items, the university collects cardboard, aluminum, plastic, and paper (the university recycles more than 1.5 million pounds of paper each year!) in order to minimize the amount of waste it sends to the landfill. The dining hall collects food scraps, which the landscaping and grounds crews use to support the university’s growing composting program. The facilities team is also pitching in by ensuring that 100 percent of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified. Proactive students can join the Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA), which works with major environmental organizations in Dallas like PATH and the DFW Green Alliance to increase sustainability awareness and promote environmental action.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
dedicated shuttle fleet, fare-free boarding on city bus fleet, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	51
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	<1.0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	74

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	37,725
# of applicants	32,589
% of applicants accepted	47
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–670
Range SAT Math	580–710
Range SAT Writing	540–680

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,792
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$32,379
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$10,422
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	79.6

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	11,409
# of applicants	6,881
% of applicants accepted	53
Average HS GPA	3.82
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–660
Range SAT Math	600–700
Range SAT Writing	520–650

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$11,592
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$29,266
Room and board	\$9,050
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	84.1

# UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Utah is a signatory of the ACUPCC—a fitting sign of the university's commitment to infusing sustainability throughout the campus. An Office of Sustainability, and an Energy Management Office are responsible for administering a renewable Energy Initiative program, largely funded by a student-initiated fee, that has offset more than 31 percent of the university's energy consumption with renewable energy purchases. The university's recent purchase of 85 million kilowatt hours of green-e certified renewable energy made U of U the nation's third largest purchaser of green power and earned the recognition of the US EPA in 2011. A cogeneration plant cuts energy purchases by another 10 percent. Students are involved in a number of on-campus green groups, and environmental service opportunities are available through the Bennion Community Service Center. Each year, more than 8,500 U of U students provide nearly 175,000 hours of service through the Center. An environmental studies-specific counselor provides guidance for students interested in green careers at the Career Center. The U also introduced a farmers market on campus to rave reviews. The Sutton Geology and Geophysics Building, recently received LEED Gold certification and many of the green features ultimately selected for integration were designed by students in a Sustainability Practicum course. The university offers on-campus shuttles and subsidized public transportation (Ed-Pass) for all students, staff, and faculty in partnership with the Utah Transit Authority. An estimated 34 percent of daily commuters travelled to campus via UTA bus, light rail, biking or walking.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	8
% school grounds maintained organically	1

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,275
# of applicants	9,545
% of applicants accepted	83
Average HS GPA	3.53
Range SAT Critical Reading	490–630
Range SAT Math	513–650
Range SAT Writing	490–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,275
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,974
Required fees	\$938
Room and board	\$7,155
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	77.5

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

With hometown Burlington known for its hippie vibe, and its location on the edge of a lake that touches not just two states but also two countries, it makes sense that the university of Vermont is an overwhelmingly green campus. The UVM Environmental Program is 40 years old and offers interdisciplinary and individually designed concentrations, including a track in Sustainability Studies. The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources offers majors in forestry, wildlife and fisheries biology, and natural resources. Internships, class projects, and lectures—like the George D. Aiken Lecture Series on conservation topics—bring together campus and community members to increase awareness of and create solutions for environmental problems. UVM's Office of Sustainability tracks environmental performance, recommends environmentally responsible practices, and works with the university community on environmental projects. Recent energy efficiency investments around campus have yielded millions of dollars in savings and helped the university move incrementally closer to its goal of carbon neutrality by 2025. Additionally, the university has developed a Clean Energy Fund which generates \$225,000 each year to support renewable energy projects on campus—ideas for such projects come from the university community. Much of the advanced research performed on campus relates to healthy and sustainable communities, and the Office of Community-University Partnerships and Service Learning supports collaborative projects between the university and the surrounding area. Each year, the career service office hosts a Vermont Green Jobs and Internships Day. UVM is home to two environmentally focused residence halls. Student activism has ended sales of bottled water and brought 100 percent recycled paper towels and toilet paper to campus.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricted parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	29
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,459
# of applicants	22,341
% of applicants accepted	75
Range SAT Critical Reading	540–640
Range SAT Math	550–640
Range SAT Writing	540–640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$12,888
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$32,528
Required fees	\$1,896
Room and board	\$9,708
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	96.7

# UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Though many institutions of higher education across the nation have signed the Talloires Declaration in recent years, the university of Virginia did so way back in 1991. If that isn't proof enough that UVA has been historically keen on sustainability, take this into account: The university updated its energy and sustainability policy in 2006; dictated that all new building and renovation obtain LEED certification in 2007 (at last count, four Gold, ten Silver, four Certified, and pursuing certification for over 20 additional projects); and completed a carbon inventory in 2008, the data from which was used to develop a carbon reduction plan in 2011. UVA has recently completed several building-based energy initiatives, such as installing energy-efficient occupancy sensors, steam traps, and motors. In addition to these measures, the university has actively worked toward decreasing its water usage. Case in point: despite campus growth, UVA is actually using 13 percent less water than it was 15 years ago. To further its water conservation, the university has outlawed the use of potable water in air conditioners for cooling research equipment, as well as installing low-flow showers, toilets, and urinals. UVA also seeks sustainability in the food it serves to its students. Twenty-six percent of food purchases are from local and/or organic sources. UVA's dining services focus on providing local (check out their website and you can find out which towns their burgers and cheeses come from), seasonal, organic, humane, and fair trade foods to their customers, all while serving them in compostable packaging and biodegradable to-go containers. These measures have contributed to UVA's impressive waste-diversion rate of 67 percent. Finally, the UVA community can take advantage of alternative transportation options including Zipcar, Zimride and CAVPOOL ridesharing programs.

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As you'd expect of a university surrounded by one of the nation's greatest forests, University of Washington (UW) takes sustainability seriously and promotes ecologically sound practices. UW's Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) takes clear aim at finding solutions to issues involving climate, conservation, consumption reduction, leadership in economic development, growth management and sustainability on campus. The university currently has fifteen LEED-certified buildings, with seventeen more in the works. The most recent, PACCAR Hall, has achieved LEED Gold and features solar shading landscaping, under floor displacement ventilation and a chiller with oil-free magnetic bearings, as well as plenty of green gadgets that optimize energy efficiency. UW's comprehensive composting and recycling program is responsible for diverting 57 percent of the school's total waste from landfills. In order to reduce utility and increase energy efficiency, UW has installed solar panels, retrofitted fixtures and replaced 1,800 old toilets resulting in an estimated 50 million gallons of water saved yearly, with all energy conservation efforts saving nearly \$50 million over ten years. Fifty-three percent of food served on campus is organic, local or fair trade. The University also has a fleet of more than 300 alternative-fuel vehicles. When it comes to sustainability, UW strives to give its students the opportunity to learn by example. UW also created the College of the Environment, offering interdisciplinary opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to create programs tailored to their research interests. UW supports graduating students through several events that focus on green jobs through the Career and Communication Center. Finally, UW initiated the first-ever Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF), a student-initiated fee that supports campus projects with an environmental impact and high student engagement.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	67
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2.2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	45

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	14,539
# of applicants	23,587
% of applicants accepted	33
Average HS GPA	4.19
Range SAT Critical Reading	610-720
Range SAT Math	630-740
Range SAT Writing	620-720

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,240
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$33,562
Required fees	\$2,336
Room and board	\$8,866
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	53
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/ fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	54
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	27,838
# of applicants	26,138
% of applicants accepted	59
Average HS GPA	3.63-3.92
Range SAT Critical Reading	520-650
Range SAT Math	580-710
Range SAT Writing	520-640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,746
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,230
Required fees	\$828
Room and board	\$9,771
% needy ugrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.7

# UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of West Florida's Pensacola campus is an actual natural preserve that is bordered by two rivers and a bay. Buildings on campus have been designed to complement the school's natural forest and waterways. UWF's thirty-five-year-old Building 70, home to the Building Construction Program, was recently renovated and achieved LEED Gold. The environmentally-friendly Heritage Hall, a new residence hall on campus has achieved LEED Silver. Today, all new construction on campus is required to achieve LEED Silver, and a green purchasing policy is in place to complement the university's green building practices. UWF has also developed a formal Energy Consumption Program, and energy usage in campus buildings is monitored regularly. A frequent participant in RecycleMania, UWF recycled more than 13,000 pounds of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans per week for the duration of last year's ten-week competition. Carpooling and use of bicycles are both encouraged, and the university operates a free, bio-diesel powered trolley to help students get around sustainably. "Yellow is the new green" is the mantra for UWF's efforts to promote alternative transportation. The campaign features yellow bikes available to students and staff; yellow pumps to keep those bikes tuned up; and reusable yellow mugs for bikers to stay hydrated on the road.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	9,472
# of applicants	5,744
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.23
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-550
Range SAT Math	440-540
Range SAT Writing	430-530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,742
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,010
Required fees	\$1,683
Room and board	\$8,574

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN— EAU CLAIRE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire's Centennial Plan describes stewardship of Earth as a "moral commitment." The university completed its Climate Action Plan in 2011, and the Chancellor's Sustainability Fellow serves as intra-campus and community liaison. UW—Eau Claire's Clean Commute Initiative consists of students, faculty, and staff reaching out to work with the city of Eau Claire on key biking/pedestrian/busing issues. The Campus Sustainability Network consisting of faculty, staff, students, and administrators leads projects such as a Cardboard Corral program that runs on student move-in day, in which cardboard is collected and recycled to prevent it from ending up in landfills. The focus on keeping waste out of landfills led UW—Eau Claire to an unprecedented 75 percent waste-diversion rate. The Student Senate has also been a strong leader in sustainability initiatives, specifically in formulating, passing, and then bringing to a vote by the student body a referendum to initiate a \$20 per year student fee to be used for green initiatives on campus. The Green Fund has contributed to projects such as LED lighting, a bike rental program, e-waste recycling, ZimRide on campus, water bottle filling stations, a campus garden, and a film series on sustainability and food. Each month Housing and Residence Life hosts "Trash Talk Thursday" lectures, where students and faculty learn from local experts about the challenges to creating a sustainable future. UW—Eau Claire has completed gas emissions inventory thanks to student-led projects conducted through interdisciplinary classes.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	18
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	7.3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	100

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,382
# of applicants	6,503
% of applicants accepted	77
Range SAT Critical Reading	510-670
Range SAT Math	510-660

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,361
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,934
Required fees	\$1,330
Room and board	\$6,300
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.3

# UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN— GREEN BAY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Wisconsin—Green Bay (UW-GB) is affectionately dubbed “Eco U.” “Environmental research and applied ecological sciences were the focus of the institution’s educational philosophy at its inception,” and UW-GB’s support of ecological research is both elaborate and wholehearted. Students have access to various programs, courses, student research, and internships in sustainability. UW-GB’s Environmental Management Business Institute is committed to education and research regarding local, regional, and global environmental problems. The Capstone Seminar in the Environmental Science and Policy graduate program allows students multiple perspectives to research issues such as carbon calculations, sustainable development, biofuels, and riparian restoration. It should be no shock that “Eco U” has historically strong academic programs in environmental science and environmental policy and planning at both bachelor’s and master’s level—including Bachelor’s programs in Environmental Science and Environmental Policy and Planning and a Master’s program in Environmental Science and Policy. UW-GB students have a chance to witness various green construction efforts in their campus community. Mary Ann Cofrin Hall boasts an integrated photovoltaic system; campus design connects buildings with energy-efficient underground tunnels. The Cofrin Memorial Arboretum forms a natural boundary of 290 acres encircling campus and serves to restore and preserve some of Wisconsin’s native ecological communities. Plus, students can do their part in their daily lives; UW—GB has a detailed recycling program and various outlets for alternative transportation.

# UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN— MADISON

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At University of Wisconsin—Madison (UW) “We Conserve” is more than a maxim; it is a way of life that symbolizes both sustainable activism and impressive results. In 2006, UW set to reduce its annual energy consumption and environmental footprint by 20 percent, and by 2010 that goal was realized—and then some—through a campus-wide cooperation and an investment of \$40 million in energy conservation projects. The campus has never looked back and the results keep pouring in; in the last few years efforts have reduced campus water consumption by 178 million gallons annually, and energy consumption by more than a whopping 1 trillion BTUs! How did they do it? UW pinpoints a four-pronged approach: first, they invest in “efficient systems” such as an aggressive building retro-commissioning program, Energy Star-rated equipment and energy-conscious design; second, they promote “responsible actions” like community-wide waste prevention and grassroots campaigns to make sustainability an influential topic; third, they set “realistic expectations” including rational and incentive-based budgeting and clear environmental stewardship agendas; and finally, they make use of “informed people” who come from all layers of the university community and value accountability. It doesn’t hurt that they guarantee the students of UW are unquestionably among the most informed, whether it be through participation in one of more than 20 active student groups dedicated to sustainability—student groups are strongly represented in the campus Sustainability Advisory Committee—or through the various environmental courses, which span countless departments.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, ride share, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	42
% school grounds maintained organically	56

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,094
# of applicants	3,478
% of applicants accepted	64
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	500–590
Range SAT Math	450–560
Range SAT Writing	490–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,298
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,870
Required fees	\$1,350
Room and board	\$6,425
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	66.4

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	29

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	28,737
# of applicants	28,983
% of applicants accepted	50
Average HS GPA	3.72
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–670
Range SAT Math	620–740
Range SAT Writing	590–680

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,273
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$25,523
Required fees	\$1,111
Room and board	\$8,080
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	62.8



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN— MILWAUKEE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Located in the “Beer Capital of the World,” University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee (UWM) sees a lot of empty bottles and aluminum cans; it’s no wonder the university’s recycling program is so far ahead of the curve. As early as 1984 UWM started recycling its yard waste, and in 1995 the university instituted paper and comingled (glass, cans, plastic bottles) recycling on campus. Today, UWM recycles everything from lab chemicals to construction waste to e-waste, and UWM’s Surplus Program finds new uses for unwanted furniture, industrial waste, and equipment on campus. In more recent years, the campus has led the charge that “Energy Matters”—a goal to reduce campus energy usage by 25 percent. With half of the campus completed, energy savings are being realized far beyond that. Cellar to ceiling changes have overhauled the campus energy consumption from variable air volume HVAC, to lighting change outs, and building envelope updates. UWM’s close proximity to Lake Michigan means that it is intimately concerned with the threat to water quality posed by Milwaukee’s storm water runoff. With the assistance of students, a UWM professor has come up with a storm water Master Plan for the university. Since the early 1990s, UWM has installed seven green roofs on campus buildings including the university’s largest at the Golda Meir Library, which also incorporated a thirty-kilowatt solar pv system. Cambridge Commons, the newest student dormitory, features two green roofs, on-site renewable energy production, and access to the Milwaukee River, is LEED Gold.

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN— OSHKOSH

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

A STARS Charter Participant, UW-Oshkosh is the first in Wisconsin to earn a STARS Gold rating, and only the twenty-fifth in all of North America. Moreover, the institution earned distinction as the first university in the United States to declare itself a Fair Trade University. UW—Oshkosh has taken a three-pronged approach to renewable energy. First, it is a major purchaser of wind power electricity from Wisconsin Public Service’s NatureWise Program. Second, it has incorporated solar energy technologies on the campus including the 2010 installation of its first photovoltaic panels. Third, in 2011, UW—Oshkosh debuted the first commercial-scale dry anaerobic bio-digester in the Americas to generate renewable energy from biomass. Always conscious of the natural environment, the university’s participations in both the Tree Campus USA program and Recyclemania demonstrate its dedication to campus forestry and recycling. Interested in Green Building? UW—Oshkosh has adopted the goal of LEED Gold for all future construction, with several current building under review for certification. Students will be the green leaders of tomorrow—environmental degrees are offered in the College of Business and department of Biology and Microbiology, and students take active parts as firsthand leaders in the sustainability movement on the boards and advisory committees of various campus centers including Reeve Memorial Center and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	14.2
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, bike share, car share, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	39
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	3.9
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	3

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	24,175
# of applicants	10,667
% of applicants accepted	71
Average HS GPA	3.09

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,091
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,944
Required fees	\$1,096
Room and board	\$7,935
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	44.1

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricted parking, bike share, dedicated bike lane, Zimride online ride sharing	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	30
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	12

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	12,322
# of applicants	6,052
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.3

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,360
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,934
Required fees	\$905
Room and board	\$6,926
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	55.1

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN— STEVENS POINT

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point has taken on a series of ambitious initiatives, including its new Operations and Waste Management Facility—the first of its kind at a Wisconsin university that features a pilot wastewater treatment plant, a composting lab, a microbiology lab, and an adjoined recycling center. The university created the nation's first Conservation Education major back in 1946, and then founded the College of Natural Resources in 1970. UW—Stevens Point also goes way back when it comes to recycling and composting—to 1989—and each residence hall is equipped with recycling chutes. Also on campus is a compost tea harvesting machine as well as vermi-composting, where worms do the work. These initiatives combined with the work of the on-campus Resource Recovery Center combined to achieve an impressive 40 percent waste-diversion rate. UWSP also demonstrates examples of how students, faculty, staff, and the public can live in environmentally-friendly and affordable ways with five of thirteen residence halls using solar panels with plans to add panels to additional halls when renovated. The panels are used to heat domestic water. UWSP's career services helps green-minded students find green-thinking jobs. That comes in handy considering that Stevens Point's Student Government Association is the only such organization in the UW system to have an Environmental and Sustainability Issues Director and Environmental and Sustainability Issues Committee. UWSP's new residence hall received LEED Gold in November 2012. The residence hall program derives an impressive 35 percent of its electricity from renewable sources.

# URSINUS COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Ever since Ursinus College created its committee on sustainability, the college has made important strides in campus practices like recycling and waste-diversion, and eco-friendly food purchasing. Sustainability projects like a composting system and converting used cooking oil from dining services to biodiesel fuel are currently in the works. Several sustainability-related campus endeavors began as student projects and are sustained by student volunteers, like an organic garden, a constructed wetland ecosystem, and an on-campus bike sharing program. For just \$5 per academic year, students can gain access to the college's fleet of bicycles for easy transportation around campus or through nearby nature trails. To support future efforts, Ursinus College has established an independent, annual budget to fund energy efficiency initiatives. UC offers a full agenda of environmentally focused talks, lectures, and other events on campus. Students in the environmental studies program (which offers both a major and a minor) are encouraged to seek out fellowships and project funding from the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Environmental Policy Foundation, and have the opportunity to join with their professors in individually-mentored projects. Recent fellows have done work on agricultural pesticides, green roof technology, and a proposal for a zero-emissions house on campus. Ursinus assists students in identifying and applying to internships with the Audubon Society, nearby nature preserves and zoos, county planning commissions, and organic farms. Students interested in green careers receive customized guidance and support from the career services office. Finally, Ursinus participates in Focus the Nation, a national effort to raise awareness about climate change through campus-based events.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	25
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), vanpool and guaranteed ride home to our list of available transportation alternatives	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	18
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50
% school grounds maintained organically	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,943
# of applicants	5,571
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.45

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,970
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$13,453
Required fees	\$1,182
Room and board	\$5,893
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	56.1

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	75
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,741
# of applicants	3,851
% of applicants accepted	70
Range SAT Critical Reading	550–650
Range SAT Math	560–670
Range SAT Writing	540–640

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,650
Required fees	\$170
Room and board	\$10,300
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.6

# UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Utah State University, sustainability initiatives are rapidly developing as “Blue goes Green.” To date, USU has retrofitted 3.5 million square feet of space with new, energy-efficient CFLs that have helped the university realize a cost savings of 30 percent. In addition, USU has installed natural gas heating plants on campus that have reduced air emissions from 265 tons to less than twenty tons in five years. USU’s recycling program has grown from a \$50,000 operation with one vehicle for retrieval in 1990, to a full-fledged Recycling Center with 10,000 square feet of space and eleven employees. In one year, USU recycles more than 665 tons of material in twenty-three different categories. Next up: adding recycling bins to all the offices on campus and converting to a single-stream recycling process (a process proven to increase recycling participation significantly). When USU studied its carbon footprint, it discovered that 47 percent of greenhouse gas emissions came from transportation-related issues. The university’s Transportation Committee immediately began developing innovative ideas that help achieve sustainability of transportation on campus. For instance, the Aggie Blue Bike program is a student-managed program that lends bikes to students free of charge for up to a semester at a time. Students also have the opportunity to receive free maintenance on bikes and their own bike tools. The program started with nine bikes and has grown to include a fleet of more than 100. The growth of this program has contributed to a reduction in commuter traffic by more than half from previous years.

# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Vanderbilt University was named after a railroad tycoon, and its sustainability movement might as well be a train. It’s swift moving—Vanderbilt University has already developed a comprehensive Environmental Commitment Statement. It has a ton of moving parts—Vanderbilt’s Plant Operations and Vanderbilt Environmental Health and Safety collaborate to form the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO), whose mission is to initiate, promote, coordinate, evaluate and encourage environmental management and sustainability initiatives that improve Vanderbilt’s impact on the community and environment, while simultaneously providing sustainability and environmental management services for the entire institution. And it’s going to be hard to stop—leaders of the future are being cultivated and groomed through the university’s several active student-run sustainability groups on campus; including SPEAR (Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility), Alternative Energy Club (Biodiesel), and the Vanderbilt Initiative for Vegetarian Awareness (VIVA); as well as several environmental research centers and myriad courses related to sustainability and the environment. The campus itself is also laying a sturdy green foundation; Vanderbilt was the first university in Tennessee to have any LEED-certified buildings, and claims one of the largest collections of LEED-certified facilities in the Southeast, composed of two LEED-certified buildings, five LEED Silver, and five LEED Gold. With all the enormous undertakings going on at Vanderbilt, those at this Tennessean university still never loses sight of the little things that make an impact; students and community can take their pick from various recycling and commuter choice programs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	26
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,279
# of applicants	7,871
% of applicants accepted	97
Average HS GPA	3.47
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–620
Range SAT Math	490–610

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,737
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$15,253
Required fees	\$826
Room and board	\$5,280
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, 19 electric vehicle charging stations	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	42
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,754
# of applicants	24,837
% of applicants accepted	16
Average HS GPA	3.70
Range SAT Critical Reading	680–770
Range SAT Math	700–780
Range SAT Writing	670–760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,320
Required fees	\$1,012
Room and board	\$13,560
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	91.1

# VASSAR COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Vassar, the greening of the campus has been underway for some time, and students are an intrinsic part of the process. One especially noteworthy program is Stopping Waste and Promoting Recycling (SWAPR), whose mission is to encourage the recycling or donation of furniture and household items, has grown by leaps and bounds since it began in 2001. SWAPR's influence on campus is a big reason that Vassar was able to achieve a 50 percent waste-diversion rate. Student interns on the Sustainability Committee have the opportunity to make real changes on campus: An intern organized volunteers to replace as many light bulbs in student residences as possible with the more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. They ended up replacing every light bulb in senior housing: more than 5,500 bulbs! Another student organization on campus, Vassar Greens, has made efforts to provide incoming freshman with reusable mugs and food containers, and prompted Dining Services to offer discounts to students carrying food out of cafeterias in reusable containers. But Dining Services' sustainability efforts hardly stop there: 30 percent of food served on campus is locally grown or purchased, and nearly 100 percent food waste is composted. Buildings on campus are in the process of being retrofitted for energy efficiency (more than 25 percent of buildings have been retrofitted so far), and in combination with steam line retrofits have decreased Scope 1 GHG emissions by 22 percent since 2005.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	50
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,408
# of applicants	7,822
% of applicants accepted	24
Average HS GPA	3.77
Range SAT Critical Reading	670-740
Range SAT Math	640-720
Range SAT Writing	660-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$45,580
Required fees	\$390
Room and board	\$10,800
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	99.5

# VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a testament to its commitment to sustainability, Villanova University recently launched a master's degree program in Sustainable Engineering to complement its robust offerings in environmental education, including undergraduate majors in environmental science and environmental studies, a sustainability minor, and a first-year Environmental Leadership Learning Community. In addition to its green-minded academic programs, the university also operates the Villanova Storm water Wetland Project, the Villanova Recycling Program, and has signed the ACUPCC. The university has dictated that all new construction and major renovation on campus achieve LEED Silver or better. Villanova's new law school, featuring a white membrane roofing system, plenty of natural light, and a digitally-automated building management system to track both energy and water consumption in real time, has achieved LEED Gold. The nursing school is also LEED Gold-certified and features water reduction controls, optimized energy performance, daylight harvesting, and an enthalpy heat recovery system. In line with this, Villanova diverts approximately 90 percent of waste from major construction projects from ever entering a landfill. Dining Services isn't left out of the loop when it comes to conservation either. In partnership with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Villanova has instituted the Seafood Watch program, which requires members to only purchase and serve seafood that is "abundant, and caught or farmed in environmentally friendly ways." Every resident dining hall on campus is trayless (serving to both reduce water consumption and food waste) and have complete vegetarian options available. The university's dining services purchases 32 percent of its food from local and/or organic sources. Lastly, as part of its responsibility as a signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Villanova created a formal Climate Action Plan, which sets 2050 as the university's target date for net climate neutrality.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	32
Available transportation alternatives: restricting parking, vanpool, preferred parking for car-pools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	28
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.6
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	15

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,898
# of applicants	15,394
% of applicants accepted	44
Average HS GPA	3.86
Range SAT Critical Reading	590-680
Range SAT Math	620-710
Range SAT Writing	590-690

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,530
Required fees	\$580
Room and board	\$10,940
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	88.6

# VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Virginia Commonwealth University is Virginia's premier urban, public research university. Its strategic plan, Quest for Distinction, added Sustainability as a sixth guiding principle. VCU's Walter L. Rice Education Building is the first building in Virginia to be awarded LEED Platinum certification. With nine LEED-certified buildings and six more planned by 2015, more than 16 percent of the campus square footage will be LEED-certified. VCU successfully secured \$3.1 million in federal funds for solar energy projects on campus and installed solar arrays on two parking decks (one of the largest rooftop solar arrays in Virginia), three pole-mounted solar trackers and a 750-gallon solar thermal water heater, which together will eliminate more than 370 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents per year. In an effort to become a greener place to study and work, VCU installed twenty-two solar-powered trash collectors, helping VCU achieve a 32 percent waste-diversion rate. The university launched new bike initiatives including two mobility hubs, consisting of bicycle racks, bike air compressors, ZipCars, proximity to GRTC/VCU Campus Connector bus stops and L2 electric vehicle charging stations, in order to encourage the university community to use alternative transportation. VCU has implemented innovative storm water management techniques, including a vegetated roof, rain garden and bayscaping and community garden on its campuses. The university has pledged to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, with an interim goal of a 30 percent reduction in its carbon emissions by 2025.

# VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Virginia Tech is a nationally recognized campus sustainability leader. The Board of Visitors approved "The Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment Resolution" and its accompanying Sustainability Plan specific to the university, which created the Office of Energy and Sustainability, established targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, emphasized energy efficiency, and committed the institution to pursue LEED Silver certification or better for all new construction and major renovation projects. VT has achieved LEED Gold for two projects, LEED Silver for another, and is pursuing LEED certification for eleven more. VT has seventeen undergraduate and fifteen graduate majors and degrees and more than 290 undergraduate and 285 graduate courses that integrate sustainability concepts and practices into areas of engineering, science, technology, design, natural resources, health, humanities, planning, and policy. The College of Engineering's Hybrid Electric Vehicle Team won the International "EcoCar Challenge." Since 2010 the Dining Services' Garden at Kentland Farm has provided 72,000 pounds of sustainable produce for on-campus dining centers. VT has a forty percent recycling rate, composted more than 500 tons of food waste, a sixty-two percent alternative transportation rate and is recognized by the "Best Workplace for Commuters" as a Gold Award level employer. Numerous sustainability-related opportunities for student involvement include participating in university committees and in student-led organizations, intern teams, and events such as Sustainability Week, RecycleMania and Earth Week. Career Services maintains an educational program focused on careers in sustainability.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	12
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass; RamBikes programs; car share; carpool parking; preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles; EV charging stations; mobility hubs; campus shuttle service	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	32
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	<1
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,948
# of applicants	14,336
% of applicants accepted	66
Average HS GPA	3.51
Range SAT Critical Reading	490-600
Range SAT Math	490-590
Range SAT Writing	470-590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,860
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,275
Required fees	\$8,748
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	71.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	84
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,700
# of applicants	20,828
% of applicants accepted	66.5
Average HS GPA	3.92
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-640
Range SAT Math	570-670
Range SAT Writing	540-630

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,190
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$23,580
Required fees	\$1,740
Room and board	\$8,000
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	75.4

# WARREN WILSON COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The triad of academics, work, and service outlined in Warren Wilson College's mission statement make it a unique place to learn about sustainable decision-making in action. Environmental studies is a popular major on campus, including six different concentrations. The Farm and Garden that supplies Warren Wilson's Dining Services began doing so way before eating local was a popular concept. The college's Environmental Leadership Center is a cut above the typical campus eco-organization, and provides sustainability-focused events and educational programs for both students and the local community, including a regular program broadcast on public radio. Warren Wilson has made a commitment to using green building standards for all new construction and retrofitting and to reduce campus-wide emissions by 80 percent by 2020. Among the residence halls on campus is the nation's first LEED Platinum residence hall under the Existing Buildings rating system—the EcoDorm—built by student teams with wood that was repurposed or sustainably harvested on campus. The dorm also features solar panel window awnings, composting toilets, a rainwater catchment system that helps irrigate the surrounding permaculture, and many other waste-minimizing features. But perhaps the most impressive statistic is yet to be mentioned: For the past six years, 100 percent of the school's electricity use has been offset through the purchase of wind power generated renewable energy credits. In addition, 12 percent of campus heating and cooling energy demand is met with geothermal and solar thermal resources. For all of these sustainable initiatives, the college has received many accolades: It has been named one of the greenest schools in the nation by the Sierra Club, Blue Ridge Outdoors, The Daily Green website, the National Wildlife Foundation, GreenLivingOnline.com, Kiwi magazine, Second Nature, and now The Princeton Review, two years running.

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

WSU was recently named one of the nation's top ten universities engaging in collaborative research likely to lead to commercially viable clean technologies. WSU ensures that new construction on campus is optimized for energy efficiency and waste reduction; the university employs the LEED rating system for new capital projects. The Compton Union Building was the first of WSU's campus to achieve LEED certification and new construction is optimized for energy efficiency and waste reduction. WSU invested \$8.8 million in energy-efficient lighting retrofits, replaced inefficient electric chillers, adopted a water- and energy-efficient composting system, and adjusted HVAC systems for optimal performance. WSU's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program provides incentives for students who purchase monthly or annual public transit passes. WSU's Climate Friendly Farming Team, a CEREO project designed to explore how agriculture can move from a source of greenhouse gases to an eliminator of it, recently received a Partnership Award from the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, for being an innovative program model. The university closes each year with the Move Out-Pitch In program, a student-led initiative that collects and distributes items left behind by students to local nonprofit groups. WSU researchers play a key role in improving performance of the nation's electric power grid, and the university teams with industry to demonstrate ways to use electricity more efficiently. WSU also hosts the Imagine Tomorrow competition, which engages 9th through 12th graders from four states in addressing energy issues. Students, faculty, and staff can ride city buses free, borrow bikes free, and coordinate carpools online. In 2012 Seattle Business magazine named WSU one of the 50 greenest, most environmentally conscious organizations in the state.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, bike share, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	47
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	100
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	903
# of applicants	986
% of applicants accepted	93
Average HS GPA	3.20
Range SAT Critical Reading	540-660
Range SAT Math	490-590
Range SAT Writing	510-630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$26,675
Required fees	\$300
Room and board	\$8,213
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	90.7

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	18
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, rideshare network, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for ride	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	73
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	5
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	27
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	23,135
# of applicants	14,825
% of applicants accepted	76
Average HS GPA	3.3
Range SAT Critical Reading	460-570
Range SAT Math	470-600
Range SAT Writing	450-550

## Cost

% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	67.8
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# WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

One of the country's leading universities, Wash U. is also a leader when it comes to going green. With a strong desire to become a model of sustainability, the university launched the International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability (I-CARES). I-CARES aims to address environmental, energy and sustainability issues through collaborative research both on campus and with partners at large. Wash U. has also committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. This would be a 22 percent reduction from current levels. Further, the university promises that all new construction and renovations will meet the standard for LEED Silver certification. Currently, Wash U. features fifteen LEED-certified buildings and the world's first Certified Living Building, the Living Learning Center. Not to be outdone, dining services is eagerly pursuing its own green initiatives. Nine percent of Wash U.'s food budget goes towards purchasing local foods. The university also proudly highlights the fact that it buys fair trade coffee, teas, and bananas, as well as cage-free eggs, antibiotic-free, free-range hamburger meat and sustainably harvested seafood. And, to top it off, no bottled water is sold on campus. Wash U. also maintains environmental policies with regards to transportation. For starters, the school provides free public transit passes to any and all full-time members of the Wash U. community. Moreover, the university has partnered with a car-sharing program and students and staff alike may take advantage of discount parking passes and reserved spaces for carpools. Finally, for those who prefer two wheels, Wash U offers a bike rental program complete with repair services. Not too shabby, eh?

# WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Nestled near the base of the Wasatch Mountains, the Wildcats of Weber State University are at the summit of environmentally friendly initiatives. In addition to officially setting a goal for carbon neutrality, Weber State University's Climate Action Plan—freely available online—addresses other sustainability initiatives such as water conservation, alternative transportation, and waste reduction. Interested in one of Weber's most unique projects? The compressed natural gas station, located at the east part of campus, services hybrid vehicles for the university and its neighbors. Interested in more? The university is in the process of upgrading its vast system of steam tunnel pipes to make them more energy and water efficient. Expansion joints and steam traps will be replaced, isolation valves will be added, and the entire network of pipes will be re-insulated with aerogel, a high performance thermal insulator that has been used by NASA (!) to insulate the Mars Rover and spacesuits. Plus, the campus has begun upgrading all interior and exterior campus lighting to high-efficiency fluorescents, CLFs, and LEDs in some applications. The two newest buildings on campus, Elizabeth Hall and the Hurst Center, have both achieved LEED Silver. Students can pursue graduate certificates in environmental sustainability for business or degrees in applied environmental geoscience; undergraduates in the geography department have the option to follow an environmental studies emphasis track. Weber State firmly believes feedback and accountability are vital. To that end, Weber State University's Energy & Sustainability Office produces an annual sustainability report that provides details on the university's progress towards meeting the various sustainability goals. Indeed, "WSU Takes Action!"

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	9
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane, electric vehicle charging stations	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	68
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	54
% school grounds maintained organically	30

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	6,658
# of applicants	28,823
% of applicants accepted	17
Range SAT Critical Reading	690-760
Range SAT Math	710-780

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$42,500
Required fees	\$1,205
Room and board	\$13,580
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.3

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	17
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4.3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	25
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	18,461
# of applicants	0

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,773
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,485
Required fees	\$775
Room and board	\$4,600
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	81.6

# WELLESLEY COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

At Wellesley College, environmental sustainability is considered an essential component of its core mission. Wellesley takes a two-pronged approach to sustainability: First, the college works to impart the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to live a sustainable lifestyle to its students; and second, the college works to develop and implement practices and policies designed to reduce its impact on the environment. The Sustainability Advisory Committee invites all members of the campus community to participate in sustainability decision-making, especially in regard to awarding green grants for sustainable project proposals. The college recently improved the campus landscape by transforming two brown field sites into green spaces, reducing paved surfaces by 5.7 acres, improving storm water management, and reducing consumption of potable water. The campus recycling program has been significantly expanded and more than 37 percent of all solid waste, including yard waste, is reused and/or recycled. Due to a student project, Wellesley also recycles Styrofoam and has managed to collect 1,360 pounds. Despite adding a new 50,000 square foot building, Wellesley has managed to reduce electrical consumption by 23 percent since 2003 through its utilization of efficient energy practices. Planned efforts for the next several years focus on the landscape, water conservation, waste reduction, and energy use reduction. An environment-focused renovation of the Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall has received LEED Gold certification, and the Whittin Observatory has also been awarded LEED Silver certification in 2011. Students in environmental studies courses conduct on-campus sustainability research and initiatives, the results of which are often put into practice. A variety of student organizations focus on sustainability initiatives such as organic farming, climate activism, bike sharing, the food movement, and waste reduction practices.

# WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Wentworth Institute of Technology's Mission Statement urges its students and community to "Conserve time and resources, practice sustainable economy and be a good steward of the earth"—and the private technical design and engineering college located in Boston, Massachusetts does this through its multifaceted sustainable initiatives on campus. The school famously installed a 600-kilowatt, gas-fired cogeneration system, whose steam supplements the school's heating system, but it has now been upgraded further to a Caterpillar natural gas engine. A campus-wide lighting upgrade to T-8s with electronic ballasts and the installation of motion sensors in the Tansey Gym and other offices, classrooms, closets, and restrooms reduces energy waste. A 25,000-gallon rainwater collection tank installed behind residential dormitory collects rainwater, used for irrigating the landscape. Wentworth takes recycling seriously; recycling programs include cement, wood, books, and even computers. The institute also has some impressive numbers when it comes to sustainability: 100 percent of buildings have designated recycling areas; 95 percent of buildings have undergone energy related retrofits or renovations within the last three years; 100 percent of cleaning products are Green Seal-certified; and 100 percent of total food expenditures go toward local, organic, or otherwise environmentally preferable food. With such a green atmosphere, it's no wonder students join environmental organizations such as the Green Team, which holds consistent meetings every week to discuss environmental issues/topics on sustainability and organizes Earth Day celebrations on campus. The Wentworth black and gold is now green!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	no
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	10
% school grounds maintained organically	35

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,367
# of applicants	4,400
% of applicants accepted	31
Range SAT Critical Reading	650-740
Range SAT Math	640-750
Range SAT Writing	660-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$41,824
Room and board	\$13,032
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	97.2

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	100
Available transportation alternatives:	
restricting parking, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	no
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	49
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	25

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,833
# of applicants	4,967
% of applicants accepted	61
Average HS GPA	2.98
Range SAT Critical Reading	460-570
Range SAT Math	520-610
Range SAT Writing	450-560

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$25,900
Room and board	\$12,250
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74.9



# WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Wesleyan's Sustainability Advisory Group for Environmental Stewardship (SAGES) meets regularly to develop plans and guidelines for students, faculty and staff to reduce consumption and the production of greenhouse gases. The university has committed to carbon neutrality by 2050. SAGES produced a climate action plan in 2009, which has promoted a 12 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The school is dedicated to green building practices. It has determined that all new construction and major renovation on campus will pursue, at minimum, LEED Silver, and has built several student houses that are Energy Star-rated or are powered by solar or geothermal energy. Wesleyan has been steadily working toward increased energy efficiency through the installation of compact fluorescent bulbs, continually reducing its electrical consumption through programs such as "Do It in the Dark" (which encourages energy conservation in student houses), and installation of solar panels on the Office of Admissions and Freeman Athletic Center. Wesleyan has completed numerous energy conservation projects, including building envelope improvements and HVAC upgrades. Wesleyan also completed a natural gas cogeneration facility in 2009, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 1,290 cars. Through installation of low-flow water fixtures, Wesleyan is reducing its water consumption by 13.1 million gallons each year. Wesleyan has a student-run composting program for residences, and pre-consumer recycling in the main campus dining hall. Wesleyan's students are actively involved in promoting sustainability on campus through an on-campus farm, bike rental program, and sustainable food group. A student club has transformed a campus hill from barren landscape to a permaculture garden.

# WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In the past few years, more than 100 WVU faculty members have worked on \$98.4 million worth of energy research in a diverse range of projects—from enhanced fuel cell production and industrial energy use assessments to engine efficiency, alternative fuels, biofuels and environmental impact studies of Appalachian energy recovery. The WVU College of Law launched the first Center for Energy and Sustainability Law and Policy in the eastern United States. The Adventure WV Program provides a unique outdoor orientation for first-year students at WVU, and sustainability interns are active participants through the WVU Office of Sustainability internship program. An investment of nearly \$30 million has been committed towards performance contracting with Siemens Building Systems to manage energy and water resulting in over \$4 million in cost savings and significant greenhouse gas reductions. The intermodal station provides indoor bicycle storage, pedestrian and bicyclist shower facilities, commuter student and public lounges, a terminal for bus and shuttle services, a 505-space parking garage, and direct access to the PRT station. WVU's trayless dining initiative has significantly reduced food waste, and excess food is donated to charities, and used cooking oil is sent to a bio-diesel processor. The campus-wide storm water management as part of the MS4 program incorporates best management practices such as bio-cells, rain gardens, and green roofs. During the month-long Ecolympics competition, residence halls and office buildings reduced energy by an average of seven percent and recycled over thirty-six tons of material. Campus textile recycling supports the Clarksburg Mission while other recyclables support the Monongalia Solid Waste Authority. WVU finished second in the national oneShirt campaign by collecting nearly 4,500 pounds of textile materials.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	23
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, vanpool, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	33
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	52
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,870
# of applicants	9,658
% of applicants accepted	24
Average HS GPA	3.75
Range SAT Critical Reading	640-740
Range SAT Math	660-740
Range SAT Writing	660-750

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$43,404
Required fees	\$300
Room and board	\$13,678
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	92.8

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	4
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	37
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	22,189
# of applicants	15,815
% of applicants accepted	85
Average HS GPA	3.36
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-570
Range SAT Math	480-590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,090
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,868
Room and board	\$8,508
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	54.5

# WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Western Carolina University is focused on energy conservation. To begin with, the university launched a campus-wide energy conservation program called WHEE Save, the goal of which was to educate students, faculty, and staff about energy consumption and how it affects the economy, environment, and humanity's overall footprint on the earth. Now called "Reducing Our Carbon Paw Print," the program is still going strong, raising awareness about the ecological and economical benefits of conserving energy and successfully reducing energy consumption on campus. The program has achieved a 10–15 percent reduction in energy usage through behavior modification change alone. To date, WCU has achieved a 35 percent BTU-per-square-foot reduction from 2002–2003 levels. The university has also reduced its petroleum usage by nine percent by implementing six neighborhood electric vehicles and switching to E10, a blend of ethanol and unleaded gas to power the campus fleet. Anything larger than 20,000 square feet on campus is required to seek LEED certification. Each year the university participates in RecycleMania and Campus Conservation Nationals. EcoCATS (Conservation Awareness Team for Sustainability) is leading student efforts to green the campus and has helped launch a variety of projects, including recycling drives at campus events, Campus Sustainability Day, developing a Clean Energy Fee, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, and Earth and Wellness Day.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	7
Available transportation alternatives: free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	20
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	60
% school grounds maintained organically	1.8

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	7,979
# of applicants	15,234
% of applicants accepted	38
Average HS GPA	3.63
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–560
Range SAT Math	480–570
Range SAT Writing	440–530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,397
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$12,994
Required fees	\$2,528
Room and board	\$6,932
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	74

# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

WKU's commitment to sustainability has grown stronger with the adoption of a resolution to include sustainability in the education curriculum, and the Board of Regents' approval of the "Challenging the Spirit" Action Plan for 2012–2018, which includes responsible stewardship of natural resources and specifically enhancement of sustainability in campus operations and services. The Sustainability Coordinator works with students to conduct a biannual greenhouse gas emissions inventory for energy use and other elements of the campus carbon footprint. Ninety percent is an important measure for WKU: 90 percent of buildings have undergone an energy-related retrofit in the past three years; 90 percent of cleaning products used on campus are Green Seal-certified; 90 percent of the campus grounds are maintained organically. At WKU, students are driving the university's commitment to green towards 100 percent, with student organizations leading such projects as a bike lending library, student garden, and move-out "Lighten Your Load" donations to charities. Students can access real-time energy use for residence halls on-line and annually compete in the "Reduce Your Use" energy reduction campaign. Engineering students designed and installed a bio-fuel facility that converts cooking oil waste to biofuel used in the university's farm equipment. Faculty, students, and staff collaborated to create an energy policy that guides purchasing, building operations, transportation, and personal energy use on campus. The WKU "conservation vacation," during which all energy draws are shut down, has become a tradition for extended breaks. Moreover, a solar thermal array was installed to heat the pool in the Health and Activities Center. WKU has achieved LEED Gold on its new College of Education building, Ransdell Hall, and has committed to incorporating green building attributes for all new construction.

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives: universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	90

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	16,482
# of applicants	8,017
% of applicants accepted	92
Average HS GPA	3.15
Range SAT Critical Reading	440–580
Range SAT Math	430–590

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$8,472
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$21,000
Room and board	\$7,320
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	71.4

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As a signatory of the ACUPCC and the Talloires Declaration, a member of the Founding Circle of the Billion Dollar Green Challenge, and the only university in Michigan with a student sustainability fee, Western Michigan University is committed to building a campus culture of sustainability. All major construction projects must achieve a minimum of LEED Silver. The College of Health and Human Services is LEED-EB Gold and Brown Hall achieved LEED Silver. Other measures to improve energy efficiency include a heat recovery system that “reclaims heat from the Ice Arena chillers and uses it to heat the building’s Olympic-sized swimming pool;” occupancy-based light sensors; the installation of high-efficiency motors and compact fluorescent lighting; and major updates to Dining Services HVAC, refrigeration, and dish-washing equipment. Twenty electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, which offer free electricity, have been installed throughout campus to facilitate the purchase of EV and hybrid EVs by the campus community. WMU also keeps an eye on water conservation through measures such as chemical-free water treatment, xeriscaping, low flow showers and faucets, trayless dining, and a pre-consumer “food waste to farmers” pilot. In addition, 33 percent of food expenditures go toward local and/or organic foods. WMU also has a Green Cleaning Policy that ensures that the cleaning products and chemicals used on campus are environmentally friendly. The University offers learning and research-oriented opportunities through the Office for Sustainability, including internships, \$75,000 for the Student Sustainability Grant Program (selection for these grants is made by a committee composed solely of students), and a residential living, learning sustainability laboratory, the Gibbs House for Environmental Research and Education.

# WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

An ACUPCC signatory, Western State College of Colorado is prepared to meet the challenges of energy efficiency in one of the coldest parts of the nation. The first step was to improve energy efficiency in the existing buildings on campus. Over the past few years, Western has completed energy-related retrofits or renovations on a whopping 65 percent of its buildings. The university has also embarked on a Year of Sustainability. The goal of the YOS was to increase awareness of sustainability initiatives on campus and provide opportunities for campus organizations to get on the green bandwagon. Case in point: the campus is committed to achieving a 50 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2035. With a highly-respected petroleum geology program among its offerings, Western State has experience providing stellar training in environmentally related studies, through its Institute for Applied Sustainability. Interested students can also take advantage of a Center for Environmental Studies, an outdoor environmental education major, a coordinated environmental studies/business administration major, and the professional land and resource management program. The college is committed to having all new buildings and major renovations seek LEED Gold. Western State’s College Center, features natural lighting, low-flow plumbing, and ten recycling centers throughout the building. The center, which achieved LEED Gold, diverted 60 percent of its construction waste from landfills and houses a pulper composter in its café, which will provide material for the college’s community garden.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	33
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	41
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	85
% school grounds maintained organically	65

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	19,700
# of applicants	14,413
% of applicants accepted	83
Average HS GPA	3.27

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$9,138
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$22,418
Required fees	\$844
Room and board	\$8,414
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	72.6

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	2
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	75

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,039
# of applicants	1,495
% of applicants accepted	93
Average HS GPA	3.04
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–580
Range SAT Math	480–560

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$4,627
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,496
Required fees	\$1,822
Room and board	\$8,688
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	50

# WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

In 1971, Western Washington University was one of the first institutions of higher education in the United States to introduce a campus recycling program, but with a twist—the WWU Recycling Center is, and always has been, student-run. At last count, the Recycling Center processed 3,800 pounds of recyclable materials daily, and the university's Office of Sustainability and Facilities Management is "committed to eliminating all recyclable and compostable waste from the WWU waste stream." Its eventual goal is to have WWU become a zero-waste institution, which means just what it sounds like—no waste, only recycling—as effective a move toward sustainability as one could hope for. The impressive part is they're remarkably close to achieving zero-waste: in 2011, the university posted an unprecedented 73 percent waste-diversion rate. WWU recently introduced the 10x12 campaign, which has the campus actively working toward a 10 percent reduction in utility consumption by the end of 2012 through conservation, energy efficiency, utility monitoring and audits, and sustainability education. Impressively, and as a result of the student-led Green Power initiative, WWU offsets 100 percent (that's no typo) of its electrical energy consumption with Renewable Energy Credits. Through Puget Sound Energy's "Green Power" program, the university has become one of the top twenty buyers of green energy among educational institutions. WWU is a nationally recognized leader in green living through green cleaning—100 percent of cleaning products purchased by Academic Custodial Services are Green Seal-certified, and the school is also looking to expand its pesticide-free garden areas campus-wide.

# WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

One of the top Canadian academic institutions, Western University pledges a commitment to "embedding sustainability into every facet of daily life." Its vow that "through active citizenship, teaching, and research, we will ensure the health of our planet and its people for the long term" makes it clear that it believes sustainability isn't just a passing craze. Signatories of both the Talloires Declaration and Ontario Universities Committed to a Greener World, Western has put valuable pieces in place, hiring an employee dedicated to sustainability initiatives on campus and implementing a President's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Students contribute to the vibrancy of the sustainability movement, running EnviroWestern, an organization with a number of ongoing and new initiatives each year, earning environmental credits in natural, physical, and social science departments, as well as humanities, engineering, and business, while participating in sustainable research. Green infrastructure is commonplace at Western, with 80 percent of buildings having undergone energy-related retrofits or renovations within the past three years, 85 percent of buildings boasting an Energy Star Performance Rating of 69 or greater, and all building upgrades will seek to include green features. What's more, WU has installed submeters in all buildings, allowing for real-time monitoring of electricity. As EnviroWestern students assert, "Small Steps, Big Impact."

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	2
Available transportation alternatives:	
universal access transit pass, carpool parking, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	30
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	100
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	13,902
# of applicants	9,791
% of applicants accepted	80
Average HS GPA	3.45
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–620
Range SAT Math	510–610
Range SAT Writing	480–600

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,503
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$17,850
Required fees	\$1,302
Room and board	\$9,372
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	73.5

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	31
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, carpool parking, market based pricing (hourly parking costs), preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	yes
Public GHG inventory plan	no
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	51
% school grounds maintained organically	10

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,801
Average HS GPA	3.90

# WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OF SALT LAKE CITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Westminster College in Salt Lake City is the only private, comprehensive liberal arts college in the state of Utah. It recently became the first institution in Utah to complete the comprehensive sustainability assessment that earned it a STARS Silver rating; and now it can add another honor—two-time recognition from The Princeton Review as one of the top Green Colleges. This relatively small college packs quite a green punch; not only is Westminster College a charter signatory of the ACUPCC, its Environmental Center Director also served on the ACUPCC Implementation Liaison Steering Committee. Besides targeting a 2030 date for carbon neutrality, the college boasts a new LEED Platinum Meldrum Science Center. What's more, the Campus Master Plan calls for all major renovations going forward to seek LEED Silver certification. Westminster values renewable energy: 10 percent of campus electricity is derived from renewable sources. Westminster has been honored as a Blue Sky Visionary Partner for a major wind power purchase, and is an EPA Green Power Partner to boot! Looking for more environmental distinction? Here's another first: Westminster was campus number one in Utah to use photovoltaic generation. Students can eat green—the college features an organic garden and chicken coop. Students power their environmental movement, conducting research in various departments on topics such as recycling and transportation, running clubs such as Eco-Reps and the Enviro Club, and attending courses on sustainability. The Career Center and Environmental Center provide green counseling to students who are interested in green careers.

# WILLIAMS COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The board of trustees at Williams College has unanimously adopted greenhouse gas emissions goals and at the same time affirmed that the “principles and practices of environmental sustainability in general, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions specifically, are institutional priorities.” To demonstrate their commitment, Williams has undertaken \$1.5 million in energy conservation projects, including lighting, motors, and lab hood improvements. Fifty percent of buildings on campus have been retrofitted for energy efficiency in the past few years, and the college has committed to LEED Silver certification or better for all new construction on campus. The college's Morley Science Center is at the center of a comprehensive energy-saving program that, just by turning off lights and turning down ventilations when the building is unoccupied, has brought down energy use by 17 percent. Almost all of Williams' regular dining halls are now trayless (a measure proven to reduce water consumption and food waste), and Dining Services spends 10 percent of its budget on organic and locally grown foods. The Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives has given each first-year student a reusable water bottle and lucky students observed using their bottles regularly are awarded gift certificates throughout the semester. A three-year participant in RecycleMania, Williams boasts an overall waste-diversion rate of 40 percent. The Williams College Sustainable Growers student group was recently established and with the assistance of the Sustainable Food and Agriculture Program, founded the Sustainable Garden Project—a garden which boasts over eighty varieties of vegetables and herbs.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	5
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	10
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	50
% school grounds maintained organically	6

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,376
# of applicants	3,414
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.50
Range SAT Critical Reading	487-5-620
Range SAT Math	500-620

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$27,720
Required fees	\$490
Room and board	\$7,194
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.9

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,010
# of applicants	7,030
% of applicants accepted	17
Range SAT Critical Reading	660-770
Range SAT Math	650-760

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$44,660
Required fees	\$260
Room and board	\$11,850
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	100

# WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

The oldest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, Winona State University's mission is to cultivate "a community of learners improving our world." The university has implemented a tobacco-free policy to enhance the overall health of the campus community. Importantly, WSU signed the ACUPCC and created a campus-wide Climate Commitment Committee. The university's Climate Action Plan was released soon thereafter, committing WSU to becoming climate neutral by 2050. Moreover, the university partnered with private industry to complete a \$1.6 million Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, which installed energy saving facility upgrades across the campus. The utility costs savings from the project will be used to pay the equipment procurement costs. Winona State's award-winning Integrated Wellness Complex achieved LEED Gold. The university opened a pilot academic theme house that will create a positive learning environment for students with the shared interest of sustainability. In addition, the university is pursuing sustainability initiatives in a variety of other areas, including academics, transportation, and waste management. Winona State's new interdisciplinary sustainability minor provides students with an overview of the fundamentals of sustainability while also giving them an opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge in specific areas of study. The university has cultivated a bicycle-based community, has established a popular on-campus bike sharing program and student-run bike repair station, and sponsors an official Rideboard through the university Facebook page. Waste minimization efforts are aided by easily accessible recycling stations for food and paper waste and an event recycling system for indoor and outdoor use. Finally, student government also supports sustainability on campus, introducing and passing a one-degree thermostat setback initiative.

# WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

"Live, Learn, and Lead" is the motto that Winthrop University uses to promote its sustainability efforts on campus, incorporating recycling practices into residential halls; promoting environmental science degrees at the bachelor's and master's levels; and offering a sustainable business major to those who wish to develop economically responsible initiatives into corporations. Winthrop University boasts an impressive resumé of green-related affiliations and accreditations—it is a signatory of the Talloires Declaration; an institutional member of the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE), the Carolinas Recycling Association (CRA), and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE); and was even certified by Rock Hill's Clean City, Green City Workplace Certification Program, which recognizes the steps businesses have taken to become more environmentally friendly. With all of that on its plate, it only stands to reason that in 2011 the public South Carolina-based university had to hire its first ever sustainability coordinator. Of course, he has a well-rooted student-based contingent of support; the Student Environmental Action Coalition has been active for almost ten years, and its members know what they're doing. They annually sponsor education campaigns and lectures, participate in political campaigns as appropriate, and have participated in regional and national events such as RiverSweep/BeachSweep and Power Shift. With all large renovations on campus required to pursue LEED certification, the green projects at Winthrop University won't run out anytime soon!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	10
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, car share, carpool parking, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	20
% school grounds maintained organically	2

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	8,232
# of applicants	6,528
% of applicants accepted	69
Average HS GPA	3.30
Range SAT Critical Reading	420-570
Range SAT Math	420-570
Range SAT Writing	440-440

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$6,660
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$11,780
Required fees	\$1,860
Room and board	\$7,540
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	51

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	98
% school grounds maintained organically	50

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,029
# of applicants	4,303
% of applicants accepted	71
Average HS GPA	3.81
Range SAT Critical Reading	470-580
Range SAT Math	480-570

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$13,026
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,476
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$7,258
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	86.5

# WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Wittenberg University aims to shape its students into concerned, conscientious and responsible global citizens. Fortunately, the administration realizes that, in order to accomplish this feat, it must set a strong example. To that end, the university has certainly picked up the “green” torch and has begun implementing some commendable environmental policies. For starters, Wittenberg has pledged to reduce electricity consumption by 20 percent by the year 2020. This will provide the university an estimated savings of \$400,000 annually. Further, Wittenberg is looking to pursue LEED certification for new construction and renovations. A prime example is the modifications being made to Blair Hall, home to Wittenberg’s nationally recognized education department. When completed, Blair Hall will be the first LEED-certified building in Clark County! The university also pledges to ensure the careful metering of buildings around campus. This will allow the school to easily measure and monitor progress as well as implement behavioral changes. Additionally, the data derived from the metering will be used in classrooms for learning and assessment. Of course, Wittenberg also encourages green living for its students. Indeed, undergrads have the opportunity to live at the Eco-House. Before moving in, residents must sign a pledge affirming that they will live in a manner that is eco-friendly. They must help maintain an on-site garden and compost bin, seek energy efficient options for appliances, recycle, purchase local and/or organic items, carpool whenever possible and work towards educating the campus at large. Sounds better than your average dorm to us!

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	40
Available transportation alternatives: restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	10
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school cleaning products that are green certified	90
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,735
# of applicants	4,412
% of applicants accepted	85
Average HS GPA	3.48
Range SAT Critical Reading	510–630
Range SAT Math	510–630

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$37,230
Required fees	\$800
Room and board	\$9,736
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	98.7

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

As one of the nation’s oldest engineering and technology universities, it’s no surprise that Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) puts the “global” in global sustainability and the “technology” in green technology. Students have ample opportunity to explore sustainability through academic programs and green student organizations. From the minute they step on campus, WPI students are focused on solving the world’s great problems, including food, energy, health, and engineering for sustainability. The University’s project-based approach allows for students to apply their classroom and lab-acquired knowledge to solve real-world problems—in their back yards and around the world. The Presidents’ Task Force on Sustainability at WPI provides leadership and coordination for campus-wide efforts such as the installation of a new campus energy management system, the formation of a partnership with ZipCar, the commitment of food services to buy locally produced organic food, and improvements to campus-wide recycling and food waste reduction efforts. The WPI Board of Trustees has endorsed a policy calling for all future buildings on campus to be environmentally friendly and pursue LEED certification. Thanks to the Student Green Team, last year WPI placed twelfth out of more than 1,000 colleges and universities in the Great Power Race—a clean energy competition between students in China, India, and the United States. Notably, WPI’s Admissions building was the first LEED-certified building in Worcester, while the newest residence hall on campus provided the city with its first green roof and is certified LEED Gold.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	28
Available transportation alternatives: electric vehicle charging stations, car share, ride sharing, carpool parking, van pool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for fuel efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	13.73
School employs a sustainability officer	no
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	30
% school grounds maintained organically	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,952
# of applicants	7,585
% of applicants accepted	53
Average HS GPA	3.80
Range SAT Critical Reading	560–670
Range SAT Math	640–720
Range SAT Writing	570–660

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$40,790
Required fees	\$590
Room and board	\$12,650
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.2

# XAVIER UNIVERSITY (OH)

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Xavier University is serious about becoming a stalwart of the green movement. As a signatory of the ACUPCC, Xavier created a Sustainability Committee to oversee the school's commitment to achieving climate neutrality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Overall, the university is working diligently towards minimizing energy use and transportation costs, increasing green space and enacting sustainable maintenance practices. More specifically, Xavier recently finished construction on the Hoff Academic Quad. Consisting of Smith Hall, Conaton Learning Commons and the Central Utility Plant, all three buildings meet (or exceed) the qualifications for LEED Silver certification. Additionally, since completion of the new quad, Xavier has seen a 17.5 percent drop in energy consumption. Beyond construction, the university is doing its part to shift the community away from a car culture. Through Bike XU, students are able to rent bicycles (and helmet, safety light and lock) for the entire semester for a mere \$10! That sure beats the cost of filling up a gas tank! Further, students have the opportunity to participate in the NEXUS Community Garden. This thirty-eight-plot garden, open to both Xavier and the surrounding area, encourages members to learn about sustainable living, grow their own food and discover the joy of engaging with their neighbors. Beginning in 2012, Xavier students can now participate in three interdisciplinary, experiential learning degree programs: Sustainability: Economics & Management, Economics, Sustainability & Society, and Land, Farming & Community. Finally, proactive members of the Xavier community can apply for a Sustainability Minigrant. Doled out by the Sustainability Committee, successful submissions can earn between \$500 and \$5,000 for proposals and projects that aim to provide environmental education, outreach, new academic initiatives and cost saving measures.

# YALE UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Yale University created its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy which not only commits Yale to sharing annual data related to its carbon footprint and energy efficiency, but also pledges that the campus will be 43 percent below 2005 levels for greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. To achieve this, Yale has been investing in alternative energy sources on campus, including wind power, solar and geothermal technologies, and biodiesel. Yale released its first Sustainability Strategic Plan in 2010. The 2.0 version of the plan will be released in July, 2013. This document provides an overarching set of goals and strategies to institutionalize sustainability throughout Campus Systems. To date Yale has completed nineteen LEED-certified building projects. New construction: two LEED Platinum buildings (Sculpture, Kroon), four LEED Gold buildings (Greenberg, Malone, Lori/Rudolph, Health Services Center), two LEED Silver buildings (Chemistry Research Building, Rosenkranz). Major Renovations include: nine LEED Gold laboratory renovations and two LEED Gold academic building renovations (Stoeckel and 493 College). Yale is also home to the Sustainability Service Corps (SSC), an initiative consisting of four teams. The Compost Crew promotes waste minimization in the colleges and at events, the Energy Squad works toward energy awareness and conservation, Green Events Consultants help events across Yale meet sustainable event standards, and the College Sustainability Coordinators represent each residential college and serve to implement sustainable practices both college-wide and in each residential college. Additionally, the Yale Sustainability Microloan fund awards loans for projects with short payback periods to promote creative ideas. Yale University is actively working to advance sustainability in international arenas and was a key proponent of the development of sustainability strategies amongst the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU).

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	14
Available transportation alternatives:	
bike share, dedicated bike lane, car share	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	30
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	3
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	80

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	4,355
# of applicants	9,783
% of applicants accepted	70
Average HS GPA	3.53
Range SAT Critical Reading	480-600
Range SAT Math	500-610
Range SAT Writing	470-600

## Cost

Annual tuition	\$31,140
Required fees	\$930
Room and board	\$11,890
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95.0

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	39
Available transportation alternatives:	
free Yale shuttle, restricting parking, car share, guaranteed ride home	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	40
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0.5
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	96
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	5,405
# of applicants	27,283
% of applicants accepted	7.7
Range SAT Critical Reading	700-790
Range SAT Math	700-800
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