

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

After four years of living and learning in this collaborative oasis of intellectual and creative exchange, **Swarthmore graduates are prepared for whatever brand of success they imagine for themselves.**

A band of talented individuals, our alumni share a few important adjectives.

Philadelphia, seen here from Swarthmore's campus, is less than 30 minutes away by train.

TENACIOUS

Accustomed to working hard and distinguished by fortitude of spirit and will

INTREPID

Equipped with the experience, tools, and temperament needed to address the thorniest problems

WORLDLY

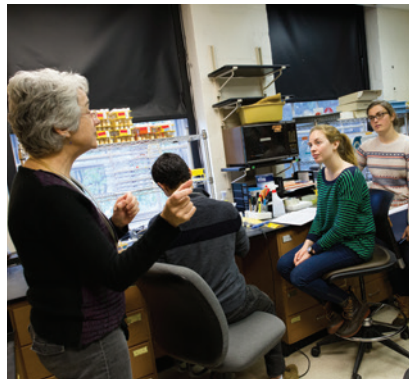
Able to navigate social and cultural difference with ease and grace

FLEXIBLE

Intellectually limber, with skills that breed confidence and poise, regardless of context

PURPOSEFUL

Inclined to leverage ideas and resources for the greater good



As for the nuts and bolts, here's what our graduates actually do.

POSTGRADUATION EMPLOYMENT

Graduating seniors enter a variety of career fields, including technology and engineering (27%), research (21%), finance/business (15%), consulting (14%), nonprofit/advocacy (7%), law/politics (7%), education/teaching (7%), and health care (5%). The most popular geographic destinations for students to begin their careers include:

Philadelphia	21%
New York City	17%
Washington, D.C.	17%
Outside of United States	10%
Northern California	10%
Boston	8%

ALUMNI PROFESSIONS

Graduates work in a range of occupations, with the largest categories being educators (24%), scientists and mathematicians (13%), physicians (10%), lawyers or judges (8%), business professionals (8%), and computer scientists (6%).

ADVANCED STUDY

Swarthmore alumni regularly attend the nation's finest graduate and professional programs. Among those entering immediately after graduation, the top destinations are:

1. Harvard University
2. University of Pennsylvania
3. Yale University
4. Princeton University
5. Brown University
6. University of Cambridge
7. Columbia University
8. University of Chicago
9. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
10. Stanford University

GRADUATE SCHOOL SUCCESS

During the past five years, 82% of Swarthmore applicants were admitted to medical school, compared with a national average of 42%. Furthermore, 92% of Swarthmore applicants to law school were accepted, compared with a national average of 76%. In a recent national survey, Swarthmore alumni ranked 3rd-highest in the country for earned doctorates across all disciplines, 1st in social sciences, 3rd in life sciences, 4th in humanities, and top 10 in education, math and computer sciences, and physical sciences.

SWARTHMORE FACTS

The College

Private, nonsectarian liberal arts college with engineering, founded in 1864 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Campus

425 acres, comprising the Scott Arboretum, featuring rolling lawns, a creek, wooded hills, and hiking trails

Location

Suburban setting 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia

Student/Faculty Ratio

8:1



Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Academic Partnerships

Tri-College Consortium with Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College; cross-registration with the University of Pennsylvania

Student Body, Fall 2020

Undergraduates	1,439
Women	737
Men	702
International and dual-U.S. citizens	326

Geographic Distribution of Students by Home Address, Fall 2020*

Middle Atlantic	37%
West Coast (including Alaska and Hawaii)	16%
Outside of U.S.	14%
Southeast	11%
Midwest	8%
New England	7%
Southwest	6%
Mountain States	2%
U.S. Territories	<1%

* Due to rounding, totals may not add up to 100%

Swarthmore College actively supports and affirms students of all gender identities and expressions.

Majors and Programs

Ancient History	Black Studies	Economics	Gender & Sexuality Studies	Latin American & Latino Studies	Philosophy
Anthropology	Chemistry	Educational Studies	German Studies	Linguistics	Physics
Arabic	Chinese	Engineering	Global Studies	Mathematics & Statistics	Political Science
Art	Classics	English Literature	Greek	Medieval Studies	Psychology
Art History	Cognitive Science	Environmental Studies	History	Modern Languages & Literatures	Religion
Asian Studies	Comparative Literature	Film & Media Studies	Interpretation Theory	Music	Russian
Astronomy	Computer Science	French & Francophone Studies	Islamic Studies	Peace & Conflict Studies	Sociology
Biochemistry	Dance	Design Your Own Major	Japanese		Spanish
Biology	Design Your Own Major		Latin		Statistics
					Theater

Admissions

In an effort to build a well-rounded class, the admissions staff carefully considers every aspect of an application without a rigid emphasis on any one factor.

Deadlines

Fall Early Decision

Application due	Nov. 15
Notification	Dec. 15

Winter Early Decision

Application due	Jan. 4
Notification	Feb. 15

Regular Decision

Application due	Jan. 4
Notification	late March

Transfer Decision

Application due	April 1
Notification	May 15

Financial Aid *

Among the world's most comprehensive, Swarthmore's financial aid policies and resources make it possible for qualified students to attend, regardless of financial background. Here's how:

- For U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented students, Swarthmore's admissions process does not take financial need into consideration.
- We meet 100% of determined financial need for all admitted students.
- Swarthmore aid decisions do not include loans.
- Swarthmore charges no required fees except its annual activities fee.

Tuition, room, board, & activities fee (2019–2020)	\$70,744
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Students receiving need-based Swarthmore aid (Class of 2023)	56%
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Average Swarthmore aid decision (Class of 2023)	\$56,326
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Total Applicant Group, Class of 2024

Number applied (2,166 non-U.S. citizens)	11,630
Number admitted (126 non-U.S. citizens)	1,054
Percent admitted	9%
Number matriculated (186 women, 187 men; 54 non-U.S. citizens)	373

Standardized Testing, Class of 2024

Swarthmore College suspended the SAT/ACT testing requirement for first-year applicants for fall 2021 and 2022. We will re-evaluate this policy for 2023.

SAT Reasoning Test, Middle 50%

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	700–760
Math	700–790

ACT, Middle 50%

Composite	31–35
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* Tuition includes a \$700 Textbook Affordability Program credit for the academic year to use toward course materials in the Swarthmore Campus & Community Store. Financial aid data applies to the 2019–2020 academic year. Please refer to our website for current information about billed costs and financial aid.

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