



THE BASICS

The decision to invest in a quality education is one of the most important choices families will make. At Harding University, we recognize that many factors are considered when making a college choice. We hope the following information is helpful.

PRESIDENT: Dr. Bruce D. McLarty

LOCATION: Searcy, Arkansas

FOUNDED: 1924

AFFILIATION: Churches of Christ

ENROLLMENT: Undergraduate: 4,420
 Graduate: 1,484
 Total: 5,904

MISSION: Harding University is committed to providing a quality education that will lead to an understanding and philosophy of life consistent with Christian ideals.

TUITION: Our unwavering commitment to a faith-based education, and our unmatched affordability, is what sets us apart from other schools across the nation.

Approximate YEARLY cost of attendance for full-time, undergraduate enrollment (15 hours per semester):

2016-17	SEMESTER	YEAR
Tuition (\$598 per hour)	\$8,970	\$17,940
Required Technology Fee	\$250	\$500
First Year Experience Fee†	\$195	\$195
Standard Dorm	\$1,745	\$3,490
Meal Plan**	\$1,635	\$3,270
TOTAL	\$12,795	\$25,395***

† Charged one time to freshmen and transfers

** Meal plan = 190 meals + \$225 DCB

*** Other fees may apply, including course or program fees

FINANCIAL AID: We make every effort to keep the Harding experience affordable for everyone. On average, 89 percent of our undergraduate students receive financial assistance. In 2015-16, Harding awarded students nearly \$2 million in institutional need-based grants and more than \$23 million in institutional scholarships. Additionally, students received more than \$11 million in federal, state and externally funded scholarships and grants.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Academically, Harding offers more than 100 majors and 10 undergraduate degrees, 15 preprofessional programs, and 21 graduate and professional degrees.
- Students at Harding come from 50 states and 54 countries and territories. Because of the geographical diversity, campus flutters with activities every weekend.
- Harding University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best universities in the South for the 22nd consecutive year. The University ranked 24th in the South this year behind such notable schools as Rollins College, Stetson University and James Madison University.

The report also ranked Harding at No. 9 on its "Great Schools, Great Prices" list as a best value among schools in the South, as well as being included among the "A-Plus Schools" listing.

- Named 2013 Best Road Trip Destination in College Basketball by GEICO/Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
- Nearly 40 percent of each graduating class takes advantage of Harding's international campuses. The University offers semester-long overseas programs in seven different locations around the globe: Australia, Chile, England, France, Greece, Italy and Zambia.
- We have 40 National Merit Scholars. Twenty percent of our students graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes; 37 percent from the top quarter.
- Since 2007, Harding has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. During the 2015-16 school year students contributed 169,746 hours of service.
- Lady Antebellum, Avett Brothers, Pentatonix, Tori Kelly, Needtobreathe, One Republic, Andy Grammer, Ben Rector and Sara Bareilles have all performed on a Harding stage.
- The Bisons and Lady Bisons athletic teams are members of the Great American Conference (GAC) and NCAA Division II. More than 365 athletes compete in 18 intercollegiate sports offered at Harding.

Academic Fact Sheet:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Retention Rates	80.77	81.64	81.62	84.69	82.12
(from freshman year to sophomore year)					

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Graduation Rates (6 yr)	63.0	65.3	64.4	65.1	66.4

Enrollment	Headcount		FTE	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Undergraduate	4,383	4,373	4,243	4,257
Graduate	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,529</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>897</u>
Total	5,993	5,902	5,183	5,154

Origin of Undergraduate Students:

27% from AR, 16% from TX, 11% from TN, 5% from MO (top 4 states)

93% are from United States

7% are international: almost 300 undergraduate students (143 from China)

Harding Employment:	Faculty	370	71% with doctorates or terminal degrees
	Staff/Admin	<u>721</u>	
	Total	1,091	

Class Size: 74% of classes at less than 30 students per class; 93% class size less than 50

ACT scores: Average is 25.1

GPA: Average is 3.22

Social Club Involvement: 2,369 active members (56%)

Nine Colleges:

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| • College of Allied Health | Beckie Weaver, Dean |
| • College of Arts and Humanities | Warren Casey, Dean |
| • College of Bible and Ministry | Monte Cox, Dean |
| • Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration | Allen Frazier, Dean |
| • Cannon-Clary College of Education | Donny Lee, Dean |
| • Carr College of Nursing | Susan Kehl, Dean |
| • College of Pharmacy | Jeff Mercer, Dean |
| • College of Sciences | Travis Thompson, Dean |
| • Honors College | Mike James, Dean |

Additional Programs:

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| • International Programs | Jeff Hopper, Dean |
| • Center for Student Success | Kevin Kehl, Dean |

Majors with most declared students in Fall 2016:

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| 1. Nursing (334) | 4. Exercise Science (177) |
| 2. Elementary Ed (236) | 5. Psychology (167) |
| 3. Accounting (221) | |

Much more information can be found on the Harding website www.harding.edu.