

Profile for Guidance Counselors

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2009–10

A NOTE TO GUIDANCE COUNSELORS We understand that one of your top priorities as a guidance counselor is to help your students find a college that is the right match for their interests, abilities, and personal goals. At Princeton, we are committed to identifying students who possess the academic ability, energy, enthusiasm, and ambition to take full advantage of the opportunities Princeton offers, regardless of their financial need. If admitted, students can be confident that their full financial need will be met.

As you assist students with the college application process, we are pleased to offer this guide for your reference. You will find a profile of the Class of 2013, an overview of our outstanding academic opportunities, and details regarding our pioneering, no-loan financial aid program.

www.princeton.edu/admission

The Princeton Difference

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY Princeton University is a community of learning enriched by the wide variety of experiences and perspectives of its students, faculty, and staff. Princeton celebrates diversity—bringing together students from a broad range of cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, to explore their interests, discover new academic and extracurricular pursuits, and learn from each other.

Chartered in 1746, Princeton is the nation's fourth-oldest university and its campus is situated on 500 park-like acres in the central New Jersey town of Princeton (pop. 30,000), with easy transportation options to New York City and Philadelphia.

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE Admission to Princeton is highly selective and admission decisions are made individually and are not based on any set formula. Princeton's admission process goes beyond looking for academically accomplished students. For each freshman class, we select a group of high-achieving and intellectually gifted students from diverse backgrounds to create an exceptional learning community.

As you help your students prepare their applications, encourage them to highlight their talents, academic accomplishments, and personal achievements. We want to know what is special about them, and we care about their personal qualities and what they have accomplished in and out of the classroom. We are looking for those students who can demonstrate their readiness to benefit from the incredible academic and non-academic opportunities Princeton has to offer, and how they can meaningfully contribute to the Princeton community.

ADMISSION RATES 5-YEAR HISTORY			
Entry Year	Applications	Admitted	%
2009-10	21,963	2,209	10.1
2008-09	21,370	2,122	9.9
2007-08	18,942	1,838	9.7
2006-07	17,564	1,790	10.2
2005-06	16,529	1,826	11.0

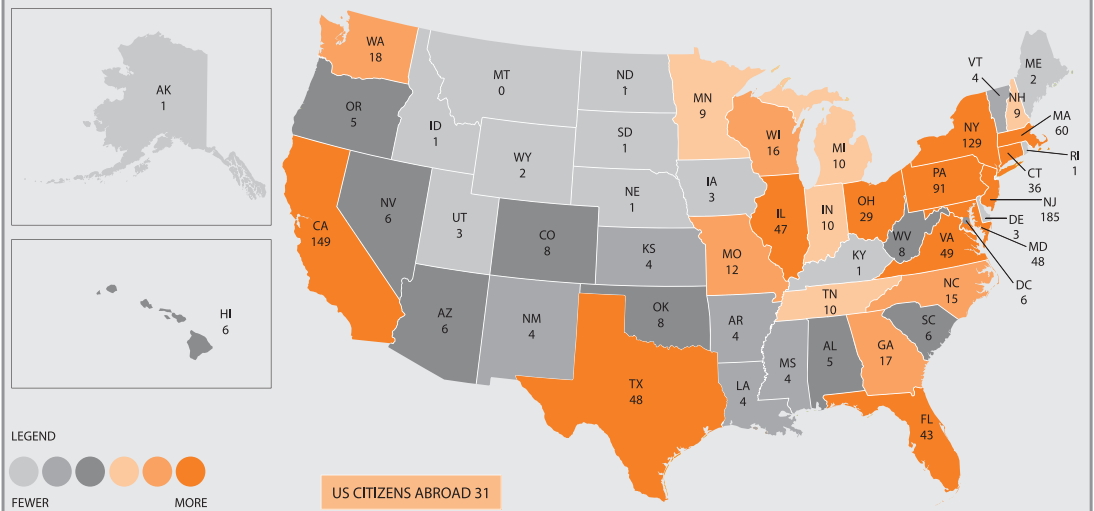
APPROXIMATE UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT 2009-10: TOTAL 4,988		
Category	Number	%
Men	2,556	51
Women	2,432	49
African American	392	8
Asian American	790	16
Hispanic/Latino	374	7
Native American	26	1
Foreign citizens	533	11

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Did you know...?

- Princeton is committed to meeting the full financial aid need of every student who qualifies with grants, which do not have to be repaid.
- The average aid award for students in the Class of 2013 is \$37,680.
- Firestone Library, Princeton's largest, contains 70 miles of books.
- When finished in 1756, Nassau Hall was the largest stone structure in the colonies.
- Princeton counts 32 Nobel Laureates among its faculty, staff, and alumni.
- On November 19, 1969, Charles "Pete" Conrad '53, became the third person to walk on the moon, and planted a Princeton flag there.
- In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor, who graduated from Princeton in 1976 with highest honors in history, became the Supreme Court's first Latina and third female justice.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2013 BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION



US CITIZENS ABROAD 31

THE PRINCETON CLASS OF 2013 INCLUDES 136 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE CITIZENS OF THE FOLLOWING 41 COUNTRIES:

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| ARGENTINA | GREECE | MEXICO | SINGAPORE |
| AUSTRALIA | HONG KONG | NETHERLANDS | SWEDEN |
| AUSTRIA | INDIA | NEW ZEALAND | TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF |
| BANGLADESH | IRAQ | NIGERIA | THAILAND |
| BRAZIL | ISRAEL | NORWAY | TURKEY |
| BULGARIA | JAMAICA | PAKISTAN | UNITED KINGDOM |
| CANADA | JAPAN | PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF THE | URUGUAY |
| CHINA | KOREA, REPUBLIC OF | ROMANIA | VENEZUELA |
| ESTONIA | LEBANON | RWANDA | VIETNAM |
| FRANCE | MALAYSIA | SERBIA, REPUBLIC OF | ZIMBABWE |
| GERMANY | | | |

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2009.

Academics at Princeton

UNPARALLELED INSTRUCTION Students at Princeton are immersed in an academic environment that combines the resources of a leading research university with uncommon dedication toward undergraduate instruction. Our world-class faculty is deeply committed to creating an atmosphere that encourages rigorous inquiry and independent thinking.

During their first two years, undergraduates explore their academic interests and satisfy general education requirements by choosing from a wide variety of elective courses. In the spring of their sophomore year, students choose a concentration from among 34 academic departments. In addition to satisfying departmental requirements, students may pursue certificates in one or more of 42 certificate programs. Students graduate with either the Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) or the Bachelor of Science (B.S.E.) degree.

THE SENIOR THESIS Throughout their undergraduate years, students at Princeton explore and expand their academic interests and develop their critical reasoning skills. During the senior year, all students are required to complete a thesis or project, allowing students a unique opportunity to demonstrate their acquired knowledge and showcase their ability to conduct independent research.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS To be considered for admission, students must submit official scores for either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT, with Writing. All applicants are required to take two SAT Subject Tests. For students who wish to pursue an engineering degree (B.S.E.), the two required Subject Tests should include a math Subject Test—Mathematics I or Mathematics II—and a Subject Test in either physics or chemistry.

IMPORTANT DATES Princeton offers only one admission program. The postmark or electronic submission deadline for all applications is January 1. Applicants are encouraged to submit their portion of the application by December 15, if possible.

Admission 2009: Class of 2013 (As of August 24, 2009)

APPLICANTS	
Total Applicants	21,963
Total Admits	2,209
Total Enrolled	1,301
Admit Rate	10.1
PERCENTAGE OF APPLICANTS ACCEPTED BY GPA RANGE	
GPA	% ACCEPTED
4.00	16.9
3.90-3.99	11.2
3.80-3.89	8.0
3.70-3.79	6.0
3.60-3.69	5.6
3.50-3.59	4.4
<3.50	3.0
PERCENTAGE OF APPLICANTS ACCEPTED BY SAT RANGE	
SAT SCORES	% ACCEPTED
2300-2400	26.3
2100-2290	11.4
1900-2090	6.2
1700-1890	2.2
1500-1690	0.4
Below 1500	0.0
No CEEB Scores	5.7

ENROLLED	
Students in Top Decile (%)	95.2
Male	50
Female	50
MIDDLE 50% SAT SCORES	
Critical Reading	690-780
Math	700-790
Writing	700-780
SECONDARY SCHOOL TYPE	
	% of Class
Public	59.3
Independent Day	17.9
Independent Boarding	10.0
Religiously Affiliated	12.1
Home Schooled	0.4
Military	0.3
DIVERSITY	
	% of Class
African American	7.3
Asian American	17.7
Hispanic/Latino	6.8
Native American	0.5
Multiracial	5.1
International	10.5

The A.B. Degree

Anthropology
 Architecture
 Art and Archaeology
 Astrophysical Sciences
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Comparative Literature
 Computer Science
 East Asian Studies
 Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
 Economics
 English
 French and Italian
 Geosciences
 German
 History
 Mathematics
 Molecular Biology
 Music
 Near Eastern Studies
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Politics
 Psychology
 Religion
 Slavic Languages and Literatures
 Sociology
 Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures
 Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

The B.S.E Degree

Chemical Engineering
 Civil and Environmental Engineering
 Computer Science
 Electrical Engineering
 Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
 Operations Research and Financial Engineering

Financial Aid

MEETING TODAY'S ECONOMIC CHALLENGES Princeton understands that many families are worried about paying for college. To address such concerns, Princeton offers an extensive need-based aid program that assists students from a wide range of economic backgrounds. In anticipation of an increase both in the number of students applying for aid and the amount of aid that will be needed, Princeton has increased the 2009–10 scholarship budget by 13 percent—bringing total aid for all undergraduates to \$104 million.

The results of Princeton's pioneering efforts in maintaining and expanding the economic diversity of its student body are evident: *Of this year's freshman class, a record 60 percent of students receive financial aid*, a marked increase from 38 percent for the Class of 2001.

APPLYING FOR AID Under Princeton's admission policy, need for financial aid is not in any way a disadvantage.

Princeton welcomes applications from talented students of diverse economic backgrounds. There is no income cutoff on our aid application; any family who feels they may need help paying for a Princeton education is welcome to apply for aid. Princeton's financial aid program is also extended to international students. Princeton's financial aid application is free and available online. Admitted students who are awarded aid will receive award notices along with the admission decision.

Each family's financial circumstances are unique and awards for admitted students are determined on an individual basis. Encourage your students and their families to take advantage of our online financial aid estimator to get an idea of how they might benefit from Princeton's generous financial aid program:

www.princeton.edu/admission/financialaid/estimator

This table will give you an idea of those students who qualified for aid for the 2009–10 academic year.

Financial Aid for the Class of 2013			WHAT IT COVERS
FAMILY INCOME	AVERAGE GRANT*		tuition=\$35,340 room + board=\$11,680
\$0–60,000 ●	\$47,350		Full tuition, room + board
\$60,000–80,000 ●	\$43,550		Full tuition, 70% of room + board
\$80,000–100,000 ●	\$41,450		Full tuition, 52% of room + board
\$100,000–120,000 ●	\$36,450		Full tuition, 10% of room + board
\$120,000–140,000 ●	\$33,700		95% of tuition
\$140,000–160,000 ●	\$29,000		82% of tuition
\$160,000–180,000 ●	\$25,950		73% of tuition
\$180,000–200,000 ●	\$20,500		58% of tuition
\$200,000 and above ◐ most who qualify have 2 children in college	\$17,000		48% of tuition

Of those who applied for aid: ● 100% qualify ● 98% qualify ◐ 48% qualify

Princeton may adjust your grant if your assets (other than the family home and retirement) are greater than \$100,000.

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