

# FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	85
Fire Safety Rating	74
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Environment	Metropolis

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	7,451
% male/female	42/58
% from out of state	46
% frosh from public high school	47
% frosh live on campus	73
% undergrads live on campus	56
% African American	6
% Asian	7
% Caucasian	58
% Hispanic	13
% Native American	<1
% international	2
# of countries represented	58

## SURVEY SAYS . . .

*Internships are widely available*  
*Students love Bronx, NY*  
*Great off-campus food*  
*Lots of beer drinking*

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	74
% students returning for sophomore year	90
% students graduating within 4 years	72
% students graduating within 6 years	78
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	12:1
Profs interesting rating	79
Profs accessible rating	80
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 10–19 students.	

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

communication and media studies;  
 social sciences; business/commerce

## STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

### Academics

With two New York City campus locations (Rose Hill and Lincoln Center), Fordham is truly a metropolitan school, offering a great liberal arts education in a small, tight-knit community. This community of “dedicated, opinionated students” are aware of the world around them, and the university offers students “serious academic opportunities and challenges, along with amazing opportunities to become involved with urban life in NYC.”

Classes are “challenging, but you leave with a new perspective on the world—I’ll never see things the same way again,” says a junior history major. Faculty are “so accessible beyond class and are extremely willing to help,” not to mention the fact that they are “constantly researching” and at times “can ask you to help with it.” Due to the location, a lot of professors currently work in their field (particularly in the business program), or did work in their field for decades, so “they truly know the material they are teaching” and “teach practical knowledge as opposed to the theoretical.” “Their doors are always open and [they] will continue to let you know about things and events that might pertain to your major or might help you in your academic career,” says a sophomore.

Similarly, Fordham “cares a great deal about the personal development of the students outside of the classroom,” though some admit that some offices (particularly Residential Life) “aren’t very helpful at times” due to red tape. Still, the administration as a whole “keeps improving,” and “really does listen to the students and make the necessary changes.” “In the four years that I have been here, they have added two resident halls, a new building to house the school of business, a new gym, renovated all the science labs, and are in the process of completing the new law school and residence hall at Lincoln Center,” says a student. A wide network of alumni throughout New York City and the world also really “helps facilitate internship and career opportunities after college,” not to mention that “recruiters from all industries are here, and Fordham has the connections.”

### Life

New York City is beloved by all at Fordham, and the affection spills over into the school. “Fordham is my school, New York is my campus.” At the Rose Hill location in the Bronx you get “a beautiful gated campus with the city just minutes away”; at the Lincoln Center location (home to the Theatre Department) you’re right in the thick of things. Either way, you “still have the college campus feel” and “truly get the best of both worlds.”

Fittingly, “tons of students like to go into the city for fun and see Broadway shows, sporting events, or just walk around.” There is actually also a ton of (free) stuff to do on campus (“as dictated by University law, there must be at least three activities per night every night”) including “movie nights, parties for 21-plus seniors, and intramurals.” “Although ‘college partying’ is a thing here” (note: there is no Greek life at Fordham), there are students who choose not to do so, and “they are not alone.” Students tend to work hard during the week, but “day-to-day life is very easygoing and relaxed, with students always hanging out in each other’s rooms.” Many students (especially business and communication students) have internships.

### Student Body

Fordham’s population is really diverse, which is “reflective of a New York City population,” but there is a fair number of “Caucasian Catholics, usually Italian or Irish,” who come from “upper-middle class families” in the Northeast. The school “is not cliquy at all,” and students use their freshman dorms or “a wide range of clubs and extracurriculars” in order to fit in. This “intelligent” crew is “eager to gain work experience” and explore the city, and is “very active in campus life and community service.” Students here “are ambitious about their classes as well as their future careers.”

## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* Class rank, GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores, level of applicant's interest. *Important factors considered include:* Application essay, extracurricular activities, recommendation(s), talent/ability, character/personal qualities. *Other factors considered include:* First generation, geographical residence, racial/ethnic status, volunteer work, work experience, alumni/ae relations. SAT or ACT required; ACT with Writing component recommended. TOEFL required of all international applicants. *Academic units required:* 4 English; 3 mathematics; 3 science; 2 social studies; 2 foreign language; 2 history; 6 academic electives. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English; 4 mathematics; 4 science; 2 social studies; 3 foreign language; 2 history; 6 academic electives.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA, CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, Noncustodial PROFILE, Business/Farm Supplement. Regular filing deadline is 2/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, State scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Federal Perkins Loans. Applicants will be notified of awards beginning 3/31.

### The Inside Word

Applicants to Fordham are required to indicate whether they are applying to the Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, the Lincoln Center campus in Manhattan, or the Gabelli School of Business at Rose Hill. Admission criteria vary by school, but all are very competitive. Graduation from a Catholic high school—particularly a prestigious one on the East Coast—is always a plus.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From the Admissions Office

“Fordham University offers a distinctive, values-centered educational experience that is rooted in the Jesuit tradition of intellectual rigor and personal attention. Located in New York City, Fordham offers to students the unparalleled educational, cultural and recreational advantages of one of the world's greatest cities. Fordham has two residential campuses in New York—the tree-lined, eighty-five-acre Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, and the cosmopolitan Lincoln Center campus in the heart of Manhattan's performing arts center. The university's state-of-the-art facilities and buildings include one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. Fordham offers a variety of majors, concentrations and programs that can be combined with an extensive career planning and placement program. More than 2,600 organizations in the New York metropolitan area offer students internships that provide hands-on experience and valuable networking opportunities in fields such as business, communications, medicine, law and education.

“Applicants are required to take SAT or the ACT with the writing section. SAT Subject Tests are recommended but not required.”

### SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	93
# of applicants	18,161
% of applicants accepted	47
% of acceptees attending	20
# offered a place on the wait list	3,263
% accepting a place on wait list	36
% admitted from wait list	10

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	570–670
Range SAT Math	560–660
Range SAT Writing	560–660
Range ACT Composite	25–29
Minimum paper TOEFL	575
Minimum web-based TOEFL	231
Average HS GPA	3.70
% graduated top 10% of class	43
% graduated top 25% of class	73
% graduated top 50% of class	96

### DEADLINES

Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	12/25
Regular	
Priority	1/15
Deadline	1/15
Notification	4/1
Nonfall registration?	Yes

### APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER

New York University; Boston College; The George Washington University

### AND SOMETIMES PREFER

Georgetown University; Loyola University Maryland; College of the Holy Cross

### AND RARELY PREFER

Hofstra University; Pace University; Marist College

### FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	76
Annual tuition	\$41,000
Room and board	\$15,374
Required fees	\$1,057
Books and supplies	\$975
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	97
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	95
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	44
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	46
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	73
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	76
% frosh rec. any financial aid	88
% UG rec. any financial aid	83
% UG borrow to pay for school	64
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$38,150
% frosh need fully met	30
% ugrads need fully met	24
Average % of frosh need met	78
Average % of ugrad need met	74