

# Providence College

## **PROVIDENCE COLLEGE PROFILE**

### **AFFILIATION**

Roman Catholic  
Dominican Friars

### **ENROLLMENT**

3,966 undergraduates  
14 foreign countries  
13% from Rhode Island  
68% from New England  
44% men, 56% women

### **THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

176,862 residents  
35,179 full-time college students in Providence  
64,079 full-time college students in Rhode Island

### **CAMPUS**

105 acres

### **CONCANNON FITNESS CENTER PETERSON REC. CENTER**

Basketball Courts  
Indoor Track  
Swimming Pool  
Racquetball Courts  
Nautilus  
Tennis Courts  
Dance Studio  
Weight Room

### **PHILLIPS LIBRARY**

560,975 total volumes

### **ALBERTUS MAGNUS-HICKEY SCIENCE COMPLEX**

State of the Art Labs  
Computer Work Stations  
Research Facilities

### **SEVEN COMPUTER LABS**

Nine Dormitories  
Five Apartment Buildings  
One Suite Hall

### **SMITH CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Angell Blackfriars Theatre  
Concert Hall  
Film Screening Classroom  
Dance Studio  
Keyboard Piano Lab  
Music Library

### **FACULTY**

392 members, 379 teaching faculty  
Dominican priests or sisters  
(10.3% Dominican, 9.2% Friars)  
12:1 student to faculty ratio  
90.6% Ph.D. or the highest degree in their field

Responding to the needs of Rhode Island, the Dominican Order of Preachers made a special commitment to the state in 1917 and founded Providence College — the only institution of higher learning in North America that is conducted by the Order. In 91 years, Providence College has steadily moved to a position of national prominence, while maintaining a personal, community-like atmosphere that fosters growth and development among its student population.

Providence College's rich heritage dates back to 1216, or the origins of the Dominican Order in Spain. Through the ages, the Dominican Friars became known as the "champions of the faith," spreading the gospel message through the centuries into every corner of the globe. Today, Dominican Friars continue to spread the gospel in a wide range of remote areas of the world, to teach at every level of the United States educational system.

With the Dominican tradition as its foundation, Providence College focuses on developing the entire person through its values-oriented education. The college seeks to complement a student's knowledge with knowledge of his own values — values that will remain the foundation for sound judgement throughout a lifetime.

To that end, Providence College aims to relate its curriculum to the problems of contemporary society, offering diverse programs of study that remain grounded in the liberal arts. Students may choose from some 60 concentrations ranging from computer science to labor relations to theatre arts. In addition, qualified students who wish to structure a program not specifically provided under the regular concentrations may develop their own program with the approval of the dean of the college.

As part of the core curriculum, all students take a two-year, team-taught course, Development of Western Civilization (DWC) which integrates the study of literature, philosophy, history and religious studies through the ages into a cohesive interdisciplinary unit.

Situated just on the fringe of downtown Providence, the College's location enables students to have easy access to the many social, cultural, educational and recreational amenities of urban life - the Providence Public Library; entertainment at the Providence Performing Arts Center; sporting events, entertainment and trade shows at the Dunkin' Donuts Center and the Providence Convention Center and dozens of fine restaurants. With several other major educational institutions located in Providence, the city has become a hub of collegiate activity.

## **THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE COLLEGE**

**P**rovidence College is a primarily undergraduate, liberal arts, Catholic institution of higher education. Committed to fostering academic excellence through the sciences and humanities, the College provides a variety of opportunities for intellectual, social, moral and spiritual growth in a supportive environment.

**T**he College actively cultivates intellectual, spiritual, ethical and aesthetic values within the context of the Judaeo-Christian heritage. These values are nurtured by the unique tradition of the Dominican Order which emphasizes quality teaching and scholarship.

**P**rovidence College recognizes the unity of the human family that proceeds from its one Creator. It therefore encourages the deepest respect for the essential dignity, freedom and equality of every person and welcomes qualified women and men from all religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds. Providence College prepares its students to be responsible and productive citizens to serve in their own society and the greater world community.