

The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2010

Institutional Questionnaire

(Numbers in parentheses refer to parallel question on CDS 2007-2008)

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UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

6. **Total** enrollment (FT degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate & professional) 1,653
7. **Undergraduate** enrollment (FT degree-seeking) 1,653

Please characterize **total undergraduate** student body in terms of:

8. **Sex:** Male 48.00% Female 52.00%
9. **Geographic Origin:** In-State 20.00% Out-of-state 80.00% Foreign 3.30%
10. **High school:** Public 52.00% Private / Parochial 48.00% Home Schooled 0.00%
11. **Race (B2):** African Amer 3.90% Asian Amer 4.60% Caucasian 81.50%
Hispanic 2.70% Native Amer 0.50% Foreign 3.30%
12. Percentage of entering freshmen who return for their sophomore year (B22) 95.00%
13. Percentage of entering freshmen who graduate within six years (B11) 84.00%

STATISTICS ON CURRENT FRESHMEN CLASS

14. Number of applicants (C1) 4,626 Percent admitted 29.20% Percent of admitted applicants who enrolled (Yield) 33.90%
15. Number of Early Decision applicants (C21) 347 Percent admitted 53.30%
16. High school class rank (C10) Percent in:
Top Tenth 73.00% Top Quarter 94.00% Top Half 99.00%
17. Test score ranges of the middle 50% of **all enrolled first-time freshmen (C9)**

25th percentile 75th percentile

SAT critical reading	<u>630</u>	<u>730</u>
SAT math	<u>610</u>	<u>690</u>
SAT writing	<u>630</u>	<u>710</u>
ACT Comp	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>

FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

18. Do you have a “need-blind” admissions policy? If so, what do you mean by the term?
No, but we are need-sensitive for the last 5% of the applicant pool.
19. What percentage of all undergraduates receive any type of financial aid 66.00%
20. What percentage of all undergraduates receive need-based financial aid (H2-d/H2-a) 43.00%
21. What percentage of all undergraduates receive non-need-based merit scholarships based on academic performance? 20.00% Average non-need-based award (H2A-o) 11581
22. How many athletic scholarships do you offer? 0 In what sports?
23. Do you guarantee to meet the demonstrated financial need of all admitted students? Y N
If yes, do you guarantee to do so for all four years? Yes No
If no, proportion of enrolled students determined to have financial need whose full need is met (H2-h / H2-d) _____%
24. Have you initiated any special financial aid programs aimed at making your institution more affordable and accessible, e.g. eliminating loans for from financial aid packages or eliminating tuition for low- and middle-income students? If so, please describe in detail.
Newman's Own Foundation Scholars is a financial-aid initiative that guarantees a loan-free education for 25 selected students with the greatest need who bring the qualities of creativity, community service, and leadership to Kenyon. The program is funded by a \$10 million gift from Kenyon alumnus Paul Newman and the Newman's Own Foundation and more than \$30 million in other gifts to the college. The gifts ensure this commitment in perpetuity.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

25. Do you have rolling admissions? Yes No If yes, when does notification begin (C16)
26. Please indicate application deadlines for:
- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Early Decision (C21) <u>11/15</u> | Regular Admissions (C14) <u>1/15</u> |
| Second Early Decision (C21) <u>1/15</u> | Financial Aid <u>2/15</u> |
| Early Action (C22) <u>na</u> | Housing <u>1/15</u> |
| Single-Choice Early Action <u>na</u> | |
27. Are campus interviews: not available optional recommended required
Are alumni interviews: not available optional recommended required
Are campus interviews: used in evaluating students only for information
Are alumni interviews: used in evaluating students only for information
28. Please indicate your policies regarding standardized tests (C8) (choose one)
SAT I or ACT: required recommended optional

Which do you prefer? SAT I ACT either

SAT II: required recommended optional

If SAT II tests are required, which ones?

Do you require students taking the ACT to take the optional Writing Test? Yes No

29. Do you accept the Common Application? (C20) Yes No

30. Do you accept electronic applications? required optional preferred unavailable

Do you prefer electronic applications to paper ones? Yes No

31. Do you include any essay questions on your application? Yes No

-If yes, what are they? (Attach tear sheet from application if you prefer.)

The topics are those of the Common Application:

* Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.

* Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.

* Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.

* Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.

* A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix.

Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.

* A topic of your choice.

32. Please list in descending order the six schools with which you have an applicant overlap.
"Shared Prospective Applicants"

1 Oberlin 2 Middlebury 3 Grinnell
4 Carleton 5 Bowdoin 6 Macalaster

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

33. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshmen have:

1-25 students 73.00% 25-50 24% 51-100 2.5% Over 100 0.50%

34. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshman are taught by:

Tenured professors 36.00% Jr faculty 53.00% Graduate students 0.00% Adjuncts 11.00%

35. What are you five most popular majors (in descending order):

1English 2Psychology 3Political Science & Govt.

4International Studies 5History

36. Please describe any recent changes in the general education requirements that all undergraduates must complete.

There have been no recent changes in the general education requirements.

37. Have you made any other curriculum changes in the last two years? Have you added or dropped any programs? If so, please explain.

No

38. Please describe your study abroad programs.

Kenyon's reputation for offering students the best and most selective international programs has emerged, in part, from the College's competitive OCS application process. Kenyon sends its most motivated and best prepared students abroad and, therefore, has high expectations of their success. Programs are available for a wide variety of disciplines, including all that are offered at Kenyon. Study abroad is offered in 61 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific Rim, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Latin America, North America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

What proportion of undergraduates receive academic credit for study abroad during their four years?

45%

39. Please describe any special support programs for freshmen that you operate, such as freshmen seminars or "first-year programs" etc. What proportion of freshmen participate?

There are no special college-wide special programs exclusively for freshmen.

40. Most colleges and universities today are struggling with tensions related to campus security and responsible alcohol or tobacco use and physical safety. Please describe any new programs or policies dealing with these issues. (Use a separate sheet if you wish.)

These issues continue to be a focus of discussion and training sessions during each year's freshman orientation, and various campus groups address them with programming throughout the year. Several new programs and policies regarding alcohol use are either newly implemented or currently under consideration, all with the goal of reducing risky behavior.

41. Do you have any signature academic programs or emphases of which you are particularly proud? Learning communities? Foreign study? Honors programs? Undergraduate research? Writing across the curriculum? If so, please describe and indicate proportions of students who participate.

Kenyon is noted for its emphasis on students' written and oral communication skills across the curriculum. Students in the natural sciences benefit from especially close collaborations with faculty members, both during the academic year and in the competitive Summer Science Scholars Program, in which they conduct research on a project of their own devising with a faculty mentor.

42. What are your strongest academic programs?

English, political science, economics, history, international studies, art, drama, and the natural sciences.

43. What are your weakest academic programs? (Please be candid. Everyone has them!)

Kenyon has made the decision to maintain its focus on a core collection of liberal arts and sciences, and a limited number of interdisciplinary programs, in order to maintain strength across the curriculum.

44. Are there ways in which the academic mission of your school is evolving?

We hope we're always evolving as an institution, but we're not currently engaged in any kind of programmatic evolution with regard to our mission.

45. Have you completed any new physical facilities with in the past two years? If so, please describe.

In January 2006, the College opened its new Kenyon Athletic Center, a 263,000-square foot building designed by architect Graham Gund. The striking glass-and-steel facility provides a full range of fitness and recreational offerings and brings all the College's indoor sports under one roof, with a basketball/volleyball arena, a natatorium with a 22-lane swimming pool, a 200-meter track, four racquetball courts, eight squash courts, and four tennis courts. Also included are a 12,000-square-foot fitness and weight-training center, conference and seminar rooms, two multipurpose rooms for dance, martial arts, and yoga instruction, a 120-seat theater, and extensive locker, office, and sports-medicine areas.

STUDENT LIFE

46. What percentage of students live in university housing? (F1) 98.00%

47. In what NCAA division do you compete in athletics (choose one) I IA II III.

48. Which inter-collegiate teams (men's and women's) are most competitive? Please list any athletic championships in the last two years.

Women's Basketball - NCAC champions (2008)
Men's Swimming - NCAC champions (2007, 2008), NCAA champions (2007, 2008)

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Men's Tennis - NCAC champions (2007, 2008); NCAA team participation (2007, 2008); NCAA singles participation (2008); NCAA singles champion (2008); NCAA doubles participation (2008)
Women's Tennis - NCAC team participation (2008), NCAA individual participation (2007)
Field Hockey - NCAC champions (2008); NCAC tournament champions (2007, 2008); NCAA team participation (2007, 2008)
Men's Soccer - NCAC champions (2007)
Women's Soccer - NCAC champions (2007), NCAA team participation (2007)
Men's Lacrosse - NCAA team participation (2008)
Men's Cross Country - NCAA individual participation (2007)
Women's Cross Country - NCAA team participation (2007); individual participation (2008)

49. Please describe the recreational and intramural sports program. Which are the most popular activities? What proportion of undergraduates participate?

This year the following intramural programs were offered. More than half of the undergraduates participated in one or more sports during the year.

Fall:

- * Flag football (fall)
- * Outdoor Soccer (fall)
- * Tennis
- * Water Polo
- * Softball
- * Racquetball
- * Squash

Spring:

- * 5 on 5 Basketball
- * Floor Hockey
- * Volleyball
- * Dodgeball
- * Indoor Soccer
- * Ultimate Frisbee
- * Outdoor Soccer

Club sports that were active throughout the year are as follows:

- * Rugby (men and women)
- * Ultimate Frisbee
- * Squash
- * Archery
- * Soccer
- * Cycling
- * Equestrian
- * Fencing
- * Ice Hockey (men and women)
- * Martial Arts
- * Sailing Club
- * Sand Volleyball
- * Swim Club
- * Water Polo
- * Baseball
- * Dodgeball League
- * Muay Thai Boxing Club
- * KSA (Kenyon Student Athletes)
- * Outdoors Club

* Chess

50. What percentage of men belong to fraternities? (F1) 25.00% Women to sororities?(F1) 10.00%

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