FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

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A tradition that lives on at this premier “Public Ivy” is a commitment to old-fashioned academic excellence.”
- Fiske Guide to Colleges

SO YOUR CHILD WANTS TO ATTEND WILLIAM & MARY!
FIRST & FOREMOST
- America’s second-oldest to become a university
- Nation’s first collegiate honor code
- Nation’s first law school
- Nation’s founding chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
- Nation’s first campus-wide Day One Thing (DOT) campaign

RECOGNIZED & RESPECTED
- Ranked the best small public university in the nation – U.S. News & World Report
- Ranked 1st undergraduate business marketing program in the nation – Bloomberg Businessweek
- Among the top 50 producers of students who go on to earn PhDs in science and engineering – National Science Foundation

UP-CLOSE & PERSONAL
- Ranked 4th as a best value among all colleges and universities – Kiplinger
- Ranked 2nd among all U.S. universities for commitment to undergraduate teaching – U.S. News & World Report
- Ranked 7th in the category of “Best College Library” and ranked 8th in the category of “Professors Get High Marks” – Princeton Review
- More recipients of the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Outstanding Faculty Award than any other institution
Home & Away
A William & Mary education is a global education.

30+ W&M-sponsored programs in 23 countries on six continents.

William & Mary – St Andrews Joint Degree Programme

BEST & BRIGHTEST
6,200 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students from 48 states and 60 countries

99% of classes taught by faculty

12:1 student-to-faculty ratio; lowest of any public university in the nation

Mentored research experience for 70% of undergraduates

40% of classes have fewer than 20 students, 86% have fewer than 40

More than 80 students, faculty, and alumni have won Fulbright Fellowships since 2000

OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

- ~400 student-run clubs & organizations
- 23 intercollegiate sports
- 75% of students are involved in volunteerism
- 1/3 of all students take part in the Greek System
- > 90% of all students stay in
  - Williamsburg each weekend!
  - > 75% of students live on campus!
- Internships & Field Experiences
W&M Admission: Understanding The Numbers!

Undergraduate student body composition: 2/3 VA, 1/3 non-Virginia residents

In 2014:
- 32% overall admission rate
- In-state admission rate: 38%
- Out-of-state admission rate: 27%

- 30% multicultural students, 8% first-generation college students, 8% international students
- 96% retention rate

The William & Mary Admission Process

Objective Criteria

- Importance of secondary school curriculum
  - Challenge! Rigor!
  - Advanced Placement
  - International Baccalaureate
- GPA & class rank
  - Evaluated within the context of student's environment
  - Weighted vs. unweighted GPAs
  - ~80% of admitted students fall in the top 10% of their class
- Standardized testing - All applicants
  - SAT and/or ACT may be submitted, no preference given
  - SAT II's not required, no particular recommendations

Subjective Criteria

- Essay content & structure
- Optional submission
- Letters of recommendation
- Extracurricular involvements
- Leadership experiences
- Demonstrated intellectual curiosity, energy, initiative etc...
Admission & Financial Aid Details!

- Admission
  - Common application
  - Paper vs. electronic
  - Early decision (Nov 1 deadline)
  - Regular decision (Jan 1 deadline)

- Financial Aid
  - Costs
  - Meeting need
  - FAFSA and CSS Profile
  - Important dates: January 1 & February 15th

Questions?

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