

DeSales University is a private, non-profit, four-year Catholic university with a Salesian mission administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Our priority is to give students a quality, broad-based liberal arts and career-centered education. Students are exposed to Catholic teachings but are also encouraged to explore in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded: 1964
President: (4th) Rev. James J. Greenfield, OSFS '84
Most recent MSCHE accreditation: June 21, 2018
Location: Center Valley, Pennsylvania

The DeSales 550-acre suburban campus is located about 50 miles north of Philadelphia and 90 miles southwest of New York City.



DEGREES OFFERED

Bachelor's degrees	50
Master's degrees	12
Doctoral degrees	2
Undergraduate certificates	17
Graduate certificates	22
Post-graduate certificates	9
Total Degrees and Certificates	112

FACULTY AND STAFF

Full-time faculty (AY 2024-2025)	140
Part-time faculty (IPEDS 2023-2024)	229
Full-time staff (IPEDS 2023-2024)	309
Part-time staff (IPEDS 2023-2024)	47
FT faculty with highest degree in field	90.0%
Student-to-faculty ratio (Fall 2024)	17 to 1

ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT (FALL 2024)

Total enrollment	2,986
Undergraduate students	2,172
Graduate students	814
Full-time equivalent (FTE) students	2,626.8
Male / Female/Unknown	34% / 65% / 1%
Students of Color	27.2%

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2024)

Traditional undergraduates	1,775
First-time, first-year students (full-time)	504
Transfer students (full-time)	60
Full-time students	99.4%
Pennsylvania residents	70.4%
Male / Female/ Unknown	38% / 62% / 0%
Students of Color	27.3%
Average age	20
First-generation students	13.7%
Pell grant recipients	29.4%
Commuter students	43.1%
Students enrolled in online courses	21.0%

NON TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2024)

Non-traditional undergraduates	363
First-time, first-year students	7
Transfer students	70
Full-time students	36.9%
Pennsylvania residents	92.8%
Male / Female/ Unknown	27%/71%/2%
Students of Color	41.9%
Average age	32
First-generation students	28.7%
Pell grant recipients	38.0%
Students enrolled in online courses	79.9%

GRADUATE STUDENTS (FALL 2024)

Master's students	675
Doctoral students	139
Full-time students	61.5%
Pennsylvania residents	79.0%
Male / Female/ Unknown	31% / 68% / 1%
Students of Color	21.5%
Average age	31
Students enrolled in online courses	58.2%



US News & World Report Rankings: National Universities, Top Performers on Social Mobility, Undergraduate Nursing

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES

First-to-second year retention rate	83.4%
4-year graduation rate (2018 Cohort)	63.3%
5-year graduation rate (2017 Cohort)	69.3%
6-year graduation rate (2016 Cohort)	72.2%

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES CONFERRED (2024)

Bachelor's degrees	505
Master's degrees	264
Doctoral degrees	29
Undergraduate certificates	7
Graduate certificates	4
Total	809

ALUMNI

Total alumni (unduplicated)	24,102
Bachelors degree alumni	18,552
Masters degree alumni	6,421
Doctoral degree alumni	233

ATHLETICS

Men's sports	9
Women's sports	10
Club sports	4
NCAA Division	Division III

Athletic Conferences

Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC)
MAC Freedom Conference
Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)
Mascot: Bulldog
University Colors: navy blue and scarlet


TUITION AND EXPENSES (AY 2024 2025)
Traditional undergraduate (12-18 credits)

Tuition (academic year)	\$45,000
Room and Board (academic year)	\$13,800
Mandatory Fees (academic year)	\$1,800

Non-traditional undergraduate

Tuition (per credit)	\$575
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Accelerated nursing program

Tuition (academic year)	\$48,800
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Graduate

Tuition	Varies by program
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UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID (2022 2023)

Total grant or scholarship aid*	\$49.9M
Grant or scholarship aid recipients*	89.5%
Institutional grant or scholarship aid	\$42.6M
Institutional aid recipients	84.0%
Total Pell grant aid	\$2.50M
Pell grant recipients	22.9%
Total federal student loans	\$9.60M
Federal student loan recipients	63.9%

*Aid from federal, state, institutional, and other sources

INSTITUTIONAL REVENUE SOURCES (FY 2023 2024)

Net tuition and fees	\$56,676,615
Federal Grants	\$477,308
State appropriations	\$576,375
Private gifts and grants	\$5,726,657
Auxiliary enterprises	\$15,887,726
Other	\$756,775
Total	\$80,101,456

ACCREDITATIONS

Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)

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