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In the College of Arts & Sciences, you inhabit a world of exploration, research, and discovery — a universe of knowledge and personal understanding shaped by you, for you.

You can develop your interests and realize your unique potential through a rich array of learning opportunities — about what came before, what is happening today, where we are going, and how to make a difference.

The largest undergraduate division, the College of Arts & Sciences works hard to assure that you acquire a singular education where you study all that you love. We prepare you for the future, regardless of what the future holds. Learning and teaching are at the heart of all that we do. We help you create your own path to reach your goals. And we are passionate about research in all its venues — the laboratory, the library, and the field.

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES
We want your freshman experience to be energizing and inspiring. That’s why we offer special first-year programs based on small groups to foster active learning, guided by faculty who are passionate about their subjects and excited about teaching first-year students.

- Explore the fundamental texts at the foundation of American and European cultures in Text and Tradition.
- Address the important social and cultural foundations of health and illness in Medicine and Society.
- Seek the answers to basic mysteries about human thought in Mind, Brain, and Behavior.
- Acquire the learning and skills needed to thrive in the globalized world in International Leadership.
- Examine how to preserve the environment for future generations in the Pathfinder Program in Environmental Sustainability.
- Delve deeply into topics through the FOCUS Programs, which often include extensive out-of-classroom activities.
- Experience close interaction with your professor and fellow students through special Freshman Seminars covering a wide range of areas.
The arts and the sciences in all their rich variety lie at the center of intellectual life. We teach you to think critically, synthesize knowledge, innovate, and understand different perspectives.

The College of Arts & Sciences is home for the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, and studies that cross these disciplines. Our faculty teach more than 70 percent of all classes at the university.

The breadth and depth of our curriculum encourage you to foster your curiosity and creativity. At the same time, we challenge you to bring together what you’ve learned — and what you’ll come to learn — in new and invigorating ways.

You also have access to the full course selection of the other undergraduate schools of architecture, art, business, and engineering.

All this means that you can study what you love. Many of our students become so involved in more than one field that they end up with more than one degree or major, nearly all achieved within four years:

- 68 percent of our recent graduates earned a major and a minor, or more than one major.
- More than 33 percent completed requirements for two majors.
- Many undertook two majors in different schools.

Guiding you in your studies are professors — leaders in their fields — who use their knowledge and skills to inspire and energize you as you, and they, learn. Our professors also engage in research, write definitive books, create works of art, and receive national recognition. They still make it a point to be accessible and to get to know you outside of the classroom.

HONORS: Phi Beta Kappa, Shepley Award, Excellence in Leadership Award, Ervin Scholar, Gephardt Institute Civic Scholar, Resident Advisor, University Scholar in Medicine

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH: Study of drug-resistant malaria parasites through Summer Scholars in Biology and Biomedical Research; phage isolation and characterization through freshman FOCUS program; intervention/assessment to improve youth health outcomes in Baltimore, Maryland, through the Civic Scholars program; feasibility study of a barbershop-based intervention to prevent metabolic syndrome among black men

INTERNSHIPS: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center laboratory internship; Beyond Housing municipal collaborations internship

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Association of Mixed Students, Connect 4, Family Court Mentoring Program

Washington University helped me understand the value of strong communities — and that interest ties together everything I do.

In Connect 4, we strengthen the campus community by bridging gaps between groups with discussions, dialogue, and understanding.

And through Civic Scholars, I work to help low-income neighborhood youth on self-esteem, empowerment, health literacy, and stress management.

Next year I will bring this mentality into my medical school education, partnering with communities to bring about improved health.
• Arabic
• Art History and Archaeology
• Chinese
• Classics/Ancient Studies
• Comparative Literature/Art
• Dance
• Drama
• English Literature
• Film and Media Studies
• French
• Germanic Languages and Literatures
• Hebrew

• History
• Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities
• Italian
• Japanese
• Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies
• Music
• Persian
• Philosophy
• Religious Studies
• Romance Languages and Literatures
• Spanish
In the humanities, you explore and come to new understandings of the human experience — the many modes of human expression, the systems of belief that shape values and behavior, and significant developments in human history.

You can major in English literature, history, philosophy, or the classics — all major foundations of higher learning. If you’re particularly interested in urban history, you can major in history and use the city of St. Louis as your laboratory. As a classics major, you dissect the texts of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Or you may choose art history and take advantage of studying the works in our Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum on campus.

The Department of Philosophy has particular strengths in the philosophy of the law and of the mind, and the history of the field. Social and political matters at hand in today’s world receive philosophical treatment in a course on contemporary moral problems.

Other courses of study focus on language or nonverbal expression in the arts. We offer 11 major world languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Spanish, and Swahili. In addition, you can study Portuguese or Russian. Study of the languages combines with the study of literature and culture. Comparative literature is also available.

The Performing Arts Department offers dance and drama, sponsoring major productions on campus each year. The Department of Music has a dozen ensembles, from chamber to opera to jazz, open to all students regardless of academic major.

KATHERINE LUKAS
CLASS OF 2014

I love that I can study English and Chinese as a pre-med student. Washington U. does a fantastic job of helping you accomplish whatever you’re interested in.

It’s very easy to get involved with research. The professors are absolutely unbelievable. They’re passionate about their teaching and their research. First and foremost, they’re here as teachers.

HONORS: Dean’s List
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH: Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program (PEMRAP), providing patient-oriented clinical research in the St. Louis Children’s Hospital Emergency Department
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Campus tour guide, Undergraduate Council, Delta Gamma sorority

HOMETOWN: Manitowoc, Wisconsin
MAJOR: English
MINOR: Chinese
PRE-MEDICINE
As a humanities major, you develop a set of skills that are in wide demand in the workplace. You master how to digest and analyze complex written materials. You learn how to communicate effectively, whether in writing or a presentation. You acquire the research skills to locate and sort the information needed to support an argument or resolve a dispute about the facts.

You can do just about anything with a major in the humanities. Our graduates have gone on to become successful business executives, lawyers, and educators. Some have made their mark as elected officials, writers, performers, and other professionals. The nature of work is changing rapidly, as advances in technology cause some occupations to disappear and new ones to emerge. Yet the demand for critical thinking skills — a hallmark of an education in the humanities — is constant.

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**HOMETOWN:**
La Cañada, California

**MAJORS:**
Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities, French

**HONORS:**
Dean’s List, Mylanas Scholar, Truman Scholarship finalist

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:**
“The Myth of the Public Intellectual”; senior honors thesis on “Doubly Conscious: Gender in Virginia Woolf and Nella Larsen”

**INTERNSHIPS:**
Office of the First Lady, John Wesley County Hospital in Los Angeles, Wyman Center for disadvantaged teens

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**
Washington University Political Review, College Democrats, intramurals, Dance Marathon, WashU Feminists United

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“I love the liberal arts, the way you think and analyze things outside a specific discipline. I’m pursuing a double major in political science and comparative literature, but the professors all encourage a more interdisciplinary approach. This semester, I’m taking a class on the French Revolution taught by a fantastic professor who teaches in both French and English. It’s been a great experience. I’ve also been able to join some amazing extracurricular activities, like the Washington University Political Review, which has been a great experience. It’s a multipartisan publication fostering political awareness and conversation. We host events featuring people who are very important to what’s happening in the world and have great discussions. The Political Review, the Gephardt Institute for Public Service, and the Danforth Center on Religion & Politics are such amazing resources for everyone!”

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**ANNA APPLEBAUM**
CLASS OF 2013
THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Education
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Urban Studies
The social sciences relate directly to daily living, which accounts in part for their popularity. From the social sciences, you learn how people interact as individuals and as groups, and how systems managing those relations develop and evolve. Psychology, political science, and anthropology are among our most popular majors. Economics, education, linguistics, and urban studies round out the social sciences. Departments take innovative approaches that yield surprising combinations. For instance, an anatomy course taught by medical professors is available through the Department of Anthropology.

Psychology is the most popular major on campus. Professors conduct research on compelling issues, including a social psychology study about race, gender, and politics conducted on campus and another that studies happiness. Many psychology majors use their knowledge to help others through government or nonprofit organizations that provide social services. Some majors go on to complete graduate studies before becoming clinicians or professors.

Another popular major is political science. Your professors may be theoreticians, or they may be experienced practitioners.

At Wash U, I discovered that there are a million ways to supplement this amazing education through research and extracurricular activities.

Running research experiments with graduate students, postdocs, and other undergraduate students has been a great experience. I have been able to earn academic credits through my work in the lab. It definitely enhanced my research and organizational skills.

I’m also on the executive board of the First Year Center, which helps students with the social and academic aspects of their first-year transition. It has been one of the most rewarding activities I have had the opportunity to be a part of at Wash U.

HOMETOWN: Gem Lake, Minnesota

MAJOR: Psychology

MINOR: Political Science

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:
Anxiety and Psychotherapy Laboratory

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
Delta Gamma sorority, Pre-Law Society, First Year Center Executive Board

ANNA HILKE
CLASS OF 2013
of electoral politics. Our faculty members have different views from each other and foster the expression of varied opinions in their lively classrooms. Our campus has been a frequent host of national debates: the first-ever three-candidate presidential debate in 1992, a presidential debate in 2000, a presidential debate in 2004, and the vice presidential debate of 2008. We also hosted the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative University, gathering about 200 of our students and 1,000 other college students with thought leaders — including former President Bill Clinton and comedian Stephen Colbert — to develop innovative solutions to pressing global challenges.

Our graduates find the social sciences to be excellent preparation for a variety of careers, including government, law, business, and nonprofit management.

REUBEN RIGGS
CLASS OF 2015

HOMETOWN:
Nacogdoches, Texas

MAJORS:
Anthropology, African and African-American Studies

HONORS: Ervin Scholar, Dean’s List

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
Association of Mixed Students, Social Justice Center, Admissions intern, City Faces, Association of Black Students, Pride Alliance, Eliot College Council

CAREER GOAL: After earning his doctorate, plans to become an academic activist

“...At the Social Justice Center, I’m working to understand the many types of identity equality needed on and off campus. Right now I’m focused on understanding the systemic inequities faced by the black community in St. Louis and their manifestations in the lives of youth.

I’ve absolutely fallen in love with St. Louis. It’s a wonderful city that is perfect for anyone who wants to get involved in changing where they live for the better. And there are so many wonderful people on campus. It’s the dedicated students here at Wash U who make the university.”
THE NATURAL SCIENCES

- Biochemistry
- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Earth Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
Our strong natural science departments prepare you for the rigors of graduate and professional schools, as well as laboratories in business or government.

Our investments in state-of-the-art laboratories and support facilities has made us one of the nation’s premier research universities. You can join the research taking place in these labs and in the labs at our excellent medical school.

You can shape your course of study in the natural sciences. For instance, you can major in biochemistry, blending courses from our Department of Chemistry and Department of Biology. You can also pair your major or minor in a natural science with one in the humanities, social sciences, or interdisciplinary studies.

Biology is one of the most popular majors. Our faculty specialize in a range of subdisciplines: plant biology, genetics/cell/developmental biology, microbiology, biochemistry, neurosciences, and evolution/ecology/population biology. You benefit from collaborations between faculty and colleagues at off-campus research facilities, including Tyson Research Center, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Missouri Botanical Garden, and Monsanto.

You can also explore multiple issues and questions posed in an interdisciplinary study of the environment. We are a leader in research on global climate change and energy, sustainable food production, the environment and human health, and biodiversity conservation.

My undergraduate research is very exciting. I run six or seven experiments a week as part of our investigation of how speeches affect listeners’ emotions. I’ve come up with lots of different ideas and questions in the process of data collection. It’s been really fun.

I enjoy the environment here. All the students are very bright, but also very willing to help one another get ready for tests. I’ve really enjoyed the cooperative atmosphere and have made a lot of good friends through my classes.
Your study and research in the natural sciences can prepare you for the challenges of medical school and the life-saving work of a physician. Or you can protect lives as a public health specialist, perhaps preventing contagions from spreading around the world. You can become a researcher looking for elusive medical cures or investigating the basic science of how the universe and its smallest unseen units work. You can apply this research, participating in the growing, vital industry of biotechnology in fields like genomics. Or you can pursue graduate studies to enable you to train the next generations of doctors, health specialists, researchers, and scientists.

HOMESTOWN: Topeka, Kansas
MAJOR: Applied Mathematics
MINORS: Bioinformatics, Chinese

HONORS: Danforth Scholar, Ervin Scholar, Dean’s List, Academic All-UAA
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity soccer, varsity baseball, Books and Basketball, Koaches and Kids, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Blood Drive Leadership Team
CAREER GOAL: Ideally, to combine mathematics, medicine, and sports

“...All my advisors are excellent, and I feel comfortable knowing that I have great people to turn to. I’ve learned to be a proactive student, to take the initiative and be at the top. My advice is, if you really want to excel, talk to professors after class, ask questions, and go to office hours. They encourage that. Go the extra mile. That’s how you succeed — and how you succeed in life as well. Learning this was huge. I’m a far better student for it.”
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

- African and African-American Studies
- American Culture Studies
- Archaeology
- East Asian Studies
- Environmental Policy
- European Studies
- Global Health and Environment
- International and Area Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Philosophy–Neuroscience–Psychology
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
In interdisciplinary studies, you develop a fuller understanding of our complex world by forging connections between different disciplines.

Our interdisciplinary majors can take you across our curriculum and around the globe.

- **Global Health and Environment** brings together the social and natural sciences to develop critical perspectives on health problems and systems.

- **Environmental Policy** taps faculty in anthropology, biology, economics, earth and planetary sciences, philosophy, and political science to build a multilayered understanding of issues related to the natural world.

- **American Culture Studies** extends beyond the traditional realms of literature and history, incorporating other humanities, the social sciences, arts and architecture, and the natural sciences.

- **International and Area Studies** encourages a broad understanding of the world, while exploring the diversity

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**JORDAN PETERS**  
CLASS OF 2014

**HOMETOWN:** Baltimore, Maryland  
**MAJORS:** Urban Studies, Dance  
**PRE-LAW**

**HONORS:** Ervin Scholar, Lock and Chain Sophomore Honorary, Resident Advisor  
**STUDY ABROAD:** Paris and Melisey, France  
**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Black Pre-Law Society, City Faces, Learning 2 Live Mentoring Program, The Slaughter Project, Washington University Dance Theatre  
**CAREER GOAL:** To pursue both dance and law

“I’m very passionate about urban education, working with tutoring and mentoring programs throughout St. Louis. Because I’m pre-law, I take a lot of classes that are reading and writing intensive to prepare me for the rigor of the profession, but also to expand my horizons and understanding of the world. I’m not sure how I’ll combine my interests, but everyone I meet — faculty, staff, and students — is ready to help out with resources to help me succeed. **Washington U. definitely cares. Wherever I am, I see familiar, friendly faces. I love this community.**"
and richness of other cultures. Specific majors also are offered in East Asian Studies, European Studies, and Latin American Studies.

- **African and African-American Studies** explores black cultural traditions by combining the lenses of social, political, and intellectual history with the literature, culture, and artistic life of Africa and its diaspora.

- **Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies** — one of the first such programs in the nation — examines how assumptions and beliefs about masculinities, femininities, and sexualities shape our institutions, activities, and cultures.

- **Philosophy–Neuroscience–Psychology** may be the ultimate interdisciplinary major. PNP, as it is called, is a distinctive conception of our faculty and has wide appeal on our campus. The course work explores and develops how these three fields, in concert, explain the contours of the human mind.

Or you can — with the help of your academic advisor — create a major that meets your needs. In recent years, Arts & Sciences students have designed and completed special majors in fields as diverse as ancient civilizations, animal behavior, and peace studies.

HOMETOWN: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
MAJORS: Political Science, Anthropology
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cast & Crew, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Washington University Political Review

What I like about Washington University is that the best professors are also teaching introductory classes. They want people to be interested in their fields and then get more into it. All the professors that I’ve had have been great. It definitely makes the material more exciting, and it makes classes even better.

I also enjoy taking acting classes. I did a lot of theater in high school, and it’s always been a passion of mine.
Through research, you can develop a deeper understanding of classroom theory and even make brand-new discoveries.

Arts & Sciences students from any discipline can undertake meaningful research in the arts, the humanities, or the social or natural sciences. As an undergraduate researcher, you can receive academic credit as you collaborate with faculty members on significant projects. Our Office of Undergraduate Research can help you find research projects and mentors, secure financial support, and present your research findings in presentations and publications.

A Sampling of Student Projects

- Extracting More than Minerals: A Case Study in Conflict over Meaning, Value, and Natural Resources
- Vices, Scapegoats, and Evil Forces: Magic in the Works of Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra, Juan Ruiz de Alarcón, and María de Zayas y Sotomayor
- *In Vivo* Study of the Effect of iPLA₂ Gamma KO on Neointimal Formation after Overstretch Injury to the Carotid Artery (Surgical Aspects)
- Medici Porcelain: A Case Study for Examining the Artistic and Commercial Relationships in the Early Modern World
- Revolution Takes More than 140 Characters: Contextualizing the Use of Technology in Iranian Politics
An understanding of other cultures, languages, and countries is invaluable in today’s world. This is true whether you are a physician, historian, musician, biologist, or teacher.

We offer many ways to incorporate international study into your undergraduate program. Each year, our students study in more than 50 different countries. Yearlong programs are available in Australia, Chile, China, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, The Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan.

Semester programs are being added all the time, like a recent one at the University of Queensland in Australia. Study abroad at specific universities in other countries is arranged through our academic departments. You can also do overseas study through another of our schools — like the architecture program in Florence, Italy.

Whether for a summer, a semester, or an entire year, living and studying abroad establishes a relationship with a country and its people that will last a lifetime.
The resources you want and need are close at hand.

The First Year Center connects our new students with people, places, and possibilities. This initial step helps create an exceptional undergraduate experience that engages every student in the classroom, in the laboratory, in the field, and in the community.

From your first days on campus, our advisors help you sort through the options and guide you to decisions about creating the best academic program to meet your goals. A four-year academic advisor and a separate academic advisor for each declared major are key to helping you create your own path. In addition, a Washington University Student Associate, who brings the special perspective of an informed student, contacts you the summer before you arrive and meets with you throughout your freshman year. Students who serve as Resident Advisors help in the residence houses. And a dean of Arts & Sciences is always available, on a walk-in basis or by appointment.

Our university libraries feature strong collections, innovative services, and knowledgeable staff who can help you locate information and learn your way around. Olin Library, the central library, houses materials in the humanities, social sciences, and engineering. Students in Arts & Sciences also have access to departmental and school libraries serving art, architecture, business, chemistry, earth and planetary sciences, East Asian studies, law, medicine, music, physics, and social work.
The St. Louis region, with all its urban energy, has the cultural and business resources of a major city.

A crossroads where East and West, North and South meet, St. Louis is rich in influences and activities. An impressive roster of cultural institutions just across the street from our campus includes the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, and the world-famous Saint Louis Zoo — all with free admission.

Our students also put into action their concern for others. Sixty-eight percent of our undergraduate students participate in community service.

Sports, concerts, live theater, music clubs — the city’s entertainment scene is alive. Whether you’re a jazz buff, a rock-and-roll fan, a blues lover, or a classical music fan, St. Louis has it all. Professional sports include St. Louis Cardinals baseball, Rams football, and Blues hockey. For outdoor recreation, you can walk, jog, or bike through neighboring Forest Park. For nights out, enjoy the Fox Theatre, Black Rep, Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, Pageant, Delmar Loop, and more.

There’s always something to do in St. Louis. And with the free Metro pass we give to our full-time students, you can use mass transit to experience all that St. Louis has to offer.
Our graduates are creating many kinds of success across the country and around the world. They are entrepreneurs and physicians and executives and teachers and explorers and filmmakers. Many attend a graduate or professional degree program, either immediately after graduation or within a few years. Many of our alumni are eager to mentor our undergraduates, arrange for internships, or provide career advice through the Career Center.

As you progress through your academic program, we know you are also thinking about the next step. With the help of our Career Center, you can explore, discover, and develop your role in the professional world. Transforming your passions into a purpose that aligns with your unique personality, skills, and academic interests requires an individualized approach. The Career Center can help you translate your degree into a purposeful future through its many tools, including advising, workshops to improve your internship and job search skills, job and internship listings, and extensive networks of employers and alumni.
Illustrating just a few of the varied career paths Arts & Sciences graduates have taken are Jane Abramson and Ben Cannon, as well as Nicole Solawetz-Cortés.

Jane, who majored in English and American literature, has been a production manager at Disney Theatrical Productions in New York City. She also has produced off-and off-off-Broadway plays and musicals.

My undergraduate experiences at Washington U. inspired me to pursue my graduate degrees. I tutored Hispanic school children all four years through a wonderful program called Niños. And I was familiar with the great things the university’s social work school was doing. Then an advisor who knew of my passion for working with Hispanic and other communities said to me: ‘Have you ever considered a joint degree in social work and law?’ The seed was planted!

Ben, who graduated with a major in literature and history, was a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford, England, for two years. He then became Oregon’s youngest state representative before moving to his current position as chief education advisor to Oregon’s governor.

A liberal arts education helped give these graduates access to the professions they now enjoy.

In graduate school, I founded a nonprofit called the Migrant Immigrant and Community Action Project with help from a grant earned through the university’s YouthBridge Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition. I now work as the co-director and immigration attorney. Our project works with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. We provide legal services and community education, working with communities and individuals to address their needs.

NICOLE SOLAWETZ-CORTÉS
AB 2006, MSW/JD 2012

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS:
Psychology, Spanish

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD:
Chile

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
Facilitator, Camp Miniwanca for Danforth Scholars; Niños; programming, Juvenile Detention Center

CAREER:
Immigration legal services and community education

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS:
Danforth Scholar

SINCE GRADUATION:
Voluntarios de la Esperanza in Chile; Fulbright Scholarship; dual graduate programs in social work and law

HOMETOWN:
Des Moines, Iowa
Washington University’s Danforth Campus is a great place to live, study, and make lifelong friends.

As you move between your residence house and your classes, you run across students you know. Yet there are always new students to meet, keeping the social scene alive and fresh.

We are known for our Midwestern friendliness. Students balance the serious pursuit of their studies with a willingness to help classmates and a desire to have fun — while at the same time meeting their academic responsibilities.

Campus activities offer many opportunities for personal growth outside the classroom. We encourage you to engage in and support extracurricular activities, student groups, and athletics. As a participant, you discover your strengths as a team member and as a leader, and you challenge and clarify your values.

We directly sponsor some activities. Our Performing Arts Department, for instance, stages many dramas, comedies, and dance concerts each year. And scholar–athletes compete in 19 varsity sports for men and women in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III.
Most of our students also participate in community service, ranging from tutoring local students to Habitat for Humanity to Feed St. Louis, among many other programs. You can select from more than 300 student activities and groups, including a cappella groups, the Student Life newspaper, and various clubs with an academic focus. Each year 75 percent of students play intramural sports. About 25 percent belong to a sorority or fraternity. Also popular are annual Diwali performances and W.I.L.D. (Walk In Lay Down) outdoor concerts. The student government administers a student activities fund of more than $2.5 million.

Coming from a rural area, it’s really nice to be with students from around the country and world. Everyone is eager to share experiences. I’m still discovering my interests, and I love how invested my advisors, professors, and peers are in helping me!

I realized my passion for supporting and promoting diversity at a three-day retreat for undergraduates last winter called Redefining Community Experience. It focused on leadership, diversity, and social justice.”
We take every application to Washington University very seriously and assess each applicant individually.

Students who come here have challenged themselves academically and personally during high school. Most applicants’ transcripts include four years of English, four years of mathematics, three to four years of history and social science, three to four years of laboratory science, and at least two years of a foreign language. Most candidates have taken advantage of honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate courses if offered by their high schools. We also take into consideration standardized testing (either SAT or ACT), teacher and counselor recommendations, extracurricular activities, and your essay.

Financial Assistance and Academic Scholarships

1. No-loan assistance packages for families with low incomes
2. Financial assistance awards that range up to the full cost
3. Merit-based scholarship programs
4. Need-based scholarships and other financial assistance
5. Free and easy one-page financial assistance application
6. Individualized attention with your own financial assistance counselor
7. A commitment to helping you throughout your undergraduate years
8. Let’s start the conversation early — we want to help.

Student Financial Services
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financial@wustl.edu
We encourage you and your family to visit our campus so you can see firsthand what makes Washington University distinctive. In fact, many students tell us that their visit was a key factor in their decision.

To schedule a visit:
Call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (800) 638-0700 or (314) 935-6000

Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to applicants for admission, financial aid, and employment. The university does not discriminate in access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information. Inquiries about compliance should be addressed to the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Box 1184, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130.

Visit admissions.wustl.edu
or call us at (800) 638-0700 or (314) 935-6000 for specific details on applying.

Environmental Calculator
Savings achieved through the use of postconsumer recycled fiber in place of virgin fiber for this brochure:

- 458 trees preserved for the future
- 1,324 lbs. waterborne waste not created
- 194,708 gallons wastewater flow saved
- 21,543 lbs. solid waste not generated
- 42,418 lbs. net greenhouse gases prevented
- 324,672,800 BTUs energy not consumed