



Wellesley College: International Admission

Educating women who will make a difference in the world

About Wellesley

Ranked among the top liberal arts colleges in the United States, Wellesley College has a long-time tradition of educating women who make a difference in the world. Living and learning on a campus full of self-directed, intellectually curious women helps students develop the skills needed to succeed in all professional fields, including those traditionally dominated by men.

Every resource of the College is devoted to undergraduate women. Smart, motivated women choose Wellesley because it offers one of the best liberal arts learning environments. They graduate uniquely prepared to make meaningful personal and professional contributions to the “real world” and to be major leaders in it.

On Wellesley’s lush 500-acre campus, 2,300 students enjoy the best of both worlds: first-rate instruction in a breathtaking setting and easy access to Boston and Cambridge—academic, medical, cultural, and historic hub of the Northeast.



Wellesley’s Human-Computer Interaction Lab

We welcome international students

Multiculturalism is a way of life at Wellesley. An exceptionally diverse community draws students from 81 countries and all 50 states. At the Slater International Center, international students study, cook, and gather informally. Advising at the Slater Center facilitates students’ transition to Wellesley.

Renowned & accessible professors

From seminar to laboratory, lecture to independent study, Wellesley courses develop critical thinking, an appreciation of varied approaches, and the power to communicate effectively.

Classes are small, and all are taught by Wellesley professors— superbly talented people who are also grounded, generous, and dedicated to their students’ success. They encompass everything from “the teacher who opened my mind” and “the person who wrote the recommendation that blew away the scholarship committee” to “the world-renowned neuroscientist who always seems to have time to talk about my plans” and “the person who showed me what it means to love, really love, what you do.”

Extraordinary alumnae network

Students have unmatched opportunities to cultivate their leadership abilities and gain lifelong access to a legendary network of accomplished Wellesley alumnae—a global power supply dedicated to helping Wellesley women—past, present, and future.

Among Wellesley’s noted alumnae are former U.S. Secretaries of State Hillary



Best things about Wellesley? Being surrounded by women who are just as passionate and driven as you are is a constant source of inspiration.

—Lamisa, senior, economics and political science, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Clinton (also presidential nominee) and Madeleine Albright; political leader Soong May-ling; Chinese writer Bing Xin; Korean diplomat In-ho Lee; NASA astronaut Pamela Melroy; journalist Diane Sawyer; writer/screenwriter Nora Ephron; executive director of Partners in Health Ophelia Dahl; architect and social justice advocate Liz Ogbu; ambassador to Croatia Julieta Valls Noyes; and many others.



Students

- 2,300 undergraduates; all women
- 12% international citizens
- Students from 50 states, 81 countries
- Ranked among the top colleges in the nation for student diversity
- 45+ multicultural organizations, 135+ other student organizations, 13 varsity sports
- Guaranteed on-campus housing

Faculty & Academics

- Student to faculty ratio: 7:1
- 1,000+ courses, 54+ majors
- Courses in 15 foreign languages
- 98% of tenured faculty hold a doctorate or the highest degree in their field
- Cross-registration at MIT, Brandeis, Babson, Olin College of Engineering, as well as Twelve College Exchange
- Certificate of Engineering and Certificate of Sustainability through cross-registration with Babson/Olin
- 74% of students participate in paid and unpaid internships; 20% abroad
- Over 50% of students study abroad in 150+ study-abroad programs



Wellesley students enjoy some of the finest facilities (such as Whitin Observatory above) and equipment available to science undergraduates anywhere in the nation. Extensive student research offers a huge head start for students who go on to graduate school.

Outcomes

- 80+% acceptance rate to law schools
- 70+% acceptance rate to schools in medical professions in recent years
- 70+% accepted at their first choice graduate institution
- 80% of our alumnae attend graduate or professional schools within 10 years of graduation, often in traditionally male-dominated fields (economics, computer science, physics), often at top-ranked programs with full funding
- Ranked among top U.S. baccalaureate colleges in producing highest number of doctoral recipients in the physical sciences
- Excellence consistently recognized in graduate grants and fellowships
- 200+ top business and non-profits recruit on campus each year
- Among top employers hiring Wellesley alumnae: Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Microsoft

Admission

- Common Application accepted (free); Coalition Application available 2017-18
- Deadlines: Early Decision I (Nov. 1); Early Evaluation (Dec. 15); Early Decision II (Jan. 1); Regular Decision (Jan. 15)
- Required tests: either SAT I and two subject tests or ACT with writing
- TOEFL recommended for students from non-English-based high-school curricula
- * Wellesley grants credit for A-levels, AP, and IB higher-level exams

Financial Aid

- Wellesley meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students
- Admission is need-sensitive for international citizens; thus highly competitive for international citizens applying for aid
- * Average annual package for international students receiving financial aid: \$55,000.
- Financial aid is portable to 150+ approved study-abroad programs



I practically live at the Science Center! I'm doing microbiology research on the hormone estradiol and just attended the inspiring two-day

Boston Bacterial Meeting

at MIT with my advisor, Professor Vanja Klepac-Ceraj. Beyond such amazing opportunities, what I also love about Wellesley is that you can have an important 30-minute conversation with someone you barely know, like on a random Saturday morning in your dorm. I really value that, plus the fact that Wellesley is such a safe place.

—Lisa, sophomore, biochemistry, Harare, Zimbabwe



Last summer I interned in London at an international bank, thanks to a recommendation from one of my professors. This summer I will intern at

Microsoft; that opportunity

came by another professor. If it hadn't been for those relationships, I would have never had these experiences.

—Heather, senior, economics Caracas, Venezuela



The people you meet at Wellesley genuinely want to see you succeed, however you define that.

They support you by challenging you to dig

deeper, see clearer, and

think more. There's no place I'd rather be.

—Faiza, sophomore, undeclared Kansas City, Missouri

Departments/Majors

Africana Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Architecture
Art History
Astronomy
Astrophysics
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Chemistry

Chinese Language and Culture
Cinema and Media Studies
Classical Civilization
Classics
Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
East Asian Languages and Cultures

East Asian Studies
Economics
Education
English
Environmental Studies
French
French Cultural Studies
Geosciences
German
German Studies
History

International Relations
Italian Studies
Japanese Language and Culture
Jewish Studies
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Media Arts & Sciences
Medieval/Renaissance Studies
Middle Eastern Studies

Music
Neuroscience
Peace & Justice Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Russian
Russian Area Studies
Sociology

South Asia Studies
Spanish
Studio Art
Theatre Studies
Women's and Gender Studies
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Pre-Medical Professions Advising
Pre-Law Advising