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.

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 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.
Wellesley students enjoy some of the finest facilities (such as Whin 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.

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

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

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
- Pre-Medical Professions Advising
- Pre-Law Advising