Wellesley College

2011-2012 FACT SHEET
HISTORY AND MISSION

For almost 140 years, Wellesley College—one of the most selective liberal arts colleges in the country—has provided a transformative educational experience for the women who lead change in our world. Known for its intellectual scholarship, research, and innovative teaching, Wellesley cultivates accomplished, thoughtful women who are committed to making a difference in the lives of others, and to purposeful, personal, and meaningful engagement with the challenges of our times.

CAMPUS

More than 450 acres in Wellesley, Massachusetts, 12 miles west of Boston

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2,300 women from 50 states and 75 countries

CLASS OF 2015: STATISTICS

• Number of 2015 applicants 4,439
• Number enrolled 574
• Ethnically diverse students 42%
• Students from other countries, including Americans abroad 12%
• U.S. States represented (plus D.C.) 45
• Countries represented (including U.S.) 29

FACULTY

• 351 full- and part-time faculty members with women making up 48% of tenured faculty
• Student/faculty ratio of 8 to 1

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

• More than 1,000 courses offered in over 50 areas of study

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

• Cross-registration programs with MIT, Babson, Olin College of Engineering, and Brandeis
• Five-year B.A./B.S. double-degree program with MIT; B.A./M.A. double degree in international economics and finance at Brandeis
• Twelve College Exchange Program with Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth, Mount Holyoke, Trinity, Vassar, Wesleyan, and Wheaton
• Other exchanges with Mills College, the National Theater Institute, Spelman College, and the Williams Mystic Seaport Program in American Maritime Studies
INTERNATIONAL STUDY
• Wellesley programs in Aix-en-Provence, France and Berlin, Germany
• Member of consortia with programs in England, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and Spain
• Exchange programs with universities in Canada, China, Egypt, England, France, Japan and Korea

SUMMER SCHOOL
• Coeducational program featuring full-credit courses from the Wellesley College curriculum
• Open to college students, college graduates, and eligible commuting high school juniors and seniors

FACILITIES
• Buildings range in style from Gothic with stone towers and brick quadrangles to state-of-the-art facilities for the sciences, arts, and sports
• Residence halls: 14; residential houses: 7
• Clapp Library, plus Art, Astronomy, Music, and Science Libraries
• Davis Museum and Cultural Center
• Keohane Sports Center
• Knapp Media and Technology Center
• Wang Campus Center
• Newhouse Center for the Humanities
• Pforzheimer Learning and Teaching Center
• Science Center plus Whitin Observatory
• Wellesley Centers for Women
• Wellesley College Botanic Gardens, including the Ferguson Greenhouses, the Alexandra Botanic Garden, and Hunnewell Arboretum

TECHNOLOGY
• Access to online resources is available via wireless and/or network in academic buildings, libraries, residence halls, and the Wang Campus Center
• Mac- and Windows-computing workstations and printers are available across campus; high-end laboratories feature advanced software
• Television studio and video conferencing facilities
• Library resources with over 1,000,000 items, including print and electronic books and journals; databases; rare books and manuscripts; music scores and CDs; films and maps; and the College's Archives

CAREER RESOURCES CENTER FOR WORK AND SERVICES (CWS)
The CWS offers career counseling services to students and alumnae. Its online presence (www.wellesley.edu/cws) provides access for Wellesley students and alumnae to the following: (1) informative web pages on all aspects of career development; (2) MyCWS, web-based software that includes career interest profiles, programming information, an online Resource Library, and a job/internship/fellowship/service database; and (3) the W Network, Wellesley's database of over 36,000 alumnae.
The CWS financially and administratively supports domestic and international student internships, stipends, and service endeavors. The CWS also sponsors an on-campus recruiting program and a comprehensive career fair, and provides graduate and professional school advising.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

- The College is affiliated with the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference, NCAA Division III, ECAC, and Seven Sisters.
- Varsity sports: 14
- Varsity student athletes: 250
- Recreational programs: dance, fitness, sports, and outdoor activities
- Club sports: 7
- Instructional programs: aquatics, dance, fitness, martial arts, sports, and outdoor adventure

Athletic Facilities

- Keohane Sports Center houses volleyball, squash, and racquet-ball courts, weight room, fencing/dance/exercise studios, and the Chandler Pool
- Towne Field House offers tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts, a 200-meter track, cycle-spinning room, cardio-fitness, indoor golf, and archery practice areas
- Additional athletic and recreational facilities include: 12 outdoor tennis courts; 3 natural grass fields, an 8-lane outdoor track surrounding an artificial-turf field
- Boat House on Lake Waban for kayaking, sailing, canoeing, and paddleboating
- Nehoiden Golf Course, a 9-hole course next to the campus

FINANCES

Endowment: $1.5 billion

Tuition and Fees 2011–2012

- Tuition $40,410
- Room and Board $12,590
- Student Activity Fee $250
- Comprehensive Fee $53,250

Financial Aid

- Average financial aid award in 2011–2012: $37,575 in work-study, loans, and grants
- Approximately 60% of students receive aid directly from the College

Aid is awarded based on need established by required financial information.


- Alumnae $27,592,046
- Foundations and corporations $6,774,520
- Parents, friends, and other $3,733,951
- Total $38,100,517
- Percentage of alumnae donors 46.5%
ALUMNAE

• Over 36,000 living alumnae
• Over 80 active Wellesley Clubs
• Over 40 key alumnae contacts worldwide in areas that do not have a club

Alumnae Association

Supports the institutional priorities of the College by building alumnae connections to the College and to each other through programs, including regular class reunions and mini-reunions; faculty speakers; shared interest groups; alumnae recognition, e.g., Alumnae Achievement Awards and volunteer training; local club events; and Wellesley, a quarterly magazine sent to alumnae and friends of the College.

AFTER WELLESLEY: CLASS OF 2011—A FEW STATISTICS

Distribution of Majors

• Humanities 25.4%
• Social Sciences 49.9%
• Mathematics and Science 14.8%
• Interdisciplinary 34.3%

Employment by Field

• Arts/Communications/Media 6.1%
• Business 27.0%
• Education 25.5%
• Government/Public Policy 6.1%
• Health-related 4.1%
• Law 4.6%
• Not-for-Profit 6.6%
• Science/Technology 10.2%
• Social Sciences 1.6%
• Other 8.2%

Total number of student responses: 196

Top Graduate Fields of Study

• Arts/Design 5.8%
• Business 3.5%
• Education 8.1%
• Government 2.3%
• Human Services/Psychology 1.2%
• Humanities/Social Sciences 16.3%
• Law 5.8%
• Medicine /Health 15.2%
• Sciences/Technology 18.6%
• Other 23.3%

Total number of student responses: 86