Stanford University Info Guide

Stanford University is a private school located in Palo Alto, California.

School Size

- Student to faculty ratio is 5:1
- 6,996 undergraduates
- 94% graduation rate
- 50% of students are women and 50% are men
- 69.3% of classes have less than 20 students
- 19.6% of classes have between 20-49 students
- 11.2% of classes have 50 or more students

Academics

- 63% take advantage of office hours/study sessions
- 60% of professors are male
- 40% of professors are female
- 90% of students say professors are passionate about the topics they teach
- 84% of students say professors are engaging and easy to understand
- 87% of students say professors care about their students' success
- 85% of students agree professors are approachable and helpful when needed
- List of majors
 - Aeronautics and Astronautics
 - African and African American Studies
 - American Studies
 - Anthropology
 - Archaeology
 - Architectural Design
 - Art History
 - Art Practice
 - Asian American Studies

- Atmosphere/ Energy
- Bioengineering
- Biology
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biomedical Computation
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Chicana/o Latina/o Studies
- China Studies
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Classics
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity
- Computer Science
- o Earth Systems
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Resources Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- English
- o Environmental Systems Engineering
- Feminist Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Film and Media Studies
- French
- Geological Studies
- Geophysics
- German Studies
- History
- Human Biology

- Iberian & Latin American Cultures
- International Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Jewish Studies
- Korean
- Linguistics
- Management Science and Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematical and Computational Science
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- o Music
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Physics
- Political Science
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Religious Studies
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Slavic Languages and Literatures
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Symbolic systems
- Theatre and Performance Studies
- Urban Studies
- Most popular majors:
 - Computer Science 330 graduates

- Engineering 216 graduates
- Biology 197 graduates
- Economics 86 graduates
- Cognitive Science 80 graduates
- Mechanical Engineering 79 graduates
- Liberal Arts and Humanities 70 graduates
- Electrical Engineering 63 graduates
- Political Science and Government 57 graduates
- International Relations 54 graduates

Student Life

- 67% of students say that Greek life is average, and no one will treat you differently if you don't join
- There are a total of 26 social Greek-letter organizations across four governing councils on campus
- Here you can find all the details: https://ose.stanford.edu/fraternity-and-sorority-life-fsl
- Here you can find all the clubs and organizations:
 https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/experience/life/activities-organizations
- Here you can find campus communities and service opportunities: https://admission.stanford.edu/student/communities/index.html
- 97% of students live on campus

Opportunities

- Career and internship opportunities:
 https://undergrad.stanford.edu/opportunities-research/careers-and-internships
- Honor courses requirements:
 - Completion of Undergraduate Honors Seminar (EDUC 199A-C) and Honors Research (EDUC 140)
 - A minimum of nine units among three education courses taken for a letter grade
 with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in those

Students are allowed to double major:
 https://majors.stanford.edu/more-ways-explore/double-majors-and-secondary-major

Surrounding Area

- Stanford University is in the heart of Silicon Valley
- Local attractions: https://rde.stanford.edu/conferences/campus-and-local-attractions
- Stanford Mall is a 1.2 mile walk from Stanford University, a 3 minute walk
- Nearby restaurants:

https://www.opentable.com/landmark/restaurants-near-stanford-university

Application Info

- Deadline: January 2
- Early action deadline: November 1
- Does not offer early decision
- 90% application fee
- Accepts common app
- High school gpa is recommended
- High school rank is neither recommended nor required
- High school transcript is required
- College prep courses are recommended
- SAT and ACT are not required but considered
- Recommendations are required
- 93% of students say the admissions process made them feel like the school cared about them as an applicant
- 96% of students feel the admissions process evaluated them individually as a real person,
 not just a set of number
- Information about application essays:
 - https://admission.stanford.edu/apply/transfer/apply.html#:~:text=We%20ask%20applicants %20to%20write,of%20the%20following%20three%20topics.&text=There%20is%20a%20 100%2Dword,you%20genuinely%20excited%20about%20learning.

Selectivity

- 4% acceptance rate
- SAT range: 1440-1570
- ACT range 32-35

Unique Features

- Special focus programs:
 - Education as Self-Fashioning (ESF)
 - Expanded Advising Programs (EAP)
 - LifeWorks
 - Stanford Immersion in Medicine Series (SIMS)
- Stanford is one of the most research oriented universities
- Students at Stanford University are hard working and social, yet relaxed. There is no competition to see who has the highest GPA.

School Strengths

- Best college for environmental science in America number 1 out of 619
- Best college for psychology in America number 2 out of 1,069
- Best college for student athletes in america 2 out of 1,380
- Best college for biology in America number 2 out of 1,048
- Best college for computer science in America number 2 out of 821

Core Curriculum Requirements

- Thinking matters requirement, for first year only
- Ways of thinking/Ways of doing requirement
- Writing and rhetoric requirement
- Language requirement

Housing

- Housing is guaranteed for all four year
- In these links you can find all on and off campus dining: https://rde.stanford.edu/studenthousing/housing-options https://admission.stanford.edu/student/housing/index.html

Food On and Off Campus

- 11 on campus dining halls
- There are 5 meal plan options
- Meal plan dollars can be used at:
 - Dining halls:
 - Arrillaga Family Dining Commons The Dish at Arrillaga
 - Branner Dining
 - Florence Moore Dining
 - Manzanita Dining
 - Ricker Dining
 - Stern Dining
 - Wilbur Dining
 - Stanford owned retail cafes:
 - The Café at Arrillaga Alumni Center
 - The Axe & Palm
 - Olives @ Bldg. 160
 - Union Square at Tresidder Memorial Union
 - Subway at Tresidder Memorial Union
- Cardinal Dollars can be used at these locations:
 - Dining Halls:
 - Arrillaga Family Dining Commons
 - Branner Dining
 - Florence Moore Dining
 - Lakeside Dining Late Night at Lakeside
 - Manzanita Dining

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 - Subway at Tresidder Memorial Union
 - Starbucks at Tresidder Memorial Union
 - Fraîche at Tresidder Memorial Union Panda Express
 - Russo Café
 - The Market at Munger
 - Med Café

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