

Arcadia University Info Guide

School Size¹

- Private University, Coed
- Undergraduate Students: 2,300
- Graduate Students: 1,400
- 13:1 student to faculty ratio
- The average First-Year class size is 14
- The regular class size is about 20 to 30
- Upper-level class size is about 12 to 15
- The immense lecture class size is 60
- 86% of students live on campus
- 30% male and 70% female

Application and Admissions info²

- Tuition and Fees: \$44,440
- Room and Board: \$13,900
- Acceptance Rate: 66%
- SAT Score: 1030 – 1260; not required
- ACT Score: 21 – 28; not required
- Application Deadline: rolling
- The application fee is \$30; you can receive a free application if you visit an open house.
- Accepts Common Application or Arcadia Application
- Transfer students need a minimum of 2.5 GPA to apply.
- Accepts up to 75 transfer credits from regionally accredited two-year institutions and up to 90 transfer credits from regionally accredited four-year institutions
- Admission officials consider a student's G.P.A., applicant's high school class rank, and letters of recommendation fundamental.
- Accepts international and home-schooled students

¹ <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/fast-facts>

² <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/undergraduate>

- Deposit: \$400 for resident students and \$200 for commuter
- Financial Aid³
 - o Scholarships and grants are awarded based on academic performance or financial need.
 - o Work-Study is available for eligible students.
 - o 99% of full-time undergraduates receive need and/or merit-based aid from
 - o Arcadia
 - o 80% of undergraduate students receive academic and/or co-curricular merit scholarships.

Academics⁴

- Semester based school year
- More than 65 fields of study, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees
- Students can select a pre-professional track that enables them to see what prerequisite courses they have completed.
- Five schools of Study
 - o College of Arts and Sciences
 - Largest college at Arcadia
 - Offers both bachelor's and master's degrees in the arts, humanities, and sciences
 - o The College of Global Studies
 - Offers over 140 programs in 15 countries around the world.
 - o College of Health and Sciences
 - Offers nationally-ranked and accredited graduate programs.
 - Offers international fieldwork, clinical rotations
 - o School of Education
 - Offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate programs for teachers and educational leaders, crossing industry and discipline.

³ <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships>

⁴ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics>

- Modular Master's Degree
 - Combine two certificate modules, two foundation courses, and a culminating seminar experience.
- School of Global Business
 - Offers bachelor's and master's degrees designed to prepare students to enter the working world with a global perspective.
 - Bachelor's degrees combine solid liberal arts studies with applied learning experiences in the U.S. and abroad.
 - M.B.A. The program expands a perspective to the global workplace with two study abroad experiences: one to a developed country and one to an emerging economy.
- First-Year Seminars⁵
 - An academic core class
 - A small, interactive class where you explore special topics that interest you.
 - Class size is limited to approximately 18 – 20 students.
- 3+4 and 4+4 Pathways to University of the Sciences PharmD program⁶
- 30 master's programs⁷
- 20 Certificate and PA Certificate Programs⁸
- Four dual degree programs in Public Health⁹
- Doctor of Physical Therapy program¹⁰
 - Assured admission for Arcadia Undergraduate students
 - 3+2 program
- Doctor of Educational Leadership¹¹

A.U.C.

- Arcadia University Curriculum or general education courses that all students must take before graduation.

⁵ <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/first-year-experience/first-year-seminars>

⁶ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/programs#/search?level=graduate>

⁷ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/programs#/search?level=graduate>

⁸ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/programs#/search?level=graduate>

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¹⁰ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/programs#/search?level=graduate>

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- Integrative Learning Experiences
 - First-Year Seminar
 - Global Connections Experience
 - Global Connections Reflection
 - 2 Integrative Learning or additional Global Connections Experience
 - Senior Capstone Project
- Areas of Inquiry
 - Creative expressions
 - 2 Cultural Legacies
 - Natural/Physical World with Lab
 - Natural/Physical World or another Natural/Physical with Lab
 - 2 Self and Society
- Intellectual Practices
 - Two Crossing boundaries
 - Two semesters of Modern Language
 - Quantitative Reasoning Mathematics
 - Quantitative Reasoning or another Quantitative Reasoning Mathematics
 - Visual Literacy
 - Research Writing
 - Two Writing
 - Writing English

Student Life

- More than 90 student organizations; ability to start your own¹²
 - Academic organizations
 - Activism, Media, Political, and Student Governance
 - Event Programming and Performing Arts
 - Multicultural
 - Religious and Spiritual

¹² <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/activities-organizations/student-organizations>

- o Service
 - o Special Interest
 - o Sports and Wellness
- Knightlife¹³
 - o The central hub for all thing's student organizations and campus involvement.
 - o Find campus events, become a student organization member, register for leadership and professional development opportunities.
 - o Downloadable app
- Intramural sports for fall and spring
- Varsity athletic teams; compete in the NCAA Division III Commonwealth Conference.¹⁴
 - o 26 men's and women's sports
- Engagement and New Student Programs (ENSP)¹⁵
 - o Supports integrative learning, growth, and development through student organizations, leadership initiatives, and social, educational, and cultural programming for new and current students.
 - o Facilitate the practical application and enhancement of leadership skills.
- AU LEAD¹⁶
 - o The comprehensive leadership development program provides you with opportunities to grow into a robust and well-prepared leader ready to impact communities positively.
 - o Knight Leadership Program
 - In-depth opportunity for you to grow your leadership skills.
 - Three unique tiers- Scarlet, Grey, and Knight.
- Late Night Programming¹⁷
 - o Organizational events that engage students and offer opportunities for fellow students to connect with others during weekend nights.
 - o Events are free and open to all A.U. students and free from alcohol.

¹³ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/activities-organizations/student-organizations>

¹⁴ <https://arcadiaknights.com/>

¹⁵ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/activities-organizations>

¹⁶ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/activities-organizations/leadership>

¹⁷ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/activities-organizations/late-knight-programming>

Opportunities

- Gateway to Success Program¹⁸
 - Provides holistic, personalized academic support to students who do not meet Arcadia's traditional admissions requirements but who demonstrate the potential to succeed in college.
 - Students are selected during the admissions process and invited to the program.
 - Support is given to students from enrollment to graduation.
 - Summer Bridge Program
 - Provides selected Gateway students with an “early start” to the college experience.
 - Students take up to eight college credits, live on campus, assigned peer mentors, learn about resources on campus, attend social and cultural events on the weekends, and have weekly interactive workshops.
- College2Career Scholars Program¹⁹
 - Support new students in making connections between academics and future professions.
 - Provides access to enhanced career exploration exercises and networking opportunities.
 - Students must submit an application.
 - Scholars who complete all four semesters in the program will be eligible to apply for leadership positions as Career Scholar Mentors to offer guidance and support to new scholars in a future cohort.
- Honors Program²⁰
 - Offers highly motivated students unique opportunities for scholarship, mentoring, and co-curricular experiences.
 - Students with strong SAT/ACT scores, high school class rankings, and/or transfer G.P.A.s are automatically considered when applying to the university.

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https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/academic-support/gateway-success/about-gateway-success?_ga=2.64789612.215866977.1623193979-1078117063.1594515623

¹⁹ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/career-education/college2career-scholars>

²⁰ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/programs/honors>

- o Students can also submit an application for consideration into the program with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- o Foundation class, The Study of Self and Teams, focuses on getting students consciously aware of why they believe and how they can use their skills and strengths to create successful team outcomes in line with those core values and missions.
- o Students receive priority registration for classes and permission to take up to 20 credits per semester after their first semester.
- o Must maintain a G.P.A. average of 3.35 to remain in good standing.
- o Students are encouraged to present at the Local and National Honors Conference.
- o Honors Hive
 - Honor student's home on campus
 - Amenities: a quiet computer room, refrigerator to store food, microwave, coffee maker, comfy couches, all-gender bathroom, games, television, and more.
- o More than 11 opportunities for honor students to lead an organization and put on events.
- o Requirements
 - HN201, HN202, and three HN390.
 - Students can complete a class adaptation in light of HN390.
- Encourages students to study abroad and offers more than 100 study abroad programs.
- Preview Experience²¹
 - o Only open to freshman and transfer students.
 - o Gives opportunity to take a 2-credit course about the culture of another country during the spring semester and then travel to the country during spring break.
- First-Year Study Abroad Experience (FYSAE)²²
 - o Incoming Freshmen can study abroad in London, England, during the fall or spring semester of their freshman year.
 - o Take 4 classes and credits are transferred

²¹ <https://www.arcadia.edu/global>

²² <https://www.arcadia.edu/global>

- o Able to take your scholarships and financial aid with you.
- o Able to take General Biology and General Chemistry
- o Students can take advantage of engaging field studies, excursions and cross-cultural activities at Arcadia's London Center
- Second-Year Study Abroad Experience (SYSAE)²³
 - o Second-year students have the option to study abroad during the fall semester of sophomore year.
 - o The locations are Granada, Spain, London, England, and Perugia, Italy.
 - o Able to take your scholarships and financial aid with you
 - o Students can take advantage of on-site studies and excursions to enhance cultural immersion.
- Global Field Study (GFS)²⁴
 - o G.F.S. courses are semester-long programs open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students.
 - o Include an off-campus field study typically lasting 1 – 2 weeks.
 - o Receive four credits for undergraduate students and three credits for graduate students.
- Global Scholars Program²⁵
 - o Students dedicated to addressing complex problems around the world.
 - o Incorporates a variety of learning opportunities across disciplines, locations, and approaches.
 - o Submit a 300 – 500-word essay about a global issue, why you consider it essential, and how you want to explore the subject while at Arcadia.
 - o Scholars develop critical thinking methods in preparation for a life of scholarship, service, and professional contribution.
- Civic Scholars Program
 - o A training ground for students who are passionate about social change, impact, and innovation.

²³ <https://www.arcadia.edu/global>

²⁴ <https://www.arcadia.edu/global>

²⁵ <https://www.arcadia.edu/global/global-scholars>

- o Submit a 300 – 500-word essay in response to What piqued your interest in social change, and why are you interested in being an Arcadia Civic Scholar?
 - o Civic scholars engage in internships geared toward social impact, develop ideas for social progress, and lead community service and advocacy opportunities.
- Social Action and Justice Education (SAJE) Fellowship²⁶
 - o Prepares aspiring educators to lead schools, provide mentorship in diverse communities, and facilitate programs geared toward social justice.
 - o Apply to Arcadia and complete the SAJE Fellowship Interest Form.
 - o Addresses the nationwide lack of diversity and cultural competency in the teaching profession, including a shortage of educators of color in the US.
 - o Fellows are eligible for full or partial tuition and housing scholarships.
- All students can double major or select a minor as long as they can handle the workload.

Housing²⁷

- First-Year Student Housing Options
 - o Traditional Residence Halls
 - Designed to encourage interaction among residents and emphasize cooperation, compromise, and respect for others.
 - Staffed by upperclassmen Resident Assistants supervised by one of two administrators, the Area Coordinators.
 - Central location to campus resources.
 - Laundry facilities, located on the ground floor and free of charge.
 - Shared bathrooms on all floors.
 - Single rooms are available upon request, offered at a higher room rate.
 - Coed by floor, wing, or room.
 - Placed in the coed-by-room environment by request in housing application
 - Kistler

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<https://www.arcadia.edu/school-education/programs/undergraduate-programs/social-action-and-justice-education-fellowship>

²⁷ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/residence-commuter-life/undergraduate-housing>

- Residential and administrative building
 - Breezeway connects to Thomas and Dilworth.
 - Comprising doubles and triples, with few single occupancy rooms.
- Dilworth
 - Connected to the dining complex, house facilities, Public safety, and Information technology on its ground floor.
 - Comprising doubles and triples, with few single occupancy rooms.
- Heinz
 - Building's lower floor holds the Commuter Lounge, Student Health Services, the Counseling Center, and the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program.
 - Comprising doubles and triples, with few single occupancy rooms.
- Grey Towers Castle
 - First-year only residence hall
 - Men and Women are housed by wings in rooms of 2 to 7 students.
 - Shared bathrooms available in each wing.
 - Provided a laundry room, and a microwave available in the common lounge area.
 - Microwaves aren't permitted in student rooms.
- Knight Hall
 - Suite-style residence hall.
 - Houses returning students as well.
 - First-year students are housed in suites with other first-year students only.
- Transfer and Returning Student Housing Options
 - Knight Hall
 - Houses 5-8 upper-class students per suite
 - Each suite shares a bathroom, a common area with lounge furniture, and a large closet.
 - Residents are in a single, double, or triple occupancy room within the suite.
 - Each floor has a laundry facility and a large lounge with a kitchen.
 - Elevator access to all floors.

- o Oak Summer Apartments
 - Arcadia University-owned apartment-style housing complex a short walk from the center of campus.
 - Two to four students are housed in one-, two-, or three-bedroom apartments with kitchens, private bathrooms, and private laundry facilities.
 - Eligible for apartment-style housing if you have had previous residence hall or apartment experience.
- Commuter Life²⁸
 - o Commuter lounge located on the lower level of Heinz Hall.
 - Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.
 - Relaxing gathering and gaming space.
 - Kitchenette with refrigerator, microwave, Keurig, sink, and some utensils.
 - Designated area for quiet study.
 - Bulletin board for useful campus information and resources.
 - o Lockers
 - Reserve a locker within the Commuter lounge for the academic year.
 - Complete a locker tag found on the lockers during the first week of classes and submit to the Commuter Staff Office.
 - Reserved are on a first come, first served basis.
 - Provide your lock.
 - o Students can hang out between classes, eat, and meet other commuter students.
 - o Attend commuter focused events.
 - o Students must use their knight card to access the lounge via Heinz hall.

Food²⁹

- The Chat
 - o Breakfast, burgers, made to order sandwiches, and salads.
 - o Located in the commons.

²⁸ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/residence-commuter-life/commuter-life>

²⁹ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/campus-services/dining-services>

- o Serves Wawa coffee.
- o Serves a weekly special.
- o Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight
 - Breakfast: 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
 - Lunch: 11 am – 4 pm
 - Dinner: 4 pm – 7 pm
 - Late Night: 7 – 10 pm
- o Saturday and Sunday, 2 pm to midnight
 - Lunch: 2 – 4 pm
 - Dinner: 4 – 7 pm
 - Late Night: 7 – 10 pm
- Easton Café
 - o Located in Easton Hall.
 - o Starbucks
 - o Monthly specialty drinks.
 - o Enjoy your snack by Eason Pond.
 - o Monday – Thursday, 7:30 am – 8 pm
 - o Friday, 7:30 am – 2 pm
- Dining Hall
 - o Scratch prepared foods.
 - o Items change weekly.
 - o Restaurant styled hospitality.
 - o Monday – Friday
 - Lunch: 11 am – 2 pm
 - Light lunch: 2 pm – 4 pm
 - Dinner: 4 pm – 7 pm (6:30 on Fridays)
 - o Saturday and Sunday
 - Continental Breakfast: 8 am – 9 am
 - Breakfast: 9 am – 11 am
 - Brunch: 11 am – 2 pm
- Catering

- o Special catering menu available for students and student programming or events.
- o Complete an Arcadia catering form.
- Meal Plans
 - o Underclass students in residence halls may choose from these meal plans.
 - 19 Meal Dining Plan: 19 all-you-can-eat meals per week (\$2,875 per semester)
 - 14 Meal Dining Plan: 14 all-you-can-eat meals per week plus \$75 declining credit (\$2,585 per semester)
 - 10 Meal Dining Plan: 10 all-you-can-eat meals per week plus \$50 declining credit (\$2,375 per semester)
 - 5 Meal Dining Plan: 5 all-you-can-eat meals per week plus \$250 declining credit (\$1,620 per semester)
 - 80 Block Meal Plan: 80 all-you-can-eat meals per semester plus \$250 declining credit (\$1, 530 per semester)
 - o First-year students must choose the 19 or 14 Meal Dining plan for their fall semester.
 - o Commuter students and upper-class students residing in Knight Hall or Oak Summit can consider these meal plans.
 - 5 Meal Dining Plan: 5 all-you-can-eat meals per week plus \$250 declining balance (\$1,620 per semester)
 - 80 Block Meal Plan: 80 all-you-can-eat meals per semester plus \$250 declining balance (\$1,530 per semester)
 - Commuter students who want a meal plan should email housing@arcadia.edu
- Points
 - o Work just like cash at all of the on-campus locations.
 - o Loaded to your knight card.
 - o Purchased throughout the semester in any dollar increment.

Location and Surrounding Area³⁰

- The suburban setting, 10 miles north of Philadelphia
- Campus size: 76 acres
- A 20-minute walk down one road to get to the Glenside train station, which will take you into Philadelphia.
- Family-oriented neighborhood around Arcadia's campus.
- Easton road is a long strip of road with different stores on each side.
 - o Produce Junction
 - o Dunkin Donuts
 - o Restaurants
 - o Bank
- 5 minutes away from Arcadia is Cheltenham township
 - o Find a plaza with a Walmart, Target, and fast-food places like Chick-fil-a.

Other

- Grey Towers Castle belongs to the school and has been declared a National Historic Landmark.
- Photo id cards are provided to all full-time and part-time students and employees. Referred to as Knight Cards.³¹
 - o Borrow books from Landman Library.
 - o Use the facilities and equipment in the Kuch Recreation Center.
 - o Enter the residence halls.
 - After 5 pm, you cannot enter a residence hall with your knight card unless you live there.
- Arcadia uses self-service to register for classes, check grades, look at your schedule, check your academic plan, and look at your tuition bill
- All classes use Canvas as the central database between professors and students.

³⁰ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/arcadia-university-3235>

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<https://www.arcadia.edu/staff-handbook/resources-and-expectations/department-public-safety/identification-cards>

- o Before the semester begins, students enroll automatically into the canvas site of the classes they registered for.
 - o Teachers can send class announcements, upload the syllabus and documents during the semester, and give quizzes or test.
 - o Students can turn in work, collaborate with classmates, and customize notifications for their classes.
- #2 college in Liberal Colleges of Pennsylvania³²
- #4 in Study Abroad and #1 for study abroad participation³³
- #45th in Regional Universities North³⁴
- College Prep 101: Workshop Series³⁵
 - o Prepares high school students and their families for their college search.
 - o Free program
 - o Provides tools and resources for students that will help them find a college that fits their needs.
- Division of Student Success³⁶
 - o Composed of several offices working to holistically and effectively focus on enhancing the academic and developmental support, services, and experience Arcadia provides their graduate and undergraduate students:
- Academic Support³⁷
 - o Career Education
 - o Tutoring
 - o Writing Assistance
 - o Accommodations for Disabilities
 - o English Language Support
- Commons³⁸
 - o One of the most popular spaces on campus to hang out.

³² <https://www.niche.com/colleges/arcadia-university/rankings/>

³³ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/arcadia-university-3235>

³⁴ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/arcadia-university-3235>

³⁵ <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/undergraduate/college-prep-101-workshop-series>

³⁶ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/colleges-schools/division-student-success>

³⁷ <https://www.arcadia.edu/academics/academic-support>

³⁸ <https://www.arcadia.edu/life-arcadia/residence-commuter-life/commuter-life>

- o Fireplace lounge
- o Game room
- o Fitness center
- o Group study tables
- o Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- o Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

