

WFU FACT SHEET

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FAST FACTS

General:

Location: Winston-Salem, NC
Founded: 1834
Status: Private
President: Nathan O. Hatch

Enrollment:

Undergraduate	4,321
Graduate/Professional	2,418
Total	6,739

Florida Stats:

Students	5.6%
Graduates	2,660
Graduates (<i>South Florida</i>)	404

Academics:

Academic Majors	36
Student/Faculty Ratio:	10:1
Rhodes Scholars (<i>since 1986</i>):	11

Rankings:

U.S. News	30
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*("America's Best Colleges,"
national universities category)*

Athletics:

NCAA Overall GSR	93%
NCAA Football GSR	93%

Smallest school in ACC
Third smallest in NCAA Div. I

Graduates:

Total Living	54,447
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Wake Forest University demonstrates that a small, liberal arts university can perform with distinction in both academics and athletics. The private, coeducational, liberal arts institution, located in Winston-Salem, N.C., is ranked among the nation's top universities academically and fields NCAA Division I teams that compete at the highest levels.

University

- Founded in 1834 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; established independent governance in 1986.
- One of oldest institutions of higher learning in North Carolina.
- About 4,300 undergraduates; 2,400 graduate/professional school students.
- Total living graduates: 54,447.
- Smallest school in ACC; third smallest in NCAA Division I athletics.
- 13th President: Nathan O. Hatch, served as provost at the University of Notre Dame.
- Includes an undergraduate school, graduate school of management, school of business and accountancy, and schools of law and medicine.
- Classified as "need-blind" institution: students admitted without regard to family's ability to pay for college.
- 61% of 2005 undergraduate class ranked in top 10% of high school classes.
- 10:1 student-faculty ratio.
- Most popular majors: business, political science and communication.
- Hosted two presidential debates: 2000 and 1988.

Rankings

- 2007 U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges": **30th among 248 national universities**; ranked in top 30 in national category since 1997.
- Barron's "Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges": **one of top 69 universities nationwide**.
- Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, Babcock Graduate School of Management, School of Law, and School of Medicine consistently ranked highly by U.S. News.
- CPA-exam performance: accounting students regularly rank **first in nation**.
- Black Enterprise magazine's 2006 list of "50 Top Colleges for African Americans": ranked **22nd**.

Student Achievements

- Rhodes Scholars: 11 since 1986.
- 2006 Rhodes Scholarship recipient: student-athlete Michelle Sikes.
Sikes, a senior from Lakewood, Ohio, is captain of the women's track and cross country teams. She is majoring in mathematical economics with a minor in health policy and administration and is researching alternative economic models for the U.S. organ donation system.
- 2006 NCAA Woman of the Year: Anne Bersagel.
Bersagel, a 2005 graduate, is a former member of the cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams. The award, one of the most prestigious given by the NCAA, honors female student-athletes who have completed eligibility and demonstrated academic and athletics excellence, community service and leadership.
- 93% NCAA Overall Graduation Success Rate (GSR); third in ACC behind Duke and Boston College.
93% NCAA Football GSR. Rating does not penalize schools for transfer students who leave school in good academic standing. Graduation numbers available on NCAA Web site at <http://tinyurl.com/y7dsup>.
- SAT scores: middle 50% of entering students score between 1,280 and 1,400.
- More than 50% of undergraduates study abroad.
- More than 50% of undergraduates volunteer in community and around world.
- The Campus Kitchen Project: a national service organization established by two graduates.
High school and college students prepare and deliver meals to the needy in their local communities, using purchased food and unused food recycled from their schools' dining services.
- Debate team: second in nation in 60th National Debate Tournament; winner of national title in 1997.
Wake Forest debate started in 1835, one year after university was founded.

Technology

- One of first in nation to provide all incoming students laptop computers and color printer/scanner/copiers as part of tuition (initiated in 1996). Students trade laptops in at start of junior year for newer model; computers become their own upon graduation.
- In 2005, among first in nation to launch a pilot program to explore campus uses for PocketPC phones.

Research/Faculty

- Primary leader in development of Piedmont Triad Research Park (PTRP), a 280-acre biotechnology initiative located in downtown Winston-Salem.
The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (one of PTRP's tenants) is an international leader in the translation of scientific discovery to clinical therapies. In 2006, Dr. Anthony Atala, the institute's director, became first in the world to successfully implant lab-grown organs (bladders) in human patients.
- The Wake Forest Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials works with the Department of Defense and several industry leaders to transfer its work to practical applications in manufacturing and national defense.
The center has generated headlines in recent years for its work in improving the efficiency of cells that gather solar energy and could eventually be painted onto vehicles or articles of clothing.
- One of most recognized faculty members: Maya Angelou, award-winning author and Reynolds Professor of American Studies.