

DeSales is a private, non-profit, four-year, Catholic, Salesian university that inspires transformative learning through the liberal arts and professional studies by energizing students to be who they are and be that well.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded: 1964

President: (4th) Rev. James J. Greenfield, OSFS '84

Most recent MSCHE accreditation: June 21, 2018

Location: Center Valley, Pennsylvania

The DeSales 550-acre suburban campus is located about 50 miles north of Philadelphia and 90 miles southwest of New York City.


DEGREES OFFERED

Bachelor's degrees	47
Master's degrees	12
Doctoral degrees	2
Undergraduate certificates	16
Graduate certificates	18
Post-graduate certificates	8
Total Degrees and Certificates	103

FACULTY AND STAFF

Full-time faculty (AY 2024-2025)	140
Part-time faculty (IPEDS 2024-2025)	201
Full-time staff (IPEDS 2024-2025)	318
Part-time staff (IPEDS 2024-2025)	44
FT faculty with highest degree in field	89.0%
Student-to-faculty ratio (Fall 2025)	18 to 1

ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT (FALL 2025)

Total enrollment	3,014
Undergraduate students	2,203
Graduate students	811
Full-time equivalent (FTE) students	2,644.6
Male / Female/Unknown	35% / 64% / 1%
Students of Color	27.3%

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2025)

Traditional undergraduates	1,805
First-time, first-year students (full-time)	513
Transfer students (full-time)	71
Full-time students	99.2%
Pennsylvania residents	72.0%
Male / Female/ Unknown	40% / 60% / 0%
Students of Color	27.1%
Average age	20
First-generation students	12.9%
Pell grant recipients	27.4%
Commuter students	45.7%
Students enrolled in online courses	32.9%

NON-TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2025)

Non-traditional undergraduates	363
First-time, first-year students	16
Transfer students	80
Full-time students	31.4%
Pennsylvania residents	89.5%
Male / Female/ Unknown	30%/69%/1%
Students of Color	41.3%
Average age	33
First-generation students	26.4%
Pell grant recipients	34.2%
Students enrolled in online courses	76.0%

GRADUATE STUDENTS (FALL 2025)

Master's students	651
Doctoral students	160
Full-time students	62.4%
Pennsylvania residents	82.9%
Male / Female/ Unknown	30% / 69% / 1%
Students of Color	22.3%
Average age	31
Students enrolled in online courses	69.5%



US News & World Report Rankings: National Universities,
Top Performers on Social Mobility, Undergraduate Nursing

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES

First-to-second year retention rate	79.4%
4-year graduation rate (2021 Cohort)	62.1%
5-year graduation rate (2020 Cohort)	67.8%
6-year graduation rate (2019 Cohort)	69.7%

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES CONFERRED (2025)

Bachelor's degrees	506
Master's degrees	274
Doctoral degrees	26
Undergraduate certificates	6
Graduate certificates	30
Total	842

ALUMNI

Total alumni (unduplicated)	24,801
Bachelors degree alumni	19,219
Masters degree alumni	6,813
Doctoral degree alumni	259

ATHLETICS

Men's sports	9
Women's sports	10
Club sports	
NCAA Division	Division III

Athletic Conferences

Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC)
MAC Freedom Conference
Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)
Mascot: Bulldog
University Colors: navy blue and scarlet


TUITION AND EXPENSES (AY 2025-2026)
Traditional undergraduate (12-18 credits)

Tuition (academic year)	\$46,500
Room and Board (academic year)	\$14,200
Mandatory Fees (academic year)	\$1,800

Non-traditional undergraduate

Tuition (per credit)	\$595
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Accelerated nursing program

Tuition (academic year)	\$48,800
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Graduate

Tuition (varies by program)	see website
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<https://www.desales.edu/cost-aid-scholarships/grad>

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID (2023-2024)

Total grant or scholarship aid*	\$50.7M
Grant or scholarship aid recipients*	88.7%
Institutional grant or scholarship aid	\$45.4M
Institutional aid recipients	85.3%
Total Pell grant aid	\$2.67M
Pell grant recipients	23.8%
Total federal student loans	\$9.26M
Federal student loan recipients	63.8%

*Aid from federal, state, institutional, and other sources

INSTITUTIONAL REVENUE SOURCES (FY 2024-2025)

Net tuition and fees	\$59,638,902
Federal Grants	\$496,356
State appropriations	\$590,755
Private gifts and grants	\$6,255,067
Auxiliary enterprises	\$15,788,460
Other	\$558,301
Total	\$83,327,841

ACCREDITATIONS

Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)

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