About Wake Forest University

One of the nation's most respected universities, Wake Forest is recognized for its outstanding academic reputation and challenging liberal arts curriculum. Wake Forest's motto, Pro Humanitate (for humanity), is at the heart of the University's identity and reflects a dedication to making a difference in the world.

With 4,500 undergraduates, the University provides the highly personalized attention characteristic of America's premier institutions coupled with the breadth and depth of a large research institution. Funded in 1834, Wake Forest is committed to personal education, inquiry, exploration, and service. The Graduate School for Arts and Sciences, along with professional schools in law, medicine, business and divinity, enrich the intellectual environment and provide robust resources to undergraduates, as do extensive programs in international studies, entrepreneurship and undergraduate research.

The vibrant campus supports the development of the whole person and empowers students to take initiative to create programs and events of their own. Wake Forest professors embody the teacher-scholar ideal, which links exceptional teaching with fundamental research and discovery. View news highlights from the 2010-2011 academic year.

Fast Facts

HISTORY Wake Forest was founded in 1834 outside the state capital of Raleigh, N.C. In 1941, the medical school moved to Winston-Salem, and the rest of the College followed in 1956.

MOTTO Pro Humanitate (For Humanity)

MASCOT The Demon Deacon

PRESIDENT Nathan O. Hatch (2005-present)

Dr. Hatch, a nationally respected scholar and former provost of the University of Notre Dame, is Wake Forest’s 13th president.

ENROLLMENT (2010-2011)

Undergraduates 4,657
Graduate and professional schools 2,505
Total 7,162

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Applicants for first-year admission 10,556
Freshmen accepted/enrolled 4,256/1,225

STUDENT: FACULTY RATIO 11:1

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEES (2010-2011)

$39,970

SCHOOLS The Reynolda Campus is home to the College of Arts and Sciences, the Wake Forest Schools of Business, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law and the School of Divinity. The Bowman Gray Campus, home to the Wake Forest School of Medicine, is located four miles away at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

HIGHLIGHTS

• More than 60 percent of Wake Forest students study abroad

• Wake Forest competes in Division I athletics in the Atlantic Coast Conference

• Wake Forest hosted presidential debates in 2000 and 1988

• A team of four undergraduate business students won the 2011 KPMG Global Case Competition.

• Wake Forest won the national debate tournament in 2008 and 1997 and finished second in 2009.

• For the fifth consecutive year, graduates of the Schools of Business accountancy program have achieved the highest passing rates in the nation on the Certified Public Accountant exam.