

## WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

- campus is ugly
  - the buildings aren't coherent
  - feels like the transition b/w fall and winter when everything's dead but it's literally spring right now
- library pretty cool
  - there are weird futuristic chairs that encourage napping 10/10
  - it's still pretty small and drab
  - star - student tutors in math & english, get paid by uni
  - two libraries - olin vs. exsley
- the tour guide seems nice but kind of distant
- open curriculum
  - difficult to enroll in classes until major is declared
  - strong in sciences
    - popular major - biology
    - 3:2 → three years @ wesleyan, go to columbia, etc. for engineering degree
    - 4:1 → four years @ wesleyan, 1 year of research for masters
- on campus grocery store
  - 7 dining halls
  - meal plan provides increasing independence
    - freshman: less points, more meals, points can be used at grocery
- walked a lot to get to the droms
  - on-campus housing required for four years ?? idk didn't hear the tour guide
  - program housing
    - talked a lot about this so i'm assuming it's a pretty big deal
- 60% of people are involved in athletics
  - must take a PE class,, like wtf

## NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

- tried to find the AO office, and a girl helped us
  - seemed uninterested but polite
- experiential learning
  - they talk abt co-op a lot (3,350 co-op partners)
  - 2 co-op (graduate in 4 years), 3 co-op (graduate in 5 years)
- global program
  - study abroad/NUN program
  - lots of service learning
- required 2 years of housing (housing always guaranteed)

- food trucks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- lots of people bumbling around, boston kinda cool
- freshman housing
  - put out survey to connect you with other people
  - dorm was so nice dude
- meal swipe & dining dollars & husky dollars (basically just money, accepted by off-campus shops)
  - top 50 in food apparently
- tour guide seems like a boring guy, but maybe just doesn't like the school? he's very articulate tho
- no core curriculum
  - specific to major
- easy class registration
- ice hockey rlly important ??? i have no idea who said this it's just in the notes
- people are typically in school during the summer :^(

## **AMHERST COLLEGE**

- campus is huge; organized & beautiful
- one (?? that can't be right) dining hall on campus & closes early
- open curriculum
- upperclassman housing is difficult to get
  - apparently they do a lip sync battle to win priority couldn't be me
- research really easy to do as undergrad
- professors are into what they teach
  - TYPO: take ur professor out (paid for by school)
- lots of hills
- people are really short (lmao i have no idea where i got this)
- small town, rural surroundings
- really diverse student body
- tour guide looks like mark zuckerberg
  - says he has a lot of free time & workload in manageable (mom finds this rlly questionable)
  - double major in philosophy & comp sci
- library is a-ok
- part of five college consortium

## **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

- undergrad focus
  - 2x as many undergrad than grad

- 1308 students
- 5:1 student teacher ratio
- BA vs BSE (not binding; can enter as one and exit with another)
- must be proficient in another language by the end of four years (i've been taking spanish for a decade and i still don't know how to speak it how is this gonna work?)
  - after passing 100 course in language, can study abroad
  - paid international internship
- independent course; senior thesis
  - research with faculty member
- random housing
  - quads, laundry room, study room, etc.
  - 1-3 roommates
  - only newer dorms have ac
- everything is student-run
- left tour early bc tour guide kept stumbling over her words and didn't know what to say and i was kinda hungry i feel bad

## **SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

- AO asked what happened in 1864 during the info session; the civil war apparently? APUSH rly did not pull through
- very liberal & progressive
- civil responsibility & social justice
  - quaker values
  - "common good"
- personal interaction with faculty
  - treat others as equal
- small town life
  - suburbs of philadelphia
  - lots of social programs
- tri & quaker consortium
- pass/fail first sem to learn how to be a college student
  - take random classes
  - after first sem, four other classes as P/F
- live with sophomores, juniors & seniors during freshman yr
- no GPA/dean's list/honors college
- 40% of classes have <10 students
- undergrad focus
  - \$800,000 for student research (idk if this is a lot or not)
- engineering program

- 3:2 (3 yrs @ swat & 2 yrs @ larger school)
  - BEP: biology, engineering, psychology
- declare major at end of sophomore yr
  - chocolate, chai & choosing: talk with teacher
  - sophomore yr plan
- external examination: bring professionals to examine yr ability @ the end of senior yr
- design own major/double major/minor
- cash-free campus
  - use swarthmore id
  - research funding, school pays for internship
  - same tuition study abroad, credits, plane ticket paid, differentials paid for
- 98% of students live on campus
- externship: paired with alum, live with family, go with them to their home (over winter break)
- ED & ED2 has 25% acceptance rate

### **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

- can study two things that cross two schools
- kelly's writers house
- nice powerpoint
- career services
  - quakernet to reach out to alumni
- literally got no info from both the info session & campus tour what even is penn i don't know

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

- core: try to make you the best you can
  - seems intense
  - AO talked about string theory ??? possibly could write abt this in supp?
- center for student advising & professor advisor when major declared
- SEAS can minor in college but college cannot major/minor in SEAS
- most students do not have classes on friday bc its "internship" day
- morningside heights
  - basically college town
- greek life not a big part of campus
- tour guide was rllly nice!!!! i thoroughly enjoyed walking through campus 10/10

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

- integrated into city (idk why they say this there's like . no campus)

- “comfortable anywhere, effective everywhere”
- focus on globalization
  - diversity
- networking
- nice presentation
- tour guide seems pretty engaging
- not much to say tbh

## **VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**

- nashville, arboretum, 3:1 squirrel: student ratio
- 1/3 moderate/democratic/republican
- big auditorium w/ slideshow similar to penn
  - basically a comedy club but not as a funny
- contiguous campus (actually integrated, like columbia's)
- anyone can double major across school/minor/school of music open to everyone
- 92% of classes with fewer than 50 students
- immersion: funded by vandy, with professor through four years, every student, on transcript
- 100% of students do research in school of engineering
- first years all live in the commons together
  - head is a house professor, lives on bottom floor
  - compete for “cup” like HP based on GPA, sustainability, etc.
- ED/ED2 accounts for 50% of the class
- 72% go to first choice grad school
- live shows cheap or free
  - rites of passage: vandy's music festival
  - lots of events bc nashville u know
  - moving crew when frosh come
- tour guide: a lacrosse player, in a frat ofc, long arms, pretty cute, he's like a nicer, softer version of the “had to do it to ‘em” kid
  - fun fact: i saw exactly 15 ppl pass by who had airpods in while on tour

## **EMORY UNIVERSITY**

- rlly loud & eloquent AO
- new student enter
- oxford & atlanta campus
  - didn't really explain the difference?
  - suburban version of the main campus
- atlanta healthcare on emory

- community of care
  - largest network
  - so . basically pre-professional
- more personalized environment
- liberal arts foundation
  - GERS: general education requirements
- “no limit!!! flexibility!!!!!!”
- research partners program: matched with faculty, research assistant for full yr
  - REDS: rapid ebola detection strip; apparently frosh were offered extra credit to figure out ebola
- internship in atlanta
  - liberal arts edge: sophomore class, learn to write resumes, linkedin, etc.
- dual degree program w/ gt
  - 3 years @ emory (BA/BS)
  - 2 years @ gt (BS? i think)
- “wise heart seeks knowledge”
  - their logo (?? what is it called) has a torch which means knowledge & flame means sharing knowledge
  - they rlly like the knowledge thing & also starting conversations
  - also stressed the whole academic flexibility thing
- tour guide is very loud, actually was able to walk backwards, relatable she knows her lingo
- rlly rlly rlly nice buildings
- i saw a total of 3 ppl with airpods in

## **UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER**

- we walked in late and there were only like 10 ppl here and i had to sit next to a cute boy and i literally couldn’t pay attention
- science & arts & engineering
  - all the same school
  - no core curriculum
  - “multiple loves” so rlly academically flexible, “lots of freedom”
- um i didn’t get anything from this except the no core curriculum thing
- decent campus, not standout but also wouldn’t mind this as a safety/alternative to rutgers
- piano teacher’s daughter goes here

## **CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

- rlly big campus (central? west? east? north?)
  - hiking trails & dams

- literally so beautiful stood @ the top and just felt the summer air on my face and felt like i needed a soundtrack playing behind me
- elite but practical! (lacks air of pretentiousness according to AO)
  - any person, any study !!!!
  - interdisciplinary
    - can study across schools
  - “figure out which school u belong to”
- 9:1 student to faculty ratio
- all freshman on north campus
  - undergrad connection with professor & upperclassman
  - free tutors available
  - amenities (golf????, tennis???, pool, etc.)
  - traditions (slope day, hockey in winter, apple festival, concerts)
  - greek life presence apparently
- gave us free stickers & then herded us into a rlly nice building, where everyone had to split into groups; tour pretty much not memorable but again, campus is *so* nice
- ate in the dining hall, bunch of high school kids from a summer program, good food 9/10

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- large alumni network
  - 575,000!!!!!!!!!!!! excuse me?
- 4 campuses: central, north, south, medical
- first yr seminars, math & language courses capped @ 18 kids
- 13 michigan learning communities (MLC)
  - can indicate 2 on ur app
  - residential program/honors program through LSA
- very big school, not much else to say, tour was pretty unmemorable, campus was pretty bland
- i love ann arbor, got that solid college town feel, we spent a day there and walked around and i literally don't want to leave also that cute guy in the restaurant referred to nathan as “sir” and i just about died

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

- extremely! religious! jesus christ!
  - service to society (“most powerful means of doing good in the world”)
  - learning comes with a responsibility
  - think about questions that rlly matter (does god exist? i feel like they would not appreciate my resounding “no”)

- take ownership of beliefs (theology & philosophy classes, i could possibly enjoy those? i think having a serious discussion abt that stuff has merit idk)
- no greek life!!!!!!!!!! fuck yea
- but also, sports
- broad liberal arts curriculum
- research opportunities
  - CUSE (major hub to find projects)
- midsize university
  - 8,400 undergrad
  - randomly assigned to dorms
    - “notre dame family”
    - not separated by certain communities (random major, random yr); but first years will most likely live with other first years
  - first three yrs required to live on campus
- undergrad priority
- AO talks *r/lly* fast; parents are asking such stupid questions get me out of here
- average class size: 30
  - most under 50 students
  - 100-200 considered to be a big class
- pride toward dorm hall
  - hall sports
  - hall gov’t to plan events (?)
  - bRo they have dorm masses @ 10 pm on sundays
- “holy handoff”
- tour guide was nice, didn’t seem too special, he did have wild stories have the statues but i’m pretty sure that’s every tour, talked abt how he felt a special presence of god on campus????????????????????
- surrounding town is r/lly quaint, not the same vibes as ann arbor but u know,, it’s indiana what can i expect; dad r/lly liked the ice cream

## **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

- fancy slides
- interdisciplinary & flexible
  - most students pursue more than one track
  - journalism school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
  - encourage to study across schools/switch major
- quarter system!!!!
  - 10 weeks long
  - on avg 4 classes/sem



- take 20+ more classes after 4 yrs
- “the hub:” start up area, locations in SF, DC, journalism
  - will give stipend for unpaid internship
- wildcats, “purple mafia” ok
- engagement & compassion
  - wildcat welcome: paid 2021 to watch hamilton for free, rented out six flags (!!!!!!!!!!!!!! what the fuck dude i am down u convinced me)
  - dildo day (dildo day? imagine): largest student run music festival
    - only day students aren’t allowed in the library
- trifecta: campus, evanston (college town), chicago (city)
  - shuttlebus
- LAKE MICHIGAN IS LITERALLY SO FUCKING BEAUTIFUL I AM SO FUCKING SPEECHLESS
- i don’t feel any particular way to the tour guide idk
  - seems to be a LOT of theatre kids here tho and idk if i’m rllly the right crowd for that
  - tons of people out & chilling & there’s a fucking beach????????

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- quarter system !!!!
  - 10 weeks
  - 1/3 core, 1/3 major, 1/3 electives (any class desired)
  - core encourages interdisciplinary thinking
- academic advisor all 4 yrs
- paid internship program, career treks
- liberal arts college housed in a larger research university
- housing feels like microcosm of world
  - housetrip during first week to chicago
  - every student has view pass (transportation) & art pass (museums & events)
- university wide scav hunt
  - atypical clues
  - intellectual curiosity even when having fun
    - students once built nuclear reactor for scav and ended up on FBI list lmao
- required to live on campus for first 2 yrs
- 1-2 paragraphs why uchicago, 1-2 pages extended supp
- i literally feel like i’m in harry potter what is this campus it’s so beautiful i love it
- tour guide is so sweet i want to be her friend her hair is so nice
  - talked abt the best coffeeshops each place we went to and even tho i don’t drink coffee u know i wanna go on a coffee date w her

- some good ass architecture going on
- freakonomics how could we forget

## **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

- in st. louis obviously
  - right in forest park
  - free stuff
    - events, museum, public transportation
  - delmar: college town
- “students want to ask the biggest questions, collaborative, don’t fit into a single box”
  - “what sparks your intellectual curiosity?”
- washu student association, faculty fellows, academic advisors
  - “to know you by name and story” (unofficial motto)(why is this so wholesome what)
- individualized & interdisciplinary learning
  - ampersand programs, beyond boundaries, PNP, medicine & society
- south 40
  - where 1st & 2nd yr students live
  - completely student-run stores
- roadshow: meet with alumni for internship
- idk why this is the best campus it’s beautiful but it’s not lakeside
  - kind of raining which dampened the mood ngl
  - olympics took place here?????? also presidential debates ????????
  - dorm is NICE got that tempurpedic mattress
  - ate in dining hall wtf such a good time some good food
- tour guide was very informative and nice!!! we got to try out a new speaker system and it was entertaining to see him struggle i’m sorry