

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - 3.6 Unweighted SAT - 1210 for SATs taken 2016 & beyond ACT -26

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs Cumulative? Weighted vs. Unweighted? They look at whatever is on your transcript

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super Score? No written portion (composite. No superscoring.)

Rigor-What are average AP requirements? 4 or 5

Most popular majors at this school: Music Business #1, Nursing #2 and Commercial Music #3 (Commercial Music is music performance)

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? n/a

Does chosen major affect decision process? For Music there is an audition process, while admissions may accept an application, music audition determines music school eligibility and art portfolio determines art school eligibility. Acceptance by the admissions department is required.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?

About 10% of the population participates in May-mester, where students can study abroad for the price of tuition. 70% of students do internships, but Music Majors just usually find work in Nashville on their own.

Special successes the school is known for:

Music and Commercial Music degrees. The university is located 2 miles from music row in Nashville.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Merit Scholarships are determined with admissions. 50-55% of admitted freshmen are offered a merit scholarship. Merit Scholarships can cover \$3000-\$10,000. There are no scholarship applications. You are automatically considered for scholarships based on your main application.

When are scholarship deadlines? December 1st to be considered for the most competitive Presidential and Faculty Scholar Awards

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Tuition & Fees	\$31,390
Room & Board	\$11,330
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$42,720

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Daily visits Mon- Fri Saturday Previews Sept. 7th, Oct. 15th, Nov 5th

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students?

Applications

When are application deadlines? Non-binding rolling admissions process. What this means is Belmont makes acceptance decisions as the completed applications come in. The earlier you apply the better the chance of you getting accepted. It's usually only a couple weeks from the time you turn in your fully completed application (with SAT scores, transcript, etc.) until the time you find out whether you've been accepted. If you are not accepted you are allowed to apply again the same year IF you have new information to send (such as better SAT scores or grades). They are already accepting applications and making decisions at the time of this writing and it's only mid-September! May 1st is the last day to apply for Fall 2017.

Is an essay required for all decision options? Yes, the Common App essay questions. There is an additional essay to be completed only by students interested in being in Belmont's Honors Program. Also, there is a final question that basically asks if there is anything the student wants to say that hasn't already been covered in the application. The recruiter said this should only be completed if there is something additional that needs to be covered and it should only be one paragraph long. The example he gave was if your grades dropped one semester because you were seriously sick during that time, this question would be a good place to explain that.

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Letter from the guidance counselor is all that is required.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Music majors have auditions

Does the school use the Common App? Yes. **How much is the application fee?** \$50

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.) Division I. However, there is no football team.

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Free

Do freshmen live on campus? Yes, freshmen and sophomores **Are cars allowed?** Yes, but you won't need a car on campus

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms?

Freshmen have hall style, sophomores may have suite style. 5 new residence halls Roommates can be chosen "potluck" style or admitted freshmen can use a Facebook page to match with roommates.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) Freshman Meal plan, restaurants on campus and a new dining hall.

Campus police and 24/7 security escorts. Text notifications/alerts
160 clubs

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 6000 **Total enrollment?** 8,000

Percentage of male: female – 40:60 **Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students –** 78% from TN

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 20% but there are no houses on campus. Service oriented.

Where is the school located? Nashville TN **How far is it from Milton?** 4 hour drive

Other:

- Belmont is a Christian University, meaning all faculty are required to be Christian but not the students.

Two theology classes are required as core curriculum as well as two writing courses and math.

- Student/faculty ratio is 13:1
- Average class size is 20 students
- Laundry and parking are included with housing
- Students come from all 50 every state and 25 countries
- Since there is no football there is no marching band. However, Vanderbilt Univ. is very nearby and they actually pay Belmont students to be in their marching band. Last year they paid \$600/semester.
- Belmont also has programs in NYC, LA and DC where you go to a school there with a Belmont professor for a semester and your credits can transfer back to Belmont (you must get approval for this ahead of time). These programs are extremely competitive to get into.