

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 Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? **Yes**

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? **Yes**

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - **3.6-3.8 average** SAT - **1240-1420 average (1600 scale)** ACT - **27-32 average**

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs Cumulative? **CORE** Weighted vs. Unweighted? **UNWEIGHTED**

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super Score? **Furman is a 'test optional' school, placing greater emphasis on the GPA. They do superscore. They have no preference between SAT or ACT.**

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? **Varies---they are looking for rigor---they take into account how many AP classes your school offers and the percentage that a student chooses to take.**

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? **Where a student's passions lie and how he or she made a difference in whatever the activity was----leadership, dedication. Was the student involved in his or her community in a way that left an impact?**

Most popular majors at this school: **Pre-med, pre-law, health science, biology, chemistry, business, political science, communication studies. ¼ of the students choose a double major. You have until the end of your Sophomore year to declare a major. 84% of students graduate in four years.**

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? **no**

Does chosen major affect decision process? **no**

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

45% of Furman students participate in a study abroad program. 85% of the programs (25 total) are led by Furman professors and attended only by Furman students. There are also "study away" programs within the U.S. Furman also offers a "May-mester" 3-week term in May.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? **No co-ops. 75% of students participate in internships or research. 200 part-time internships with businesses.**

Research Opportunities?

Ranked 4th in the nation for undergrad research. 75% of students participate in internships or research. About 50% of students doing research are published by the time they graduate.

Special successes the school is known for: **Furman is listed as one of the top 10 most beautiful campuses in the nation**

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? **No**

When are scholarship deadlines? **Special scholarship applications due Dec 15. The majority of Early Action students are automatically entered upon admission for merit-based scholarships.**

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Tuition & Fees

Room & Board

Total Per Year (Two Semesters)

100% residential – meal plan required

\$58,000

86% of Furman students receive scholarships or financial aid. The average financial aid package is \$30-35K.

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? **Nov. 14, 2015** is “Fall for Furman” which includes tickets to a Furman Palladins football game, tailgating, an academic fair where you’ll meet professors, and a campus tour. The spring 2016 Open House dates have not yet been announced.

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?

Early Decision (binding): apply by Nov. 1, you will hear by Nov. 15

Early Action (non-binding): apply by Nov. 1, you will hear by Dec, 20

Regular Decision: apply by Jan. 15, you will hear by March 1

Is an essay required for all decision options? **The essay portion of the Common App**

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? **Not required. 2-3 is a “healthy” number to submit.**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **No**

Does the school use the Common App? **Yes, they are Common App exclusive**

How many applicants are received per year? **5100 total with 710 in current freshman class 64-67% acceptance rate**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)?

20 Division 1 athletic teams which play in the Southern Conference.

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? **All sporting events are free to students----no ticket lottery needed.**

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? **Furman is 100% residential with all students living on-campus all four years. Cars are allowed all four years. A shuttle takes students back and forth to downtown Greenville.**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Freshmen and Sophomores live in hall-style dorms, some with sinks in room, co-ed by floor. Laundry service is included. There are apartments for Juniors and Seniors a bit further away from campus to give them a different on-campus living experience. Furman has a housing website which shows details and floor plans.**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc)

--**100+ student organizations**

--**Club and intermural sports**

--**Strong music, theater and visual arts programs open to all students.**

--**200+ Cultural Life Programs for which students receive a point if they attend. 32 CLP points are required for -- graduation (encourages students to learn/grow, experience a variety of things which in college).**

--**Lots of activities planned for students as all live on campus.**

--**One dining hall for all students with a variety of offerings. Also a food court with Moe’s, Chick Fil-A, etc.**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **Furman is primarily an undergraduate school. There are no graduate-level Teaching Assistants.**

Total enrollment? **2700 11:1 student/professor ratio avg. class size: 19 class size cap: 32**

Percentage of male: female – **40% male / 60% female** Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **72% are out of state students. Students represent 44 states and 47 countries.**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **53%** Recruitment process is held in the spring of Freshman year.

Where is the school located? **10 minutes north of Greenville, South Carolina**

How far is it from Milton? **2 hours 25 minutes from Milton via I-85 north**