

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*

School: Mercer University

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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 – 3.82 weighted core. Weight added for AP, Honors, Dual Enrollment SAT -1200

Total 500 **Reading** 500 **Math** ACT - 27 **Composite with 21 in all sections**

'Competitive' GPA: 3.78, Competitive: ACT 28-29, Competitive: SAT 1300, Competitive: New SAT 1350-1370

New SAT 1140 (math & critical reading)

Whether SAT or ACT - they are looked at the same - one not better/different than other.

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? Weighted core

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? No written Super score? They do accept the New SAT and Do Not Super Score New SAT. Others are Super Scored.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements?

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for?

Most popular majors at this school: Engineering, Medical (Pre-med) Law

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? Engineering majors need to meet requirements for the engineering program.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? "Mercer on Mission" is study abroad where students take their knowledge to share in other countries. Engineering, Education, Medical are a few of the schools that participate. For example: Vietnam; Bio-Med Students go there, build below and above the knee prosthetics - it can be life changing, to impact someone's life like that - to help them walk again! Travel includes 34 countries over the summer for 3-4 weeks. Tuition for class pays for the travel. Regular study abroad programs also offered. Study abroad can be for a semester or a full year.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?

Research Opportunities? Yes, also with Mercer on Mission

Special successes the school is known for: GAP program- Guaranteed admissions program-admission to grad school. Apply as a high school senior.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Hope and Zell Miller only cover a portion, since Mercer is a private institution.

When are scholarship deadlines? Oct 15th

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>In-State</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$35,133
Room & Board	\$11,106
Total per Year (Two Semesters)	\$46,239

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? [Saturday Preview Sept. 17th, Oct. 18th, Nov 19th, Jan 28th and March 18th](#). Daily visits available <http://www.bethebear.com/visit-campus.cfm>

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students? [Some Scholarship Challenges offered during the Saturday Preview](#)

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? [Early Action Deadline is Oct 15th](#), the same date for the Presidential Scholarship. [Feb 1st is Regular Decision Deadline](#)
Is an essay required for all decision options? [Not for admissions but a personal statement is required on the application.](#)

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? [1 letter of recommendation is required - you can send more. Letters that show growth, shows accomplishments over time are always welcomed.](#)

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? [Possibly for scholarships](#)

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? [The 'person' matters at Mercer. They like to know who you are! They can better advocate that way!](#)

Does the school use the Common App? [Yes](#) How many applicants are received per year? [7000 applicants about 50/50 between common app and Mercer app. 3500 freshmen accepted \(approx.\)](#)

How much is the application fee? [\\$50](#) Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? [Mercer is a Division I school, in the Southern Conference. 18 women's and men's sports. Also have intramural & club sports that are competitive.](#)

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? [Free on campus](#)

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? [Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are required to live on campus.](#)

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? [Living & Learning Dorms? Freshmen start in hall-style dorms then can progress to apartment style as older classmen.](#)

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) [Freshmen have specific meal plans. Cafeteria style but also have a Chick-Fil-A, Einstein and Subway on campus.](#)
[Fun Atmosphere.](#)

[135 Active Student Organizations \(you can always add thru the Student Government\)](#)

What is the undergraduate enrollment? [2700](#) Total enrollment? [8400](#)

Percentage of male: female – [40:60](#) Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – [70% in state 30% out](#)

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – [25% of the students are Greek.](#)

Where is the school located? [Macon, GA](#)

How far is it from Milton? [2 hours](#)

Other: [From MERCER - Financial Aid - GPA Test Score Award](#)

- [1. Merit based caps at \\$20,000](#)
- [2. Oct 1, start filling out FASFA \(doubles as Fed & State\)](#)
- [3. Hope \\$3900](#)
- [4. Zell-Miller \\$4300](#)

[Musical scholarships~ you do not have to major in music for them](#)
[Athletic scholarships](#)

['Student Employment Office' - for jobs on campus, usually best to start looking about August 1st.](#)

[Mercer also offers Work-Study \(Fed\) Positions](#)