PROFILE

La Salle University, a comprehensive Catholic university in the tradition of the Christian Brothers of St. John Baptist de La Salle, was founded in 1863 and is located in a historic Philadelphia neighborhood. The University is known for excellence in teaching and scholarship, and has produced significant numbers of student and faculty Fulbright scholars over its history. La Salle embraces deep respect for each person, a belief that intellectual and spiritual development happen in tandem, a passion for creative teaching and learning, and a conviction that education must drive personal growth, professional advancement and service to others. The University offers over 40 undergraduate, over 20 masters and two doctoral programs. In the last two years, La Salle has been recognized for excellence and value by U.S. News and World Report, The Economist, Money magazine, Brookings Institute and Forbes. La Salle offers 25 Division I varsity sports; an honors program recognized as a national model; over 100 student organizations; an integrated science, business and technology curriculum; and the Philadelphia region’s only four-year BS/MBA.

MISSION

La Salle University is a Catholic university in the tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. To a diverse community of learners, La Salle University offers a rigorous curriculum and co-curricular experiences designed to help students gain theoretical and practical knowledge, deepen their ethical sensibilities, and prepare for a lifetime of continuous learning, professional success, and dedicated service.

As a Catholic university rooted in the liberal arts tradition, La Salle challenges students to contemplate life’s ultimate questions as they develop their faith, engage in a free search for truth, and explore their full human potential. As a Lasallian university named for St. John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of teachers, La Salle promotes excellence in teaching and scholarship, demonstrates respect for each person, nurtures mentoring relationships, and encourages authentic community. As an urban university, La Salle invites students to enhance their academic experience by immersing themselves in the rich resources of Philadelphia and the region. All members of our community are called to maintain a heightened sensitivity to those marginalized within society as they practice civic engagement, provide leadership with a global perspective, and contribute to the common good.
92% of La Salle graduates are employed, volunteering full time through service programs or pursuing additional programs within one year of graduation.

3 schools: arts and sciences, business nursing and health sciences.

69 Fulbright scholars.

3,200 undergraduate full-time students.

60:40 female-to-male ratio.

35% of our students are ethnically diverse.

100% faculty-taught classes – no teaching assistants.

120+ student organizations.

25 division I varsity sports.

12:1 student-to-faculty ratio.

32 study abroad programs in 18 countries.

60,000+ hours of community service annually performed by students.

54 full-time undergraduate majors.

83% of faculty hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree in their field.

22 average class size.

4+ years of guaranteed housing.