History/Location: The University of Delaware, a state assisted institution, is a Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant, Urban Grant, Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive University. The University, with origins in 1743, was chartered by the State of Delaware in 1833. A Women's College was opened in 1914, and in 1945 UD became permanently coeducational. The main campus is located in Newark, Delaware, a suburban community of 30,000 situated midway between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Courses are also offered at the Wilmington campus and at other locations throughout the State, including Dover, Georgetown, and Lewes.

Academic Schools, Programs, and Degrees: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Science; Business and Economics; Engineering; Health and Nursing Sciences; Human Services, Education and Public Policy; and Marine Studies. UD offers 122 undergraduate, 75 master's programs, and 34 doctoral programs. In 2000-01, UD awarded 3,192 bachelor's degrees, 726 master's degrees, and 161 doctoral degrees. Doctoral and professional degrees were awarded in Agriculture, Economics, Education, Engineering, Individual and Family Studies, Marine Studies, Urban Affairs, and a range of Arts & Science disciplines (including Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, English, and History).
Faculty: In 2001-02, there are 1,049 full-time faculty positions. 80% of full-time faculty are tenured and 88% hold the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation in 2001-02 is $127,300 for Full Professors, $92,500 for Associate Professors, and $73,800 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2001 enrollment totals 20,949 which include 16,307 undergraduates, 2,942 graduate students, and 1,700 professional and continuing studies students. 15,134 (93%) of undergraduates and 2,171 (74%) of graduate students are enrolled on a full-time basis. 41% of undergraduate students are male. 60% of undergraduate and 66% of graduate students are from out-of-state. 6% of undergraduate and 4% of graduate students are African-American. Approximately 50% of undergraduate students live in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: 3,379 first-time freshmen enrolled in Fall 2001. 35% of all admitted freshmen applicants were enrolled. Average SAT score for enrolled freshmen was 1159. On average, 88% of freshmen return for their sophomore year and approximately 3 out of 4 students graduate.

Costs: Annual full-time undergraduate tuition and fees are $5,290 (in-state) and $14,380 (out-of-state). Room and board is $5,534.

Budget: For Fiscal Year 2001, Total Operating Revenues were $487.7 million, including $98.8 million for State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $487.7 million. Sponsored Research Expenditures were $65.5 million.

Institutional Affiliations: UD is a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC). In athletics, UD began NCAA Division I competition in 1973 for men and 1982 for women. UD competes in Division I-AA for Football, and in Division I-A for all other sports. UD is a member of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference, the America East Conference in Field Hockey and Men’s and Women’s Soccer and Cross-country, and the Colonial Athletic Association in all other sports.