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 nearly 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, Milford, and Lewes.

Academic Schools, Programs, and Degrees: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Engineering; Health and Nursing Sciences; Human Services, Education and Public Policy; and Marine Studies. UD offers 125 undergraduate programs, 81 master's programs, and 37 doctoral programs. In 2003-04, UD awarded 3,392 bachelor's degrees, 664 master's degrees, and 177 doctoral degrees. Doctoral and professional degrees were awarded in Agriculture, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Individual and Family Studies, Marine Studies, Nursing, Urban Affairs and Public Policy, and a range of Arts & Sciences disciplines (including Art History, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, English, Geography, Geology, History, Linguistics, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Therapy, Physics, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, and Sociology).
Faculty: In 2004-05, there are 1,070 full-time faculty positions. Approximately 80% of full-time faculty are tenured and over 80% hold the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation in 2004-05 is $141,385 for Full Professors, $101,880 for Associate Professors, and $83,609 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2004 enrollment totals 21,238 which include 16,548 undergraduates, 3,395 graduate students, and 1,295 professional and continuing studies students. 15,580 (94%) of undergraduate and 2,519 (74%) of graduate students are enrolled on a full-time basis. 42% of undergraduate students are male. 58% of undergraduate and 67% of graduate students are from out-of-state. 5.7% of undergraduate and 4.7% of graduate students are African-American. Approximately 50% of undergraduate students live in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: 3,458 first-time freshmen enrolled in Fall 2004. 35% of all admitted freshmen applicants were enrolled. Average SAT score for enrolled freshmen was 1189. On average, 89% of freshmen return for their sophomore year and approximately 3 out of 4 students graduate.

Costs: Annual full-time undergraduate tuition and fees are $6,954 (in-state) and $16,640 (out-of-state). Room and board is $6,458.

Budget: For Fiscal Year 2004, Total Operating Revenues were $556.3 million, including $102.9 million for State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $556.3 million. Externally Funded Activity totaled $131 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 and the Colonial Athletic Association for all other sports.