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 Sciences; Human Services, Education and Public Policy; and Marine and Earth Studies. UD offers 126 undergraduate programs, 82 master's programs, and 39 doctoral programs. In 2005-06, UD awarded 3,683 bachelor's degrees, 696 master's degrees, and 222 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, Geology, History, Linguistics, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Therapy, Physics, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, and Sociology).
Faculty: In 2006-07, there are 1,117 full-time faculty positions. Approximately 80% of full-time tenure-eligible faculty are tenured and over 80% of full-time faculty hold the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation in 2006-07 is $154,733 for Full Professors, $109,358 for Associate Professors, and $90,065 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2006 enrollment totals 20,380 which include 15,849 undergraduates, 3,446 graduate students, and 1,085 professional and continuing studies students. 14,992 (95%) of undergraduate and 2,540 (74%) of graduate students are enrolled on a full-time basis. 42% of undergraduate students are male. 60% of undergraduate and 68% of graduate students are from out-of-state. 5.6% of undergraduate and 4.6% of graduate students are African-American. Approximately 50% of undergraduate students live in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: 3,259 first-time freshmen enrolled in Fall 2006. 31% of all admitted freshmen applicants were enrolled. Average SAT score (critical reading plus mathematics) for enrolled freshmen was 1194. On average, 90% of freshmen return for their sophomore year and more than 3 out of 4 students graduate within five years.

Costs: Annual full-time undergraduate tuition and fees for 2006-07 are $7,740 (in-state) and $18,450 (out-of-state). Room and board is $7,366.

Finances: For Fiscal Year 2006, Total Operating Revenues were $617.2 million, including $115.7 million for State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $617.2 million. Externally Funded Activity totaled $148.8 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.