

Business and Accounting

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
Babson College	Babson Park, Md.	1898	\$39,040
Bentley University	Waltham, Mass.	4259	\$34,360
Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio	49,195	\$8706/\$22,278
Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Tex.	6200	\$33,040
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pa.	10,337	\$40,514
University of Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.	17,000	\$40,384
Villanova University	Villanova, Pa.	6342	\$39,350

These programs offer students real-world experience in and out of the classroom. Bentley is among those with a live Wall Street ticker: Some students trade actively as members of the Bentley Investment Group—and in 2008 were more successful than most institutional investors! But undergrads also use their skills out of the classroom, sometimes in unlikely places. **Villanova even has an internship program with the Vatican.**

Great Internship Opportunities

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
George Washington University	Washington, D.C.	10,224	\$42,860
Goucher College	Towson, Md.	1500	\$34,626
Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo, Mich.	1350	\$34,017
Northeastern University	Boston, Mass.	15,699	\$36,380
Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma, Wash.	3305	\$29,200
Pitzer College	Claremont, Calif.	1043	\$37,520
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)	Henrietta, N.Y.	14,045	\$30,282

Internships give students practical work experience that complements their studies. George Washington, for instance, is considered “the place to be for government internships of all sorts,” and RIT offers some form of experiential education for every academic program.

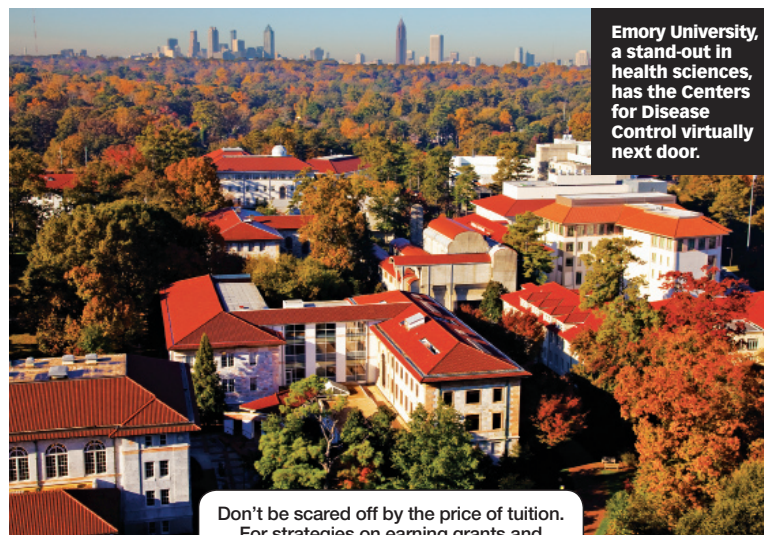
Flexible Scheduling

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
Columbia University	New York, N.Y.	7500	\$39,296
Georgia State University	Atlanta, Ga.	22,384	\$8698/\$26,908
Smith College	Northampton, Mass.	2600	\$38,640
Tulane University	New Orleans, La.	7210	\$38,300
University of Houston	Houston, Tex.	28,056	\$16,418/\$21,994
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Baltimore, Md.	9947	\$9171/\$19,108
University of Redlands	Redlands, Calif.	2950	\$35,240

With their extensive part-time, evening, or weekend classes, these schools are ideal for both college-age and mature students. At Columbia’s School of General Studies, undergraduates can “attend full- or part-time and can change their status semester by semester.”

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Health Sciences

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
Baylor University	Waco, Tex.	12,149	\$26,966
Emory University	Atlanta, Ga.	6890	\$38,600
Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, Md.	4998	\$40,680
Quinnipiac University	Hamden, Conn.	5971	\$34,250
University of Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.	9855	\$36,188
University of Portland	Portland, Ore.	3077	\$30,800
University of San Francisco	San Francisco, Calif.	4800	\$36,000

Good health-care programs combine strong academic preparation with a hands-on approach and offer a wide variety of choice. At Quinnipiac, for instance, undergraduates can select from physician-assistant studies, athletic-training programs, and occupational and physical therapy.

Liberal Arts

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	1977	\$38,748
Furman University	Greenville, S.C.	2600	\$37,728
Kenyon College	Gambier, Ohio	1600	\$39,420
Occidental College	Los Angeles, Calif.	1989	\$39,870
Sewanee: The University of the South	Sewanee, Tenn.	1469	\$35,590
University of Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	5134	\$40,188
Wesleyan University	Middletown, Conn.	2700	\$41,814

The best liberal-arts schools emphasize undergraduate education, providing students with reading, writing, and evaluation skills they can use in any job. At the University of Chicago, “scholars and students engage in creative inquiry and spirited debate that challenge conventional wisdom,” one counselor says.