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PROFILE: CLASS OF 2015

The Class of 2015 is one of the brightest and most diverse classes ever to attend Williams College. We base this statement upon not only the very high grades, average class rank and standardized test scores of the 548 new students enrolling this year, but also the wide-ranging life histories, educational backgrounds and rare talents they have brought to our community. The admission data included in this profile are meant to give you a broad overview of the highly qualified candidates admitted to Williams. Please keep in mind, though, that objective data is only one of the measures used in our selection process. Other factors, such as secondary school curriculum and performance, teacher recommendations, co-curricular activities and personal statements are also central to our decision making.

## ADMISSIONS STATISTICS: Class of 2015

7,030<br>Total applications

MEN: 3,260
WOMEN: 3,770

1,215
Number admitted MEN: 596

WOMEN: 619

Percent admitted
MEN: 18
WOMEN: 16

TEN-YEAR SUMMARY OF ADMISSION STATISTICS

|  | FINAL APPLICATIONS | EARLY DECISION | TOTAL ADMISSIONS | EARLY DECISION ADMISSIONS | NUMBER ENROLLING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2006 | 4,931 | 506 | 1,121 | 193 | 545 |
| 2007 | 5,341 | 497 | 1,133 | 193 | 532 |
| 2008 | 5,704 | 559 | 1,093 | 214 | 539 |
| 2009 | 5,822 | 531 | 1,088 | 209 | 541 |
| 2010 | 6,000 | 558 | 1,145 | 214 | 541 |
| 2011 | 6,448 | 535 | 1,194 | 217 | 544 |
| 2012 | 7,548 | 600 | 1,276 | 223 | 535 |
| 2013 | 6,017 | 614 | 1,229 | 224 | 549 |
| 2014 | 6,634 | 538 | 1,237 | 216 | 549 |
| 2015 | 7,030 | 572 | 1,215 | 231 | 548 |

## ENTIRE UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION BY RESIDENCE

In the fall of 2011, the Williams student body will include students from 47 states and 61 countries.


COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE U.S*

| Afghanistan | Canada | Ghana | Kuwait | Pakistan | Switzerland |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Albania | China | Guatemala | Lesotho | Peru | Syria | Venezuela |
| Australia | Colombia | Hong Kong | Malaysia | Poland | Taiwan |  |
| Bangladesh | Czech Republic | Hungary | Mauritius | Qatar | Viet Nam |  |
| Bosnia \& | Democratic | India | Mongolia | Republic of | Tanzania | Yemen |
| Herzegovina | Republic of | Indonesia | Nepal | Korea | Thailand |  |
| Botswana | the Congo | Jamaica | Netherlands | Saudi Arabia | Turkey |  |
| Bulgaria | Ethiopia | Japan | New Zealand | Singapore | Uganda |  |
| Burundi | France | Jordan | Nigeria | South Africa | Ukraine |  |
| Cameroon | Germany | Kenya | Norway | Sweden | United Kingdom |  |

*Roughly 7 percent of the Williams student body are non-U.S. citizens. An additional 2 percent are U.S. citizens or permanent residents who attended high school outside the U.S.

## AMERICAN STUDENTS OF COLOR: Recent Classes

|  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL CLASS | 544 | 535 | 549 | 549 | 548 |  |
| STUDENTS OF COLOR | 160 | 176 | 185 | 187 | 202 |  |
| PERCENT OF CLASS | 29 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 37 |  |
| BLACK | 51 | 56 | 56 | 61 | 68 | Note: The option of identifying oneself as being of "mixed racial heritage" was first included |
| ASIAN | 58 | 63 | 72 | 69 | 74 | on the Williams application in 1993-94. Black, <br> Asian, and Latino students of mixed heritage are |
| LATINO | 49 | 53 | 56 | 50 | 52 | included in the figures above. In the class of 2015, 61 students identified themselves as being of |
| OTHER AMERICAN MINORITY | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | "mixed racial heritage." |

## FINANCIAL AID DATA: Class of 2015

Percent of those with demonstrated need who received aid
100

Percent of demonstrated need met by financial aid package
100

Average financial aid package
\$44,123

Tuition, room, board, and fees, 2011-12
\$54,560

Range of financial aid awards to individuals

## ABOUT THE ADMISSION PROCESS

Each candidate's folder is read cover to cover by two or three professional admission officers. In our reading, we focus on the quality of the candidate's academic program, particularly as it relates to the challenges available at the student's secondary school, the strength of the academic record achieved, the quality of recommendations from teachers and guidance counselors, the results of standardized testing, strength of the candidate's personal statement and documented co-curricular involvement.
In order to make an accurate assessment of a student's academic record, it is extremely helpful to the Admission Committee to receive a thorough profile of courses offered by the school, and some comparative information about achievement in context (class rank, grade distribution, etc.), even for the most talented and successful students.

The charts to the right depict class rank and standardized test scores for students enrolling in the Class of 2015.

In reviewing candidates for the Class of 2016, Williams will consider the best individual critical reading, math and writing scores on the SAT, and the best score on two individual SAT subject tests. ACT (with writing) scores may be submitted in lieu of the SAT, but two SAT subject tests are still required.

The application deadline for Early Decision is November 10th. The application deadline for Regular Decision is January 1st. Early Decision candidates should make every effort to complete testing by October. Regular Decision candidates should make every effort to complete testing by December. We are unable to guarantee that tests taken after these months will be considered in the admission process.

## CLASS OF 2015 SAT and ACT DISTRIBUTIONS




## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN ACADEMIC \& CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT WILLIAMS

47\% of seniors have engaged in research during their four years at Williams
$75 \%$ of seniors report having held a leadership position on campus during their time at Williams

49\% of seniors report they have had coffee or a meal with a faculty member on a regular basis

80\% of alumni enroll in graduate programs

50\% of students study abroad at some time during their four years at Williams

58\% of students participate in community service projects

96\% of students report having engaged in an intellectual discussion with their peers outside of class

93\% of students report having reconsidered their position on a topic after evaluating the arguments of others

33\% of students participate in a student organization for six hours or more per week

## 920 Top decile

 6\%2nd decile

## 20 3rd decile

0\%
below 3rd decile

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Search the course catalog, e-mail students, faculty, or alumni, find out about special admission programs or get help planning a visit.

DEPARTMENTS \& PROGRAMS
Average number of majors/concentrators for the classes of 2007-2011

| Africana Studies: 12 | History: 55 |
| :---: | :---: |
| American Studies: 9 | International Studies: 29 |
| Anthropology: 7 | Japanese: 3 |
| Arabic Studies: 5 | Jewish Studies: 3 |
| Art (History \& Studio): 57 | Latina/o Studies: 9 |
| Asian Studies: 8 | Leadership Studies: 26 |
| Astronomy: 2 | Legal Studies: 8 |
| Astrophysics: 4 | Literary Studies: 4 |
| Biochemistry \& | Maritime Studies: 2 |
| Molecular Biology: 8 | Mathematics: 53 |
| Biology: 57 | Music: 8 |
| Chemistry: 30 | Neuroscience: 14 |
| Chinese: 11 | Philosophy: 20 |
| Classics: 6 | Physics: 12 |
| Cognitive Science: 4 | Political Economy: 16 |
| Comparative Literature: 7 | Political Science: 57 |
| Computer Science: 16 | Psychology: 60 |
| Contract Major: 5 | Religion: 7 |
| Economics: 88 | Russian: 2 |
| English: 66 |  |
| Environmental Policy: 3 | Technology Studies: 1 |
| Environmental Studies: 11 | Spanish: 8 |
| French: 6 | Theatre: 7 |
| Geosciences: 8 | Women's \& Gender Studies: 4 |

German: 4

## COMPLETION STATISTICS

Of the 541 first year students who entered in the fall of 2005, 89 percent graduated within four years and 95 percent within six years. Additional information is available from the Office of the Registrar.

