

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Yes Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

**Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA 3.6-3.8 average (4.0 scale) SAT - 1290-1430 average (1600 scale) ACT - 27-32
Mid- 50% range for both SAT & ACT.**

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs Cumulative? CORE Weighted vs. Unweighted? UNWEIGHTED

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super Score? Furman is a 'test optional' school. SAT/ACT test scores are not required.

Emphasis is placed on the GPA and types of courses taken. They do superscore. They have no preference between SAT or ACT – if submitted.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Varies---they are looking for rigor---they take into account how many AP classes your school offers and the percentage that a student chooses to take.

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? Where a student's passions lie and how he or she made a difference in whatever the activity was----leadership, dedication. Was the student involved in his or her community in a way that left an impact?

Most popular majors at this school: Pre-med, pre-law, pre-health, biology, chemistry, business, political science, communication studies. ¼ of the students choose a double major. You have until the end of your Sophomore year to declare a major. Over 40 majors available. Liberal Arts education, hence certain classes are required for graduation.

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? no

Does chosen major affect decision process? No.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?

50% of Furman students participate in a study abroad program. 85% of the programs (25 total) are led by Furman professors and attended only by Furman students. There are also "study away" programs within the U.S. Furman also offers a "May-mester" 3-week term in May.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? No co-ops. 90% of students participate in internships or research. 200 part-time internships with businesses within Greenville. Many more opportunities available globally.

Research Opportunities?

Ranked 4th in the nation for undergrad research. 90% of students participate in internships or research. About 50% of students doing research are published by the time they graduate. Research opportunities start early.

Special successes the school is known for: Furman is consistently listed as one of the top 10 most beautiful campuses in the nation.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? No

When are scholarship deadlines? Applicants are automatically considered for Furman merit scholarships when they submit their application. No separate scholarship application is necessary.

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Tuition & Fees	\$48,267
Room & Board	\$12,831 (100% residential; meal plan required)
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$61,098

90% of Furman students receive scholarships or financial aid. The average financial aid package is \$30-40K.

Need-based aid is based on FASFA

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Given the proximity from Atlanta, a tour of the campus is recommended for the full authentic experience. Daily visits typically include a 30-minute information session with an admission counselor, followed by a 90-minute tour of campus with a student ambassador.

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?

Early Decision (binding): apply by Nov. 1, you will hear by Nov. 15

Early Action (non-binding): apply by Nov. 1, you will hear by Dec. 20

Regular Decision: apply by Jan. 15, you will hear by March 1

Is an essay required for all decision options? The essay portion of the Common App

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Not required. They are optional. Can be from people other than counselors i.e. Coaches or teachers.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? No

Does the school use the Common App? Yes, they are Common App exclusive

How many applicants are received per year? 5300

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc.)? 20 NCAA Division I sports for men and women. Play in the Southern Conference.

Cross Country and soccer are bigger sports

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Furman is 100% residential with all students living on-campus all four years. Cars are allowed all four years. A shuttle takes students back and forth to downtown Greenville.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms? There are 12 residence halls, ranging from four-person suites to traditional dormitories. Some of our residence halls are coed, but men and women live on different floors with separate bath facilities. First-year students are paired with a roommate in one of seven freshman residence halls. Visit the website for residence options.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) One dining hall for all students with a variety of offerings. 150+ student clubs and organizations, Club and intramural sports. Equestrian program with boarding for your horse. Strong music, theater and visual arts programs open to all students.

200+ Cultural Life Programs (A collection of events that introduce students to new ideas, issues, and artistic expressions you might not have otherwise encountered. Professors and student organizations sponsor these events, and students are required to attend 32 CLPs before graduation.

ROTC program

What is the freshmen enrollment? 753 **Total enrollment?** 2800 (undergrads only) **11:1 student/faculty ratio** avg. class size: 19 class size cap: 32

Percentage of male: female – 40% male / 60% female **Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 72% are out of state students. 28% are in-state.** Students represent 45 states and 53 countries.

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – About 50%. 2nd semester rush/ spring of Freshman year. 8 sororities and 7 fraternities.

Where is the school located? 10 minutes north of Greenville, South Carolina

How far is it from Milton? 2 hours 25 minutes from Milton via I-85 north

Other: 700 acres, golf course and 40 acre lake