

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*

School: Mercer University

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA – 3.92 weighted core. Weight added for AP, Honors, Dual Enrollment

SAT -1290-1300 (math & critical reading) ACT - 28 Composite with 21 in all sections

Whether SAT or ACT - they are looked at the same - one not better/different than other.

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? Weighted core

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? No written Super score? Yes

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements?

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for?

Most popular majors at this school: Engineering, Medical (Pre-med) Law

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? N/A

Does chosen major affect decision process? Engineering majors need to meet requirements for the engineering program.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? “Mercer on Mission” is study abroad where students take their knowledge to share in other countries. Engineering, Education, Medical are a few of the schools that participate. For example: Vietnam; Bio-Med Students go there, build below and above the knee prosthetics - it can be life changing, to impact someone's life like that - to help them walk again! Travel includes 34 countries over the summer for 3-4 weeks. Tuition for class pays for the travel. Regular study abroad programs also offered. Study abroad can be for a semester or a full year.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?

Research Opportunities? Yes, also with Mercer on Mission

Special successes the school is known for: GAP program- Guaranteed admissions program-admission to grad school. Apply as a high school senior.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Hope covers \$4,000 and Zell Miller covers \$4,300. STAMPS scholarship is Full Ride; Presidential scholarship is full tuition; Merit scholarship money typically ranges from \$14,000-\$20,000. An average of \$17-18,000 is awarded per student. GPA and test scores are sole factors for Merit Scholarships.

When are scholarship deadlines? October 15th

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>In-State</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$36,133
Room & Board	\$12,106
Total per Year (Two Semesters)	\$48,239

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Saturday Preview Sept. 23th, Oct. 14th Nov 18th, Jan 27th and March 17th. Daily visits available <http://www.bethebear.com/visit-campus.cfm>
Pre Med day September 23 Pre law day October 14

Other significant dates? November 11 engineering scholarship challenge; January 20 Media change maker scholars competition; January 27 Business scholarship challenge

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? Presidential and Priority Scholarship deadline is October 15th. This is an equivalent to "early action", however there is no early action. Feb 1st is FAFSA deadline. Regular decision is rolling May 1st deadline.

Is an essay required for all decision options? Not for admissions but a personal statement is required on the application.

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? 1 letter of recommendation is required - you can send more. Letters that show growth, shows accomplishments over time are always welcomed.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Possibly for scholarships

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? The 'person' matters at Mercer. They like to know who you are! They can better advocate that way!

Does the school use the Common App? Yes How many applicants are received per year? 7000 applicants about 50/50 between common app and Mercer app. 3200 freshmen accepted (approx.)

How much is the application fee? \$50 Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? Mercer is a Division I school, in the Southern Conference. 18 women's and men's sports. Also have intramural & club sports that are competitive.

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Free on campus

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are required to live on campus.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms? Freshmen start in hall-style dorms then can progress to apartment style as older classmen.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) Freshmen have specific meal plans. Cafeteria style but also have a Chick-Fil-A, Einstein and Subway on campus.

Fun Atmosphere.

140 Active Student Organizations (you can always add thru the Student Government)

10 or 11 Sororities; 8 fraternities

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 3300 Total enrollment? 8700

Percentage of male: female – 40:60 Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 70% in state 30% out

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 25% of the students are Greek.

Where is the school located? Macon, GA

How far is it from Milton? 2 hours

Other: From MERCER - Financial Aid - GPA Test Score Award

1. Merit based caps at \$20,000

2. Oct 1, start filling out FASFA (doubles as Fed & State)

3. Musical scholarships~ you do not have to major in music for them

4. Athletic scholarships

'Student Employment Office' - for jobs on campus, usually best to start looking about August 1st.

Mercer also offers Work-Study (Fed) Positions