

Miami University

Report Card 2008-2009

A Report to Taxpayers, the Governor, Parents and Legislators

For 200 years Miami University and the State of Ohio have enjoyed a remarkably successful partnership. One of the reasons for this successful partnership has been Miami's ability to remain true to its core values.

Miami University, a student-centered public university founded in 1809, has built its success through an unwavering commitment to liberal arts undergraduate education and the active engagement of its students in both curricular and co-curricular life. Miami is deeply committed to student success, builds great student and alumni loyalty, and empowers its students, faculty, and staff to become engaged citizens who use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our global society.

This Report Card provides a snapshot of Miami accomplishments for 2008-09 in the areas of student success, national recognition, producing future leaders and keeping a Miami education affordable.

Student Success

80% of students who enroll at Miami graduate — the highest graduation rate among Ohio public universities. Miami's 80% graduation rate is 12% above its expected rate of 68%.

Miami's student-athlete graduation success rate of 87% places it among some of the nations' elite public universities such as Ohio State University 78%, Indiana University 81%, University of Michigan 83%, North Carolina 85%, and University of Virginia 86%.

65% of African-American students who enroll at Miami graduate, ranking Miami 1st among Ohio public universities.

Miami's retention rate of 89% ranks it among the best in the nation for students returning for their sophomore year.

Miami's student-to-faculty ratio is 15-to-1, and the average class size is 22 students. Nearly 70% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students.

Full-time faculty (not graduate students) teach 76% of undergraduate credit hours at Miami.

In a recent National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), 85% of Miami seniors reported that they would choose Miami again if they could start their college careers over.

National Recognition

The 2009 *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings place Miami 26th among the top public universities in the nation. For the 3rd consecutive year, Miami was praised for having “outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student success.”

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine listed Miami as one of 2009's “100 Best Values in Public Colleges,” ranking Miami as the top bargain in Ohio and 31st nationally. Miami has appeared on the list since it was first published in 1998.

The 2008 *Business Week* survey of the best undergraduate business schools ranked Miami's Farmer School of Business 8th nationally among public universities and colleges.

In a recent National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Miami's first-year students and seniors ranked their academic experiences higher than those at regional and national peer universities in areas of academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and enriching educational experiences.

Miami is among a select group of universities in the nation that has produced a Rhodes Scholar, a Truman Scholar, and a Goldwater Scholar in the same academic year. Other universities in this select group are Yale, Princeton, Duke, Stanford, Syracuse, and the University of Washington.

Miami's reputation continues to draw employers, even in tough times. Of 220 employers at a September career fair on campus, 29% said they plan to increase hiring, while only 12% expect a decrease. In contrast, a National Association of Colleges and Employers survey shows a 52% decrease in hiring

Producing Future Leaders

Of all qualified Miami students applying to medical school, 64% are accepted, compared to 47% nationally. Miami students with a 3.4 GPA have a 90% acceptance rate.

Among Miami seniors, the acceptance rate to law school is 89%, compared to 75% nationally.

Among Ohio public universities, Miami graduates the 2nd highest number of undergraduate students in the “hard sciences” (biological sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics — about 350 per year). Miami places 6th among Ohio public universities in the total number of STEM graduates (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine).

Miami University is ranked 8th on the Peace Corps' Top 25 list for medium-sized schools, with 42 alumni currently serving as volunteers. Since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961, 782 Miami alumni have joined the ranks, making Miami the No. 44 producer of volunteers for all time.

Bringing global knowledge back to Ohio, 37% of students study abroad, placing Miami among the top colleges and universities in the nation for the number of undergraduates who study abroad.

Each year, more than 2,000 Miami undergraduates work with professors on funded research. 30% of Miami seniors report that they have worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of program requirements.

Keeping A Miami Education Affordable

Miami's Access Initiative program ensures that students from an Ohio family with an income of \$35,000 or less pay no tuition.

Miami's regional campuses in Middletown and Hamilton have among the lowest tuitions in the state for two-year campuses. Regional campus students can now earn a bachelor of integrative studies degree, new in 2008.

With non-loan financial aid, 15% of Ohio students attending Miami's Oxford campus pay no tuition and fees, and 5% pay less than \$5,000 in tuition and fees.

For 2008-09, 60% of first-year students received a Miami Grant ranging from \$1,290 to \$2,750 (annually). All students who filed the FAFSA by the priority date with family incomes of less than \$100,000 received at least \$1,290.

Comparison of Miami to national universities where Miami applicants also sought admission.
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Facts and Figures

Affiliation: Public university of Ohio

History: Founded in 1809, Miami is located in the Miami Valley region of Ohio, named for the Native American tribe that once inhabited the area. The university maintains strong ties with the Tribe, now located in Oklahoma.

Location: Oxford, Ohio (35 miles northwest of Cincinnati). Miami's Oxford campus covers 2,138 acres and includes more than 170 buildings.

Philosophy: Miami is a residential university with a focus on teaching undergraduates. A liberal education core complements the more specialized studies of the majors.

Enrollment: About 14,600 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students in Oxford. Regional campuses in Hamilton and Middletown enroll about 4,370 students combined.

Programs: Miami offers bachelor's degrees in more than 100 areas of study. Graduate students choose from more than 50 master's degree and 10 doctoral degree programs.

Cost: In-state students will pay at the most \$11,443 for the instructional and general fees in 2008-09, with 60% paying less. Out-of-state students will pay \$25,307. Room and board will be \$8,998 (based on double occupancy/21-meal plan).

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