History/Location: The University of Delaware, a state assisted institution, is a Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant, Urban Grant, Carnegie Research II University. The University, with origins in 1743, was chartered by the State of Delaware in 1833. A Women’s College was opened in 1914, and in 1945 UD became permanently coeducational. The main campus is located in Newark, Delaware, a suburban community of 30,000 situated midway between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Courses are also offered at the Wilmington campus and at other locations throughout the State, including Dover, Milford, Georgetown, and Lewes.

Academic Schools, Programs, and Degrees: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Science; Business and Economics; Engineering; Health and Nursing Sciences; Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy; and Marine Studies. UD offers 123 undergraduate, 71 master’s programs, and 36 doctoral programs. In 1998-99, UD awarded 3,255 bachelor’s degrees, 817 master’s degrees, and 144 doctoral degrees. Doctoral and professional degrees were awarded in Agriculture, Economics, Education, Engineering, Individual and Family Studies, Marine Studies, Urban Affairs, and a range of Arts & Science disciplines (including Chemistry, Computer Science, English, and Mathematics).
Faculty: In 1999-00, there are 933 full-time faculty positions and the student/faculty ratio is 13:1. 81% of full-time faculty are tenured and 87% hold the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation in 1999-00 is $116,200 for Full Professors, $84,800 for Associate Professors, and $68,400 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 1999 enrollment totals 21,206 which included 16,162 undergraduates, 3,108 graduate students, and 1,936 continuing education students. 14,859 (92%) of undergraduate and 2,197 (71%) of graduate students are enrolled on a full-time basis. 41% of undergraduate students are male. 60% of undergraduate and 64% of graduate students are from out-of-state. 5.7% of undergraduate and 3.6% of graduate students are African-American. Approximately 50% of undergraduate students live in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: 3,537 first-time freshmen enrolled in Fall 1999. Forty percent (40%) of all admitted freshmen applicants were enrolled. Average SAT score for enrolled freshmen was 1,145. On average, 87% of freshmen return for their sophomore year and approximately 3 out of 4 students graduate.

Costs: Annual full-time undergraduate tuition and fees are $4,858 (in-state) and $13,228 (out-of-state). Room and board is $5,132.

Budget: For Fiscal Year 1999, Total Operating Revenues were $432.4 million, including $90.0 million for State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $432.4 million. Sponsored Research Expenditures were $58.7 million.

Institutional Affiliations: UD is a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC). In athletics, UD began NCAA Division I competition in 1973 for men and 1982 for women. UD competes in Division 1-AA for Football, and in Division 1-A for all other sports. UD is a member of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference, the Colonial Athletic Association in Women’s Lacrosse, and America East Conference in all other sports.