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 125 undergraduate, 78 master’s programs and 40 doctoral programs. In 1997-98, UD awarded 3,078 bachelor’s degrees, 764 master’s degrees, and 142 doctoral degrees. Doctoral and professional degrees were awarded in Agriculture, Economics, Education, Engineering, Marine Studies, Urban Affairs, and a range of Arts & Science disciplines (including Art History, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, English, Geography, Geology, Linguistics, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology).
Faculty: In 1998-99, there were 930 full-time faculty positions and the student/faculty ratio was 17:1. 81% of full-time faculty were tenured and 87% held the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation in 1998-99 was $114,000 for Full Professors, $83,000 for Associate Professors, and $65,500 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 1998 enrollment totaled 21,346 which included 16,110 undergraduates, 3,131 graduate students, and 2,105 continuing education students. 14,670 (91%) of undergraduate and 2,163 (69%) of graduate students were enrolled on a full-time basis. 42% of undergraduate students were male. 59% of undergraduate and 62% of graduate students were from out-of-state. 5.9% of undergraduate and 3.1% of graduate students were African-American. Approximately 43% of undergraduate students lived in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: 3,562 first-time freshmen enrolled in Fall 1998. Thirty-five percent (35%) of all admitted freshmen applicants were enrolled. Average SAT score for enrolled freshmen was 1,137. 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 $4,716 (in-state) and $12,716 (out-of-state). Room and board is $4,952.

Budget: For Fiscal Year 1998, Total Operating Revenues were $409.2 million, including $85.0 million for State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $409.2 million. Sponsored Research Expenditures were $54.2 million.

Institutional Affiliations: UD is a member of the National Association of State Universities & 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.