Linfield College is an independent, comprehensive undergraduate institution, nationally recognized for its strong teaching faculty, outstanding academic programs and distinctive international emphasis. Linfield’s challenging and exciting academic program features a broad liberal arts core and an atmosphere in which there is genuine concern for individuals. The college offers 47 majors and enrolls over 2,000 full-time equivalent students through its three programs: the main campus in McMinnville; the Portland Campus, which is home to the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing; and the Adult Degree Program, a pioneer in adult education, with eight sites throughout Oregon and courses online. For more than 150 years, Linfield has educated students from throughout the region and nation. The Baptist College in McMinnville, chartered in 1858, was later named McMinnville College and finally, in 1922, Linfield College. The college has been accredited since 1928.

McMinnville Campus

The main campus is located in McMinnville, a community of more than 30,000, an hour from both Portland and the Oregon Coast. The campus consists of 78 buildings on 193 acres of green lawns and groves of trees. It has a unified look deriving from its brick buildings in modified Georgian style.

Portland Campus

The Portland Campus, home of the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, was established in 1982 through a partnership agreement with Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center, now part of Legacy Health System. The Portland Campus is located in historic Northwest Portland adjacent to the Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center.

Division of Continuing Education

The Division of Continuing Education administers an Adult Degree Program, making bachelor’s degrees available through traditional and online classes. Advisors in Albany, Astoria, Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene, McMinnville, Portland and Salem serve students majoring in accounting, arts and humanities, business information systems, international business, management, social and behavioral sciences, and nursing. The Division of Continuing Education also schedules summer session courses for McMinnville and Portland Campus students and organizes regional and international travel courses.

Enrollment

Fall semester 2011-12 enrollment at Linfield is 2,664 students. This includes 1,727 on the McMinnville Campus, 377 on the Portland Campus and 560 in the Adult Degree Program.

Finances (2011-12)

- Operating budget: $58.2 million
- Endowment: $83.9 million (June 30, 2011)
- Tuition: $32,416
- Room and board: $9,090

(Ninety-three percent of all McMinnville students receive financial assistance through scholarships, grants, loans or employment. The average financial aid package is $22,192.

International Programs

International study is an important part of the Linfield curriculum. More than half of Linfield graduates study abroad during their college years. Opportunities for international study are offered through three options: programs at sites in Austria, Australia/New Zealand, China/Hong Kong, Costa Rica, England, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Senegal, South Korea and Spain; academic year abroad for language majors; and January Term, with its popular four-week intensive courses, led by Linfield faculty at several international and domestic locations.

Student Profile

Linfield’s students come from 20 states and 24 countries. The 2011 freshman class had an average SAT score of 1104 and an average grade point average of 3.6. Sixty-five percent were in the top 25 percent of their high school class, 17 percent have family members who also attended Linfield and 19 percent are first-generation students.

Athletics

More than 40 percent of McMinnville students participate in one or more of the college’s 19 varsity and 13 club and intramural sports. The college belongs to the NCAA Division III. All intercollegiate teams participate as members of the Northwest Conference. The Wildcat football team has the longest consecutive winning streak in the nation, now at 56 years.

Library and Information Technology

Technology at Linfield includes web-based library resources, voice mail, video conferencing and Internet access, including wireless networking. The Jereld R. Nicholson Library in McMinnville and the Portland Campus library share an online catalog and electronic databases. Linfield belongs to the Orbis Cascade Alliance, a library consortium which enriches and sustains access to materials for the Linfield community. Summit, the shared catalog of 36 academic libraries in Oregon and Washington, provides access to 28.7 million items. Integrated Technology Services and the libraries provide access to a wide variety of online resources as well as teach sessions in analyzing the mass of information available in today’s world.

Academic Environment and Research Opportunities

With a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio, Linfield students receive care and guidance from faculty who are concerned about their personal and professional development. Ninety-three percent of the full-time faculty have a Ph.D. or the appropriate terminal degree in their field. Students studying French, German, Japanese or Spanish meet in unique language theme rooms. An interactive computer-based writing center enhances student learning. Students in all departments focus on writing across the disciplines. Linfield emphasizes collaborative research between students and faculty. Through the Linfield Research Institute and a special collaborative research endowment, students are actively involved in research in all areas of the curriculum, from the biological, physical and social sciences to the arts and humanities.

Student Life

Linfield students are involved in a wide variety of activities including more than 40 clubs and organizations, 19 national academic honoraries, four media organizations, eight Greek organizations and 14 music groups. They have an opportunity to fill more than 300 leadership positions. The Associated Students of Linfield College provides social, cultural and recreational activities as well as a chance for leadership and development. The many lectures on campus provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas with nationally and internationally known figures.

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